



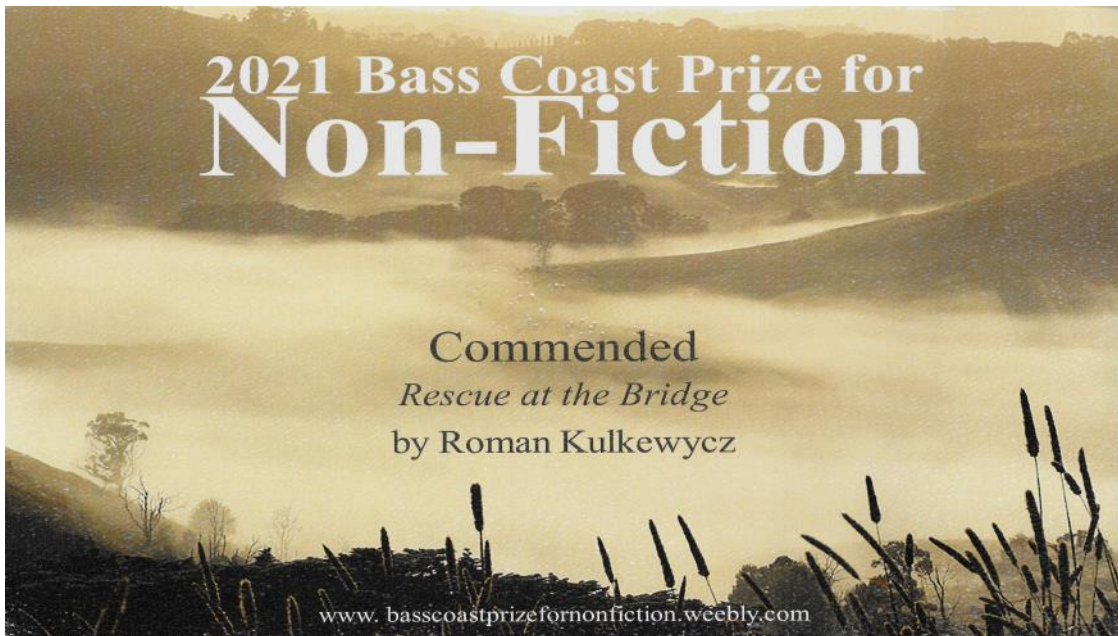
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Roman Does It Again !

After scooping up prizes in previous years, our Star reporter Roman Kulkewycz has just received another gong for a story we published in The News in September 2021. Congratulations Roman keep up the good work and keep your stories coming!



February 2, 2022

Dear Roman

Congratulations once again on your entry for the 2021 prize. *Gippsland Floods* was a really impressive work and I look forward to publishing it in the *Bass Coast Post* this month.

I'm enclosing your award certificate and a copy of our 2019-20 Bass Coast Prize for Non-Fiction Anthology. I hope you enjoy it.

With your permission, *Gippsland Floods* will appear in the 2021-22 anthology, to be published next year.

Warm regards

Catherine Watson
(For the judges)

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And if you are away from home and not sure where you are, you can use the Emergency Plus App to give Emergency Services your exact location.

Have a plan and be safe.



Grassfires can start anywhere and spread quickly.

On the urban fringe...

If you live next to grassland and a grassfire starts, walk at least two streets back from the fire.

If you live two or three streets away from grassland and a grassfire starts, stay where you are – grassfires are unlikely to spread into built up areas.

Never drive if you can see smoke or fire. Thick smoke will make it hard to see and traffic jams and accidents are likely.

Keep the roads clear for the emergency services.



Letters to the Editor

Let Kids Be Kids!

We regularly travel north along McNamara Road to our property and over the past year or two, and especially during covid, we have watched a small group of enthusiastic young boys building a BMX track among the trees and bushes.

Oh what a wonderful sight it has been, they have been respectful, waving and smiling as we drove by. They have dragged logs from where ever, they have constructed fabulous jumps and tracks and we at no time saw them as a risk to anything or anyone.

Then suddenly signs went up stating it was a private road, and no it is not, and the efforts by these industrious young boys has been wrecked!! And we wonder why?

These boys were out in the fresh air, they were away from their computer screens and they were developing many life skills as they dug and built wonderful structures, it all looked like a lot of fun was being had.

Whilst they were out doing all of this work they were developing such important life skills as working in a team, they laboured long and hard, they were developing cooperative skills, team building skills and we could see potential builders, architects, scientists, perhaps plumbers or landscape gardeners.

They were harming no one. And it is all destroyed. In a couple of years all of the bush and trees along McNamara Road will be gone because the road will be paved, so what is the problem and where was the problem.

So if any of these great kids are reading this, or their parents are reading this, I wish to say how sorry I am to see their hopes and dreams and their playground destroyed.

I want them to remember the skills they developed, and I want them to know we appreciated their energy and their respect for us as we travelled by.

And to who over decided that these boys were doing something untoward, brickbats to you.

Cheryl Billing Smith - Bunyip

Garfield Community Garden

Every Saturday between 10-12noon

Every Wednesday between 9-11am

All Welcome

Come help keep the Garden Growing

HAPPINESS IS...



Garfield Community Garden Calendar of Events

MARCH

19th Pakenham Show
20th Food from Home online
Tour of the garden.

27th Bunyip & Districts Ag
Show - Talk on the Why How
What of Wicking Beds

APRIL

Saturday 9th
Easter Craft
Storytime
Giant Pumpkin



Hydrocephalus Fundraiser Night

On the evening of Saturday February 5th, Iona's population grew by about 400 as people gathered from near and far to support the Hydrocephalus Support Association.. Evie, who is two and a half years old, was born with Hydrocephalus, a condition which causes a build-up of fluid within the brain, causing swelling and pressure on the brain.. Evie's Mum and Dad, Jess and Travis Kitchin, came up with the idea to host a fundraiser night at the Iona Cricket Club. The night raised over \$23,000.00. This is Jess' summary of the night:. The night included live music, a BBQ dinner, silent auctions and raffles to keep the adults entertained. There was plenty to amuse the kids as well, including pony rides, face painting, showbags and cookie decorating. Thank you to Amanda from "Fizzy Face Children's Entertainment" for staying the entire night painting faces and balloon twisting and to Kierah from "Sweetly Grazed" for the amazing cookie decorating station. Once the night moved onto the real auctions for the night it was time for the "big kids" to have some fun and shave some hair! We could never have predicted just how fun it was and just how much money we were about to make! Local cattle auctioneer Ryan Bajada absolutely nailed it and had the crowd in the palm of his hands.. First to go was Iona Cricket Club President, Michael Neilson's, beloved beard that he had been growing since April 2016, with the highest bid of \$1,200 going to Jayson Barwick who is a member of the club and said he had every intention of winning that auction to shave his President's beard! Michael also had quite a few other donations from family and friends which makes his beard shaving total around \$2,000!

Then it was Evie's Dad's turn. Travis had been growing the most "interesting" dreadlock mullet for the last 18 months that had certainly sparked a conversation or two in that time. There really was nothing pretty about it but it really got everyone talking about it and excited for the day that it would finally come off and raise some money. We made a rule that whoever won and got to cut the dreads, could make it into whatever hairstyle they want, and Travis had to keep it for the whole week and even play cricket that next weekend with it. Bajada opened the bidding and within the first 2 bids it was already up to \$1,000. People were throwing their hands up all over the crowd which made for a very fun and competitive auction. Once the bidding had hit \$3,500 it was down to 2 bidders, the funniest part about these two bidders was the fact that it was husband and wife bidding against each other! The two had had the conversation about how high they were willing to go and once Tanya Hilder had realised that no one else was bidding against her husband anymore, she took it upon herself to bump him up just that little bit more! Andrew Hilder from Nedz Shedz ended up winning the auction with a whopping total of \$4,150! I think it's pretty clear to say that he did not disappoint with the hairstyle he left Travis with!

We'd like to give a huge shoutout to all of the businesses that donated towards our raffles and silent auctions. All of the prizes donated had a combined retail amount of around \$15,000! We still had businesses coming in on the night giving us more items to raffle and auction off, it was just incredible. We'd also like to give a special mention to the businesses who sponsored our night and are the reason it could go ahead in the first place. Bunyip IGA alongside Community Bank Lang Lang sponsored all of the food for the BBQ, which meant that 100% of money made from that went straight to the foundation. Liberty Equipment Hire (Narre Warren) not only donated 2 digital VMS boards, they also brought down portable toilets and light towers, plus bollards & tape to assist with parking. Bunyip CFA donated and set up their big marquee for us, Tynong CFA provided all the tables and chairs we needed to set up our raffles & silent auctions. Armour's Apples lent us their truck for the music stage and Hateley's Coolroom Hire generously donated a portable Coolroom for us. Musicians Meg Doherty & Tegan Blackstock couldn't have been more perfect. Unfortunately the girls from Seventh Winter Music had to pull the pin last minute, but we can't thank them enough for still coming and

setting up their whole PA system at the start of the night for the other music artists to use. Finally, the biggest and most important thank you goes to the entire Iona Cricket Club for all of your support since the day we arrived at the club, but especially for everything you all did on Saturday night and the lead up to. The club worked so hard right alongside us to make it the most perfect evening. From cooking the BBQ, scribbling on raffle tickets, directing car parking and everything in between. We literally could not have done it without you all. We feel so privileged and are so proud to be part of such an amazing family club.

We've had so many from the Cricket Club say to us that we should definitely make this an annual event which is something we are certainly considering! It costs the Hydrocephalus Support Association \$163k per year to keep the registry running, and although the government has funded the last 2 years, unfortunately the funding is not recurrent. We are so blown away by the interest of so many businesses that we had not even thought of approaching this year, already so keen to jump on board for next year's event, if we decide to do it again. I mean this year was amazing, but I can only imagine how epic it would be next year seeing how successful this one was. Lastly, on behalf of my husband Travis and I, we would love to thank the community for all of your support in making this fundraiser in our daughters honour, so successful. Because of you all we will have a much better chance at making her life and so many other Hydrocephalus warrior's lives so much easier in the future.

The donation page will still be up and running for a few weeks while we tie up loose ends. If anyone would like to donate in honour of Evie please head to this link: <https://makingadifference.gofundraise.com.au/page/InhonourofEvie>





Ageing Well in Retirement

Learn how to get the most from your retirement at these free, fun and informative workshops at Outlook Community Centre in Pakenham.

The retirement 'tune-up' Tuesday 8 March 10am-12pm

Get 'retirement ready' Tuesday 22 March 6–8pm

Enquiries/bookings: 5941 1535

Caring for our Carers

Carers aged 55 years and over are invited to come together, share a cuppa and stories, and learn about resources available to help build resilience and enhance wellbeing. The group meet at Outlook Community Centre in Pakenham, Tuesdays 15, 22, 29 March and 5 April 10.30am–12pm.

The carers group is an initiative of Cardinia Shire Council in partnership with Alfred Carers.

Enquiries/bookings: 5940 4728

'Forget me not' Dementia Café

The Café aims to bring together people living with dementia and their loved ones. Join us for a cuppa and cake, rediscover memories and create new ones. The Café is a nurturing space that offers enrichment, support and understanding, where you can share experiences with others living with the challenges of dementia.

Koo wee Rup Enquires/ bookings: Joanne 5997 9655

Pakenham Enquires/ bookings: Alison 5940 4728

Construction has kicked off for the new youth centre in Pakenham.

Cardinia Shire Council Mayor Councillor Jeff Springfield joined Bass MP Jordan Crugnale and La Trobe MP Jason Wood for a sod turn at the site this afternoon. Cardinia Youth Hub will offer programs and services for young people aged 12 to 24, with dedicated training/class rooms, counselling rooms, a program/group room, hang out space, a shower and laundry facility, recording booth, computers with internet access and a roof-top recreation space.

Services and programs will support young people to build resilience, re-engage in education, training and work opportunities, improve relationships, and provide timely access to expert specialist services. Cardinia Shire Council Mayor Councillor Jeff Springfield said Cardinia Youth Hub would support the future needs of our local young people.

"The move to construct this new, purpose-built youth centre is what our community has been asking for," Cr Springfield said. "We're a fast-growing community, and this is just one example of the continued collaborative efforts we have with both the Victorian Government and Australian Government to continue to improve local facilities for our communities here in the shire."

Henty Ward Councillor Carol Ryan said the location was ideal for our young people as it was close to public transport and local skate parks and shopping areas. "It's important we plan for the future and in particular for the future of our young people. The current youth centre is an absolutely fantastic service but it's bursting at the seams! We can't wait to have the new centre available for our young people," she said. Cardinia Shire Council has committed \$1.8 million towards this project. The Victorian Government has committed \$3 million from the Growing Suburbs Fund and the Australian Government has put forward \$1.5 million as part of the Community Health and Hospitals Program.

State Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale says Cardinia Youth Hub represents the very best in our community and I am so pleased that Growing Suburbs Fund has helped this project become a reality.

“This is what happens when all three levels of government work together to support and service our young people. “This youth hub will be a place for our young people to meet, learn, feel safe and to gain educational and employment support. “If our young people have the support and opportunities they deserve, they grow up confident, with a good sense of self, are healthy and active citizens - this enriches us all. This is a social investment and our youth and their families are so worth it.”

Federal Member for La Trobe Jason Wood welcomed the sod turning saying the sod turning was a huge win for the community. “As one of the fastest growing regions in the country, the south east of Melbourne demands better support services. “The \$1.5 million in funding we secured on behalf of the Morrison Government will ensure that young people receive support in re-engaging with education, upskilling and socialising in a safe environment.” Cardinia Youth Hub will be located on a Council-owned parcel of land on James Street in Pakenham and is anticipated to open in January 2023.

Have your say on Cardinia Shire’s new Climate Change Adaptation Strategy.

The Climate Change Adaptation Strategy is now open for public comment and residents are encouraged to jump online and have their say on the new strategy. In September of 2019, a climate emergency was declared across Cardinia Shire Council. Climate change-induced natural hazards are increasing both in magnitude and frequency, which is having adverse effects on our ecosystems, human health and economy. Council is dedicated to supporting the community adapt to these climate change challenges.

The Climate Change Adaptation Strategy will provide the guiding pathways to reduce the community’s vulnerability to adverse climate events and promote the resilience of social, ecological and economic systems. Adaptation planning will embed adaptive measures into council operations and processes, as well as recommend actions for the community to reduce their vulnerability to the impacts of climate change.

The development of the Climate Change Adaptation Strategy will bring together community and Council stakeholders to raise climate concerns and identify adaptation processes that will aim to protect our natural and built environment into the future for generations to come. Cardinia Shire Mayor Councillor Jeff Springfield is encouraging the community to provide their input into this strategy. “We are gathering feedback on the 14 community-facing actions in the Climate Change Adaptation Strategy to enable Council to prioritise the factors that affect our people the most,” Cr Springfield said. “We want to know how climate change affects you as a Cardinia Shire resident. Which climate-related hazards concern you the most? What are your biggest concerns about the impacts of climate change? Tell us what matters most to you, so that together we can create a more sustainable future for Cardinia Shire.”

Consultation closes on 16 March 2022.

To have your say about Council’s Climate Adaptation Strategy, visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay

The eleventh 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, community houses and libraries. In this issue:

Local producers open doors to community

Family business on the land for over 100 years

Nurturing successful retirements

Keep your cool this summer

Responding to an emergency

Increase in scams

Ageing well with food

Garden beds accessible for all

Supermarket tours and food labels

Community Centres reopen

Access and Ageing in your Shire

The newsletter can be read online at www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/ageingwell. You can also subscribe to the Ageing Well e-publication to be notified via email when a new edition is out: www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/epublications

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.

Council's free waste drop-off events are back for 2022!

Cardinia Shire Council's free green waste drop-off events are back for 2022.

Council's green waste drop-off events are a free service accepting residential amounts of green waste including flowers, garden prunings, grass clippings, leaves, tree branches, weeds and trunks (up to 30 centimetres wide and 1 metre long). Residents must present photo ID as proof of residence within Cardinia Shire to access the free service. Waste will only be accepted from residential vehicles and trailers; commercial business operators cannot use this service.

Pakenham – Friday 25 to Monday 28 February 2022

Future Recycling Transfer Station

30-32 Exchange Drive, Pakenham

All days: 9am to 4pm

Lysterfield – Friday 8 to Monday 11 April 2022

Cleanaway Resource Recovery Centre

840 Wellington Rd, Lysterfield

Friday 8: 8am to 4pm

Saturday 9 and Sunday 10: 8am to 12pm (noon)

Monday 11: 8am to 4pm

Pakenham – Friday 17 to Monday 20 June 2022

Future Recycling Transfer Station

30-32 Exchange Drive, Pakenham

All days: 9am to 4pm

Don't forget that Future Recycling Pakenham also accepts electrical items (e-waste), batteries and scrap metal for free, any time of year.

For more information about Council's green waste drop-off events, visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/dropoff or call Council's Customer Service Team on 1300 787 624.

Please note that Council's free green waste drop-off events will be run in line with Victorian Government COVID-19 restrictions. Residents must not attend if they are unwell and must comply with all instructions as directed by staff.

Bunyip - Garfield Probus Club

We have started the New Year off forming a Craft Group for like minded people who love all different types of Craft to meet once a month to share their passions.

Our February meeting one of our members spoke about the book she had written on the Western District of Victoria since the early settlement days with the spotlight on the early Mansions and the intertwining families who lived in them. The amount of research that she had to do was simply amazing to achieve the end result and then having the book printed. We were all given a copy of the book and a lot got her to sign their copy which was nice for her. Now we have a bit of reading to do. A group went to the West Gippsland Art Centre to enjoy a morning of entertainment by Keith Potger who was one of the former Seekers.

It was lovely to be back experiencing a live show not only for us but also the entertainers themselves. It was very enjoyable The walking group went down to San Remo for the day. After meeting for morning tea they set out for a walk or stroll across the bridge and having a bit of a look around before heading back to have fish and chips for lunch. Then we headed towards home stopping for coffee at Grantville.

Helen



The West Gippsland Progress Association (WGPA) would like to thank our members, local businesses, Council representatives and other key stakeholders for all your contribution into the West Gippsland Food & Tourism Strategy 2022-2024.

On behalf of WGPA and Cardinia Shire Council (CSC), we are excited to present the strategy to you <https://www.westgippslandprogassoc.org.au/food-tourism>.

This Strategy will help WGPA to positively improve businesses and growing food tourism opportunities in the peri-urban farming area of West Gippsland and provide a strong foundation for future long-term tourism planning and development.

The WGPA with the support of CSC is looking forward to delivering the first six months of actions.

These actions include but are not limited to: Developing a food tourism experience content library including high resolution images and videos from local food & tourism businesses. Creating a Foodie Touring Route map focusing on the key Food & Tourism destinations. Develop a media pack with information, images, key words, social media handles, maps, links of food & tourism businesses. Promote the West Gippsland Region (within the desired catchment area) to key Tourism Organisations e.g., Visit Victoria

Complete a regional product audit focusing on - industry capability, capacity constraints, product gaps and infrastructure investment opportunities

WGPA is currently looking to engage a PR company to assist in the delivery of these actions. Our aim is to commence work during February and March and have people on the ground taking photos and filming local businesses and the local area. There is no cost to local businesses, we just ask for your generosity with your time and your enthusiasm to work with us on this exciting project.

Any questions please contact me or contact Susie Wickes from Cardinia Shire Council at S.Wickes@cardinia.vic.gov.au

Across the state there has been an increase in pollution reports to EPA, but particularly in noise complaints from 2019-2020 to 2020-2021. The new EPA Act gives councils new powers and EPA is able to assist people navigate their way to find the right authority to take their issue to. See the tables below for local statistics.

Regards.

With more people working from home, Environment Protection Authority Victoria has seen a doubling of reports about noise pollution in the 2020-2021.

Noise report data collected between July 2021 and January 2022 show the trend is continuing with around 3,500 noise pollution reports received at EPA's Contact Centre in that period.

"The most common types of noise complaints are about residential and industrial noise," said EPA CEO Lee Miezi.

"In 2020-2021, 5,404 of the total 20,000 pollution reports we received were about noise, more than twice as many as the year prior, so people are hearing more noise when they would normally be at work and they're calling it in.

"The new Environment Protection Act, introduced in July 2021, give councils more powers to regulate residential noise and they can now appoint noise enforcement officers with power to make directions or even start court proceedings.

"EPA has more direct involvement in noise from commercial premises where machinery or work practices might be causing issues. Complaints about vehicle noise to EPA aren't as common, but we work with police if the offending vehicle is on the road and with council if it is a residential driveway.

"We recognise that people don't always know where to go to get help, so as we always say, call 1300 EPA VIC (1300 372 842) and we can at least help you navigate through to the right agency."

For more information about how EPA works with local government to enforce noise pollution laws go to

<https://www.epa.vic.gov.au/about-epa/who-epa-works-with/local-government/how-councils-regulate-residential-noise>

Saved From Imminent Death

By Roman Kulkewycz

You could say that 84 year old Wes Włodarczyk from Emerald has been to hell and back. As a seven year old lad in 1944 he was with a group of prisoners, including his mother and two sisters, Grarzyna, 8 and Jadniga, 6 that were herded into a gas chamber in Hohenfels, a German Concentration Camp, and the doors bolted in readiness for the Zyklon B, a toxic gas consisting of hydrogen cyanide, “death” gas to be released. After half an hour of “nothing happening”, the doors were unlocked, opened and the prisoners were spared death.

During WW2 Wes’s father relocated his family from Poland to Keszthely, a large Hungarian town, fearing that staying in Poland was too dangerous. Once his wife and three young children were safely in Hungary, he joined the British army and went into active service in Tobruk.

Although Hungary was friendly with Germany they were always friendly to Poland and its people and promised to look after them. However after the Germans exterminated the Jewish population by mid 1944, they took over the rule in Hungary, and decided to clean up the country of Poles as well. They rounded up, mostly women with children, the sick and elderly and loaded them into railway cattle trucks for the fourteen to twenty day trip to Germany. Wes remembers that under these conditions many died. “It was horrible”, he says.

Wes continues “When we arrived in Germany no one knew what was going on and no camp wanted to take us as they were all full. We were moved from camp to camp for nearly 6 months and at the end we finished up in a small camp which to my memory was called Hohenfels .

This camp at first seemed to be just like the previous camps where the first thing they did was to spray us with D.D.T. to kill any vermin, lice, germs or bugs. However a short time after arrival there we were paraded naked past some tables where different men and women sat some with nurses habits and some who could have passed as doctors and we all went in to small concrete cubicles which lined the whole length of a huge shed like an aircraft hangar. Everyone went in quietly thinking that it was all for a shower. But when all the cubicles were filled and the doors were locked, the inmates found that there were no sprinkles just a small trap door in the centre of the ceiling. That’s when it dawned on the men that they were locked in a gas chamber. A panic broke out and I nearly got trampled to death. Anyway, after about half an hour doors were opened and we were out. Now I suppose you want to know what happened that we came out alive? This I was never able to find out, but there could have been a number of reasons. 1. they ran out of gas. But I do not really think so. I think that there was a problem in giving the final order to drop the gas. The war was ending and although the Germans in charge wanted to get rid of any evidence and witnesses to their genocide no one wanted to take the responsibility for the signing of the order, fearing that showing their name on the order would have serious repercussions post war. As a 7 year old I was deeply traumatised for many years later even after arriving in Australia.”

Wes met his sweetheart Marianna after arriving in Australia and the couple married in Sydney in 1970. The couple has three children and seven grandchildren. Wes still remains in contact with his two sisters.

I asked Wes if the memory of waiting for the gas to be released still haunted him. As a devout Catholic he says “No” and that being at peace with God and belief in Divine Providence has sustained him.

Wes and his wife Marianna today.



A “used” container of Zyklon B, toxic gas.



The Bunyip Football Club will be kicking off the season at Nar Nar Goon on Saturday 2nd April.

The first home game will be against Cora Lynn at Bunyip on Saturday 9th April. We hope to see you down there for what should be a superb game of football.

Bark loud, bark proud!

TALKIN' ...FISHIN' Designer bags that matter.

This item of fishing gear is about practicality and purpose over style and fashion.

Matching colors to your clothing and shoes or accessories isn't necessary or important. The idea is to not stand out, but all the same hoping that you'll impress other anglers with your obvious wide expanse of knowledge and sensible choice of fishing gear.

It's House of Hardy V. Gucci.....Plano V. Fabergé.....and ...Velcro V. Buckles.

Pockets and compartments are a bonus or self-contained smaller tackle boxes that are incorporated in the bags design features. Helping you to decide on the placement of those items like...

Repellent V. Perfume.....Tackle V. Jewellery.....Chap-Stick V. Lipstick

Let's give credit where it's due though, the iconic Bum-Bag or Fanny-Pack has crossed into both genres as a convenience for its size, or multipurpose uses it has. Not quite a purse, nor a bag or a carry pack, just handy as an extra carry space that can have the use of the whole circumference of your body, that'll carry a single days use of fishing gear, without being in the way at all.

Whichever you choose a Backpack, Shoulder Bag, or Bum-Bag, make sure it's comfortable, think easy accessibility, also that it doesn't dig into you're side or back with sharp corners or edges and that it doesn't weigh too much so that the strap cuts into your shoulders.

It's all about easy access to your tackle. A shoulder bag would be my choice as you just sling it over your shoulder then slide it around to your back or front to enter the pockets. Whereas a backpack you always have to remove from your back and shoulders each time. The Bum-Bag is comfortable and out of the way but the contents is not always visible, depending on whether your body image is a six pack or a belly flap to keg, choose what suits you best, you know who you are!



March – Gardening Calendar by Angelo Eliades

(<http://deepgreenpermaculture.com/>)

March heralds the beginning of autumn, so there's lots of tidying up in the garden. It's also an ideal time to plant new trees, as the weather is milder and there is some time for the trees to establish themselves before winter arrives.

Pick marrows, pumpkins and squash before the flesh becomes coarse. Only pick pumpkins when fully ripe (no green skin or stem), cut when stalk begins turning brown and withers.

It's also time to lift root crops such as beetroot, carrots onions potatoes and turnips for storage and winter use. Leave parsnips in ground, they need some cold to taste the best.

If tomatoes have not ripened, the plants can be laid down flat on the ground and covered with a cloche (plastic covered frame) to speed up ripening. Plant garlic now, as it prefers a period of cold weather to grow well

Things to Do This Month:

- Compost autumn leaves.
- Collect perennial seeds and divide overgrown perennial plants.
- Sow cool season green manure crops, such as rapeseed, broad beans, fenugreek, linseed, lupins, mustard, oats, subclover and vetch, then dug in during autumn before flowering.
- Start planting new trees, shrubs, climbers, annuals and perennials – remember to water them regularly until they establish.
- Relocate evergreen shrubs (can be done either in autumn and early spring).
- Harvest autumn bearing raspberries, but leave canes unpruned till late winter-early spring
- Finish pruning canes that have fruited from summer fruiting raspberries.
- Prune blackcurrants and other brambleberries from now till winter.
- Plant new strawberries
- Remove autumn leaves from ponds and water gardens and thin out aquatic plants
- Stop feeding container plants
- Cut down asparagus foliage as it starts turning yellow and mulch the plants generously
- Net trees to protect fruit from birds

Vegetables and Herbs to Sow:

Sow in March		Harvest (weeks)	Sow in March		Harvest (weeks)	Sow in March		Harvest (weeks)
Beetroot	<i>ds</i>	7-10	Garlic <i>clove</i>	<i>d</i>	17-25	Potato <i>tubers</i>	<i>d</i>	15-20
Broad Beans	<i>d</i>	12-22	Kohlrabi	<i>d</i>	7-10	Radish	<i>d</i>	5-7
Broccoli	<i>ds</i>	10-16	Leeks	<i>ds</i>	15-18	Salad Burnett	<i>ds</i>	6-8
Buckwheat	<i>d</i>	8-12	Lettuce	<i>ds</i>	8-12	Salsify	<i>d</i>	14-21
Cabbage	<i>ds</i>	8-15	Mizuna	<i>d</i>	5-7	Shallot <i>bulbs</i>	<i>d</i>	12-15
Caraway	<i>d</i>	24 mths	Mustard Greens	<i>d</i>	5-8	Silverbeet	<i>ds</i>	7-12
Carrots	<i>d</i>	12-18	Oats	<i>d</i>	8-12	Spinach	<i>d</i>	5-11
Cauliflower	<i>ds</i>	15-22	Onions	<i>ds</i>	25-34	Strawberry <i>runners</i>	<i>d</i>	11
Chervil	<i>d</i>	6-8	Orach	<i>d</i>	7-13	Swedes	<i>d</i>	10-14
Chicory	<i>d</i>	8	Spring Onions	<i>d</i>	6-10	Turnip	<i>d</i>	6-9
Chinese Cabbage	<i>ds</i>	8-10	Parsley	<i>ds</i>	9-19			
Cress	<i>d</i>	2-3	Parsnip	<i>d</i>	17-20			

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

MHR Jason Wood visited Bunyip and Garfield last Thursday and met with some of the locals in the community.

Bunyip, which was previously in the Monash electorate is now part of the La Trobe electorate following a change of boundaries.

In Bunyip he inspected the new soccer club facilities and said he was very impressed with the ground condition and the grandeur of the modern clubrooms.

Photo: Federal member for La Trobe, Mr Jason Wood discusses some of the facilities at the Bunyip Recreation Reserve with president of the Bunyip Community Market, Mr Tony Arriggo.



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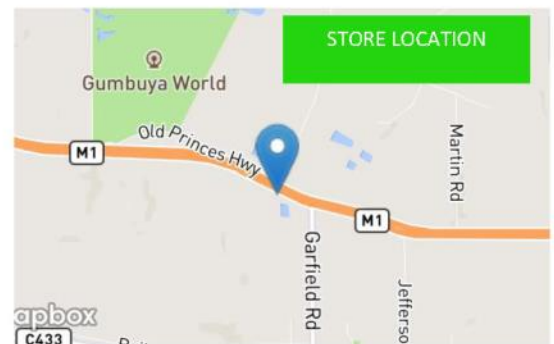


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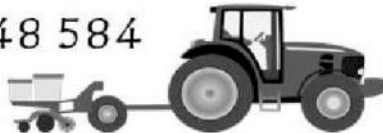
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BUNYIP DISTRICT UNITING CHURCH
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Worship Date	Time	Church and Worship Location
Sunday March 6	9.00am	Longwarry Union Church (9 Drouin Rd.)
Sunday March 13	9.00am	Bunyip Uniting Church (9 Nash Road.)
Thursday March 17	3.00pm	Hillview Aged Care Bunyip (22 A'Beckett Rd.)
Sunday March 20	9.00am	Garfield Uniting Church (13 Garfield Rd.)
Sunday March 27	9.00am	Longwarry Union Church (9 Drouin Rd.)
Sunday April 3	9.00am	Bunyip Uniting Church (9 Nash Road.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

St.Thomas' Church A'Beckett Road Bunyip

NEW START

Time for a new beginning - Lent starts on Wednesday 2nd.March.

This is Ash Wednesday, which offers a moving service and time for reflection. Services at 11.45 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Lent is the time for renovating our spiritual space, for re-establishing a strong and useful spiritual practice.

You are welcome to join us on this day.

CELEBRATING JOHN SHAW NEILSON - POET

Neilson lived from 1872-1942. Born at Penola S.A. he died in Footscray. He worked across Victoria, on farms and in quarries, as an itinerant labourer. He quarried stone in Spotswood and help dig the Yallourn open cut. He worked at Merbein in the orange groves and at Mirboo, building the railway. His life was tough and his poetry profound.

We shall celebrate Neilson's poems and his vision at our HARVEST FESTIVAL on March 27th. at'

11 a.m. Composer and entertainer John Thorn will sing some of his settings of Neilson poems. We'll do a Ploughman's Lunch and we'll be outside. Book in for lunch please - Raelene on 97932215



SUNDAY SERVICES at 9.30 a.m. except 27/3 SUNDAY 27 March 11 a.m. service outside WEDNESDAYS at 11.45 a.m. Ken Parker, priest, 59761634

COMMUNITY CONTACTS

Bunyip & District Agricultural Society Philippa Demsey – 0450 380589 or _bunyipshow@gmail.com (Meets at 8pm on 3rd Wednesday at Bunyip Community Hall)

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

Bunyip & District Community House – 0481 895 509

Bunyip & District Fire Station 1800 240 667 or 000

Bunyip Hall Hire Sue Anderson – 0407 834 443 or susananderson@dcsi.net.au

Bunyip Historical Society 0419 156 844 - bhs@dcsi.net.au

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

Bunyip Landcare Group Sue Anderson – 03 5629 5587 or _susananderson@dcsi.net.au

Cannibal Creek Landcare Group Pam Cunningham – 0407 876 935

Bunyip Community Market Tony Arrigo – 0407 563 441

(Last Sunday each month)

Longwarry & District Fire Brigade Market Janine – 0419 158 946 (1st Sunday each month – March to December)

Bunyip Medical Centre 03 5629 5111

Bunyip & District Men's Shed Tim Cavanagh Secretary/Treasurer 0458 142 727 (Meets each Wednesday 9:30am to 2:00pm)

Bunyip Community Op Shop 03 5629 6117 (After hours Tony Arrigo – 0407 563 441)

Garfield Community Op Shop 0490 141 918

Bunyip Police Station 03 5629 5205 or 000

Bunyip R.S.L Sub-Branch David Papley – 0438 295 568

Bunyip Scouts Australia Tracey Cooke

gl.1stbunyip@scoutsvictoria.com.au

Bunyip & District SES 1800 240 667 or 000

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

Bunyip Country Women's Association Bunyip CWA:

Wendy - 0417 352 258 Liz - 0413 587 634

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

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

gqgarfieldcommunitygarden@gmail.com

Labertouche & District Hunters Group

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

email : knightline58@hotmail.com

Bunyip Social Hub

Contact Davina 0420 372

998 bunyipsocialhub@gmail.com

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

COMMUNITY CLUBS

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

Bunyip Bulls Basketball Club

info@bunyipbullsbasketball.com.au

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

Tournament or Twilight Bowls – 0411 288 799

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

Bunyip Bulls Cricket Club Arch Robb – 0402 678 552

or Ian McConnell – 0419 400 630

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

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

Bunyip Junior Football Club Shara McAuley (President) 0400 296 817 or admin@bunyipjfc.com.au

Bunyip Netball Club President Lisa Visser on 0408 396 251 or bunyipnetballclub@bigpond.com

Bunyip Patch Workers Club Barb – 0407 294326

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bunyip & District Soccer Club Adrian Gatti – 0417 590 830

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

St Vincent De Paul Society Assistance Line – 1800 305 330

Bunyip Tennis Club Vanessa Kent – 0401 422 084

Bunyip Uncle Bobs Club Len Trewin -0427 867 797

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

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

Let us know your details and get more people involved.