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Are We Being Neglected ?

Social media lit up over the last couple of weeks with various comments about the state of Koolangarra Park - Bunyips main park and play area on the corner of Railway avenue and Hope St. Locals were incensed that Cardinia Council would not mow the park because they claimed it was too wet. Extraordinary scenes followed where local residents banded together to mow the area themselves. Some of the comments included - "our council should be ashamed of themselves and extremely thankful to these guys. If they did send fines it would be disgraceful. " - "They should invoice the council " - "I've rang them twice now" - "the council did not do it, because I think they have forgotten where Bunyip is. Nothing gets done here. All they want is our rates." - "Cardinia Shire has really dropped the ball with reserves across the shire - they should sack the contractors and whoever is supposed to be supervising them - awesome effort to the business who stepped up - our council hasn't " - "Bet the parks in Pakenham and Beaconsfield don't look like that.... we are forced to belong to a "metro" council but seem don't get the same services in Bunyip... " When council mowing contractors finally arrived after locals had taken their own action they mowed a small area around the swings and slides. When Bunyip News visited the area a short time ago the majority of the park was still overgrown as shown below. Council's excuse of "too wet" doesn't seem to gel when you consider that locals were able to achieve the result in record time. My own research into the matter showed council was only too aware of the



problem and were cautioning residents to "be patient" One wonders what their response would be if an accident is caused due to the overgrowth. It also seems like a waste of money to only mow a small area rather than mow the whole park while they had a mower onsite. Bunyip News will be following the maintenance of our main parks. If you have a story about this or any other local concern contact us on editor@bunyipnews.org.au.

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It's that time again when we give our friend Santa (and his Elves) a little bit of help delivering some presents to the streets around Bunyip and Tynong (for locations refer below).

Please take note of present sizes and drop off locations and we look forward to seeing everyone Christmas Eve!

SANTA'S COMING TO TOWN!

The crew at Bunyip and Tynong Fire Brigades will once again be assisting Santa during this busy time of year by delivering presents to Bunyip, Iona, Modella, Garfield, Tynong, Tynong North and Tonimbuk on Christmas Eve.

Presents should be clearly labeled with names and addresses and no larger than a shoebox in size.

Presents can be delivered to the following locations up until Friday 17th December 2021:

We aim to begin our Santa Run by 5pm however please keep in mind it does take time to get to all locations.

- Bunyip Bendigo Bank
- Garfield Post Office
- Bunyip Primary School
- Bunyip Fire Brigade (Tues only from 7pm)
- Tynong Post Office
- Tynong Fire Brigade (Sun only 9am to 12pm)

For all enquiries please text message only:

- Tynong CFA David 0405 257 715
- Bunyip CFA Simon: 0435 305 569

Or e-mail: simon.sharpe@members.cfa.vic.gov.au



A special thanks goes out to our drop off points for their assistance in collecting the gifts.

The Bunyip/Tynong Christmas Eve Santa run is completed every year by volunteers. A small donation to the brigade is much appreciated.

Note: Our trucks will be intermittently using our sirens on the evening as we enter the streets.
On behalf of the Bunyip & Tynong Fire Brigades we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

DID YOU KNOW?

CFA has a new section on our website where residents can go to get fire safety information relevant to the area they live, work or are travelling to.

Visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au/home/local-information put the location in you want information for and it will be visible on the page for you.

Keep up to date with localised fire safety information!

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- DISCOVER YOUR LOCAL FIRE RISK
- COMMUNITY SESSIONS NEAR YOU
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- FIRE DANGER RATINGS & 4 DAY FORECAST



Did you know bushfires kill from **200m** away?

The flames of bushfires can reach temperatures of up to 1100°C. Long before the flames reach you, the wave of radiant heat can kill you from 200 metres away. Planning for bushfire is the only way to survive it.

How well do you know fire?

Plan. Act. Survive. Go to vic.gov.au/knowfire

Authorised by the Victorian Government, 1 Treasury Place, Melbourne



Tap into EPA's bigger air monitoring network and daily forecasts

EPA Victoria is approaching the bushfire season with its biggest ever network of air quality monitors across the state, twice daily forecasts on Twitter, and the *AirWatch* website offering live data 24 hours a day. With the recent addition of 49 new regionally based air quality sensors, EPA's Chief Environmental Scientist Mark Patrick Taylor says *AirWatch* now offers live air quality data from 90 stations in Melbourne, Geelong, the Latrobe Valley and broader Victoria, including these in Gippsland:

- Bairnsdale
- Lakes Entrance
- Leongatha
- Maffra
- Mallacoota
- Orbost
- Sale
- Warragul
- Wonthaggi

"Each summer carries with it the risk of bushfires and *AirWatch* is designed to equip Victorians to take action to protect their health," Prof Taylor said. "AirWatch tweets twice daily forecasts for each region, and offers actions you can take to reduce the effects of smoke on your home, your health and your family," he said. AirWatch is at epa.vic.gov.au/for-community/airwatch - search on your location or scroll down and click on the map. "The scientists in EPA's forecast team use a range of tools including weather forecasts, satellite imagery and smoke modelling, backed up by valuable on-the-ground information from the AirWatch network," Prof Taylor said. "During summer bushfires people want to know if there is going to be smoke, and how smoky it is going to be. They need current conditions, a reliable prediction for tomorrow, and professional advice on what to do to protect themselves," he said. *AirWatch* offers Victorians hourly air quality data from each sensor in an easy-to-read format that shows levels of smoke and other fine particles. Air quality sensors in regional cities and country towns are based with local VICSES volunteer units and CFA volunteer brigades, and in some cases with educational institutions. "Twelve VICSES units around the state can also respond to bushfires and other incidents with Incident Air Quality Monitoring (IAM) gear that links with EPA's *AirWatch* network. The *AirWatch* website has links that advise on how to protect your health and the best type of indoor air filters to use to remove smoke, dust and other particulates from the air in your home.



The inaugural What's on Cardinia Festival date has been set.

The month-long festival is planned for February 2022 and preparation is currently in full swing to showcase local businesses, art, and creatives to our community and the wider region. The festival will promote local artists and creatives to perform and exhibit in venues and businesses around the Shire including the Cardinia Cultural Centre in Pakenham and the Hills Hub in Emerald. Council was overwhelmed with the number of local businesses and creatives who expressed their interest to participate in the festival. With a wide range of venues and creatives being involved in the festival, there will be something for everyone no matter what their creative taste. The festival will highlight a range of creatives such as dancers, musicians, and photographers in a variety of our local businesses including cafes and restaurants, retail outlets and tourism attractions. Cardinia Shire Mayor Councillor Brett Owen is very excited about our first What's On Cardinia Festival. "This has been an incredibly challenging couple of years not only for our businesses but also our local creatives, and this festival is one way Council can help to bring the community together," Cr Owen said. "What's On Cardinia Festival will be a showcase of all things Cardinia Shire and will provide a much-needed opportunity for us to reconnect as the vibrant community which we are. For more information about February's What's On Cardinia Festival 2022, visit Council's website at www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/whatsoncardiniasfestival or call the Arts, Economy and Advocacy team on 1300 787 624.

Cardinia Shire's new Mayor and Deputy Mayor elected for 2021-22

Ranges Ward Councillor Jeff Springfield has been elected Mayor of Cardinia Shire at Council's annual statutory meeting this evening.

Cr Springfield said he was excited about the appointment and expressed his gratitude to his fellow councillors for their votes of confidence.

This is the second time Cr Springfield has been Mayor of Cardinia Shire.

Cr Springfield said he was looking forward to leading the Council in the year ahead.

"I am thrilled to be leading this Council as Mayor over the next 12 months," he said.

"The year ahead will be an important year for our residents as we recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We have seen so much social and economic disruptions recently and we must assist our community where we can as their elected community leaders."

Officer Ward councillor Tammy Radford has been elected as Deputy Mayor for 2021-22.

Cr Radford said she saw the role of Deputy Mayor as being an extremely strong support and sounding board for the Mayor,

"I look forward to taking on this role and have the full support of my family to take on this exciting position.

"As Deputy Mayor I will continue to provide one hundred per cent commitment to supporting our community recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Bunyip Netball Club Exec Committee Update

President: Lisa Visser

Vice-President: Sally Cunningham

Secretary: Casey Heus

Treasurer: Casey Hynes

Contact Lisa Visser on 0408 396 251

Join us in recognising International Day of People with Disability

Council is inviting residents to attend a free online event recognising International Day of People with Disability, which will feature a presentation and Q&A session with Beau Vernon.

International Day of People with Disability (IDPWD) is celebrated on 3 December as a United Nations observed day aimed at increasing public awareness, understanding and acceptance of people with disability.

In 2012, Beau Vernon became a quadriplegic after an on-field football accident. His tenacity, strength and courage has kept him focussed to lead a fantastic life with disability.

Beau now helps others deal with challenges and live a great life no matter the circumstances. He aims to show people that having a disability is not a bad thing, it's just a different way of living.

Beau's presentation will give insight into his journey while passing on key messages around having a positive mindset, dealing with adversity and challenges, removing limitations, and being the best people we can be.

Beau has a bachelor of business degree, is a director and ambassador for disability company Interact Australia, motivational speaker and a disability advocate. He has successfully coached senior grade football, with five grand finals and three Premierships in that time.

He is a Pride of Australia medal recipient, two-time national hand cycling champion, husband and father of three, as well as an avid sportsman trying his hand at adaptive surfing, golf, and kayaking.

Event details

Date: Friday, 3rd of December 2021

Time: 10.00am – 11.30am

Cost: Free

Where: Online webinar

Registrations: bit.ly/3EhadQh

Have your say as Council plans for the 2022/23 budget

Cardinia Shire residents are encouraged to have their say on community priorities as Council plans for the 2022/23 budget which will deliver the Council Plan strategies and initiatives.

In early 2021, Imagine Cardinia and Imagine Cardinia People's Panel was used to identify priorities for the Council Plan, Financial Plan and Council Budget.

In order to deliver on the community's priorities through the Council Plan, Council prepares 4 year rolling budgets which are adopted annually.

Cardinia Shire Mayor Councillor Jeff Springfield is encouraging the community to provide feedback. "Council is now taking this opportunity to check in on the priorities identified by you early in 2021," Cr Springfield said.

"These are reflected in the Council Plan and will inform the 2022/2023 annual budget.

"Early in 2021, you told us that empowering our communities to be healthy, connected, and resilient was important to you, creating liveable spaces and places was important to you, supporting our biodiversity to thrive was important to you, supporting our productive land and employment land to grow local industries was important to you and practising responsible leadership was important to you.

"We are taking this opportunity to check in and see if these issues are still important to you."

Community feedback received will be considered to inform the Council Budget. If the feedback through this survey presents significant changes to the issues identified as important, this will be recognised in Council's review of the 2022/2023 annual budget.

To have your say on community priorities as Cardinia Shire Council plans for the 2022/23 budget, visit www.creatingcardinia.vic.gov.au

The survey closes on 6 December 2021.

Council adopts new Complaints Policy

Published: 16 November 2021 A new Complaints Policy was adopted by Council at last night's Council meeting.

Cardinia Shire Council has developed the new Complaints Policy in line with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2020 and formal recommendations made by the Victorian Ombudsman.

The policy is a formal expression of Council's commitment to providing a fair, transparent, and consistent process for our customers when they wish to make a complaint.

The policy aims to ensure that our customers understand how to make a complaint to Council, and how their complaint will be handled.

To view the policy, visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/complaintspolicy

The new Complaints Policy will come into effect from 31 December 2021.

White Ribbon Art Gallery now online

Local artists and community members have contributed works to the 2021 virtual White Ribbon Art Gallery to raise awareness of and commit to action to prevent men's violence against women.

The gallery has been organised by the Cardinia Arts Society with funding from Council. It replaces the traditional White Ribbon Day March, which is unable to go ahead in 2021 due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The gallery is being hosted on Council's website - Connecting Cardinia. The theme of this year's gallery is 'Domestic Violence is Isolating', with the aim to bring attention to the impacts of family violence and victims' experiences. The gallery will be live for community viewing for White Ribbon Day, Friday 19 November.

Artwork will be displayed both online and at the Cardinia Cultural Centre in the main window, foyer area and external projection until December 5.

The gallery coincides with Respect Victoria's 16 Days of Activism campaign (25 November to 10 December). The 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence is a global initiative designed to galvanise individuals, communities and organisations to address gender inequalities, gender-based violence and take action to prevent violence before it starts.

Cardinia Shire Mayor Cr Jeff Springfield said the gallery provides community members with an opportunity to come together and raise awareness of the implications of men's violence against women.

"There is no excuse for violence against women, and we all have a responsibility to stand up and speak out against behaviours that contribute to gendered violence, and to support women affected by it," Cr Springfield said.

"Men's violence against women is a very real and on ongoing epidemic in Australia, including Cardinia Shire, and unfortunately the COVID pandemic has made the situation worse.

"I encourage community members to visit this year's online and physical art galleries, which provides a platform for those who have experienced violence to tell their story, and for others to discuss how we can all make change and commit to action to end men's violence against women."

For more information and to view the artwork visit: <https://creating.cardinia.vic.gov.au/white-ribbon-gallery>

For support services and family violence information, please visit the Family Violence section in our Coronavirus Online Help Hub: www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/coronavirus

If you are currently experiencing family violence, and it is an emergency, dial 000 and ask to speak to the police.

More information :

White Ribbon Australia: www.whiteribbon.org.au

Cardinia Shire Council's Together We Can initiative: www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/familyviolence

Barker Road Reserve, Garfield

Have your say on the new playground!

Thank you for your feedback in the initial round of consultation held in August 2021, you told us:

Majority of users are aged between 3-5 years old

You use this reserve for catching up with friends and before and after kinder

You would like to see some nature play elements

Climbing, swinging and sliding play elements are most important

There should be a focus on younger aged children due to the closeness to the kinder however still provide play opportunities for all ages

We have designed a concept plan to reflect this feedback with indicative images of proposed play equipment and landscaping. Please have a look at the concept plan below and let us know what you think.

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Barker Road Playground Upgrade - Concept Plan*

* This is an indicative concept design based on the first round of community feedback. Final park equipment and features may change.



For Further information -

https://creating.cardinia.vic.gov.au/download_file/1495/783

Prolonged power outage payments

The Victorian Government is providing a Prolonged Power Outage Payment (PPOP) of \$1,680 per week, per household, for up to three weeks to support eligible households affected by the 29 October storm. This payment will help families buy the basics and find alternative accommodation to get through this difficult period.

You are eligible for this payment if:

- You have a residential electricity account and fall within AusNet Services' or United Energy's distribution area
- You were without power as at 12.01am Friday 5 November, due to the 29 October storm.

The payment will be administered by AusNet Services and United Energy and is co-funded under the Commonwealth State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements. AusNet Services and United Energy contacted impacted residents on Monday, 8 November with details on how to apply for the payment.

If you are eligible for this payment and have not been contacted yet please contact AusNet Services on 13 17 99 or United Energy on 1300 131 689, or contact Council's recovery team on 1300 787 624 for support.

Burn off restrictions eased

Cardinia Shire Council has temporarily eased burn off restrictions for residents who are allowed to burn off for fire prevention purposes. From now until the Fire Danger Period is declared, open air burning is allowed without a permit from Monday to Saturday, provided that: you live in the Cardinia Shire Council Bushfire Prone Area (BPA) the burn off is for fire prevention and fire fuel reduction purposes, Council's burn off requirements are followed at all times & your burn off is registered with the CFA. If your property is 20 hectares or less in size you must have: no more than 1 open air fire at once a fire break of 3 metres a maximum pile size that is not greater than 2 metres in any dimension (eg. 2 metres long or 2 metres wide or 2 metres high). If your property is greater than 20 hectares in size you must have: no more than 3 open air fires at once a fire break of 6 metres

a maximum pile size that is not greater than 4 metres in any dimension (eg. 4 metres long or 4 metres wide or 4 metres high).

The easing of restrictions aims to help landowners reduce fire fuel in the lead up to the Fire Danger Period.

Before you burn off, please consider using one of these methods to reduce your fuel load:

the kerbside green waste bin collection

hard and bundled green waste collection

composting or mulching (we offer waste reduction rebates)

taking green waste to a local tip, transfer station or waste facility

We also encourage residents to familiarise themselves with the CFA's guide to safely burning off and to talk to their neighbours before burning off.

If you decide to burn off this year, you must follow all the rules:

You cannot burn off on Total Fire Ban or smog alert days. To check if it's a Total Fire Ban day, go to the CFA website. To check if it's a smog alert day, check EPA AirWatch

Fires must be supervised. A person 18 years or over with the means and ability to put the fire out must be present for the whole time the fire is alight.

The purpose of the fire must be to reduce fuel on your property. It cannot be lit for commercial or industrial purposes.

You can only burn dry vegetation, not green vegetation. Hard rubbish, household waste, flammable liquids or commercial or industrial waste is strictly not allowed to be burnt.

Fires must not cause risk to other properties.

Smoke from the fire cannot reduce visibility on any roads.

Fires must not cause problems for other people. It must not be unreasonably offensive or a nuisance to another person – particularly from the smoke it creates.

You need to put the fire out if an authorised person tells you to. Fires must be immediately put out if a member of an emergency service or Council officer directs you to do this.

Bushfire Recovery News Blast

Bunyip Complex Fire Community Recovery Grants are closing soon!

Have you got a project idea that will help your neighbours and community?
Individuals and groups can apply for funding to support activities that will benefit your neighbourhood and/or the broader community.

- Grants up to a value of \$4000 are available to run events, purchase equipment, undertake training or development or to pay for the costs associated with establishing local programs
- Visit our webpage to access the grant guidelines and submit your application
- Applications close Friday 31 December 2021

For more information or to discuss your grant ideas you can:

- visit Council's recovery webpage
- call the Recovery team on 1300 787 624
- email recovery officers on recovery@cardinia.vic.gov.au.

Community dinner at Tonimbuk Hall!

Keep Saturday 4 December free for dinner at Tonimbuk Hall!

The dinner is being organised by the Tonimbuk Hall Community Dinner Committee.

- Event starts at 4:30pm, dinner is from 6pm.
- Live music from Briagalong Bush Band from 6:30pm until 10:30pm.
- Please BYO drinks, chairs, glasses and salad or dessert to share.

There will be a very special guest – Santa!

Parents are advised to bring a little gift for their child (clearly labelled), so Santa can give the gift to them on the night.

Council Recovery officers will be in attendance until 7pm – come and say hi!

For more information about this event contact Sue McMahon on dsmcm@dcsi.net.au.

Please note: This event will be held outside to keep it as COVID safe as possible.

WGPA building a resilient community after the fires

After 300 primary producers were severely impacted by the Bunyip Complex bushfires in March 2019, several passionate volunteers formed The West Gippsland Progress Association Inc.

(WGPA). WGPA is now at the forefront of the community's long-term economic recovery and resilience effort. WGPA has partnered with Cardinia Shire Council's Recovery team to secure funding to start several initiatives:

- Drive farmer collaborations through small business and farmer mentoring to encourage sharing of industry knowledge and experience.

- Develop a regenerative agriculture group to determine the best strategy to support local farming and sustainable food systems. Delivery of 'Food and Tourism' community-led workshops to better understand the need to develop a food and tourism strategy for the West Gippsland area.

- Development of a West Gippsland Food and Tourism Strategy and mini destination marketing plan.

The WGPA held its first AGM on Thursday 21 October 2021. It was great to see many members, representation from the council's recovery team, and Cr Graeme Moore attend.

If you want to know more about WGPA's initiatives or become a member, find

@WestGippslandProgAssoc on Facebook and Instagram or email WGPA chair Barry Crees on barry.crees@gmail.com.



GIPPSLAND LINE UPGRADE

Bunyip and Longwarry public artwork

We are seeking a Gippsland-based artist or collective to develop artwork that will be installed at Bunyip and Longwarry stations.

As part of the Gippsland Line Upgrade, creative works by a local artist will be incorporated into the designs of the station upgrades at Bunyip and Longwarry. The artwork will be imprinted onto perforated aluminium panels on the balustrades at the station entrances.

This is an exciting opportunity for 2D visual artists including painters, printmakers, photographers and graphic designers at an early to mid-career level, of all cultures, religions, nationalities, genders and abilities living or working in Gippsland.

The artwork design should be an original work that is vibrant, colourful, contemporary and responds to, reflects and celebrates the community and local context of Bunyip and Longwarry stations.

Take a look at our [Artist Brief \(PDF, 1.8 MB\)](#) to find out more and to help guide your submission.

We will work with the chosen artist/s for each station to develop and install the artwork.

Further opportunities to integrate creative artwork into the designs for upgrades to Morwell and Traralgon stations are being explored in collaboration with the Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation.

Submit your interest

Interested artists are required to submit the following information as part of the Expression of Interest process:

1. Outline your artistic practice, including any previous experience delivering art commissions and why this project is of interest to you (up to 300 words)
 2. Describe how you would respond to the themes outlined in the Artist Brief in developing your proposed concept (up to 300 words)
 3. Provide up to 5 images of your previous work, and/or links to websites showcasing your work
- Submissions must be received by **midnight Sunday 19 December 2021**.

Please submit your response by:

Completing the [online form](#)

Or email the information along with your contact details to regionalrailrevival@railprojects.vic.gov.au

[Submit your response.](#)

From this process, a shortlist will be selected by the Gippsland Line Upgrade Creative Advisory Panel.



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EPA asks how's your dairy effluent pump?

As dairy farmers empty their effluent ponds as part of annual spring maintenance, EPA says it's time for them to pay special attention to pumps and pipes.

EPA Gippsland Regional Manager Zac Dornom says EPA officers around the state find too many leaky pipes and broken sump pumps during farm inspections.

"It's a matter of common sense and one of the landholder's responsibilities under the *Environment Protection Act* that dairy effluent stays on the farm and out of channels, creeks and rivers. The moment it hits the water, this valuable fertiliser becomes a damaging pollutant," Mr Dornom said.

"Overflowing dairy effluent sends nutrients into waterways, reducing oxygen levels, killing aquatic life, encouraging toxic algae and potentially spreading disease," he said.

"Dairy farmers can stop effluent ponds from overflowing by irrigating the liquid component to pasture when the weather is right, de-sludging ponds, clearing vegetation from tops of ponds and keeping pumps and pipes in good working order."

"Put to sensible use as a fertiliser, dairy effluent can increase pasture production so good effluent management is a win for the farm as a business and for the environment."

Problems with dairy effluent management are too common. EPA officers who inspected 40 Gippsland dairy farms for effluent runoff in 2020/21, issued 13 remedial notices and two fines, and provided compliance advice on 11 farms.

EPA remedial notices are legally enforceable instructions requiring maintenance or repairs to solve pollution problems by a set deadline, and the fine for non-compliance can be more than \$8,000.

"It's not just about your responsibility under the law. You won't be doing your neighbours any favours if you set off an algal bloom in the water they are using for stock and irrigation," Mr Dornom said.

EPA officers can follow an effluent spill back to its source. They will also monitor progress on the work required by any remedial notice to make sure the job is done, to protect the local environment and neighbouring farms.

"EPA will issue fines for non-compliance where necessary, but also supports farmers by providing advice and technical support. It's every Victorian's responsibility under the General Environmental Duty to take reasonable measures to prevent pollution wherever possible," Mr Dornom said.

In providing advice and technical support, EPA works alongside Agriculture Victoria and Dairy Australia to provide practical advice and resources.

Guidelines on effective effluent management on dairy farms can be found by visiting

<https://www.epa.vic.gov.au/for-business/find-a-topic/effluent-dairy-farm>

EPA urges people to report suspected pollution to the EPA on 1300 372 842 (1300 EPA VIC) or at <https://www.epa.vic.gov.au/report-pollution/reporting-pollution>

Other information:

Agriculture Victoria and Dairy Australia have a range of information and tools that can assist farmers.

Agriculture Victoria's Dairy Extension Officers can provide a free effluent use planning service and a health check of current effluent systems, including technical advice on the best use of the valuable nutrients, and review of your pond storage capacity based on cow numbers and water use in the dairy and rainfall.

If a dairy farm requires significant upgrades of their effluent system or a new infrastructure development like a new dairy, pond or feedpad is proposed, Agriculture Victoria can provide technical planning advice as well as refer farmers to an accredited Effluent System Designer, who has completed the Agriculture Victoria-Dairy Australia national designers course and has access to a range of toolkits. The full list can be found on the Agriculture Victoria website at: <https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/livestock-and-animals/dairy/managing-effluent/effluent-system-designers>

For further information contact Agriculture Victoria Development Officer Rachael Campbell, on 0447 347 162 or at Rachael.campbell@agriculture.vic.gov.au Information on managing dairy effluent is also available on the Agriculture Victoria website at <https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/livestock-and-animals/dairy/managing-effluent> Further information is also available on the Effluent and Manure Database for the Australian Dairy Industry, which also contains the Victorian DairyGAINS Effluent Guidelines www.dairyingfortomorrow.com.au/tools-and-guidelines/effluent-and-manure-management-database-for-the-australian-dairy-industry/

BUNYIP- GARFIELD PROBUS CLUB

We were all delighted to be able to have had our special Cup Day meeting in the open air at the football ground this month. It was so lovely to see smiling faces without masks. After a short meeting we had Morning Tea before the trainer arrived with the horses that had been in hiding for over 18 months. As the horses and their jockeys all lined up for the running of the Probus Cup the crowd watched in anticipation of the fun that was about to unfold. All heats were run until there was a winner. Well done jockeys and many thanks to the trainer who will take care of the horses until next year. The awards for the best dressed lady and gentlemen were handed out before we headed home after a great catch up with everyone and hoping we will be able to have a Christmas Breakup next month.

Did you know ?

Japanese engineer and industrialist, and founder of Honda Motor Co., Ltd., Sōichirō Honda was born in Hamamatsu, Shizuoka, Japan in 1906. At 15, without any formal education, Honda left home and headed to Tokyo to look for work. He obtained an apprenticeship at a garage in 1922, and after some hesitation over his employment, he stayed for six years, working as a car mechanic before returning home to start his own auto repair business in 1928 at the age of 22. In 1937 Honda began producing piston rings for small engines which lead to manufacturing small engines to be used in motorcycles, and then in 1948 he started producing complete motorcycles as president of the Honda Motor Company. Honda turned the company into a billion-dollar multinational that produced the best-selling motorcycles in the world. Honda's excellent engineering and clever marketing resulted in Honda motorcycles out-selling Triumph and Harley-Davidson in their respective home markets. In 1959 Honda Motorcycles opened its first dealership in the United States. Honda remained president until his retirement in 1973, stayed on as director, and was appointed "supreme adviser" in 1983. His legendary status was such that People magazine placed him on their "25 Most Intriguing People of the Year" list for 1980, dubbing him "the Japanese Henry Ford."



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Mural Graces Entrance To Bunyip

By Davina Veenstra

Well who would of thought throughout Covid 19 lockdowns we could have achieved this result; a beautiful Mural for Bunyip but here it is, right there on the IGA West wall to stay, for all to enjoy. An idea was born from seeing a cousins water tank mural, Cherie and I were made aware of a very gifted artist , Simon from Simon White Art is a very talented chap, we were very fortunate that he was kind enough to offer his services to our town, he has been extremely busy creating his magical murals throughout the country side. Around the early 1900's Pearson and co timber yard, iron monger, seed and grain store was built on Pearson street the mural is based on the 1905 picture found in Denise Nests, 1990 Call of the Bunyip book The timber yard, grain and ironmonger was a much needed business for Bunyip and surrounding towns , Pots, pans, kettles, timber for houses, sheds and buildings, fences, rain and seeds for produce, it was all there at Pearson and Co The Pearson family were early settlers of Tonimbuk. Charles Pearson was a carpenter by trade , around 1893 he set up an orchard on 320 acres of land , this property was later know as Ern Nash's orchard, the house that can be see there now was built in 1896 after the original house burnt down in 1894. It was likely that the Pearson family lived in the first house for only about a year and then lived in a tent or hut for a year waiting for the new house to be built

Charles and Blanche Pearson were both born in 1863, they came to Tonimbuk in 1893 with 4 small children Charles Stewart 1886, Ida Ellen 1887(married Henry Gordon Virtue 1915), Frederick Francis 1889, Herbert George 1891 (married Ivy Towt 1914 ,) were all born in Melbourne, 2 more children were born at Bunyip, Stanley Percy 1903 and Arthur Vincent 1907 Frederick was killed at Gallipoli in World War 1, he died like many others on 25th April 1915 A memorial notice in the Age Newspaper of April 1917 recorded this Anzac hero's In fond memory of Private Frederick Francis Pearson who was killed on Gallipoli 25th April 1915 Second son of Charles and Blanche Pearson age 26 years I cannot say, I will not say, That he is dead, he is just away. It is fitting that the mural was placed on the west wall of IGA facing Pearson street and the old site. After 1926 the Pearson family moved back to Melbourne. Pearson and Co was eventually owned by Permewan Wright and more currently it was known as Bunyip Home Timber and Hardware. At the moment sadly the buildings have gone the site is now home to the Gippsland Line upgrade workers. Thank goodness there are ways we can save our history. The Bunyip Mural project was totally funded by the Community. Organisers Cherie Johnson and Davina Veenstra from the Bunyip Social Hub thank all who have supported and contributed to this project.

Photo: Davina Veenstra, Mural artist Simon White and Cherie Johnson with the magnificent mural which will be an attraction to Bunyip.



Photo by Roman Kulkewycz

Mural created by Simon of Simon White Art

TALKIN' ...FISHIN' without handles

The first memories I have of fishing as a kid was no rods, no reels, just a Coles handline of 20lb line wrapped around a large cork rigged with a bean sinker and a long shank generic hook, that I'd saved my pocket money for to buy new each year for our annual holidays.

Floates came next that I could make myself at home out of local wine corks I could scrounge, strictly Huckleberry Finn and Tom Sawyer style of fishing. The handcasters of old were timber, usually cedar for its weight, and wood turned to a desired or tried and tested shape. An upright back edge and prominent front lip tapered to allow line to flow over easily but still retaining it on the spool. The design hasn't altered much over the decades only the materials they were made from, Bakelite to plastic and fibreglass, now CNC or even print your own design on a 3D printer. The design came into its own later by incorporating the attributes of the centre-pin reel with handles and of the handcaster profile giving all the advantages of both in one, in the form of 'The Sidecast' reel.

Some simple other homemade but effective designs were a fruit tin with a short handle fitted inside, a wooden batten, even a beer bottle was known to be used (after emptying the tasty contents) all effective casting tools using the helicopter and hurl method. A sight to behold in the hands of an old fisher at it. All good and does the job ok, but tedious in the winding in and prone to line twisting. Even after all these years of fishing with some of the most expensive and technically advanced gear, there is something primal and yet romantic about fishing with just a handline. The complete lack of Hi-tech with only the sense of touch connecting your fingertips with the fish brings me or maybe you right back to a childhood.

An old work colleague of mine had all the gear and a large offshore boat, but still, with all the rods he had set out the back, he found it very soothing to sling a line on a large handcaster over the side filled with 50lb line and a light leader and rig, he hauled in flathead one after another but piling up the heavy line on the boat's deck had rules of, never let the ends meet or crossover each other, surprisingly, no tangles. Handlines can still be fun, and can pack hidden away for a sneaky trip away.

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The Bunyip Historical Society wishes all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



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Twilight Market This Month

After months of inactivity Bunyip Community Market conducted a market last month and will again hold a Twilight Market on Friday 17th December, 2021 from 4.00pm till 7.00pm.

Market president Tony Arrigo has received many enquiries from people wanting to set up a stall at the market. There is a site booking fee of only \$15. " Stallholders are keen to attend and renew friendships made", Mr Arrigo said. " The Bunyip market has an easy, friendly and welcoming atmosphere". Prior to Christmas is a good time to browse at the market.

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Thursday December 16	3.00pm	Hillview Aged Care Bunyip (22 A'Beckett Rd.)
Sunday December 19	9.00am	Bunyip Uniting Church (9 Nash Road.)
Sunday December 26	9.00am	Garfield Uniting Church (13 Garfield Rd.)
Sunday January 2	9.00am	Longwarry Union Church (9 Drouin Rd.)

SPECIAL EVENTS: Ecumenical Prayer Group. Monday 8.00am 'The Crossing' 134a Princes Way Drouin call 5625 2655.

Camera Club. First and third Monday 3.00pm Bunyip Church call Margaret 5629 2318.

Welcome To The Well. First and third Monday 7.00pm Drouin call Stuart 5625 3202.

Craft And Friendship Group. Tuesday 10.00am Garfield Church (not during school holidays) call Robyn 5629 5541.

Meditation Group. Thursday 11.00am – 12.00noon Bunyip Church call Fred 0439 247 253.

Adult Fellowship (UCAF). Second Thursday 6.00pm Bunyip Church call Margaret 5629 2318.

THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMASS

ST. THOMAS' BUNYIP

CHRISTMASS EVE 24th. 11.30 MIDNIGHT MASS

CHRISTMASS DAY 9.30 A.M. EUCHARIST

THE FEAST OF STEPHEN SUNDAY 5 p.m. EUCHARIST

THE BELOVED DISCIPLE – ST. JOHN MONDAY 9.30 a.m. EUCHARIST

THE HOLY INNOCENTS TUESDAY (no service)

THOMAS A'BECKETT WEDNESDAY 29th. 11 a.m. EUCHARIST with readings

from 'Murder in the Cathedral' (Eliot) Lunch \$10 – book in with Raelene 9793 2215

SUNDAY 2nd. January THE NAMING OF JESUS EUCHARIST 9.30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY 5th. TWELFTH NIGHT 5 p.m. EUCHARIST with shared meal

to follow – outside, weather permitting Celebrating the Coming of the Magi &

THE GREAT EPIPHANY

To relieve the stress of the pre Christmass rush set some time aside during the Twelve Days to celebrate these ancient feasts and find again the CHRIST in CHRISTMASS.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH A'BECKETT RD. BUNYIP Priest - Ken Parker 59761634



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 – 0481 895 509

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 10.30 am/craft 11am on 4th Tuesday at Hillview Aged Centre - Eileen Dawes Rooms)

Garfield Community Garden - Meet Every Weekend - Meg 0466 496 107

gqgarfieldcommunitygarden@gmail.com

Labertouche & District Hunters Group

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

email : knightline58@hotmail.com

Bunyip Social Hub

Contact Davina 0420 372

998 bunyipsocialhub@gmail.com

Drouin and District Chess Club meets 7pm every Monday at the Drouin Senior Citizens Club 1 Oak St. Drouin. Contact Nick de Weger convenor 0413239717. New players welcome.

COMMUNITY CLUBS

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

Bunyip Bulls Basketball Club

info@bunyipbullsbasketball.com.au

Garfield Bowling Club - email garfieldbowlingclub@gmail.com - 0435 355 352

Tournament or Twilight Bowls – 0411 288 799

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 – 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 President Lisa Visser on 0408 396 251 or bunyipnetballclub@bigpond.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 Len Trewin -0427 867 797

The Justice of the Peace signing and witnessing centre is at the Warragul Library at 75 Victoria Street. Local JPs provide their services at the Library from 10am to 2pm Monday to Friday.

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

Let us know your details and get more people involved.