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## “Clos des Vignes” “*Small Plot of Grapevines*”

By Roman Kulkewycz



**Bunyip once boasted at least four hobby vineyards, but the only one still operating today in the town is “Clos des Vignes” The owners Jean-Pierre and Beryl Gorry are a very welcoming couple who love “everything of the land”. This is their inspiring story**

'Clos des Vignes' is a small hobby vineyard owned by a delightfully energetic, loving couple. Jean-Pierre, aged 79 and Beryl 77 have been happily married for fifty-four years, have three married children and seven grandchildren. Thirty-one years ago, in 1989 the family cleared their newly purchased two acres and as Owner Builders, started construction of their family home. subcontracting to local tradespeople and using local suppliers. Jean-Pierre was working as Departmental Manager and Administrator of the Microbiology, Immunology Department at

Melbourne University, travelling by train and tram each day. Beryl, a Clerical Officer moved from the workforce in 2000 to start her own business of In Home Family Day Care. Both are now fully retired.

In 1995 they planted 290 grape vines of assorted varieties. Each row is clearly marked to indicate which wine will be produced. Having a good friend in Dr. Mary Cole whose viticultural advice is always welcome, ensures Jean Pierre keeps the vines healthy. Well drained soil, and looking out for fungal infection is important. Bird Attack can be disastrous. Nets are required to protect the vines as soon as ripening starts.

Clos des Vignes produces between 250 and 300 bottles of wine each year. The wine making process includes picking the grapes, then crushing, destemming, and pressing the juice, and is a family affair. Tall grandchildren really make life easier and the family eat heartily of foods prepared for the occasion.

Jean Pierre was born in the centre of the Bordeaux region in France acclaimed as one of the best wine producing places of the world. His grandfather grew grapes at home and made wine for his family. Jean-Pierre's cousin and her husband own a large, highly renowned vineyard in St.Emillion, Bordeaux, France, where she and her family produce some of the best wines in France. Why did Jean-Pierre and Beryl choose Bunyip as their home? Beryl said it was the village atmosphere, easy access to public transport, peace and quiet, and good friends and neighbors. "We couldn't have chosen a better place to live", she said.



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## **‘Circuit breaker’ lockdown creating havoc with local businesses:**

### **Murphy’s Takes a Stand**

By Tyson Huston

Like many other small businesses in the area, the news of the impending lockdown came with its fair share of dismay to the team at Murphy’s. As a business which opened during Covid, the few brief months of regular trading afforded to us in late 2020 came to an end all too soon. As a team, we scrambled to re-establish systems which would allow the Nursery to continue to trade in some way. In the midst of this, and in light of the leaked documentation alleging the lockdown would continue longer than had been disclosed to the public, Tyson Huston decided that enough was enough and the time had come to voice his concerns and frustrations regarding the repercussions of the lockdown; not just for his own business, but for the countless other local businesses, all of which were gearing up for one of the biggest weekends of trading since Lockdown 2.0.

Although Tyson does not take sides in politics, the mismanagement of hotel quarantine and questionable decisions made by the ‘powers that be’, the refusal of the Andrews’ Government to take responsibility for the current debacle and subsequent financial distress this has caused small business owners state-wide to endure yet again has prompted this action on our part to take a stand and be a voice for all small business owners. There is only so much financial distress and hardship that a business can endure; and if we don’t speak up now, it might be too late to save some of our local gems.

This virus is real and it isn’t going away; but snap lockdowns every time a threat arises are not a sustainable solution to the issue at hand. So together, let’s learn to manage this thing and learn to live again. Please spend your money locally where possible, supporting the little guy over large corporations. You are helping a local family pay their staff, put food on their table or pay their kid’s school fees.

Don’t forget, Murphy’s will be offering contactless Click & Collect and deliveries during any lockdown.

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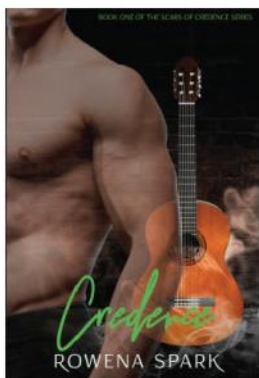
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# ROWENA SPARK

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*Rowena Spark weaves enthralling contemporary dark romances, where flawed characters navigate twists and challenges in the pursuit of love.*



### **CREDESCENCE**

**"You're hiding something, Rain, and I'm going to find it." Archer's eyes narrow to green slits before he turns for the door.**

*I shrug nonchalantly at his retreating form. I have nothing to hide.*

*Except a sudden chill reaches into my lungs, and in the darkest, foggiest corners of my soul there's a new, niggling feeling that perhaps I do...*

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*But now - years later - destiny isn't on his side, because in two weeks time, Brynn will marry Daryl, Kade's younger brother.*

Designed by White Clover Creative



## At Bunyip Market - ROWENA SPARK - Local Author

***Rowena Spark had her first stall at the Bunyip Community Market in January. She was delighted to be in Bunyip "I met so many wonderful people, other stall holders and the Bunyip community, too. I even sold a few books, but the value was in the connections I made".***

***Bunyip resident Cherie Johnson has read Rowena's first book and said she enjoyed the romance novel and is looking forward to reading Rowena's other books.***

Rowena Spark weaves captivating tales about the lengths people will go to for love. In her contemporary romance novels, Rowena's leading women are all strong and resilient, with as many flaws as the men they're destined to be with. Each tale is a roller coaster of hope and heartache with a few twists along the way to make their journey more rewarding.

South Gippsland's picturesque rolling hills are Rowena's inspiration for each story, with each set in quiet country towns or rural landscapes. Rowena and her husband live on their farm in the breathtaking, serene hills just out of Lang Lang with their crazy dog, Sausage.

Her first (and longest) romance, though, was with the written word. Whether they be found within the pages of a romance or horror novel, or writing poetry or prose, words became the air in her lungs. She spent every spare moment tucked in a corner with a book, or scrawling ideas with notebook and pen in hand.

It wasn't until 2019 when Rowena first decided to chase her dream, and the novel, *Her Whole Heart* came into existence. The characters filled her head, refusing to leave until their story was written. Before the last chapter was finished, a second story found life, and *Credence* was written. *Prudence* flowed in the same manner, and *Stealing Brynn* was completed as COVID-19 began to devastate the world.

Rowena's four novels were released in quick succession in mid to late 2020, and almost 600 copies have been sold worldwide so far.

Rowena Spark's novels are available online through the major eBook and paperback retailers.

Rowena Spark also has a stall at the next Bunyip Market where you can buy her novels for \$20 each. Signings are free.

Rowena loves to hear from her readers, so send her an email at [rowena@rowenaspark.com](mailto:rowena@rowenaspark.com), send a message through Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/rowena.spark.5>, or <https://www.facebook.com/RowenaSparkAuthor>  
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## TALKIN' ...FISHIN' ..... Is it really worth the shot?

In a previous part of my life I was a fishing rod builder and reel technician for some major companies, as such it amazes and annoys me to see rods and reels sacrificed, all for the sake of a photo opportunity.

Manufacturers go to great engineering lengths to supply us with the best of gear we demand to support our love of this sport, and for some operators it's their business. It's difficult to see this gear treated with such disregard by dumping it in all consistencies of watery depths. It puts lines, bearings and drag systems under conditions they were not designed to tolerate. Sand, grit and salt will find its way in, you can bet on that. Sealed drags, stainless bearings or not, they don't run well after that sort of treatment, and the repairs can be very expensive later down the track.

Rods, especially graphite can sustain hidden injuries when dropped on the rocks, to take that all important photo. This can occur in the form of cracks or chips damaging the blank that can lead to breakages. Even a weighted fly or lure cast poorly hitting the blank can cause similar small fractures leading to subsequent breakage, although not apparent to you immediately, but under heavy load when fighting your next big fish, that audible 'Snap' is something to lament.

If you're that keen on the perfect shot, take the time to photograph the main topic, that's you and your precious catch. Then add the additional shots of the valued gear used to land that magnificent trophy fish and your location views for those all-important memories. And what's up with the trend of rod and reel clenched in the teeth or positioned over the back of the neck, like a photo bomber that's afraid of not being in the pic, I just don't get it at all. If your tackle is precious enough to be worthy of a photo then take care of it. Treat your gear with some lovin'. I hated seeing quality gear abused and neglected, then customers expecting to present it for warranty repairs, clearly not under the guidelines of normal use.

I never knew what a Go-Pro was before, I sure do now, ("that's because you're old Dad!"). Seems every aspiring and budding fishing reporter and U-tube star has one strapped to their head, chest with one also at the front and/or rear of their watercraft and one on the end of a stick as well. Not a bit of action is missed, either in the water or on it, with constant commentary along with the action, perceived or real. Are we really that important? 'The Truman Show' has truly come to life for us all, under constant video surveillance or bombarded with the latest boring everyday footage. Give us all a break and just let us get on with our lives and you enjoy yours in silence please. As with others, I too like to be well informed, but talk about overkill, sure, save it for your mates, they'll either enjoy it with you or not, and give you their honest opinion, whether you like it or not, and as a bonus they'll keep your ego in check as well.

Well thanks all, glad to get that off my chest, too many Lockdowns I think! Get out there if you can.

Catcha, The TackleMan ®





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### **Dress to slide!**

Many years ago, shortly after the idea of getting my motorbike licence first entered my head, I attended a Rider Training course out at Kilsyth. I must admit that at first it was pretty intimidating, but money very well spent, for most of us were mere novices, all very eager to hit the open road, but with barely a clue between us! There were a number of valuable lessons learned that weekend when it came to riding a motorbike – turning, braking, slow-riding, clutch control etc, but one of the most stand-out lessons that still sticks with me to this day was about the gear you wear when riding a motorbike.

The rather charismatic instructor looked around the class, checking out our jackets and boots/shoes, and recognising that once again he had a bunch of hacks on deck, then asked us what we'd rather be wearing if we happen to come off the bike at 70km/h hurtling down the bitumen? The question was apparently met with a few blank looks – afterall, a few of us had gone to the trouble of donning our favourite Blundstone boots, and a couple even had fashionable leather jackets...albeit from the local Steven Datner outlet!

His point being that regardless of fashions, or convenience, or temperature, that we should always wear the best and most protective purpose-made motorbiking gear...and that we should "dress to slide, not just to ride"!

The instructor proceeded to explain that those Blundstones, with the elastic sides, for example may be a good work boot, with steel caps and easy to pull on and off, but are less than ideal should you happen to come off your bike and your foot is caught underneath while sliding down the road...not a pleasant thought. The elastic would allow the boot to be pulled off regardless of whether you have the steel-caped toe or not. Always wear strong, leather, purpose-made boots, with good ankle support and protection, "...and don't skimp on price!". All valuable advice even to this day.

Furthermore, it goes without saying that strong, durable jackets and pants are a must, regardless of the temperature or weather. There are so many good brands and materials out there I won't even try to comment one way or another, but in terms of comfort, believe me once you're moving and the wind is circulating around your body, you will forget about the heat. Its of course a different story once you stop, but the point being that good gear **MUST** be worn whenever you ride – that includes jacket, pants, boots, gloves and of course the helmet.

Murphy's Law will test you that first time you ditch the jacket for a t-shirt because its 38 degrees out!

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

## BUNYIP- GARFIELD PROBUS CLUB

In February our Club was able met with all the regulations in place.

It was great to see so many smiling faces after the lockdown that everyone had experienced. The minutes of the last meeting which was in February 20/ 20 was read to tweet our memories because of the time passed.

After morning tea one of our members continued his talk about his working life. He was a schoolteacher on and off then took on so many other jobs along the way all across Australia. His life was never boring that's for sure. We were amazed how he remembered all of it as some of us can't remember what we did yesterday. We then had lunch at the Drouin Hotel.

Later in the month we traveled across to Woori Yallock to visit the Rayner's Orchard. On arrival we were treated to a Devonshire Tea before boarding special trailer's to go around the Orchard on the Fruit Tasting Adventure Tour. Along the way our guide talked about how they managed all aspects of growing fruit. Like a lot of things on the land the weather plays a big part on the season. They grow a variety of fruit and we could eat as much as we liked along the way before they gave us bags so were able to pick our own fruit to take home. When we arrived back at the Peach Cafe it weighed so we then payed for it. For lunch we had an array of sandwiches but because we had eaten so much fruit I don't think anyone finished theirs. So the doggie bags appeared in many forms to which some of the leftover scones were added as the staff kindly gave them to us to share. They have been thorough tuff times since the very first lockdown like a lot of businesses as their main visitors were from overseas. They certainly welcomed us as were their first group that had been able to join them for tours. We wish them well.

Many thanks to the team who organised an enjoyable day.

Helen Peggie  
Publicity Officer'

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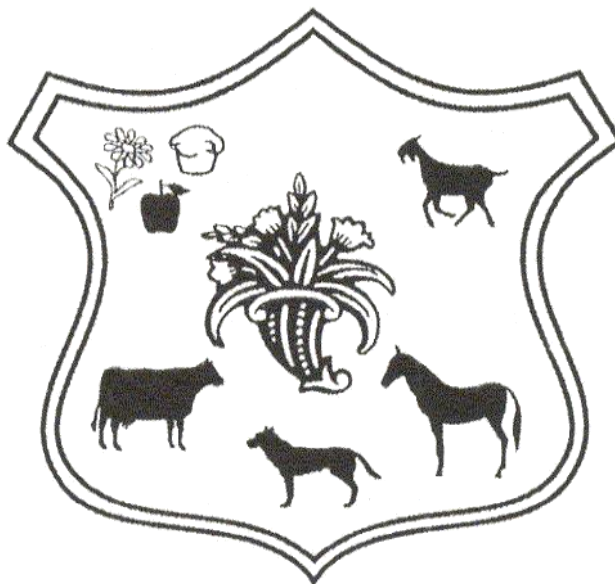
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Payments will be limited to one per eligible household. There is plenty of time to claim your bonus.

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The bonus will be paid into your nominated bank account within two to three weeks via electronic funds transfer.

If you are unable to complete the exercise online, you can contact Victorian Energy Compare on 1800 00 08 32 to ask for help.



BUNYIP AGRICULTURAL SHOW

THIS YEARS SHOW HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO LACK OF VOLUNTEERS TO IMPLEMENT THE TIGHT COVID REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS EVENT.

WE HOPE TO RETURN IN 2022 WITH A BIGGER AND BETTER SHOW.

WE WILL BE HOLDING AN ANIMAL CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW ONLY WITH NO PUBLIC ACCESS.



# Thermomix tips

By Chelsea McGill

Hi everyone,

Have our heard of Cookidoo? Cookidoo is our recipe platform that has over 64000 recipes. All of these recipes are available for guided cooking on the screen of your TM6 or on your TM5 cook-key. All the photos above are from Cookidoo. Excuse me while I wipe my drool !

One of the best bits of Cookidoo is the meal planner and shopping list function. Select your meals for the week, add them into which day you want to eat them, add to shopping list, mark off what ingredients you already have then click order online. This loads all of those ingredients into your Wooly's online cart ready for pick up or delivery. How great is that!

For you thermo owners - Here's a few of my favorite recipes from Cookidoo:

Sticky chicken, Creamy tomato salami fettuccine, Sour cream chicken enchiladas, Sous Vide rare beef steak, Beef cheek bourguignon, Un-fried rice, pizza Bianca, pulled pork brioche sliders with slaw, Sushi, Salmon with spiced ginger sauce, Cajun chicken schnitzels with slaw and salted caramel ice cream . I could go on all day, but I'll stop now!

You can sign up for a free 30 day trial at [www.cookidoo.com.au](http://www.cookidoo.com.au).

If you make one of these dishes, Jump over to my Facebook or insta (Mixing it real by Chelsea McGill) and let me know what you think!

See you next month.

Chelsea McGill

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# BRAG - Bunyip Renewables Action Group

## NEW SOLAR LAMP FOR BUNYIP

Let there be light! A new solar light in Koolangarra Park, Bunyip proudly funded and installed by Bunyip Renewables Action Group B.R.A.G for the enjoyment of park users and as a reminder of cleaner greener options when making electricity choices.

Bunyip Renewables Action Group Inc. is a newly formed, not for profit, group aimed at reducing the use of fossil fuel energy in the town of Bunyip and surrounding area.

For more information or to join contact Helen: email [bragbunyip@gmail.com](mailto:bragbunyip@gmail.com)

Or mobile 0411274025.



Pictured here are members of BRAG, Blair Tourk, Sue Anderson, Helen Ross, Tony Ross and park user Bec Camp.



Thank you to the 43 people who responded to our survey recently.

Here is a summary of the results:

- There is a 50 - 50 split of gas/electricity use
- Most people are unhappy with their existing energy choices
- Solar power is mainly installed to save money, but also to reduce carbon emissions
- Installation costs and the low feed in tariff are the most common deterrents
- Most people are interested in solar batteries
- Everyone supports cleaner energy options for Bunyip
- Most people would like more information about heat pump hot water and about community energy hubs.

# Destructive Quarry in Bunyip North Looms!

## Hanson's Quarry Plans for public exhibition from April 2021

Dear Residents,

A survey of local residents showed 100% opposition to a quarry in the proposed location. From 2006 when Hanson purchased land in the name of a pastoral company, Hanson has misled the community.

Mount Cannibal and District Preservation Group Inc. (MCADPG) is preparing to oppose the proposed quarry - your support is needed – **NOW MORE THAN EVER!**

### APRIL – MAY 2021 – EES Public Exhibition:

After the planning Minister has reviewed the EES, it is released for **public comment** for up to 30 business days. During this time, **the public can make written submissions** indicating concerns they have and any objections they wish to make regarding the proposed quarry.

- This is when

### WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER AND SUBMIT AS MANY SUBMISSIONS AS POSSIBLE

**AREAS OF CONCERN** - this mega-quarry proposal is ***bigger than Melbourne's CBD!***

**Traffic** - Upwards of 500 truck movements per day from quarry operations

**Employment** - no more than 7-10 additional jobs created by this project.

**Environment** - Hanson propose to clear 47.5ha of old growth native forest.

**Water** - 3 entire hills will be removed! Stopping surface water flow-depleting dams on nearby farms. Affecting water flow in Cannibal Creek & Bunyip River.

**Flora & Fauna** - In & around the 800 acre proposed site is home to rare orchids & endangered fauna.

**Air Quality** - Quarry operations create Dust. Silica-laden dust can travel many kilometers to townships.

**Mount Cannibal** reserve is a State Significant area with unique & some endangered plants and animals. The proposed quarry is only 360 metres away from the reserve.

**Blasting** - the proposal includes significant blasting.

The Hanson project is planned to have a 70-100 year life span – all this destruction for 7 jobs!

**Your Consideration is required - Is this quarry proposal good for the health of the area?**

#### **WHAT CAN YOU DO?**

Make a short note of your concerns, when the submissions are due we can assist you to lodge your submission. **We must speak up and show the proposal lacks merit!** Please contact us if you have any questions and we will be pleased to help out.

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# Imagine Cardinia: Have your say on the People's Panel survey

What do you want for the future of our community? Where do you see Cardinia Shire in the year 2040?

The Cardinia Shire community is encouraged to participate in the People's Panel survey as part of Cardinia Shire Council's Imagine Cardinia consultation.

Imagine Cardinia will help guide the future priorities of Council through the development of four major plans:

- *Council Plan 2021-25*
- *Community Vision 2040*
- *Financial Plan 2021-31*

*Council Budget 2021-25*

The People's Panel is a representative group of residents assisting the development of these plans.

Cardinia Shire Council Mayor Councillor Brett Owen said the People's Panel has been hard at work examining community data and hearing from a range of topic experts to assist in developing a *Community Vision Statement* and draft priorities for the *Community Vision* and *Council Plan*, which will inform the 10-year *Financial Plan* and *Council Budget*.

"Imagine Cardinia has brought together the community's needs and dreams to develop a shared vision of what we want the shire to be like over the coming decades.

"After many months of gathering ideas, Council is now looking to check in with the community to see which ideas people like and add new ideas into the mix.

"Panel representatives are seeking further community input and feedback on the proposed recommendations from 17 February to 3 March.

"So far Council has received almost 1300 submissions from the community and what we're hearing is that people like our location and rural feel, parks and lakes, and social cohesion. Looking forward, people's priorities are more parks and green spaces, maintaining and upgrading roads, and more sports and leisure facilities," Cr Owen said.

Information gathered in this round of the consultation will be taken back to the panel and be used to finalise the reports.

These plans are being developed in line with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

To have your say or for more information please visit [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/imaginecardinia](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/imaginecardinia)

If you have any feedback or questions regarding the development of these draft plans, please contact us on 1300 787 624 or [mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au](mailto:mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au).

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'Gardens for Wildlife' is a free program that shows residents how to create a garden that attracts wildlife and improves its habitat. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the program has been enhanced with free online workshops from February to March presented by Cardinia Shire Council and Sustainable Gardening Australia.

Cardinia Shire Council Mayor Councillor Brett Owen said adding wildlife-friendly elements to your garden will attract native animals and insects such as birds, bees, lizards, butterflies and other creatures.

To find out more head to :-

[https://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/news/article/636/free\\_online\\_gardens\\_for\\_wildlife\\_workshops\\_and\\_plant\\_vouchers](https://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/news/article/636/free_online_gardens_for_wildlife_workshops_and_plant_vouchers)

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Keep mulch clear of plant stems... especially young seedlings.

### **Plant Food**

Plants need a feed at this time of year. A seaweed tea, or any low environmental impact liquid fertiliser, great for the seedlings you've just planted. Apply to the soil early in the morning, and in the concentrations as per the packet.

### **Weeding**

A necessary job - good to do at this time of year.

Cut down the competition between your plants and tidy up your patch.

### **Water Smart**

Water first thing in the morning - a nice, deep drink a couple of times a week is far more beneficial than a quick watering.

## **Planting for March**

### **Sow Seeds direct in soil**

Broad beans, Beetroot, Carrot, Chives, Coriander, Daikon Radish, Endive, Florence Fennel, Leeks, Mizuna, Mustard Greens, Oregano, Pak Choy, Parsley, Radish, Rocket, Shallots, Silverbeet, Spinach, Turnip

### **Start in seed trays or plant out (transplant) seedlings or sow seed**

Lettuce

### **Start undercover in seed trays to plant out in 4-6 weeks**

Broccoli, Brussel Sprouts, Cabbage, Kale

## **Planning ahead... Planting for April**

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Broccoli, Brussel Sprouts, Cabbage, Kale,

### **Plant out – Transplant Seedlings**

Broccoli, Brussel Sprouts, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Kale, Leek, Lettuce, Onion

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*Courtesy of the Garfield Community Garden  
Happy Planting*

# The Bunyip Social Hub

By Davina

Hello from Davina and the Bunyip Social Hub. How quickly the last year went, 2020 is a year that we will never forget. Not knowing what to expect, unable to plan, being in lockdown,

So it's any wonder social connection was yearned for the most.

2021 is going along ok, with sensible planning and following a few simple rules we are able to have groups and get togethers. At my 2020 afternoon tea a year ago I said I would find a way to be with those wonderful folk whom I love. So I asked "what do you most want? Social connection was the most common answer. So Bunyip Social Hub was formed.

What started with weekly Zoom chats, grew to Cuppa's and conversation then fun days out

We tested the train to Yarragon where we enjoyed a meal at Cocos. (People might remember Ellie and Andre from the Bunyip Barn) they run Cocos.

We connected with Sharon and into the Country Tours, we have enjoyed monthly bus trips to Lygon street, the beach and most recently Blue Waters Lotus Gardens at Yarra Glen.

We meet regularly at the Rec reserve Rotunda where we enjoy morning teas, sausages sizzles, hamburger day and our up and coming Pancake day.

Anyone is welcome.

Contact by email

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Bunyip Social hub and more.

**Photo:** A Morning Tea get together was enjoyed last month with lots of great food and plenty of laughs. We enjoyed a fun Dinosaur card game which involved exchanging information about Dinosaurs. I am pictured between Nanette and Ron Balzary of Bunyip.

**Photo by Roman Kulkewycz**





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## Did You Know

By Roman Kulkewycz

**1753:** In Sweden February 17 was followed by March 1 as the country moved from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar.

**1864:** Famous Australian bush poet, journalist and author Banjo Patterson was born Andrew Barton Paterson at the property "Narrambla", near Orange, New South Wales. He wrote many ballads and poems about Australian life, focusing particularly on the rural and outback areas, including the district around Binalong, New South Wales where he spent much of his childhood. Paterson's more notable poems include "Waltzing Matilda", "The Man from Snowy River" and "Clancy of the Overflow". In 1885, Paterson began submitting and having his poetry published in the Sydney edition of *The Bulletin* under the pseudonym of "The Banjo", the name of a favourite horse. Paterson, like *The Bulletin*, was an ardent nationalist, and in 1889 published a pamphlet, *Australia for the Australians* which told of his disdain for cheap labour and his admiration of hard work and the nationalist spirit. In 1890, The Banjo wrote "The Man from Snowy River", a poem which caught the heart of the nation, and in 1895 had a collection of his works published under that name. This book is the most sold collection of Australian Bush poetry and is still being reprinted today. Paterson also became a journalist, lawyer, jockey, soldier and a farmer.

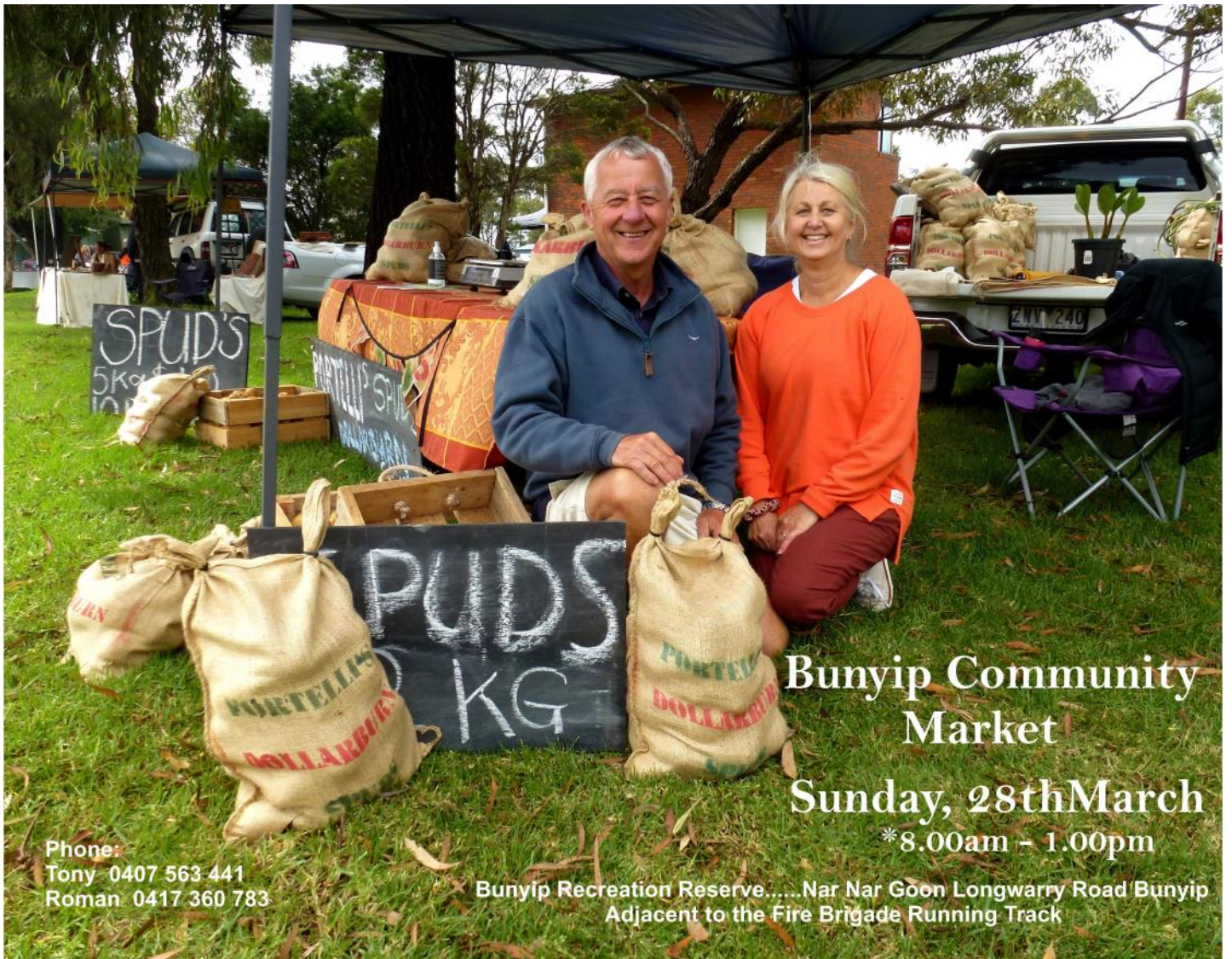
**1867:** The first ship passed through the Suez Canal.

**1882:** The first cricket Test match at the Sydney Cricket Ground began.

**1934:** Australian comedian, satirist, dadaist, artist and character actor John Barry Humphries was born in the Melbourne suburb of Camberwell. Humphries is best known for writing and playing his on-stage and television alter egos Dame Edna Everage and Sir Les Patterson.

**1940:** American singer-songwriter Gene Francis Alan Pitney was born in Hartford, Connecticut.

**1958:** Pope Pius XII declared Saint Clare of Assisi (1193~1253) the patron saint of television.



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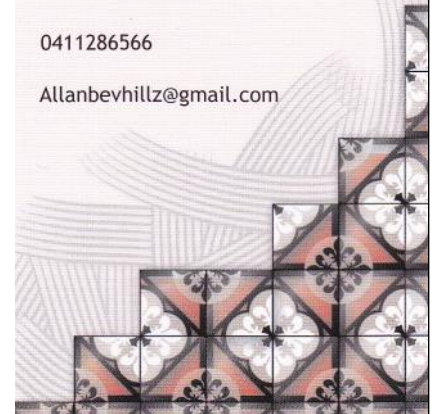
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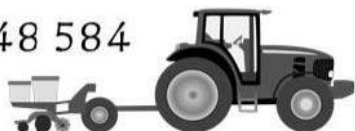
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**Thank you** to everyone who has supported the project by helping to grow the seedlings, watering, weeding, soil & star pickets!

Keep an eye on the patches as the **sunflowers burst into bloom soon!**

Children & their parents are invited to **attach pinwheels or similar to the stakes of the sunflowers to act as bird scarers** – so the cockys, galahs etc are deterred!!

Everyone is encouraged to care for these areas & keep them weed free and plant flowers like petunias, marigolds etc under the sunflowers, ready for further colour after the sunflowers are finished.



If you would like to see more areas planted next year – then get involved, more volunteers can make it happen - contact the community garden crew.

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Date	Time	Location
<b>2021</b>		
Sunday March 7	9.00am	Bunyip Uniting Church
Sunday March 14	9.00am	Bunyip Uniting Church
Sunday March 21	9.00am	Bunyip Uniting Church
Sunday March 28	9.00am	Bunyip Uniting Church
Sunday April 4	9.00am	Bunyip Uniting Church
Sunday April 11	9.00am	Bunyip Uniting Church
Sunday April 18	9.00am	Bunyip Uniting Church
Sunday April 25	9.00am	Bunyip Uniting Church

For further information please email: [bduc.uca@gmail.com](mailto:bduc.uca@gmail.com)

**SERVICE LOCATIONS:**

**Bunyip** - 9 Nash Road. **Garfield** - 13 Garfield Road. **Longwarry** - 9 Drouin Road.

**Note:** Until there is a change to the Government separation requirements, which cover both worship and morning tea, worship will be held at Bunyip.

**SPECIAL EVENTS: Ecumenical Prayer Group.** Monday 8.00am at 'The Crossing' 134a Princes Way. Phone 5625 2655. **Camera Club.** Meets on the first Monday each month 3.30pm 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**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO**

**HARVEST FESTIVAL**

in the garden of

**ST.THOMAS' CHURCH BUNYIP**

**SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup>. MARCH 12 noon**

**Refreshments!**

**Come celebrate the good earth and the beauty of growing things.**

**Come celebrate life itself!**

**Bring a pumpkin or a flower or a bale of hay.**

**Enquiries 56443388**



## **Bunyip Tennis Club News**

### **Back to Play**

After what seems such a very long break due to COVID restrictions, we've been delighted to be able to start using the courts at Bunyip TC and getting back into the swing of things. Unfortunately, use of the club rooms is still quite limited but the courts are back open to members and non-members for social play, and following the holidays we're getting back to competitive play with inter-club and club competitions. If any non-members would like to use the courts, the key to the

courts is available at IGA for a refundable deposit of \$10.

### **Membership**

We have a great deal on memberships at the moment, with extremely low rates from as little as \$17 for juniors, \$19 for seniors and \$60 for a family membership from now up until the end of June 2021. So, if you are looking to improve your fitness, have been inspired by the Australian Open and would like to join a friendly club, check out our new website <https://play.tennis.com.au/bunyiptennisclub>, click on the Membership tab and follow the simple process to join.

### **Monday Night Tennis Competition**

Our Summer Monday night club competition is open to members of all abilities and starts in February running through to 29 March. If you would like to take part, it costs just \$7 per week to cover the costs of the floodlights. Please contact Chris Dicker on 0448 167 620.

### **Mid -Week Ladies**

Bunyip has two teams in the West Gippsland Tennis Association mid-week ladies competition. We play each Wednesday morning at 9.30am and play against teams including Officer, Tynong, Maryknoll and Bayles. We are always looking for new members to join the teams, so if you're interested in playing please contact Helen on 0411 274 025.

### **Juniors & Coaching**

Ace Ace Tennis is now taking term 1 enrolments! There are plenty of coaching options available for all ages and standards. After school coaching & Saturday morning private lessons available.

🎾 Cardio Tennis

🎾 ANZ Hot Shots

🎾 Junior Competition

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

For any other queries, please view our website <https://play.tennis.com.au/bunyiptennisclub> or contact Vanessa on 0401 422 084. **Happy hitting everyone!**



## **Bunyip District Soccer Club**

- "The Strikers" is a club that has been growing for the last ten years. Tucked away in behind the tennis courts and basketball stadium the club has a welcoming and family friendly feel to it. With the opening of the new stadium this year new players, members and visitors are more than welcome to support and cheer players at home, order a generously priced meal on training nights (Thursday) or just come

down and have a drink with friends while taking in the quiet ambience of Outback Bunyip. With a fully operational canteen (the jam donuts are really good), many social nights have been organised for 2021. So join the the facebook page, or watch this space for upcoming events, opening hours, registration dates, try it out sessions for the upcoming season and follow your favourite team and / or player at Bunyip Strikers Home Ground.

The club has junior teams who play on a Sunday:

~ Mixed (under 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15 & 16)

~ All girls team for high school aged kids (the option for a younger all girls team can be entered with enough numbers).

~ Senior Mens team play on a Saturday

Reserves kick off at 1.00pm and Senior Mens at 3.00pm on home games.

~ Social members are welcome during club operational hours.

Registrations are opening soon. For details follow the club on

Facebook - Bunyip Strikers Soccer Club

Email: [bunypsoccerclub@gmail.com](mailto:bunypsoccerclub@gmail.com)

Phone: Adrian 0417 590 830

## COMMUNITY CONTACTS

**Bunyip & District Agricultural Society** Philippa Demsey – 0450 380589 or [\\_bunyipshow@gmail.com](mailto:_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](mailto: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](mailto:susananderson@dcsi.net.au)

**Bunyip Historical Society** 0419 156 844 - [bhs@dcsi.net.au](mailto: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](mailto:_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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:knightline58@hotmail.com)

**Bunyip Social Hub**

Contact Davina 0420 372

998 [bunyipsocialhub@gmail.com](mailto:bunyipsocialhub@gmail.com)

## COMMUNITY CLUBS

**Bunyip Equestrian Club** (Adult Riders) [bunyippec@gmail.com](mailto:bunyippec@gmail.com) (1st Saturday of the month Pound Road Reserve)

**Bunyip Bulls Basketball Club** [info@bunyipbullsbasketball.com.au](mailto:info@bunyipbullsbasketball.com.au)

**Garfield Bowling Club** - Judy Pocklington email [garfieldbowlingclub@gmail.com](mailto:garfieldbowlingclub@gmail.com)

Tournament or Twilight Bowls – 0490 154 149

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

**Bunyip Bulls Cricket Club** Arch Robb – 0402 678 552

or Ian McConnell – 0419 400 630

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

**Bunyip Football Club** Secretary – 0422 335 660 or [bunyip.f.c@bigpond.com](mailto:bunyip.f.c@bigpond.com)

**Bunyip Junior Football Club** President Noel Mollison – 0438 513 443 or [\\_noelxchloe@bigpond.com](mailto:_noelxchloe@bigpond.com)

**Bunyip Netball Club** Secretary Deanna Gallasch – 0408 505 292 or [\\_bunyipnetballclub@hotmail.com](mailto:_bunyipnetballclub@hotmail.com)

**Bunyip Patch Workers Club** Barb – 0407 294326

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

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

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

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

**Bunyip Singers Club** Dorothy Myers – 03 5629 5601 (Meets at Bunyip Hall every Monday 9:30 am)

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

**Bunyip & District Soccer Club** Adrian Gatti – 0417 590 830

**Sorella Callisthenics Club** Samantha Holt – 0421 424 079 or [sorellacc@hotmail.com](mailto:sorellacc@hotmail.com)

**St Vincent De Paul Society** Assistance Line – 1800 305 330

**Bunyip Tennis Club** Vanessa Kent – 0401 422 084

**Bunyip Uncle Bobs Club** Barry Turner – 03 5625 4830

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

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

**Let us know your details and get more people involved.**