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Award Benefits Community \$10,000 - Bunyip Market “Picnic Garden” Project

By Roman Kulkewycz



Bunyip Pharmacist Dinesh Solanki, Retail Manager Belinda Brasier and Rosemary Gallus proudly show the Awards received in the Arrotex competition.

The Bunyip Pharmacy was one of eight pharmacies in Australia to win the prestigious Arrotex Pharmaceuticals Community Pharmacy Of The Year Award which was announced at a gala dinner held on Hayman Island on the 15th of November.

Approximately 1200 pharmacies from Australia registered for this competition which required each participant to submit a video and digital submissions demonstrating customer engagement within the community. Each competing pharmacy displayed posters with a Q.R. code for customers to scan in store vote. For each customer who voted, the

pharmacy received 5 points. Local Bunyip businesses also supported the pharmacy by displaying how to vote posters in their windows. There was also encouragement on social media and pamphlet distribution asking for people to vote.

Bunyip Pharmacist Dinesh Solanki and Retail Manager Belinda Brasier managed the project with over 140 submissions each demonstrating community engagement. The competition began in April and concluded in August. Each person who voted also nominated a community initiative, a local not for profit organisation to receive a \$10,000 Grant. The majority of voters nominated the Bunyip & District Community Market “Picnic Garden” project.

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Twenty five finalists were invited to the gala dinner on November 15th where the winners were announced. Bunyip pharmacy was one of the top eight winners. “We were amazed and even though we had put in a lot of work into this competition, it still came as a shock when we heard our names being called out” said Retail Manager Belinda Brasier. Only two other Victorian pharmacies won awards.

Bunyip pharmacist, Dinesh Solanki said he was humbled to receive such wonderful community support. “I would like to sincerely thank everyone who voted for us. Our pharmacy is proud to assist the community. This competition created much awareness within our community on the importance of caring and support for others in difficult times”



Representing the Bunyip & District Community Market “Picnic Garden” Project and accepting the cheque from Dinesh Solanki for \$10,000 is Roman Kulkewycz and Tony Arrigo

SANTA’S COMING TO TOWN!

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

Presents can be delivered to the following locations up until Friday 16th December 2022:

- Bunyip Bendigo Bank
- Garfield Post Office
- Bunyip Primary School
- Bunyip Fire Brigade (Tues only from 7pm to 8.00pm)

For all enquiries please text message only:

- Bunyip CFA Tracey 0421 169 296
- Bunyip CFA Simon: 0435 305 569

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

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

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



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

The Bunyip 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 Fire Brigade we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Editor and Readers Page

Community newspapers are the voice of the community

Thought I would share a story.

Recently, as most of us know, it was Halloween. My 9 year old granddaughter wanted to go as a particular character, but mum could not find the correct outfit, so along comes nanny to make alterations to said garment.

Upon completion, granddaughter asks if I can teach her to use the sewing machine. Some scrap material and away she went, after a few instructions of course.

Next question, nanny can you show me how to hand sew. Well, once again, after instructions, she was on her way.

And, nanny was ecstatic to have been the one to teach her some excellent basic skills.

Do you have a story, poem, ditto, joke, funny event etc. to share in our January Newsletter ?

I would love to receive your articles, either drop them in the box at IGA or email me at editor@bunyipnews.org.au.

***The Bunyip Newsletter Committee wish all
our readers and advertisers a
Merry Christmas and a safe, happy and
peaceful 2023.***

Merry Christmas From The Committee And Printers - Bunyip & District Community News





Take extra care of your Solar Panel systems.


Be aware of leaf litter on your roof.

In this case the DC Isolator caught fire and then set fire to leaf litter under the Solar Panels.



Grassfires move so quickly, it's **impossible** to outrun them.

This summer, significant pasture growth in paddocks and roadsides means that fast-moving grassfires will be a serious risk across Victoria. Rural grassfires can be just as dangerous as bushfires, and can actually spread even faster, travelling at speeds of up to 25km/h. If you live close to open paddocks or grasslands, you could be at risk and need to be prepared. On Extreme or Catastrophic Fire Danger Rated days, the safest option is to leave early.

How well do you know  fire?

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

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Provide feedback and help council develop its draft budget.

Council Budget
Draft 2023/24

Tell us your priorities around:

- Roads, drains, bridges and footpaths
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- Sport, recreation, parks and reserves
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- Children and family services
- Disability support
- Aged services
- Multicultural community support
- Libraries
- Arts and culture
- Youth services
- Compliance services
- Planning services
- Environment and climate change
- Emergency management
- Customer service
- Community consultation and communications



Online activities

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay

Feedback closes

Friday 16th December



Researchers are seeking input from Cardinia Shire residents on Bushfire Maps

RMIT University is seeking help from residents of Bunyip, Maryknoll and Gembrook who were affected by the 2019-2020 fires. Residents are being asked to participate in an interview that will help to improve the design and communication of future bushfire maps. Dr. Erica Kuligowski, Senior Research Fellow and interview study lead at RMIT University said that the goal of this study is to interview residents about how they use, understand and take action in response to existing bushfire maps. These maps can display warnings and even fire spread predictions via websites, apps or public meetings, and it is important for these maps to be consistently designed and communicated to meet the needs of residents across Australia.

Interviews with residents are being held in-person until 17 Dec 2022 at 3 locations: Bunyip CFA, Gembrook CFA and Maryknoll Hall. They can also be held online. Ideally, an interview would last one hour and residents will be asked about the following topics: *what information they received and what they did in response to the recent bushfire, what role (if any) maps played in their response, and their thoughts about two newly developed maps that will be shown during the interview.* No experience with bushfire maps or maps in general is needed to participate in this study.

“Studying how bushfire maps are received and understood by residents is extremely important,” said Dr. Kuligowski. “Through this type of research, we can develop guidance for those who design and communicate bushfire maps so that future maps, including fire spread prediction maps, can be better received and understood by the people who need them the most.”

If residents are interested in taking part in the study or finding out more, they can contact the research team via phone (03) 9925 3267 or email (gita.pupedis2@rmit.edu.au or philip-pa.perry@rmit.edu.au). Additionally, residents can simply register for the study at this link: <https://bit.ly/3fnOChN>.

The project is funded by Natural Hazards Research Australia, with partners from RMIT University, Country Fire Authority, Emergency Management Victoria, Queensland University of Technology, Deakin University and Swinburne University.

Reliving Garfield Plane Crash 65 Years Ago.

By Roman Kulkewycz

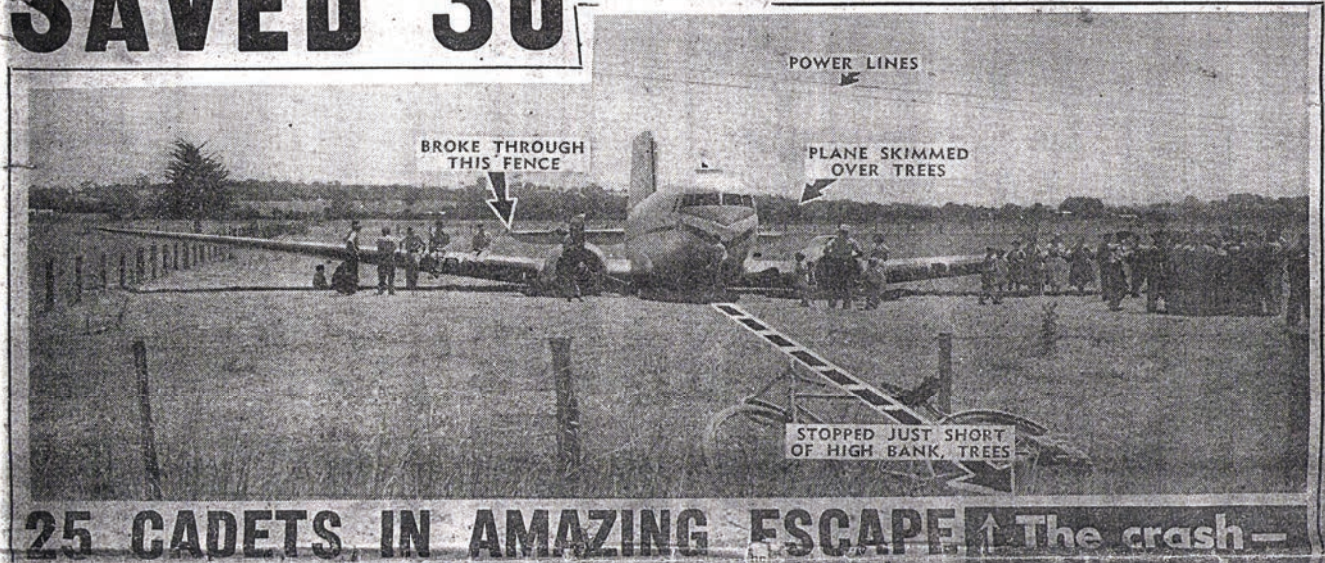
“CRASH!” ...AND JUST A FEW YARDS SAVED 30

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The Sun
NEWS - PICTORIAL

No. 11,021. Melbourne, Saturday, Jan. 18, 1958. 48 Pages (Plus 4-Page Supp.) 4d.

THE BUREAU SAYS:
Hot northerlies;
change this evening.
Estimated top temperature 90
deg.; - yesterday, a maximum
73.5 deg.; minimum, 56.5 deg.



The front page of the Melbourne Sun newspaper dated Saturday 18th Jan, 1958

As a 15 year old pimply faced RAAF Air Cadet, Ken Sumsion loved everything about aeroplanes. His opportunity to experience a flight came on the 17th of January, 1958. Little did he realise at the time, but that flight would nearly cost him his life when halfway through the journey, engine failure forced the plane to crash land in a paddock in Garfield South.

He had always desired to return to that fateful place, to see again where all the drama unfolded, but over the years was unable to pinpoint the exact location. With the help of locals, Mary White, Colin Teese and Heather Arnold, I was able to find it after Ken wrote to the Editor of the Bunyip Newsletter asking for assistance. In February 2017, Ken, Mary White, Colin Teese and myself visited this paddock. Nearly 60 years on, this became a very emotional day for Ken.....



Ken Sumsion stands in front of the paddock in Garfield South where he and 24 others survived.

The morning of Friday the 17th of January, 1958 began with clear blue skies and a blistering sun with the temperature rising quickly to peak at 41 degrees by lunch time. Fifteen year old Ken Sumsion was one of 25 excited RAAF Air Training Corps Cadets, a Reserve instructor, plus a military photographer, a civilian scientist and two pilots marched on the hot surface of the tarmac and boarded the ARDU Dakota A65-99 at the RAAF Base at Laverton for an air experience flight to the RAAF East Sale Base and back.



Throughout the flight Ken was seated on the starboard (right) side of the fuselage near the wing. “ Right from take - off I was looking through the window at everything possible when suddenly I noticed oil spewing out of the starboard engine”, soon this became quite a stream, then I saw the propeller stop, re-start, stop, restart and finally stop altogether”. “ I had been trying, without success to bring this to the attention of the others who all thought I was suffering from first flight nerves, but once that propeller stopped, everyone became scared and concerned”. “ I told them that I had seen oil coming from the port engine as well. Soon the pilot’s voice came over the intercom and we were advised that we would be turning around and heading back towards Moorabbin Airport. I remember flying very low over a building that I thought was the Bunyip Post Office and I would think leaving a trail of oil. However returning to Moorabbin soon became out of the question.

Mary White and Colin Teese from Garfield with Ken Sumsion confirm the place where the ARDU Dakota

Not long after turning back, a cadet who had been up the front with the flight crew came out and in a calm manner announced to everybody that we were about to make an emergency forced landing and for everyone to fasten their seat belts. Suddenly, to my horror I discovered that my seat belt had the buckle missing! All I could do was to hang on grimly to the conduit armrest next to my seat. There was no sign of panic or distress at any stage; it was all happening so very fast. However looking down at my sweaty hands, I can vividly remember seeing that my knuckles had turned a whiter shade of pale.

The Dakota glided towards the ground smoothly and silently. For a moment time stood still and we were in a time bubble flying in slow motion. Contact with the tops of the Cypress trees was slight and didn’t bother me. Contact with the ground, wheels up was smooth too.

The plane slid along the ground on its belly for about 500 metres, there was a bit of clattering as we demolished a post and wire fence. I saw bits of post and wire whizz past the window. Fortunately we missed objects that could have turned this situation into a disaster – the road, the ditch, the pine trees, the house, the concrete water tower and the 22 kilovolt power lines. Upon coming to a halt we all experienced an eerie feeling as the dust blew away, it became quiet and peaceful. It’s as if we were in a dream. Fortunately nobody was injured. I remember that we were marched out of that aircraft in a military, orderly fashion – left right, left right.

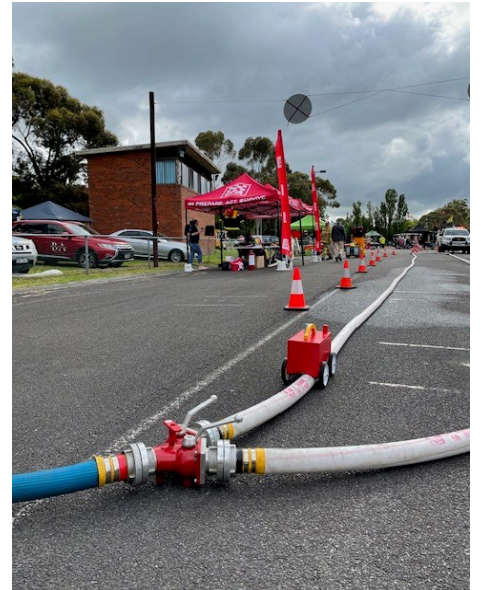
My most memorable moment following the crash is of the ladies who suddenly appeared as if by magic out of nowhere with food and drinks for everybody. They were so kind, comforting and efficient and it was as if it were all a routine part of their days activities. As I got older the yearning to kick over the traces had increased. I made a start in 1999 by buying some newspapers reporting the crash and scratching around on the Internet. I have the relevant “SUN” front page framed in my workroom. I played a plate event at Garfield Golf Club some 15 years ago and afterwards took a drive and thought that I may have found the paddock in question. I was a bit occupied running a small business back then and didn’t pursue the matter any further.

Now I live at Emerald and since our Golf Club there has closed down, I have joined the Garfield Gold Club and have reconnected with the town that I became “accidentality” acquainted with some sixty years ago.

Garfield resident Colin Teese remembers that as a lad when he heard about this incident, he rode his bike out to “ have a look “ at the wreckage.

CFA Family Fun Day

Such a great turnout last weekend at our CFA Family Fun Day in Bunyip. Lots of laughs and games all day. Some pre summer information, rescue display and of course a visit from Captain Koala.



Council's \$3M Better Local Roads renewal program announced

Cardinia Shire Council is delivering 'Better Local Roads' and last night endorsed its 2022-23 road renewal program for works across 54 roads in 18 townships.

Council will invest \$3.122 million towards resurfacing and rehabilitating local council roads as part of its \$17.392 million commitment to upgrade, improve and maintain the shire's road network in 2022-2023.

Rehabilitation works involve rebuilding the road pavement along sections of road. Resurfacing works are proactive works to help prevent water damage to the road and help prolong the life of the road.

Cardinia Shire Mayor Councillor Tammy Radford said, "We have heard loud and clear from our community that improving our local roads is important to them. That's why council is prioritising improving road conditions, safety, and connectivity on our existing our road network."

Council currently manages an extensive 1,579 kilometre sealed and unsealed road network, which presents many challenges across each township and a recent report outlines how weather has been council's greatest challenge.

Sustained wet weather has caused defects to increase by 58% on sealed roads and 36% on unsealed roads during winter compared to the normal peak. More than 1,100 road defects were recorded over the 3-month period, resulting in significant maintenance demand.

"Unfortunately, the extreme and consistent wet weather we've seen over recent months has not only contributed to an increase in road issues within the shire, but it's also impacted our crews' ability to complete permanent repairs."

In response to the increased workload, council has:

- deployed additional sealed road maintenance trucks,
- added 2 maintenance trucks,
- reassigned staff to both sealed and unsealed road repairs
- employed contractors to complete drainage work
- employed an additional contractor grader
- hired and retained additional plant to meet functional need
- worked additional hours/days to support the community, and
- prioritised fixing defects on sealed roads to keep the shire moving.

Despite the significant wet weather, crews maintained an average response of 4 business days for correction of sealed road defects and response times within the requirements outlined in the Road Management Plan.

"We're making improvements and have increased our maintenance works to respond to recent weather and road issues, but we know there's still more work to be done and we'll continue to work closely with the state to improve our community's overall road network," Mayor Radford said.

To report a road issue, visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/reportroadissue

Cardinia Shire outdoor pool season is back!

Grab your togs and get ready to make a splash, as the community will once again be able to enjoy outdoor pool season across the shire.

Check out the opening dates for each outdoor pool:

Koo Wee Rup Swimming Pool – Saturday 5 November
Garfield Swimming Pool – 13 Sunday November
Pakenham Outdoor Pool – 13 Sunday November
Emerald Lake Park Wading Pool – Friday 2 December



The pools will be opening on any day forecasted on or above 26 degrees throughout November, December, February, and March. All pools will be open every day in January regardless of the temperature.

There will be no changes to the outdoor pool opening hours, however the temperature forecast time will be changed to 4pm (instead of 6pm) the day before.

This will allow more time for the community to view the opening hours, as well as allowing more time to organise lifeguards or additional staff.

Cardinia Leisure will be hosting several fun events throughout January 2023 across the pools, including themed days, pool party days, swim programs and much more! More details about these great events will be released closer to January.

For more information about Cardinia Shire's indoor and outdoor pools, visit Council's website at www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/pools or call 1300 787 624 or email mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au



TALKIN' ...FISHIN' XMAS PREPARATION

If your boat's not ready for a Xmas launch you'll find it near impossible to get it in for a service now until sometime next year. If you've been smart and well ahead of the mob you're in for a great time over the Xmas break, which I'm sure we're all looking forward to by now.

While a few of our boat ramps like Hastings have had a long awaited and much needed upgrade, others are still in the planning stage and not usable, so check with the local councils and water authorities, also a very handy site that shows you a map of many of our ramps and piers in real time video. Go to the link <https://www.boating.vic.gov.au/ramps/>

With any luck you haven't bought too much gear overseas on 'ebay' there's long delays on stuff travelling ex-China for example, with Covid, Russian conflict, revolution and strikes, floods, earthquakes, pest and virus outbreaks, Wait! I think I read this book in church?

Locally the small independent tackle shops are being swallowed up by the larger supermarket style stores, sad to see the monopoly going to a few monster chains. We are losing the personal touch of those family businesses, great service before profit, the tall stories shared, and your occasional photo up on the brag-wall for all to see. So snap up the bargains to be had as these stores close for good and appreciate and soak up their wisdom.

It's always hard to find that new special gadget, but they usually don't live up to the hype or last the distance, so I'd stick to the dependable Rods, Reels, Line, lures, Nets and bags, bait buckets, there's always room for an upgrade or replacement. These days with the price of bait, consider the old Alvey bait pump for collecting your own and save \$\$ in the long run.

The Bays are looking the answer for putting fish on the menu over this Xmas summer or at least until the rivers settle down, but that will take a while to recover along with the towns that rely on them for the tourism. So let's keep a watch on them and return and support those communities that are doing it so tough at the moment. Couldn't think of a better Xmas present really than to return their lives to as normal as possible



Hastings Boat ramp, upgraded.

Catcha, The TackleMan ®

Preparing your property for Fire Season

Preparing for the fire season is a collective responsibility, and we all have our part to play. This year due to above average rainfall, we will see increased grass growth, which will dry off quickly in warmer weather. Grassfire risk can be managed by everyone in our shire. Grassfires can start and spread quickly and can be very dangerous.

The taller and drier the grass, the more intensely it will burn.

The shorter the grass, the lower the flame height and the easier the fire will be to control.

Short grass (under 10cm) is a much lower risk.

In the lead up to fire season, all property owners and occupiers should prepare their properties for bushfire, even if their property is not immediately next to bushland.

At a minimum you should:

- Slash all grass and weeds on your block so they are less than 10 centimetres high. Make sure you maintain this length during the fire danger period.
- Clear fallen branches and dead vegetation from around your property.
- Clean up fine fuels such as leaves, twigs and long grass and remove any rubbish.
- Larger rural and agricultural properties need to create a firebreak at least 10 metres wide along external fences by slashing grass and weeds to less than 10 centimetres.
- Create separation between vegetation and buildings and fences by mowing and pruning vegetation.

Cardinia Shire Council undertakes an annual Fire Hazard Inspection Program which commences in the lead up to the fire season and comprises approximately 4,000 privately owned properties across the Shire. This program follows a risk-based approach which acknowledges that fire risk reduction is a shared responsibility for all residents in Cardinia Shire. The Fire Hazard Inspection Program is primarily focussed throughout the Fire Danger Period, however Fire Prevention Notices may be issued by an authorised officer year-round.

When a property has been identified as posing a fire hazard, a Fire Prevention Notice may be issued by a Fire Prevention Officer. The Country Fire Authority Act 1958 and Fire Rescue Victoria Act 1958 authorises Municipal Fire Prevention Officers to issue Fire Prevention Notices on owners or occupiers of private properties to complete fire management works.

If you receive a Fire Prevention Notice this means that a Fire Prevention Officer has inspected your property and determined it poses a fire hazard. If you do not comply with the notice, **you may be fined up to \$1,817**, and/or you may need to cover the cost of contractor hire to remove fire hazards, plus administration costs. Legal action may still proceed. Each property is considered individually for its level of risk, but there are key things Fire Prevention Officers look for when inspecting a property:

Long, dry grass

Fallen and dead vegetation

Weeds contributing to a high fuel load

Vegetation close to neighbouring assets.

For more information and online resources on how to prepare for the Fire Season, please visit:

https://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/info/20019/fire_flood_and_emergencies/616/preparing_for_the_fire_season#section-2-how-to-prepare-your-property-for-the-fire-season-

Keeping your bushfire plan up to date is essential. For templates and assistance with this please visit the CFA website <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/before-and-during-a-fire/your-bushfire-plan>

Stewart Matulis

Team Leader – Emergency Management

Cardinia Shire Council

Local Assists In Floods

By Roman Kulkewycz

Forty four year old Tony Ward, a fire fighter from the Bunyip Fire Brigade and an accredited Road Rescue specialist from the Pakenham Road Rescue Unit represented the Nar Nar Goon Fire Brigade recently when he was chosen to spend 3 days on stand by for road accident rescues in the Victorian floods.

With over twenty two years experience as a firefighter and twenty of those years as an accredited road rescue specialist, the mild mannered, quietly spoken Tony Ward had the necessary qualifications to be involved in this mission.

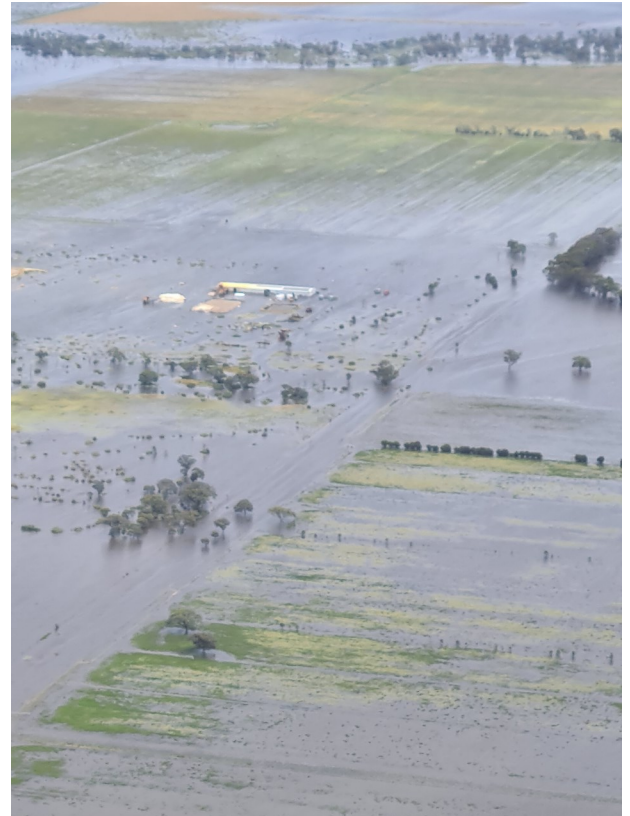
“We were on standby to cover the fire districts 20, 22 and 23 for road accident rescues for the flooded districts, which included industrial and farm accidents allowing us to fly in a helicopter to scenes that road crews may not be able to reach because of the floods. We carried a small cache of equipment, smaller to what we normally would on a rescue truck, but enough to do the job. To be eligible for helicopter rescue, an accredited member needs to weigh under 100 kgs in full turn-out gear”

On arrival, Tony was sent for an afternoon of training at Mangalore Kestrel Helicopters, then drove to the Bendigo Base Airfield.”

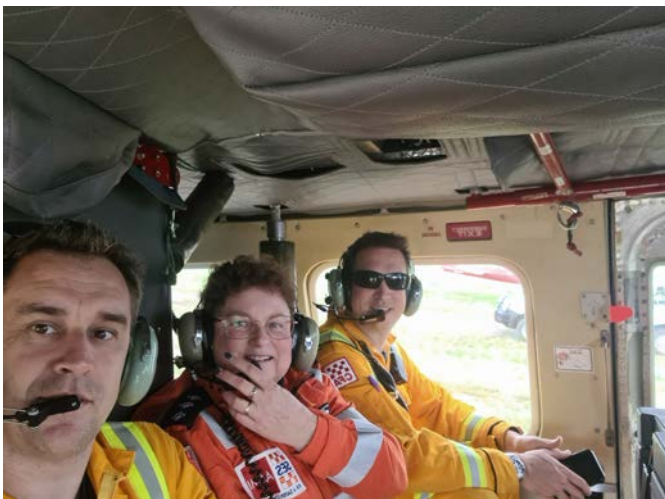
I asked Tony what stood out most for him during his time there “Just the enormity of the airbase operations. There was approximately nine helicopters the for a range of other duties, people transport, surveying the flooded areas etc.

We did a familiarisation flight of approximately 30 minutes the first afternoon, and the third day we flew to Cohuna to meet with the local Rescue brigade, Police and Ambulance to fill them in on who we are and what we carry on board.

I think it shows great initiative and thought by Deputy Chief Officer Rick Owen (Special response officer.) to organise such a complex operation to look after the public.”



The floods as seen from their helicopter.



Tony Ward (left) on board the Kestrel helicopter surveying the flood waters



Tony Ward about to fly out to survey the floods



THE BUNYIP CEMETERY TRUST

The Bunyip Cemetery Trust is seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified members of the community who would be interested in becoming honorary trust members. Women and those from a diverse background are actively encouraged to seek appointment.

Cemetery trust members are appointed by the Governor in Council for a term of up to five years on the recommendation of the Minister for Health. Cemetery trusts are responsible for the proper and efficient management of the public cemeteries under their control, including planning for future cemeteries services and the preservation of local history.

Being appointed to a cemetery trust provides successful applicants with a unique opportunity to develop their competencies as a board member. The Department of Health provides free governance training to all trust members.

Current trust members whose terms of appointment are due to expire may apply for reappointment as part of a competitive selection process.

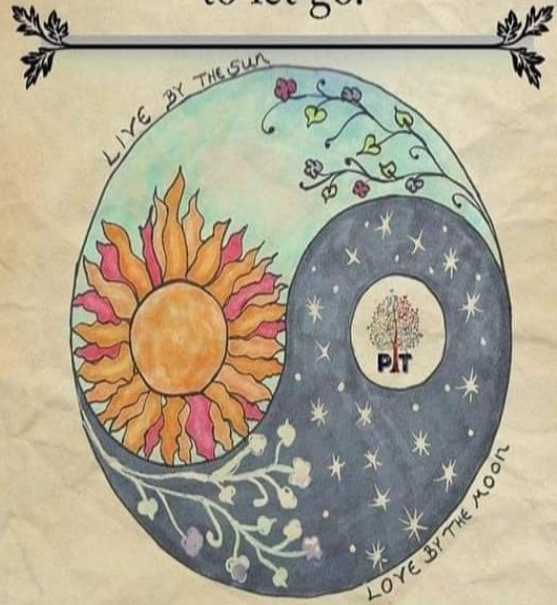
More information about the role of cemetery trust members is available at: <https://www.health.vic.gov.au/cemeteries-and-crematoria/class-b-cemetery-trust-appointments>

To register your interest please contact The Bunyip Cemetery Trust as follows within two weeks of the date of this advertisement:

The Bunyip Cemetery Trust contact details: 0499 295 772

The Victorian Government is committed to ensuring that government boards and committees reflect the rich diversity of the Victorian community. We encourage applications from people of all ages, Aboriginal people, people with disability, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and from lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, gender diverse, intersex and queer people. The trust will provide adjustments to the recruitment process upon request.

To protect your energy...
It's okay to cancel a commitment.
It's okay to not answer a call. It's okay to change your mind. It's okay to want to be alone. It's okay to take a day off. It's okay to do nothing. It's okay to speak up. It's okay to let go.



*** Please Note**
New Date For
December Market ONLY! **Bunyip 11th December**

Community Market
New Date For December ONLY!!!

Sunday 11th Dec. 2022

Tony
0407 563 441

New Stallholders Welcome

Roman
0417 360 783

Site Fee - ONLY \$15

Bunyip Fire Brigade Running Track
Bunyip Recreation Reserve

Nar Nar Goon - Longwarry Road Bunyip

BRAG Update December 2022

bragbunyip@gmail.com

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIPS FOR YOUR HOME, BUSINESS OR ORGANISATION WITH LUCINDA FLYNN.

Thanks to those community members who attended this session, held on Thursday Nov 24th Lucinda was a very down to earth speaker who provided us with many cheap and easy to implement tips to reduce power consumption as well as helping us to understand the many ways heat can be lost from our buildings... without us even realising it. All those little gaps and cracks can add up to the equivalent of leaving a large window open 27/7!! (No wonder our heaters, and air conditioners need to work so hard!!)

We have posted a link to a recording of a similar session held during October as part of the Renewable Energy Short Course on the Bunyip Community Page.

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Come and say hi to us at the Bunyip Christmas Market on Dec 11th and find out more about what BRAG has been doing . We still have a limited number of our beautiful local jigsaws for sale at a reduced price for Christmas....

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Market Attracts Large Crowd

By Roman Kulkewycz

The November Bunyip Community Market attracted over 60 stallholders and a large number of browsers last Sunday.

Despite predictions of rain and unsettled weather, it remained sunny for the duration of the market.

There was a great variety of bric a brac, plants, dog treats and hand made crafts as well as food and drink vans to keep everybody happy.

The Bunyip Fire Brigade was present providing educational demonstrations for people of all ages. The car accident rescue demonstration by the Pakenham Road Rescue Unit proved very popular with the large crowd of spectators who gathered to see a "patient" extracted out of a car that had rolled onto its side.



A busy Bunyip Community Market day last week



Road Rescue Specialist, Tony Ward from the Bunyip Fire Brigade demonstrates a car accident rescue using a cutting tool.



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Our Club is saddened with the loss of Alan Board. He was a quiet man and enjoyed the many outings and friendships that were made. We send our Sincere Sympathy to Evelyn and her Family.

A group of us gathered together with other Clubs at the Black Tie for a Cluster Lunch. The guest speaker was Emma Germano who is the President of the Victorian Farmers. She is very passionate about her roll in trying to make a difference for all farmers and is not afraid to Lobby anybody in Government or elsewhere to get the message across and hopefully get some action.

We went to the Art Centre for a Morning Melodies to see Frankie J Holden and his wife Michelle entertain us with a collection of songs After we went to the Golf Club for Lunch.

On Cup Day we held our traditional Bunyip- Garfield Probus Cup. The Ladies arrived some with hats to match their outfits while the men looked well dressed too, ready for the Fashion on the Field. All the horses were ready and the jockeys were only out to win even with a bit of pushing around in fun. There was a race for people with walkers so they could join in. After all the heats, there was a winner and she was then presented with the Cup which she will keep until next Cup Day. After the Fashion on the Field were chosen for the Ladies and Men we had a picnic lunch before we headed home to watch the real Melbourne Cup.

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Bunyip Market On This Sunday!

By Roman Kulkewycz

The December Bunyip & District Community Market will be held this Sunday 11th December from 8am – 1pm. This will be the final market for 2022.

This will give people an extra option for their Christmas shopping as many stall holders will be in attendance selling a wide variety of goods. Previous markets have attracted up to 50 stall holders which have delighted the people looking for a bargain.



The first market for 2023 will be held on January 29th

Photo: Roman Kulkewycz

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December – Gardening Calendar by Angelo Eliades

[\(http://deepgreenpermaculture.com/\)](http://deepgreenpermaculture.com/)

December is the first month of summer, and with the warmer weather gardens explode into life - lush, abundant and awesome to behold. With the days getting longer as we progress towards the longest day of the year, the summer solstice, there's more time to enjoy the garden and the great outdoors!

During this time, temperatures can reach extremes as the days heat up, and gardens can get quite dry, so keeping up with the watering is important. Pests will also emerge with the warmer weather so keep an eye out for them!

'Chop & Drop' any broad beans or peas after harvesting, 'chop' the tops at ground level, and 'drop' on top of the soil as mulch, leave the roots in the ground to return any nitrogen in the root nodules to the soil

As strange as it may seem, early summer is the time to sow some winter brassicas such as broccoli, brussels sprouts, cauliflower and swedes, so they can be harvested in winter.

Vegetables and Herbs to Sow:

Sow in December		Harvest (weeks)	Sow in December		Harvest (weeks)
Amaranth	ds	7-8	Kohlrabi	d	7-10
Asparagus Pea	d	8-11	Lettuce	ds	8-12
Beetroot	ds	7-10	Mustard greens	d	5-8
Borage	ds	8-10	Oregano	s	6-8
Burdock	d	17-18	Parsley	ds	9-19
Cape Gooseberry	ds	14-16	Pumpkin	ds	15-20
Carrot	d	12-18	Radish	d	5-7
Chilli	s	9-11	Rosella	s	21-25
Chives	ds	7-11	Sage	d	18 months
Choko	d	17	Silverbeet	ds	7-12
Climbing beans	d	9-11	Sunflower	ds	10-11
Cucumber	d	8-10	Sweet corn	ds	11-14
Dwarf beans	d	7-10	Turnip	d	6-9
French tarragon	d	30-40 days			

Key: d = sow directly into ground, s = sow in seed tray, ds = sow directly into ground or seed tray

Bunyip Rainfall Totals



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
2020	92.6	138.15	35.75	145.5	100.5	46.0	43.5	122.0	58.5	98.0	60.0	44.0	984.5
2021	67.0	37.0	35.75	61.0	54.0	76.0	93.0	44.0	100.0	113.0	93.0	22.0	833.0
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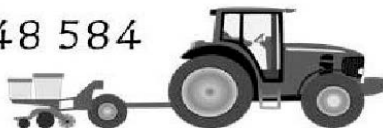
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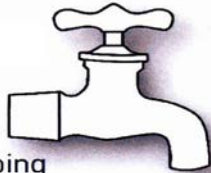
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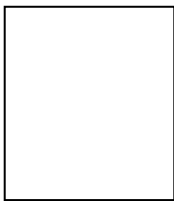
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Sunday November 20	9.00am	Longwarry Union Church (9 Drouin Rd.)
Sunday November 27	9.00am	Garfield Uniting Church (13 Garfield Rd.)
Sunday December 4	9.00am	Longwarry Union Church (9 Drouin Rd.)
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St James Nar Nar Goon **Mass** **5.00 pm**

Children are invited to dress up as shepherds, angels or kings

St John the Baptist Kooweerup **Mass** **7.00 pm**

St Joseph's Iona **Mass** **9.00 pm**

CHRISTMAS DAY

St Mary's Lang Lang **Mass** **9.00 am**



*Wishing everyone a safe and
Happy Christmas
From the Catholic parishes of
Iona-Maryknoll and Kooweerup*

COMMUNITY CONTACTS

Bunyip & District Agricultural Society

Philippa Demsey – 0450 380589 or
bunyipshow@gmail.com Meets at 8pm on 3rd Wed

Bunyip Cemetery

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

Bunyip & District Community House

0481 895 509

Bunyip & District Fire Station

1800 240 667 or 000

Bunyip Hall Hire

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 / 5629 5339
S. Don McLean, JP– 0401 655 303

Bunyip Landcare Group

bunyiplcg@gmail.com

Phone: 0407834443

Facebook: Bunyip Landcare Group Inc.

Cannibal Creek Landcare Group

Pam Cunningham – 0407 876 935

Bunyip Community Market (Last Sunday Month)

Tony Arrigo OAM – 0407 563 441

Longwarry & District Fire Brigade Market

Janine 0419 158 946 1st Sun. monthly (March to Dec)

Bunyip Medical Centre

03 5629 5111

Bunyip & District Men's Shed

President Allan Berry....0429 296 140

(Meets each Wednesday 9:30am to 2:00pm)

Bunyip Community Op Shop

5629 6117 (After hours Tony Arrigo 0407 563 441)

Garfield Community Op Shop

0490 141 918

Bunyip Police Station

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 CWA:

Wendy - 0417 352 258

(Meeting at 10.30 am/craft 11am on 3rd Friday at
Hillview Aged Centre - Eileen Dawes Rooms)

Garfield Community Garden

Meet Every Weekend - Meg 0466 496 107

gccgarfieldcommunitygarden@gmail.com

Labertouche & District Hunters Group

Meet 2nd Sat Bi-Monthly at Labertouche

Trevor 0439 692 602 knightline58@hotmail.com

Bunyip Social Hub

Davina 0420 372 998 bunyipsocialhub@gmail.com

Drouin and District Chess Club

Meets 7pm Monday - Drouin Senior Citizens Club

Nick de Weger convenor 0413239717 New players welcome

BRAG (Bunyip Renewables Action Group Inc)

Helen Ross: 0411274025 bragbunyip@gmail.com

COMMUNITY CLUBS

Bunyip Equestrian Club

(Adult) bunyipec@gmail.com (1st Sat month)

Bunyip Bulls Basketball Club

info@bunyipbullsbasketball.com.au

Garfield Bowling Club

garfieldbowlingclub@gmail.com - 0435 355 352

Tournament or Twilight Bowls – 0411 288 799

Longwarry Bowls Club

Trevor or Judy Eastwell – 03 5623 3631 / Ken White
– 03 5625 4034

Bunyip Bulls Cricket Club

A. Robb 0402 678 552 Ian McConnell 0419 400 630

Garfield Golf Club

Thirteen Mile Rd, Garfield – 03 5629 2794

Bunyip Football Club

Secretary 0422 335 660

bunyip.f.c@bigpond.com

Bunyip Junior Football Club

Shara McAuley (President) 0400 296 817

admin@bunyipjfc.com.au

Bunyip Netball Club

Lisa Visser 0408 396 251

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 Friday
9.30am at Bunyip Uniting Church)

Bunyip & District Soccer Club

Martin Jeric - 0418 104 242

Sorella Callisthenics Club

Samantha Holt 0421 424 079 sorellacc@hotmail.com

St Vincent De Paul Society

Assistance Line – 1800 305 330

Bunyip Tennis Club

Vanessa Kent – 0401 422 084

Bunyip Butterfly Dance

Mondays—Jen 0402 141 582

Bunyip Art Club

Judy Parker- 0429 892 533 St Thomas Hall Tues 1-4pm

Iona Cricket Club

Michael Neilson—0438 295 966