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Bunyip To Get Mural



Two Bunyip women have joined forces to raise funds to have a large mural painted on the west wall of Bunyip IGA with the purpose being to promote Bunyip with an interesting landmark and talking point. Davina Ann Thompson-Veenstra and Cherie Johnson have received the necessary approvals and have secured the services of Simon White, a very successful mural artist. The mural selected is a 1905 picture of Pearson & Company Hardware Seed and Grain Store which depicts an accurate era of early Bunyip.

"Wouldn't it be nice to have a point of interest where visitors to our town could view the mural, have a coffee, enjoy a meal, browse the shops and spend a lovely day in Bunyip. Murals add colour to building walls and streets that would otherwise go unnoticed, a treat for locals and tourists alike. Murals can attract new local businesses, help bring in new customers, and boost the economy of an area", Davina said

"This project can be the start of something great. If you feel this too please support our fundraiser and let's get Bunyip happening." More pictures and information inside.

Turn to page 9 for more details of this exciting project and contacts for donations. See our new office holders at Bunyip Fire Brigade on page 3.



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New Office Holders At Bunyip Fire Brigade

Recently Bunyip Fire Brigade held our bi-annual elections, many thanks to the Brigade Management Team and Brigade Members for their support and dedication over the last two years. The new BMT will commence on the 1st of July with the following elected positions;

Captain – Jason B 1st Lieutenant – Steve M 2nd Lieutenant – Steve P 3rd Lieutenant – Simon S 4th Lieutenant – Russell P 5th Lieutenant - Kevin Secretary – Tracey E Treasurer – Chris K Communications Officer- Shane W Community Safety & Education - Simon S Health and Safety Coordinator– John V VFBV Representatives – Kevin D & Amy B FEM - Russell P Group Region Delegates - Steve P & Wayne R



Pictured Left to Right -

5th Lieutenant - Kevin 4th Lieutenant - Russell P 3rd Lieutenant - Simon S 2nd Lieutenant - Steve P 1st Lieutenant - Steve M Captain - Jason B

Easy ways to protect your home:

- Check your smoke alarm.
- Check it is free of dust and cobwebs.
- □ Check it beeps and has a 10-year lithium battery.
- □ If the unit is older than 10 years, it's time to replace it.

Keep your home safe this winter by checking your chimney: Use a torch to check for creosote build-up or obstructions like bird nests.

□ Have your chimney professionally cleaned annually.





Local Member Addresses Victorian Parliament About Local Lockdown Restrictions.

The following text was taken from Hansard after an address to the Legislative Assembly on the 10th of June by Member for Narracan Gary Blackwood. I think we can all relate to this !

"I again raise the issue of rural towns in my electorate being subject to metro Melbourne directions during lockdown. I am talking about the towns of Bunyip, Tynong, Garfield and Nar Nar Goon and surrounding areas, and I know there are many other communities affected in this way. We had the crazy situation last weekend where students from these towns could attend schools in Drouin last Friday but were not permitted to travel beyond Cardinia shire to play junior sport last Saturday. In fact a number of clubs were impacted so much that their games had to be cancelled. This is at a time when the impact on children is really beginning to affect their mental health after having to battle through a complete season of no winter sport last year. There is no infection in regional Victoria, so why would you continue to hurt people that are being locked down for no logical reason other than a line on a map chosen by some faceless bureaucrat and endorsed by a minister who probably does not even know where these towns are and does not care? I know it is very hard and has been extremely difficult for the people of Melbourne, but why should we keep hurting people and businesses with lockdowns that are absolutely unnecessary in rural areas? To make matters worse, tonight's easing of restrictions still does not relieve the pain of most of these towns. The 25-kilometre rule still plays havoc with the area they can access to their east. The problem is this Andrews-Merlino government does not trust their own systems, so they do not trust Victorians, and therefore Victorians suffer more than they should. It is just not good enough. "

Bubble Tea – What is it?

By Roman Kulkewycz



When "Staddy's Donuts" came to the Bunyip Community Market on Sunday the 27th June, the delicious jam filled hot donuts were as they say "flying off the shelf" by their popularity. However there were quiet murmurings as to what was this "Bubble Tea" which was colourfully advertised on the back of the van. Bubble tea is a tea-based drink that originated in Taiwan in the early 1980s. It most

commonly consists of tea accompanied by chewy tapioca balls, but it can be made with

other toppings as well. There is a common misconception that the name "bubble tea" refers to the appearance of the pearls, but it originates from the appearance of bubbles in the milk and tea blend after it is removed from the shaking machine.

It's the "in" new drink.

Staddy's Donuts van will be at the Bunyip Community Market this month on Sunday the 25th July. Come on down and get your hot donuts for morning



tea and while you're there, why not try this new drink sensation, Bubble Tea.

Bunyip Police Report

by Sergeant Danny Hower

Hello, I hope everyone is well.

The year is flying for us again. Every time we think we might achieve a longer-term commitment someone or something else seems to take priority. I'll keep apologising for that, but I'd like you to know we are committed to looking after everyone as best we can.

You may not have found us at the police station very often in the last few years due to changing expectations and operational conditions, but we're still around the local area working all sorts of hours among the communities somewhere - RACV style.

New Victoria Police phone numbers and electronic systems have been in place to hopefully allow you to get a message to us. We hope that is working and encourage you to please report anything that is unusual to you.

As general duties uniform police we attend and deal with jobs all day and night. Because we're out on the road most of the time these jobs are transmitted to us by a radio voice that chatters away and tries to help us 24/7. The way a job normally starts and gets to us on the road is generally with a phone call from a person in need. It then goes through our communications system, undergoing transformation, deciphering and prioritisation by many other people and background checks. It is eventually converted into something that our communications person thinks that we 'on road' technicians can interpret. Sound simple?

Once we receive the job 'on the road' we try to translate it into mechanic language, which can often occur by ringing or talking to the original complainant.... We then try to determine things like why and how long the problem has been running the way it is, and what we can do to help fix the problem. Sometimes this involves repairs out on the road; &/or booking it in for later repairs; Or taking it to the workshop straight away for immediate repairs; Or even getting specialists out either straight away or later on to try to fix the problem.

Like any occupation, it's sometimes hard to explain to others outside the field what, why or how we got to the conclusion or the result we did in a very short space of time. Plenty of people try to understand and think they do, but that's another story.

As a mechanic, I can't recall telling a builder or plumber how to do their job better. I also know most experienced tradespeople and professionals will recommend that, if possible, you get whatever the item is regularly serviced and checked out before a breakdown occurs.

In our field - human life is the same. Hope I'm not just sounding like an old bloke.

Please keep looking out for family, checking in on isolated neighbours, and caring for our great communities and area. Everyone can do it and it really softens other's tougher times.

Please ring 000 for immediate emergency assistance and attendance - 131444 for any other police assistance or reporting. Or contact the station via below details.

Cheers

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The 2021 Breakout Ride...continued...



Last month I wrote about a recent trip (pre-lockdown!), that myself and 3 biking mates completed to central Australia. We called this our 'breakout ride'...given last year's Covid restrictions, lockdowns and border closures!

Between the four of us we had 2 Honda Africa Twins, a Triumph Tiger and my KTM 990 Adventure – a good stable of very capable machines.

The idea was to mostly 'wing it' but with one clear objective and that was to head north 'somewhere' and ride as much of the offroad gravel tracks as possible. By the end of the 2 weeks we would complete over 5,000 kms, two thirds of which was on gravel/dirt/sand tracks, crossing the borders of 4 states and several national parks and deserts.

After riding up through outback NSW, we reached Cameron Corner, which is little more than a general store/pub and 2 old fuel pumps, and situated at the intersection of the QLD, SA, NSW state borders. After a quick feed, and a fuel and water top up, we turned our focus to Innamincka. Heading directly west out of Camerons along the Merty Merty Track you can't help but feel you're on an endless roller coaster riding up and down some 200+ dunes... truly excellent fun on a big bike!

For where it is, in far north-eastern corner of SA, and in the middle of the Strzelecki Desert, Innamincka is a surprisingly civilised stop over. The Cooper Creek was flowing well over the causeway crossing, plenty of tall, mature gum trees, and there are excellent camping grounds just down the hill from the pub/general store. After camping overnight we packed up the bikes and headed off at sparrows-fart, some 400kms north along the sometimes very rough Cordillo Downs track to the QLD border, and then onto Birdsville.

We'd been to Birdsville 2 or 3 times before, but its always nice pulling up in front of the iconic old Birdsville Hotel, one of the true bucket-list destinations for any Aussie traveller. The Birdsville Bakery, across the fresh green grass of the town footy oval, is another must-see in town!

We decided on a rest day in Birdsville and took advantage to do some laundry, check the bikes over and just 'chill out' after several solid days of riding. The next morning would see us heading off early down the Birdsville Track a couple of hundred km's before stopping at the turnoff to Walkers Crossing, a little used 140 +km track that none of us had ridden previously. The track had been closed until literally the day before, and as we took off east along the track, the vastness of the red gibber desert was both exciting and daunting. The track wound through sands dunes, and large expanses of salt bush, but was for the most part firm gravel with the occasional deep sandy sections and washouts where recent rains had undermined the track.





found it dripping down the engine onto my left foot!

Signage is generally very good throughout much of central Australia but as we approached the Moomba gas fields, owned by Santos, signs were scarce with the exception of gas site pointers and new roads had been cut through the area for heavy vehicles making it very tricky to for us to navigate our way out and onto Innamincka for fuel. As far as I'm concerned Santos have a lot to answer for as travellers through these parts become lost and fuel becomes a very real concern.

Eventually, we managed to stumble our way out of the gas fields and found a 'backdoor' track to Innamincka. My KTM's fuel light had already come on but I was confident I could limp in with perhaps 40kms worth of fuel to spare... until...6kms out of Innamincka the bike suddenly cut out. I could smell fuel and

We emptied what fuel we had left into my bike and made the dash into town. As it turns out, and after 2 hours of pulling the bike apart, I found a pin-prick sized hole in the fuel line above the fuel pump. My problem now was where or how to get a new fuel line...out here?!?

Some of you may remember the old McGyver series on TV...basically about a guy who could fashion a nuclear missile out of a stick, 2 rubber bands and some chewing gum! I started to go into McGyver mode with respect to my fuel line, when thankfully only 30 minutes later a bunch of young guys who we'd been having beers with in Birdsville the night before pulled up and to my absolute surprise, they happened to have about a meter of spare fuel line, exactly the size and diameter that I needed! Someone was looking down on me...again... and I replaced the line, took the bike for a test run and all was good with my world again!



From there we heading south down the Strzelecki Track towards Arkaroola in the Flinders Ranges. Suffice to say that if given the choice, avoid the Strzelecki wherever possible – it carries plenty of long road trains and other heavy vehicles, and to get stuck behind one of these is to inhale your body weight in dust! Not to mention the relentless corrugations that quite literally shook one of my dental fillings out!

In next month's issue I'll continue with the last stretch of our 'Breakout ride' through the spectacular Flinders Ranges, western Victoria and home.

Until next month, stay safe....cheers Author: Rob Chilinski, Garfield Email: garfieldchilidog@gmail.com

Bunyip Welcomes Back Market By Roman Kulkewycz

Stall holders and locals were pleased to return to the Bunyip Community Market on Sunday 27th June after Covid-19 restrictions forced the monthly market to be cancelled in May. The market was not able to be help on many occasions during 2020 due to restrictions.

Many locals came down to try the delicious hot jam donuts and the Bubble Tea. Bubble tea is a teabased drink that originated in Taiwan in the early 1980s. It most commonly consists of tea accompanied by chewy tapioca balls, but it can be made with other toppings as well. There is a common misconception that the name "bubble tea" refers to the appearance of the pearls, but it originates from the appearance of bubbles in the milk and tea blend after it is removed from the shaking machine.



Joy Monssen of Bunyip gets ready to tuck into the hot food while fundraising for a wonderful Bunyip initiative, to paint a huge mural in the town is Cherie Johnson at Bunyip Community Market.

TALKIN' ... FISHIN' A Look at upgrading

Many of us love our favourite gear we've had for years that still works well and catches fish sometimes more than others for some strange reason, that 'X' factor called luck! Advancements in technology though gives us a whole different advantage, improvements over the years in graphite, bearings and reduced friction guides, Boat electronics all have also come a long way in their smart chips and ease of use. It may be time to consider an upgrade to delight in these enhancements. I'm not saying you should replace that trusty old favourite but an addition to the family would be welcome. Seeing as tax time and a possible refund is on the cards, EOFY sales are in our face in all forms of media tempting us with all sorts of great deals, so why not tackle the best offers. Even if it's only 1 part of your gear that you upgrade think of your comfort or precision engineering. Whether its Rod or Reel, even tackle or lines, there is pleasure in fishing with the best and latest gear that will last you for many years. Read up, review and do your research on what you're after, don't just take the word of the salesperson who has a particular brand to push. Have a set idea in your mind what you're after and stick to it. Ask the hard questions like technical advantages and especially the warranty conditions, limits and spare parts availability. Don't be swayed by flash, bells and whistles, some of the dullest looking products are the most reliable. Stick with reputable long trusted companies, like Penn, Diawa, Loomis, Sage, Maxima and Mustad Hooks etc. that stand by their products. I hope the Tax-Man is kind to you and you get to treat yourself to the next generation of gear. As my mate says, "you only live once".

Winter is the Salmon season and the surf's up! Let's get out while we still can, who cares about the cold. Consider more than just baiting up, take along a smaller rod of 2.7m-3.0m set up for spinning, a light and fast action rod. This will give you a break between handling a baited heavy surf rod, if that's what you use. Add to the arsenal surf poppers and flashy chrome lures those that leave a following air bubble trail, or add a short piece of plastic tubing on the line above the lure that trap air and bubble up, like a breathing bait fish. Rig up with heavier mono or thin wire trace if need be. A single paternoster rig with a salmon fly or soft plastic hanging off the side with the lure on a snap swivel below chasing, this will fool most fish into thinking it's missing out on a meal. I've used this method for many years with great success. Good Luck!



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Bunyip To Get Mural - (continued from page 1) Above - Davina Veenstra (Left) and Cherie Johnson In front of the wall where the mural is proposed to go. Below - An artists impression of what the finished product will look like. If you would like to know more about how you can help with this project contact Davina Veenstra 0420 372 998 or Cherie Johnson 0419 562 910 of Bunyip Social Hub.





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Ready, Set, Play in Longwarry and Yarragon

New playgrounds in Longwarry and Yarragon are ready for play these school holidays after receiving their final tick of approval.

Families are invited to explore Longwarry's upgraded and expanded Memorial Park playground, which now features a double slide for bigger kids, a junior slide for little ones and climbing nets, climbing bars, two swings, nest swing and a nature play area.

Yarragon's new Howard Park playground boasts three slides, monkey bars, spider climbing net and a rock-climbing feature wall. The existing shade sails have also been replaced.

Both playground designs were shaped by community feedback received in late 2020, including the playground experts at Schools and Kindergartens.

The renewals were completed under the Playground Equipment Renewal Program, part of Council's <u>\$32.2 million budget for infrastructure works</u> this financial year.

Playgrounds set for a makeover next financial year include:

- Kiah Park, Warragul
- Burke Street Netball courts, Warragul
- Bloye Park, Drouin
- Hackett Park, Longwarry

Local families will have opportunity to have their say and shape the design of the playgrounds.

The Playground Equipment Renewal Program is in addition to this year's \$1.48 million upgrade of Civic Park, Drouin, which is now open to the public.

Quotes attributable to Mayor Cr Danny Goss:

"Council is proactively renewing its playgrounds to ensure that every Baw Baw Shire family has access to an engaging, safe, and most importantly, fun space to play."





STOP HANSON'S BUNYIP NORTH QUARRY

WWW.STOPTHEBUNYIPNORTHQUARRY.COM or FIND US ON FACEBOOK

MEGA QUARRY THREATENS YOUR FUTURE NOW: HELP STOP IT NOW.

Dear residents,

Hanson Construction Materials (Heidelberg Cement, Germany), has indicated that they will complete their Environmental Effects Statement (EES) by April 2021. The EES details their quarry plans and how they say their operation will affect the area.

From April, the EES will be available for public review and all parties, including residents, are invited to examine the EES and make submissions indicating concerns and objections that they have regarding the Hanson plans and its effects on the area.

It is vital that all residents take part in this process. Once the EES is released, residents will only have up to 30 business days to review documentation and make submissions. The EES and its related submissions are what Planning Minister Richard Wynne MP uses to form his decision on whether or not the proposed project is approved or rejected.

The Mount Cannibal and District Preservation Group (MCADPG) is also preparing to oppose the quarry; however, we need your support to succeed against this well-funded, international corporation.

These types of project proposals have been defeated in the past and can be defeated in the future if it is clearly shown to the Minister for Planning that they:

- are being proposed in an inappropriate location,
- do not have a social licence to operate,
- · would do more environmental and social harm than good,
- lack merit, i.e., would bring nothing of value to community and surrounds in which they propose to operate.

For the past 15 years Hanson has lacked community engagement, refused to answer key question and has failed to work with all stakeholders. While we may dislike Hanson for their ethics and morality, it is this project's lack of merit that will ensure the rejection of their proposal.

The MCADPG have been reviewing Hanson's referral documentation that formed part of their submission to the Minister for Planning in 2013. These studies were commissioned by Hanson and performed by their appointed specialists who expressed a number of concerns about the project. It is from these documents that we know:

Hanson Construction Materials is proposing to extract 2 million tones of granite every year from a new Bunyip North site bigger than the Melbourne CBD for a period of 70-100 years. At full production, the quarry would require 7-10 people on site and would see 550 truck movements on local roads/Princes Highway daily. Hanson/Vic Roads do not have plans to upgrade the roads at this time. Hanson has admitted to many social impacts including dust and noise emissions, ground vibrations, air blasts, road damage and alteration of landscape. Hanson wants to remove 100+ acres of native vegetation, and their operation plans to flatten 3 hills with a pit 160 meters below ground level.

The scope within which the EES has been developed is narrow and it has been undertaken without direct community involvement. It is therefore up to us to now loudly and clearly point out where the issues are with this proposal and the damage that the project would inflict.

We ask all residents to now review Hanson's 2013 EES Referral Report (available on our website) and begin drafting individual concerns and objections to this proposal. If you require assistance in lodging your submission, or you would like to discuss things with a member of the MCADPG committee, please do not hesitate to reach out to us via the contact details below.

Kind regards, Mount Cannibal and District Preservation Group.

More information:

- www.stopthebunyipnorthquarry.com or find us on Facebook and Instagram
- EES information: <u>www.planning.vic.gov.au</u>
- For a copy of Hanson's 2013 EES Referral Report, or to discuss other elements of the EES, please contact the MCADPG secretary via email: davidbywater1951@gmail.com

EPA lays charges for illegal waste storage, operating without a license, and notice contraventions.

Environment Protection Authority Victoria (EPA) has laid 14 charges against an individual under the *Environment Protection Act 1970* following a comprehensive investigation into the storage of industrial waste and asbestos on a premises at Garfield.

The charges allege that the individual:

• dumped, deposited, discarded, or abandoned asbestos and construction and demolition waste at a place not licensed to accept it;

• was the occupier of a scheduled premises at which waste, including asbestos and construction and demolition waste, was deposited without a licence;

• was the occupier of a scheduled premises at which waste, including asbestos and construction and demolition waste, was stored, contained, disposed of or handled without a licence;

 was the occupier of a premises who made those premises a scheduled premises without a works approval, a research development and demonstration approval or a notice issued by the Authority;

• contravened the requirements of a clean up notice issued by EPA Victoria that required identification and removal of all asbestos and asbestos-containing waste at the premises, removal of all industrial waste from the premises engaging an independent person to conduct an inspection of the premises and issue a clearance certificate; and

• contravened reporting requirements of a clean up notice issued by EPA Victoria that required a plan for safe removal of the asbestos and asbestos-containing waste from the premises and reports detailing how clean-up and ongoing management of the premises would be achieved and had been achieved.

The charges relate to criminal offences under sections 19, 27, 27A and 62A of the *Environment Protection Act 1970*.

EPA guidelines regarding how to appropriately store and dispose of industrial waste are available at <u>www.epa.vic.gov.au</u>

As the matter is now before the courts EPA will be making no further comment.



New strategy for better, more accessible public toilets

Cardinia Shire Council adopted a Public Toilet Strategy at last night's council meeting. The Public Toilet Strategy sets the framework for more accessible toilets throughout the shire. The new strategy will also focus on gender-neutral toilets and incorporating the use of The Master Locksmiths Access Key System, allowing people with a disability to access dedicated public toilets at any time.

The following four goals have been identified to support and achieve the new strategy:

- All public toilets shall be maintained and cleaned to a set standard that will meet Council, community and visitor expectations.
- All existing public toilets shall be progressively updated through a planned and ongoing approach, to meet and sustain required regulatory and accessibility requirements.
- New public toilets, or where public toilets are replaced, shall be designed to meet community expectations, including giving consideration to Changing Places facilities.
- New public toilets shall be provided in accordance with the requirements of the Open Space Management Framework.

Public toilet works for new or improved facilities will be outlined in line with the Public Toilet Strategy and Council's Annual Capital Improvement Plan.

A report was presented to Council on the need to develop a Public Toilet Strategy for public toilets located in the Shire's public spaces, recreational areas and business locations.

The community was provided with the opportunity to provide input into the development of the Public Toilet Strategy.

For more about the Public Toilet Strategy, visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/publictoiletstrategy

Cardinia Shire Council signs on to VECO, Australia's largest-ever emissions reduction project by local government.

Council is proud to be one of forty-six Victorian councils to sign on to the Victorian Energy Collaboration (VECO), the largest ever emissions reduction project by local government in Australia.

The bulk of Cardinia Shire Council's buildings and facilities, including streetlights, will begin to be transitioned to the renewable energy procurement project from July 1 2022, following the conclusion of its current energy contract.

Cardinia Shire Mayor Councillor Brett Owen said that council was proud to join the VECO initiative which supports council's commitment to reducing the impacts of climate change.

"In 2019, Council declared a climate emergency and we continue to recognise that we must work together to take action.

"Council is committed to showing leadership on climate change and we understand that our actions have an influence on our environment.

"By joining the VECO project we believe we can make this influence more positive through the use of renewable energy," Cr Owen said.

Through VECO, which is led by Darebin City Council, participating councils will be provided with 100% renewable energy.

Once all councils are on board, 45% of Victorian council electricity will be sourced from wind energy, reducing a combined total of greenhouse emissions by 260,000 tonnes of C02-e every year - equivalent to powering 48,000 homes or taking 90,000 cars off the road annually.

For more information about the Victorian Energy Collaboration (VECO), visit veco.org.au

Key strategies adopted by Council

Four key strategic documents that will help guide the future of our shire were adopted by Council at last night's Council meeting.

The strategies were adopted following three rounds of an extensive, seven-month community consultation process known as Imagine Cardinia. More than 1,600 contributions were received as part of the community engagement activities and contributed towards the development of the:

Council Plan 2021–25, incorporating the Community Vision 2040

Council Budget 2021–25

Financial Plan 2021-31

Revenue and Rating Plan 2021–25

Cardinia Shire Mayor Cr Brett Owen thanked the community for their input towards Imagining Cardinia. "I'd like to extend a huge thank you to our community and the Imagine Cardinia People's Panel for their input and for helping to shape the future of their shire," Mayor Owen said. "We're proud that these four key plans will guide our strategic direction over the coming years and set us up to respond to long-term challenges and opportunities." Mayor Owen said the budget, financial plan, and revenue and rating plan would enable Council to continue to meet community needs and deliver on the Council Plan priorities. "I'm proud of the commitment we've made in our budget to deliver a number of major projects across the shire, with funding in 2021-22 including \$3.2m for the Officer District Park civil and building master plan, \$4.2m for our new youth centre, \$4.3m for the Timbertop Early Learning Centre, \$4.1m for the Rix Road Early Learning Centre, and \$1.2m for the IYU Recreation Reserve Athletics Facility," he said.

Mayor Owen said the Council Plan 2021–25 included the Community Vision 2040, which highlights the long-term aspirations of the community and was developed by the Imagine Cardinia People's Panel of community members. "The contributions and input received as part of the community engagement process helped shape the community vision, which in turn guided the development of the Council Plan," Mayor Owen said. "We'll deliver on our vision by focusing our efforts on our Council Plan priorities to foster strong communities, liveable places, thriving environments and prosperous economies, and to be responsible leaders."

Mayor Owen said the Council Budget 2021–25 includes a significant capital works program of \$98 million for 2021–22 and almost \$319 million earmarked for capital works between 2021–25. "Our budget, financial plan and revenue and rating plan reflect our commitment to responsible financial management while continuing to deliver vital community services and infrastructure to our community," he said. "Highlights of our capital works program for 2021-22 include \$50 million for roads, drains, footpaths, off-street car parks and other infrastructure, more than \$36 million to construct and upgrade buildings such as sporting pavilions, and more than \$12 million for infrastructure works including recreation, leisure and community facilities and parks, open spaces and streetscapes. "We've also maintained a strong commitment to community services such as libraries, maternal and child health, safe and inclusive communities, and youth services."I'm proud that we will be able to deliver all of this while keeping to the Victorian Government's rate cap of 1.5 per cent." Mayor Owen said Council looked forward to delivering on these four key plans and continuing to support the needs of the community. "We're truly thankful to the People's Panel and everyone who provided input throughout the engagement process. "These plans will ensure we continue to deliver the right services, facilities and infrastructure to our diverse community with its blend of ages, abilities and cultural backgrounds. "Through these plans, we aim to build a shire that remains a great place to live, work and play well into the future." For more info and to view the documents: www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/budgetandcouncilplan

Supporting young people to participate in our democracy

The Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) is excited to launch its Young People Inclusion Plan for 2021-2023, strengthening its commitment to support young people to be active citizens and exercise a life-long engagement with democracy. The Young People Inclusion Plan (the Plan) is the VEC's commitment to supporting the voices of young people in the democratic system. The Plan has been developed following consultation with young people, our partner organisations from the youth sector, a review of research into young people's electoral engagement and input from our staff. At the 2018 Victorian State election, voter turnout for enrolled 18-year-olds was 90.36%; but the figures show a sharp decline in participation following that first voting experience, with only 85.79% of 20-to-24-year-olds and 83.7% of 25-to-29-year-olds voting. Electoral Commissioner Warwick Gately launched the Plan today and thanked those involved in the process for their contribution and advice. 'I'd like to acknowledge the input of our partner organisations, including the VicSRC, YMCA Victoria and the Victorian Youth Congress, along with young people and our staff who all gave their time and expertise' Mr Gately said.'The VEC has a strong history of supporting the engagement of young people in the democratic process and this plan allows us to continue building on this history,' Mr Gately said. The Plan is available to download from the VEC's website .

Ageing Well Newsletter edition 9 out now!

The ninth edition of Council's Ageing Well newsletter is out now.

Ageing Well highlights a range of services and exciting opportunities for seniors to stay healthy and connected in Cardinia Shire.

Three thousand copies have been distributed to more than twenty-five locations across the shire, including the Cardinia Shire Council Civic Centre and Cardinia Cultural Centre, as well as a number of neighborhood houses and libraries. This latest edition includes information on:

- Planning to retire well
- Tips for discounts and savings
- Mature-age job seekers
- World elder abuse awareness day
- Ageing well in a changing world
- Health checks
- The simple pleasures of grandparenting
-and much more!

The newsletter can be read online at www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/ageingwell

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For more information about Ageing Well, visit Council's website at www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/ ageingwell or call the Ageing Well team on 1300 787 624.

We need you: VEC looks to recruit 100 Senior Election Officials

While many Victorians may not have heard of towns like Donald, Ouyen and Cohuna, they and several other regional localities are the centre of a new campaign to recruit Senior Election Officials for Victorian State and local council elections. The Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) is recruiting up to 100 would be leaders from all walks of life to train as Election Managers and Assistant Election Managers during major election events.

Janine Taylor, a beef farmer, business owner, mum and Senior Election Official, features in a video promoting the campaign, reflecting on how her experience managing a farm paralleled the work of running an election. 'Farming usually can't wait – managing cows, managing the grass to feed the cows, there's lots of elements involved,' Ms Taylor said. After some encouragement from her local Senior Election Official, Ms Taylor was persuaded to apply to join the ranks. 'When I started in an election office [as a casual election worker] you're sitting there going 'Look at what they're doing, running here, there and everywhere, managing this, managing that' I was really encouraged to give it a go, because they thought I could do it – and it's the best thing I've ever done.'

Not to be confused with Voting Centre Managers, Senior Election Officials are responsible for coordinating elections for entire districts or councils, working for months at a time during election periods.

With the State election set to take place in November 2022, the recruitment campaign is targeting both outer Melbourne metropolitan areas as well as Northern and Western Victorian regions.

Electoral Commissioner Warwick Gately said that while managing elections could be challenging and unpredictable, it was also a rewarding experience, with many current Senior Election Officials sticking with the job for over 20 years.

'If you're a business owner, if you're retired or semi-retired, if you're a parent, if you're an artist, or a coach of the local footy club – we want to hear from you,' Mr Gately said. 'You don't need previous election experience. It's all about the skills and life experience you can bring to the role – if you're organised, hands on, and most importantly bring a positive attitude, that's what we're looking for.'

Applications are open until Friday 16 July 2021, at careers.vic.gov.au/job/senior-election-officials-542154

Garfield Community Garden

Courtesy of Food to Share an Enliven community initiative



Winter is a slower time of year in the garden, however there are still many plant additions and garden maintenance to keep you busy!

Use this time to improve your soil by topping up the compost in your garden beds. Read our '<u>Introduction to Composting</u>' blog to learn more.

Vegetable seedlings to plant in July:

- Bok Choy
- Onion
- Lettuce
- Peas

- Herb seedlings to plant in July:
 - Coriander
 - Parsley
 - Oregano
 - Thyme



BRAG - Bunyip Renewables Action Group

PLASTIC FREE JULY: Reduce single use plastic

Join millions of others around the world to reduce single-use plastic waste during July.

Have you cut the TOP 4 plastics out of your life yet?

- * Plastic bags (including produce bags)
- * Single use water bottles
- * Takeaway coffee cups
- * Straws

All of these items can be easily replaced with reusable options!

If you're ready for a bigger challenge, try making these changes:

* Avoid plastic trays and packaging used for meat, fish and deli items by taking your own reusable container along when you go to the deli or butcher.

* Opt for fresh bread and baked goods that are yet to be packaged, supply your own bag or ask for a paper one

- * Swap liquid soap for bar soaps. Shampoo and conditioner bars are also available
- * Invest in good quality lunchbox and reduce individually wrapped items.
- * Try using beeswax wraps instead of plastic food wrap
- * Ask your local takeaway store if they will accept your reusable container

For more ideas, tips and to join the challenge visit Plastic Free July

All things reusable workshop

As part of Plastic Free July we are focusing on reusable alternatives to everyday items. In this FREE workshop Elana from Cloth Nappy Workshops Melbourne will show you the reusable alternatives to everyday household items such as paper towel, makeup wipes, shopping and produce bags, nappies, menstrual products and more.

This workshop is perfect for those starting out on their zero?waste journey or just looking to save money and reduce their household waste. When it comes to reducing your environmental impact, reusable items are better than compostable, biodegradable and recyclable products in so many ways.

Thursday 8 July 7.30pm-8.30pm (online webinar)

Saturday 10 July 10.30am-11.30am - Emerald Library (in person event*)

For more details and to book, visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/wasteworkshops

Zero waste cooking workshop:

In this FREE zero-waste cooking workshop you will learn about the impacts of food waste on the environment and tips to help you save money on grocery bills and waste less food.

Led by an experienced Open Table facilitator, participants will learn how to make a zero-waste recipe, gain valuable tips and tricks for effective meal planning and proper food storage and receive recipes and resources to continue their zero-waste journey.

Be sure to book early as there are limited spaces available

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Cultural Heritage at **Bunyip Sanctuary**

By Susan Anderson - Bunvip Landcare Group

On a chilly and showery day in April, Bunyip Landcare Group members had an introduction to Cultural Heritage with the Bunurong Land Council.

The event was held at Bunyip Sanctuary with Covid19 precautions. Bunyip Sanctuary contains small pockets of remnant vegetation that was typical of swampy areas before settlement.

Members were welcomed to country by Uncle Shane Clarke and were invited to cleanse themselves in a smoking ceremony. A stroll to Tea Tree Creek gave members the opportunity to interact with Uncle Shane and with Steven Pepper, and to learn about how First Nations people lived in the landscape.



Steven Pepper from the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation with Bunyip Landcare members.

After the walk Steven talked about the importance of artefacts, and to help members identify them in the landscape and on their properties passed around several items, including flints and axe heads.

The discussions continued during lunch with Shane and Steven being very generous with their time and knowledge sharing.

Apart from Bunyip Landcare members gaining a better understanding of First Nations people, there was an unexpected positive result of the event. On being told details of the axe heads, a relative of one of our members recalled finding similar artefacts and being unsure of what to do with them. They were duly handed to the Bunurong Land Council to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Feedback from Landcare members and friends has been very positive, and Bunyip Landcare is hoping to build on this event to increase our knowledge and understanding on an annual basis. This event was supported by -





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By Roman Kulkewycz

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Sunday July 4	9.00am	Garfield Uniting Church (13 Garfield Rd.)
Sunday July 11	9.00am	Longwarry Union Church (9 Drouin Rd.)
Thursday July 15	3.00pm	Hillview Aged Care Bunyip (22 A'Beckett Rd.)
Sunday July 18	9.00am	Bunyip Uniting Church (9 Nash Rd.)
Sunday July 25	9.00am	Garfield Uniting Church (13 Garfield Rd.)
Sunday August 1	9.00am	Longwarry Union Church (9 Drouin Rd.)

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Ecumenical Prayer Group. Monday 8.00am at 'The Crossing' 134a Princes Way. Phone 5625 2655. **Camera Club.** The first and third Mondays 3.00pm at the Bunyip Church Hall. Phone Margaret on 5629 2318. **Welcome to the Well.** The first and third Mondays 7.00pm at Drouin. Phone Stuart 5625 3202. **Craft and Friendship Group.** Tuesday 10.00am at the Garfield Church Hall (not during school holidays). Phone Robyn 5629 5541. **Meditation Group.** Thursdays 11.00am – 12.00noon at Bunyip. Phone Fred on 0439 247 253. **Adult Fellowship (UCAF).** Monthly on the second Thursday 6.00pm at the Bunyip Church Hall. Phone Margaret on 5629 2318.



Bunyip Anglican Church - St Thomas on A'Beckett Road

Sunday eucharist at 9.30 am Wednesday service 11.45 a.m. Hillview service 11 a.m. Second Friday of each month Priest Ken Parker 59761634

Our remembrance of Shirley and Walter Koschade finally happened on Sunday 27th.June and was a moving occasion. Walter was Bunyip's doctor for 30 years and more and Shirley lived here until just a year ago. She gave a life- time of service to this community. We honour them both.

SUNDAY 4th.July at 11 a.m. our postponed BONFIRE to mark mid-Winter then our BISHOP, Richard, will talk about what fires him up. We shall share the eucharist and then a BOX lunch in the hall. Join us for a Bonfire, a Bishop and a Box lunch!

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 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 Bunyip Social Hub Contact Davina 0420 372 998 bunyipsocialhub@gmail.com Drouin and District Chess Club meets 7pm every

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.

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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

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