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Bunyip Blazeaid Volunteers presented with Premiers Volunteer Champion Awards

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Seven Bunyip Blazeaiders, representing the over 500 volunteers, received awards from the Governor of Victoria, Linda Dessau AC and representing the Premier, Luke Donnellan MP. The recipients John Anderson (absent), Susan Anderson, Therese Baker, Sarah Johnston, Sue Neilson, Joe Peterson and Simon Righton enjoyed the hospitality of Government house with family and friends on Sunday 1st of December. *Pictured left is Sue Anderson accepting the award on behalf of the team below.*



Steve Munday

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Pop Up Opp Shop Grants

By Roman Kulkewycz

St Thomas's Anglican Church Bunyip Opp Shop presented three local organisations with Grants last Friday the 13th of December. The Grant recipients were the Bunyip Historical Society, the Bunyip Fire Brigade and the Bunyip Community House.

The Opp Shop, which is open on 2 days each month from 9:30am – 2:30pm will reopen in February after the Christmas break, is run by a dedicated team of volunteers from the church hall and the Grants presented were made possible through sales made during the year.

Photo Shows: (L – R)

Back Row: Grant recipients: Tony Arrigo (Bunyip Community House, Sue Neilson (Bunyip Historical Society) and John Legione (Bunyip Fire Brigade) with the Rev. Ken Parker.

Front Row: (L – R) : Opp Shop volunteers Pam Schembri, Susan, Mary Myer, and Diane Meyer.



Photo by Roman Kulkewycz

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A valued member of our Club Hank Dortmans passed away just recently. We send our sincere sympathy to the Dortmans and the Van Den Broek Family's.

Hank will be sadly missed.

As the end of the year is fast approaching we have had a Christmas Dinner at the Black Tie in Warragul. The restaurant had the real feel of Christmas as we entered with our Christy gear on. A fellow Probian from another Club entertained us with a few jokes and skits with the help of some of our members. After a lovely lunch the door prizes were give out. It was a great day of fun and fellowship. At our last meeting for the year we had a very interesting talk about fire spotting in Gippsland by Ray Hodge. He has been a volunteer who has flown his own plane like a lot of others to help spot fires in the tree plantations and the surrounding areas. In the past there were towers that a person would be employed for the summer to be on the watch for any sign of smoke and then they would report it. With the planes they have a wider vision of the areas and they can pin point the exact area and contact the Authority's so they can get to the spot quickly and hopefully put it out before it can takes hold.

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A very happy group of Grant recipients (Photo by Roman Kulkewycz)



TALKIN' ...FISHIN'



Like me I hope you're all looking forward to the break over Xmas on the wind down to the year's end. Didn't that go fast? Quicker every year my Mum says, that's frightening! Once again she's right, but aren't all mums.

We are all busy trying to find those special gifts for our loved ones that will leave a lasting memory from you, or even just a stocking stuffer is hard to choose for some people at times. Running around the shops like a dill will wear you out so plan and shop early, or pick up as you go about your daily routine. There's not much to say this month, I'm just planning on relaxing and enjoying the time to fish, that'll be a gift enough for me. I Hope you get the same chance. Whiting is the target species over the next couple of months, a yummy feed is needed and always a family with hands held out, is a mission to please. Hope all you families stay well and have a wonderful Xmas, let the good will last all through the next year in to 2020 as well. Support your local CFA where you can, or make a donation this Xmas, they do a wonderful job protecting us all.

For all you Kids: *Remember to behave and help your family, the Elves are snooping about reporting back to Santa who's naughty and nice. The Elves are also really busy making toys, and even tying Fishing Flies for Dads fishing trip this year, or hasn't he told Mum yet? The naughty ones are even trying them out to see if they work or not, looks like they sure do, what do you think?*

But I wonder what they are putting together for Mum, not tea towels or aprons again I hope, soap on a rope maybe? And all things nice and smelly...or something that comes in a bottle.....perfume!



Merry Xmas all, Catcha, in 2020

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By Roman Kulkewycz

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What's Your Line?

Any trip, be it by car, bike, bus or biplane starts with a concept...an idea to go somewhere or do something or perhaps see someone. It may be about a specific destination, or about a journey in itself. You start thinking about the possibilities – sites along the way, iconic destinations, people, bucket list items to be ticked off or activities you've always wanted to try. You grab a map or a brochure or Dr Google, and start to allow the "What if's" and "How about's?" to creep into your thoughts. Your mind starts to race into overdrive, and the excitement builds, and for a few short moments you are unconstrained. Then if you're anything like me, the realities of life tend to creep in and quickly throw a bucket of cold water on your fanciful trip plans and ideas. You necessarily have to consider your individual constraints – how much annual leave do I have? What's this going to cost? Who's coming? Who's looking after the place? The kids are in school. The dog's sick...and so on, and so on. I went through a similar rollercoaster ride in planning my recent ride to Birdsville. My mate and I have always been more about the journey rather than the destination, so we tend to think of a motorbike trip as a 'loop' and not a direct line. We wanted to ride up to central Australia, pass through a few familiar places and some new, and to ride as much dirt and sand as we could, but knowing that we only had 10 days effectively due to work commitments. Our other constraint, especially when travelling out there, is available fuel and what we could comfortably carry on the bikes. So over a beer or 3, we plotted our line, set the dates and set

about prepping the bikes.

As you may have seen from last month's article it turned out to be great trip which once again reinforced for me what a magnificent, far-reaching, unique and raw land we have the privilege to live in. We stopped to watch the AFL Grand Final in a pub in Broken Hill, then rode on to Silverton – neither one having changed very much since we first rode through some 13 years ago.

Our journey line was pretty much based on as much off-road riding with available fuel as possible within a reasonable 10-day timeframe. So when you next get a chance to sit down over a beer or glass of wine with a friend or your partner, and throw around ideas of journey's or destinations, and where you want to go and what you want to do, think carefully on what your line should be!

As we ride into the sunset of another decade, here's wishing you all a very Merry Christmas, a safe and happy holiday period and a prosperous New Year!



Write to me on the above email if you have any comments, questions or suggestions. Until next month, stay safe....cheers

Bunyip & District Citizen of the Year 2020

Who has been an outstanding citizen in our district? Calling for nominations of someone who is always there when they are needed, always willing to do what needs to be done. What club members go above and beyond for your group or organization? Why not nominate them to be the Bunyip District's leading citizen in 2020. All you have to do is email Chris at chris@kellburypark.com.au or ask at the Bunyip Community Bank for a nomination form. Entries close on 20th December 2019. Previous winners of our award have been: Helen Davey of Garfield, Shirley King of Bunyip, Tony Arrigo of Bunyip, Roman Kulkewycz of Garfield, Dr Georgy of Bunyip and Alan Wright of Bunyip. The winner will be announced at our Bunyip & District Australia Day Celebrations on January 26th 2020 at the Bunyip Hall, commencing at 9.30am.

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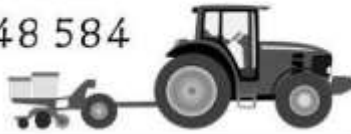
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Jettner) is no longer working in the clinic

On Saturday 7th December a group of singers from The Savoy Opera Company entertained the residents at Hillview Aged Care Facility. The concert started with roving carollers accompanied on the guitar by our resident



accompanist Alex Byrne. The residents who were not able to leave their rooms thoroughly enjoyed the singing and some of them joined in with the carols, including both budgies. We moved to the main hall where we were greeted by a number of enthusiastic residents and visitors. The singers entertained the audience with solos, duets and a variety of group numbers accompanied on the piano by Alex. We also had a few greeting games with prizes. One of the guests won the raffle prize. Everyone enjoyed a Christmas afternoon tea especially the Christmas cake made for us by Lindy - a lovely surprise and most appreciated. One of the residents made a touching speech about how much they appreciated us visiting. We assured him we would be back next year with more entertainment and of course the roving carollers.

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Wednesday December 18	3.00pm	Hillview Aged Care Bunyip
Sunday December 22	9.00am	Bunyip Uniting Church
Tuesday December 24	7.30pm	Garfield Uniting Church – Christmas Eve
Wednesday December 25	9.00am	Longwarry Union Church – Christmas Day
Sunday December 29	9.00am	Bunyip Uniting Church
2020 Sunday January 5	9.00am	Garfield Uniting Church
Sunday January 12	9.00am	Longwarry Union church
Wednesday January 15	3.00pm	Hillview Aged Care Bunyip
Sunday January 19	9.00am	Bunyip Uniting Church
Sunday January 26	9.00am	Garfield Uniting Church
Sunday February 2	9.00am	Longwarry Union Church

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No Hillview service in January

No Wednesday eucharist in January



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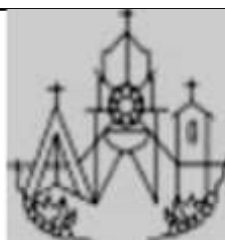


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‘Volunteering is time willingly given for the common good and without financial gain.’

Just recently here at the Bunyip News we learned that it was International Volunteer Day (IVD) on the 5th December, which is to raise awareness on the important role volunteers play in responding to challenges facing our communities. Without volunteers in our communities our communities would cease to exist. We wouldn't haven't CFA, SES, Blaze Aid, Need for Feed, Landcare, Lions, Scouting, Rotary, RSL, school & kindergarten parent support groups, sporting clubs, public hall groups, historical societies and the many, many, other groups, clubs or organisations

Here at the “Bunyip News” all labour is provided by volunteers. From editorial, advertising, printing and distribution plus the time spent in administration such as our secretary and treasurer. Like other community groups that rely on volunteers we don't seek stardom or do it for self-gratification. We do it because it fills a need in our community and provides a service to those in the community that may not be able to be involved.

“We strive to do our best and we strive to do it well”

In all our community groups there are the “naysayers” who criticise, object or oppose what most of us are trying to achieve: the betterment of our communities. These people are often *not* volunteers and are the first to pass judgment when something goes wrong. Volunteers are very rarely told they are doing a good job, usually the first thing they hear is when they are “supposedly” not doing what others think is the right thing. So, the next time before you write that letter, email, comment on social media or go to say something please remember that volunteers are doing their best and *need* your support.

Not only do our local groups need your support, but they need your time, so if you think you could help somewhere take a look at the back of this publication and see all the groups, clubs or organisations we have listed and volunteer some of your time to help in this great community of ours

Title - <https://www.volunteeringaustralia.org/resources/definition-of-volunteering/>



Large Crowd At Garfield Christmas Festival

By Roman Kulkewycz

Possibly the largest crowd ever attended this years' Garfield Christmas Festival last Friday night, the 13th of December.

In mild weather conditions people from Garfield and surrounding towns crowded into the Main street to enjoy the festive spirit by browsing the many stalls selling a variety of food as well craft stalls and enjoying the free entertainment . A highlight of the evening was the street parade.

The festivities got under way from 5.00pm and concluded with a magnificent fireworks display at 9:30pm.



No street parade would be complete with the hot rods.

The Main street of Garfield was crowded with many attending the Christmas Festival.

Close Call For Driver In Bunyip

By Roman Kulkewycz

It was just a matter of when it would happen, not if. On Saturday morning the 30th November at about 9:30am after shopping at IGA, I was heading down towards the Hope Street Railway crossing and stopped at the STOP sign. A driver on my right in a white sedan motioned for me to go ahead, even though I was at a Stop sign and this driver was on my right. I motioned back for that driver to go ahead, which they did. However as there were 2 cars already at the Stop sign on the other side of the railway crossing, this driver proceeded to drive on ahead and stop behind them, putting themselves partially across the railway tracks.

Then the unimaginable happened. The bells started ringing, the lights flashing red and the boom gates were starting to go down. The driver of that errant car saw the writing on the wall and panic immediately set in! With nowhere to go

except into the pot holes off the shoulder of the road, the driver drove off the railway tracks and into those pot holes off the road. Phew, just made it! Whether through embarrassment or sheer panic, the driver took off down Modella road , only to turn around after about 500 metres and sheepishly come back to proceed to the original intended destination.

I have seen cars parked partially on the railways tracks before, but this was the first time I saw the inevitable happen. My wife was once shocked to see a bus loaded with passengers stop on the tracks in this same manner. I have also noticed many drivers drive through the crossing as soon as the boom gates start to go up, whilst the red lights are still flashing. A friend of mine copped a \$500 fine for this last year. No sympathy, friend or no friend!

Please stay safe, obey the road rules, be courteous to other drivers and don't be impatient.

Little Blue Towels Bring So Much Happiness

By Roman Kulkewycz

“Just wanted to drop you a line to say thank you for the most wonderful stay at Kez’s last week. We absolutely loved every minute, and I can’t tell you how much of a circuit breaker it was for me from the monotony of chemo. Favourite part was waking up to a fabulous view every morning. Thank you again……Ruth” (Letter of appreciation to OTIS)

All 226 Victorian Bendigo Bank branches which includes the Bunyip Community Bank are raising funds for the OTIS Foundation, a Bendigo based national charity that gifts retreat accommodation for people experiencing breast cancer and their loved ones, so they may temporarily escape the psychological and emotional challenges that come with a breast cancer diagnosis.

Bendigo Bank aims to raise \$50,000 through the sale of packs of “ Little Blue Towels”. These towels have been collected from Hospitals where they have been used to dry sterilised hands. Normally discarded after a single use, they have been collected then expertly laundered by Laundry Mates, an enterprise wholly owned and operated by people with disability living in or near Echuca, Victoria. The towels are then packed for sale by teams at Ability Works in Kew and Task Force in Echuca with all proceeds to The OTIS Foundation.

Members of the Bunyip Car Club – G.H.A.C. Westenders Branch recently organised the transportation of the “Blue towels” from Bendigo to the Bunyip Community Bank on behalf of the Federation of Veteran, Vintage and Classic Vehicles of which the Westenders are a member. Frank and Robyn Hill from Bunyip, members of the Bunyip Car Club travelled to Bendigo to pick up supplies of the Little Blue Towels and present them to the staff at the Bunyip Community Bank last Thursday the 21st of November.

Their generosity of heart is evident as they enthuse their passion for this worthy cause. “Our small contribution creates so much happiness to so many suffering breast cancer”, says Robyn. OTIS has 9 Victorian locations and 31 nationally which provide more than 3,500 free nights of accommodation annually to patients and families.

The Little Blue Towels are now available from the Community Bank in Bunyip. They are in packs of 5 for \$7. They are lint, dust and grit free, absorbent and

perfect for polishing cars, bikes, golf and fishing gear. More than 19,500 Australians will be diagnosed with breast cancer in 2019.



L – R) Bunyip Car Club members Tony and Carmelina Arrigo, Chairman of Bunyip Community Bank Barry Crees, John Marsh (Bunyip Car Club) , Kat Gourley (Bunyip Community Bank) Robyn and Frank Hill (Bunyip Car Club) at the Little Blue Towels presentation.



Bunyip Community Bank Staff Nicole Jessup and Kat Gourley display the boxed Little Blue Towels .

Photos by Roman Kulkewycz

Melbourne Cup Sweep \$50K Distributed

By Roman Kulkewycz

The inaugural Melbourne Cup Carnival Lexus Tour National Sweep for 2019 which was won by Bunyip saw the \$50,000 prize money distributed to local clubs and organisations at a morning tea at the Bunyip Community House last Wednesday the 4th of December.

Bunyip Community House president, Charlie Helyar said that the application on behalf of the Community House was made by a representative of the Football Club and the funds were in fact won by them. In appreciation for the Community Houses' on going work for the community, the football club has provided the Community House with \$10,000 to be divided up amongst the community.

"As you can imagine, we've been inundated with requests for a share of the full \$50,000 but unfortunately we have no further control over how that is used. We have taken all of the requests received very seriously and decided a breakdown as follows," said Mr Helyar

\$5,000 – Bunyip CFA –The Bunyip CFA deserves our utmost respect and we hope to support them further with their fundraising activities.

\$1,000 – Tonimbuk Hall – The Tonimbuk community is still providing relief for those affected by this year's fires

\$500 – Bunyip Tennis Club – This will go to them to show our appreciation to them for the use of their facilities during supporting Blazeaid.

\$500 Bunyip Netball Club - This will go to them to

show our appreciation to them for the use of their facilities during supporting Blazeaid.

\$1,000 – Bunyip Soccer Club – We are giving this to be used for the purchase of furniture for this new facility in our community.

\$1,000 – Bunyip Hillview Lifestyle Program – This grant will be used to purchase a printer and camera for their program. For those that don't know, Hillview is a not for profit organization and a registered charity. Funding for anything other than the sheer basics of life is reliant on donations and fundraising. We only wish we could give them more.

\$1000 – Bunyip and District Community House –to support current programs to run more in the future.

Bunyip Football Club secretary, Gina Dowie said that the \$40,000 received would go towards the Club's contribution in obtaining State and Federal Government funding to upgrade its change room facilities. This would benefit schools and juniors of various sporting codes in the district. The Club is hoping to secure funding of between \$250,000 - \$500,000 to be able to complete this project. During the recent Blazeaid visit to assist farmers in fire recovery who were camped at the Bunyip Reserve, there were logistical problems in the use of the showers and change rooms. "It's an investment in the future and at some point of time most families in the district will benefit from this facility", said Ms Dowie. The Victorian Racing Club has stated that it will keenly follow the progress of this project.

Grant recipients and locals watch the presentations at the Bunyip Community House.



EQUESTRIAN EVENTS BUNYIP AG SHOW 2020



The Bunyip Show has always been a popular show for the Equestrian competitors as it is the last Agricultural Show on the Victorian show calendar to qualify horses and ponies for the Royal Show in September.

To enter for the Royal Show each exhibit must win at least 6 first prizes at 6 separate shows during the show season which in Victoria is from August until end of March.

Many of the competitors travel all over Victoria to win enough to be able to qualify and participate in the prestigious competitions offered at the Royal.

On Bunyip show day there are competitors from areas such as Bairnsdale ,Geelong ,Bendigo also from our own area of Gippsland all presented to our Judges for the nod to receive the Blue ribbon. The presentation of the riders and animals is always very high so the horse or pony being shown takes the judges eye and is given a closer inspection and their obedience ,manners and paces are assessed.



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Blackspot funding to bring better barriers for Bunyip

Cardinia Shire Council will soon install around 3.6 kilometres of guardrail on Main Drain South Road to improve road safety along the stretch of road



between Evans Road and Little Road in Bunyip. The works will involve installing the guardrail mostly on the Bunyip River side, with some on the residential side.

Council has been successful in receiving grant funding through the Australian Government's Blackspot program, which will enable the delivery of the \$500,000 project.

The grant application outlined that Main Drain South Road has been the site of several serious vehicle accidents in recent years, and that Council has identified this road as 'high priority' for safety improvements.

Consultation has been undertaken with Melbourne Water as manager for Bunyip River, and notification to nearby residents will occur soon.

Council expects construction will commence in mid December 2019 and works will progress throughout January 2020.

Bunyip's Australia Day Ambassador Peter Sullivan Award-winning Composer

We are very fortunate to have the highly acclaimed entertainer and composer, Peter Sullivan, as our Bunyip & District Australia Day Ambassador for 2020.



Peter Sullivan is an award-winning composer, producer, arranger, band leader and performer. He completed his Master of Music at Melbourne University, majoring in composition and was one half of the Two Man Band as arranger, co-performer and co-producer with Mike Brady on the AFL anthem *Up There Cazaly*. Peter has produced and recorded original motion picture scores and as musical director of Channel 9 responsible for shows including *Carols By Candlelight*, *Sale of the Century* and *The Footy Show*. He has written arrangements and produced albums for Normie Rowe, Little River Band, The Seekers, Daryl Somers and Colleen Hewitt. He was also acknowledged for his work with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra on *The John Farnham Album*. You can meet Peter at the Bunyip & District Australia Day Celebrations, at Bunyip Hall on 26th January 2020 commencing at 9.30am.



Fire Restrictions will commence in the Shire of Cardinia at 1am on Monday the 16th December 2019

Courtesy from Daly Waters Pub

When our lawn mower broke and wouldn't run, my wife kept hinting to me that I should get it fixed. But, somehow I always had something else to take care of first, the shed, the boat, making beer.. Always something more important to me.

Finally she thought of a clever way to make her point. When I arrived home one day, I found her seated in the tall grass, busily snipping away with a tiny pair of sewing scissors. I watched silently for a short time and then went into the house. I was gone only a minute, and when I came out again

I handed her a toothbrush.

I said, "When you finish cutting the grass, you might as well sweep the driveway."

The doctors say I will walk again, but I will always have a limp.



Bunyip Tennis Club News

The Summer season has now started with all of our teams in action despite the weather. A reminder to any members that have not yet paid their fees that they are now overdue.

Mid Week Ladies

In November the Mid Week Ladies Grand Final took place at the club with Bunyip Purple taking on Nar Nar Goon. Despite one of the Bunyip players having to retire injured in the very first game, Bunyip eventually came out on top taking out the title. Congratulations go to Leonie Miller, Bec Kurrle, Sarah Reid, Deb Armstrong, Monique Giesen and Marilyn Adams on their victory and to Nar Nar Goon and all of the other teams on a great competitive and fun season.



Bunyip Purple - l-r Bec Kurrle, Deb Armstrong, Leonie Miller, Sarah Reid

The Grand Final was followed by the annual end of season lunch and presentations which was held at the club and our thanks go to John Preston and the team at Country Style Meats for the fabulous catering.



Vanessa & Tyson Hit Melbourne Park

Bunyip Tennis Club Vice President and Club Secretary Vanessa Kent, who both work for Baw Baw Shire Council, recently represented the organisation at the 2019 Corporate Games in the Mixed Doubles Tennis event at Melbourne Park. The couple had a great start to the

day and finished joint top of their group.

Unfortunately, they were defeated in a tie break play off and narrowly missed out on the medals, finishing fifth overall. Having relished the experience of playing at such a great venue, both are looking forward to competing again next year and hoping to pick up a medal.

Club Tournament & Fun Day

The Club will be holding a day of fun and tennis on Sunday 2nd February 2020. Thanks to the generous sponsorship by Bunyip & District Community Bank Branch, this will

be a free event and is open to members and non members. We will be holding a doubles tournament which is open to all abilities. You don't need to be in a couple to enter as partners will rotate. If you don't fancy playing in the tournament, we will have games of table tennis and boules throughout the afternoon and will be showing the Australian Open Finals on the large screen in the club rooms. There will be prizes and a free BBQ (BYO wine and beer). To enter the tournament or to register for the day please e-mail bunyiptc@hotmail.com or SMS Vanessa on 0401 422084. It promises to be lots of fun.

If you have any enquiries about tennis lessons or competition please don't hesitate to contact Chris Millidonis on 0404 077 673, aceactivetennis@dcsi.net.au

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What a Night Bunyip!!

Carols, Fireworks & Happy Faces

Friday 6th December was a memorable night in Bunyip. It saw the return of Bunyip's Carols by Candlelight. A crowd of over 300 was entertained by the 4 Mickey's, who led us in song, singing popular Christmas Carols. There were guest appearances by the Bunyip Singing Group and Columba Primary School students. We were lucky enough to be entertained by the talented winner and runner up of the Bunyip Kid's X Factor, Jake Hanney & Samuel Hughes. Santa arrived in the Bunyip Fire Brigade Truck to see all the children and distribute lollies. The crowd swelled to an estimated 800 people to watch the grand finale, which was the fireworks display. It was clearly the best display we have had in our 51-year history of the event. Many other people have reported witnessing the magnificent display as they watched from the comfort of their own homes. Every effort was taken to ensure the local community was informed of the event in order to keep their animals secure during the fireworks. Thanks goes to all the volunteers who helped stage this wonderful event. Save the date of the 4th December 2020 for the next Bunyip Carols by Candlelight. Many thanks to our sponsors – Bunyip Community Bank, Bunyip Op Shop, Garfield Op Shop, Cardinia Shire Council, Bunyip Bakery, Pakenham Racing Club, Bunyip Pharmacy, Concetta's Kitchen, China Kitchen, Garfield Post Office, Bunyip Football Club & Ladies Auxillary, Victorian Crane Trucks, Bunyip Recreation Reserve, Bunyip Fire Brigade.



*From all of us at the
Bunyip & District Community
News
We would like to wish all our
valued advertisers, contributors
and readers
A Very Merry Christmas
and a
Happy 2020*



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What's on in December & January

BDCH Closure - Last Day for 2019

Wednesday 18th
December



Restricted Opening Hours for January 2020 on Terrific Tuesdays:

14th & 21st January

House Reopens:

Tuesday 29th January
2020 at 8.30am



School Holiday

Activities - Week of
13th - 17th Jan

BE PART OF THE FIRST EVER!

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY WEEK

- JANUARY 2020

JOIN US FOR A FUN FILLED WEEK OF CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY BDCH

There will be something for all ages including:

- Photography workshop with Lauren Murphy
- Cooking Classes
- Sport & Games
- Arts & Crafts Activities
- Lego Club
- Prince & Princess Party
- Teddy Bears Picnic

MONDAY 13TH TO FRIDAY 17TH JANUARY 2020
VARIOUS VENUES AROUND BUNYIP
LOOK OUT FOR MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

SO MUCH FUN

ALL ACTIVITIES WILL BE COSTED SO THAT THEY ARE ACCESSIBLE TO ALL OF OUR COMMUNITY WHERE POSSIBLE - THIS IS A NOT FOR PROFIT EVENT

You are invited to

Bunyip & District

Community House

Annual

Christmas Party

Wednesday 11th December

Bunyip Hall Supper room

12.30pm to 2.30pm

Please bring a plate

of goodies to share



Free Wi Fi and Internet Access are available at Bunyip & District Community House. We can also provide typing, photocopying, scanning and laminating services at competitive rates. We are friendly and reliable, however we are not commercial printers and so will only undertake small jobs.

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

Justice of the Peace (JP)* Martin Sayers, OAM JP – 0411 074 468 or 03 5629 5339 S. Don McLean, JP– 0401 655 303

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 Tim Cavanagh Secretary/
Treasurer 0458 142 727 (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 Tracey Cooke
gl.1stbunyip@scoutsvictoria.com.au

Bunyip & District SES 1800 240 667 or 000

Anglican Church of St Thomas Bunyip Raelene Carroll – 03 5644 3388

Bunyip Country Women's Association Bunyip CWA:

Wendy - 0417 352 258 Liz - 0413 587 634
(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

Labertouche & District Hunters Group

Meet 2nd Saturday Bi-Monthly at Labertouche Community Centre Contact Trevor 0439 692 602 email :

knightline58@hotmail.com

COMMUNITY CLUBS

Bunyip Equestrian Club (Adult Riders) bunyipec@gmail.com
(1st Saturday of the month Pound Road Reserve)

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

Bunyip Football Club Secretary Gina Dowie – 0422 335 660 or bunyip.f.c@bigpond.com

Bunyip Junior Football Club President Noel Mollison – 0438 513 443 or _noelxchloe@bigpond.com

Bunyip Netball Club Secretary Deanna Gallasch – 0408 505 292 or _bunyipnetballclub@hotmail.com

Bunyip Patch Workers Club Barb – 0407 294326

Bunyip-Garfield Probus Club Secretary – 5625 4350 (Meets at 10 am 1st Tuesday each month at Garfield Community Hall)

Bunyip Pony Club Wendy Smith 0407 552 295
(every second Sunday Pound Road reserve)

Lillico Pony Club Brett Withall 0407 500 211
(every fourth Sunday Pound Road Reserve)

Rotary Club of Bunyip-Garfield Graeme Squires – 0417 105 598
(Dinner meeting each Wednesday at 6:30 pm)

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

Sorella Callisthenics Club Samantha Holt – 0421 424 079 or sorellacc@hotmail.com

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

**Justice of the Peace signing centre operates at the Warragul Police Station from Monday to Friday, 9:30am to 4:30pm*

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

Let us know your details and get more people involved.