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Intersection Problems Create Hope St Rat Run.

Continuing issues with the Hope St/ Highway intersection have prompted Local MLA Gary Blackwood to meet with Vicroads to discuss the matter. Long time Bunyip residents would recall many upgrades to the highway over time lifting the highway carrying capacity and increasing speeds of traffic without any major upgrade to the intersection itself. Works should have been undertaken long ago to alleviate this problem. Responding to a Bunyip News request Gary commented "I had a zoom meeting with Vicroads yesterday. Vince Punaro, Regional Director and two engineers were in attendance. The discussion naturally centred around options for improving the Tonimbuk North Road Intersection. Vince explained that treatments in the long term would be full blown overpass/interchange at a number of intersections along that stretch of the freeway. Vicroads acknowledged the recent spate of accidents at the Tonimbuk North Road intersection had triggered the need to look at short term solutions. It was agreed that options would be looked at such as merging lanes, speed variations and warning signs. Vicroads agreed to get back to me in late February with the findings of their investigation."



A recent accident created this line of traffic through Bunyip on the 15th December.

From the Editor - During my tenure as Editor I hope to include a lot of Bunyip local content with inclusions from our readers prominent. As a Bunyip resident for more than 34 years I'll endeavor to bring historic perspective to these pages. On behalf of the committee I would like to thank Barry and Sue Neilson for their hard work filling a number of roles over a long period of time on The News. Clint.

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Changing of the guard at Bunyip News

Sue & Barry Neilson would like to congratulate Clint Diston and Beth Watson on their new positions as editor and advertising coordinator for the Bunyip & District Community News. They hope they enjoy and get to know the community as they feel they have over the past 15 years.

They have seen many changes in this time, taking the “news” into the 20th and 21st centuries, with the change to an online presence via email, and our website of which Clint is the web master and designer and the use of publishing software. In 2005 there were teams of printers, collators and staplers with an electric stapler and now have a printer that copies, folds, and staples which is a big asset to the team. The “News” has grown from 500 copies of twelve pages to now doing 1000 copies of thirty two pages and is accessible online, and soon to be in your email inbox as of February.

They would like to thank the committee past and present for their support over the years and will be remaining on the committee and the printing roster and look forward to life without deadlines!



Sue Neilson (left) with Beth Watson and Barry Neilson

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Review - Chromecast with Google TV.

Recommendation – Buy one now ! \$99 at the Google Store.

Recently I dived in and bought the new Chromecast with Google TV. I have been pretty happy with the original Chromecast and love the ease and simplicity of the casting experience. I have been operating a Foxtel Now Box for some years which purports to do most of what the new device does but found it would switch itself on unannounced and the streaming experience was far from premium which was its main purpose. The Google TV device comes with its own remote and once setup turns the TV off and on and presents its main menu. One of my main objectives was to run the Kayo app with my subscription for the AFL during the season. I can report it does a first class job of that with up to 4K HDR and 60 FPS resolution if you have a TV that supports it. The 1080p on my TV looks fantastic. Its no slouch with sound either offering DTS, Dolby Digital+, Dolby Audio and Dolby Atmos. Your home theatre is going to love it ! I stream YouTube and catch up TV channels regularly and once again the experience is good. Sound is crisp and refined without any buffering issues. My device streams from WIFI very well but you can get an adapter from Google that acts as a power supply and ethernet connection. Android TV apps are installed via an updated Play Store interface and offers hundreds of app options. The remote has buttons for Netflix, YouTube and voice search. I can report the voice search facility works as intended. I often search YouTube with voice and get just what I want quickly while the press button keyboard is precise but slow in operation as you would expect. The device comes with its own power supply and USB-C lead and hangs neatly behind the TV taking up very little room. You won't have much reason to access the device once installed but it does come with a small reset button if the system locks up (I've never had to use it). Storage capacity is 8GB which will be enough for a number of apps but playing complex large games could be an issue. I would have liked to see expandable storage here to handle bigger demands. Connection to the TV is HDMI 2. For the techies – CPU is an arm Amlogic S905X3 Quad core with 2GB memory.





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| Monday 28 th December | in lieu of Boxing Day - CLOSED |
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| Wednesday 30 th December | 8.30 am to 5.00 pm |
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Thermomix tips with Chelsea McGill



Hi everyone,

My name is Chelsea McGill and I'm a local Bunyipian, Mum, food lover and also a Thermomix consultant and team leader.

I've owned a Thermomix for about 8 years now, It is my saviour in the kitchen, my second pair of hands, my food inspiration, my rut breaker!

I'll be doing a monthly article in the Bunyip News to help those of you who own a Thermomix with inspiration, tips and tricks.

This months article is an introduction to the Thermomix. For those of you who don't know, A Thermomix is a smart connected cooking appliance. The TM6 has 25 different cooking modes and will replace over 20 appliances in your kitchen!

The Thermomix connects to your Wi-Fi and through that, accesses a recipe platform called Cookidoo that has over 64000 recipes available on the screen of the Thermomix to use in guided cooking. It's like having hundreds of built in recipe books. The Cookidoo app and website allows you do meal plans, shopping lists and also orders direct to Woolworth online! If you own a TM5, This can be done with the cook key accessory.

A Thermomix is designed to take the hassle out of cooking, meal planning and shopping. It's all about hands off cooking, No standing in the kitchen chopping, stirring and mixing, Which means more time spent with your family, pets, getting those chores done or just relaxing on the couch with a glass of wine!

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The world's largest sand island can be found in Australia - [Fraser Island!](#)

It would take around 29 years to visit one new Aussie beach every day (there are 10,685 of them!)

The Great Barrier Reef is the planet's largest living structure. It even has its own Post Office box!

Aussies drink 1.7 billion litres of beer per year, that's about 680 bottles of beer for each adult.

Australia's Capital city, Canberra, meant "woman's cleavage" in Aborigine and was named that because the city is cradled between two mountains.

AFL (Australian Rules Football) was invented to keep Cricketers fit in the off season, there are claims that the game may have been influenced by Indigenous Australians

The world's largest rock is not actually Uluru, but Mount Augustus in Western Australia. Mount Augustus is actually twice the size of Uluru.

<https://www.stayatbase.com/australia/weird-facts-about-australia/>



Why shouldn't you kiss anyone on January 1st? **Because it's only the first date.**

Next January I will only be watching videos on 1080p **It's my new years resolution**

I can't wait until January 1st, 2021.

That way I can say hindsight is really 20/20!

Finally got round to booking my laser eye surgery for the 1st January **Can't wait to have 2020 vision.**

Murphy's Top Tips

Welcome to Murphy's Top Tips – a column where our team will share some tips and tricks on keeping your garden looking terrific. We will cover everything from bugs, 'how to's' and planting guides, so be sure to check back here every month for more gardening advice!

Are you struggling to keep on top of bugs this season? You aren't alone! The conditions we have had over this Spring/Summer have been bug breeding heaven. Try this natural remedy to get rid of the nasties in your garden without hurting the nice bugs (and bees)!

Basic All Rounder Pesticide:

- 1 cup of vegetable oil
- 1 tbsp dishwashing liquid

Shake thoroughly and mix 2 1/2 tsp of the oil/soap mix with 1L water in a spray bottle. Spray all leaves and stems on the affected plant(s) thoroughly once a week.

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Those were the Days *By Roman Kulkewycz*

This story involves a minister who was a regular visitor at the nursing home in Maffra which is called McDonald Wing. McDonald Wing was named after a local identity, Jock McDonald who was a motor car dealer and who put a lot of personal time, work, money and effort into the Maffra District Hospital which cared very well for its residents as is evident by the smiles and looks of contentment on the resident's faces. Even today, this place still has a reputation for top residential quality care.

Anyway at this particular time the nursing home was in the process of repainting all of the rooms, so the residents were all sat out of their rooms during the day whilst the painters were at work. Everyone sat along the corridors and in the lounge room which was choca block full. In those days, smoking was an accepted pastime and if you told someone that it was going to be banned one day, you would get a strange look. At times the lounge room was so thick with smoke that you couldn't see your nose in front of your face. The staff room was just the same too.

As it happened this particular day, an elderly gentleman was visiting his wife and both were sitting, chatting to one another in the corridor along with all of the the residents. One of the nurses noticed that the wife had become heavily incontinent of urine which changed her lower clothes to a darker shade of the blue colour that she was wearing. As she was non ambulant it was necessary to bring a commode chair on wheels to her and transfer her from her chair onto the commode and then attend to her back in her room.

After the transfer to the commode chair, a nurse noticed that the vacated vinyl chair had a large pool of urine laying on the seat where this lady was sitting. The lady was taken back to her room. The nurse grabbed a bottle of disinfectant and a large towel to soak up the urine and headed off to clean and disinfect the chair. To her shock and horror, in the meantime, the local minister, dressed immaculately in a neat grey suit had come along and plonked himself in the chair and began a conversation with the visiting husband. He didn't see the pool of piddle on the seat. The nurses were both shocked and at the same time had got the giggles, wondering what was going to happen next.

Within about 5 minutes the urine had soaked through the minister's trousers and making his legs wet and cold and the penny had finally dropped as to what had happened. The minister, now slightly agitated and most embarrassed and started to rock slowly from side to side from the wetness and discomfort. The realisation of his predicament had dawned on him. Now the minister was on the lookout for when there would be minimal staff in the corridor so he could make a dash for the front door, not be seen and avoid embarrassment.

What he didn't know was that the nurses were all fully aware of his situation and were waiting and watching from around corners for him to attempt to make an "unseen" exit. Eventually when he thought the coast was clear he rose from his chair and quickly hurried along the long corridor towards the front door but with many eyes watching and faces giggling as he walked out through the automatic sliding front door into the warm sunshine. He tugged down on his suit coat from behind to try and cover his arse, but all to no avail. There was a huge round wet patch on his bum.

If that's not funny enough, well this story has a funny twist to it. That same week the minister had bought a brand new car and he wasn't going to sit on the nice new seats in his pissy pants. No alternative but to walk a couple of kilometres home, change his trousers and come back for his car in brand new clean and dry clothes.

This other story is about a bloke who, although strictly speaking was not a priest but was classed as a "Special Minister" in the local Catholic Church. He had an honourable position in the town which demanded and brought him respect from the community. His downfall however was that he liked the amber fluid and once he knocked off work, he was known to go a bit overboard with the stubbies and get himself pickled. He was always being asked to be Santa Claus at the Carols by Candlelight and would sit under a big tree with his bag of lollies and hand these out to the kids whilst the mums and dads would sit on rugs holding candles and singing carols.

This went on without a hitch for some years until one year things went pear shaped. Being a stickler for political correctness and for doing things properly, once he'd had a few bears he was a tiger if the wrong thing was said or done. Well this particular year when the Carols were on and about 200 people were sitting down on the freshly cut lawn all joining in with the carols, there was this commotion and sudden disruption to the "silent night" This young boy came tearing through the crowd, screaming at the top of his lungs with "Santa" hot on his heels. Eventually Santa caught up to him, grabbed him by the scruff of the neck and started to kick him his bum and yell "next time, make sure that you say "thank you" All in full view of the startled crowd. Apparently the boy when going up to Santa had not said thank you when he received his lollies and this had riled the slightly inebriated Santa.

Needless to say, for the rest of the night Santa had cut a lonely figure sitting in his chair under the big oak tree. All of the kids were too scared of him to ask for their bag of lollies.

Update from Bunyip

Renewables Action Group

New members always welcome. Joining fee \$20 per family. Register your interest at bragbunyip@gmail.com or contact Helen on 0411274025 and we will send you a membership form.

OUR VISION:

That by 2030 100% of power used by Bunyip and District Community will be generated using renewable sources.

OUR MISSION:

To significantly reduce Bunyip and District's carbon footprint by facilitating the transition to renewable energy.

BRAG has been busy during the last couple of months:

- We have become an incorporated group, set up a facebook page, an email address and opened a bank account.....we plan to be around for quite a while!
- We have attended seminars and established links with the Gippsland Climate Change Network and Eco Hub Gippsland as well as Yarra Energy Foundation.
- **These groups have agreed to include Bunyip in "Gippsland" for the purpose of accessing grants, rebates and bulk buys that are being made available to kick start the LaTrobe Valley and other Gippsland communities in renewable energy production and take up.**
- We have conducted a survey amongst Bunyip residents and businesses to give us some baseline information and determine public interest in working towards a community totally reliant on renewable energy supplies.....with encouraging responses...full analysis will be available next newsletter. Thanks to all those who responded.

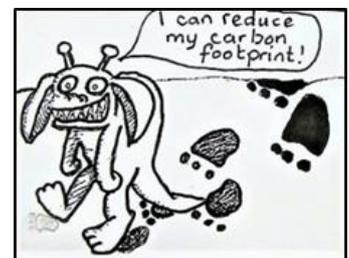
Before we can even hope to achieve our goals for the community we need to minimise our energy consumption..... to this end we have 2 LED lighting project proposals underway:

- By accessing available rebates and bulk buy opportunities we hope to present a viable costing to Grounds Committee in February for the **replacement of external halogen floodlights with LED globes throughout the Recreation Reserve.**
- We are also investigating accessing existing rebates to organise a **bulk installation of LED lights in private residences and businesses** within the community.....hoping that this will be at a very low cost, if not free, to all participants.

Given the current COVID situation we are planning to hold a public information evening on line on Thursday February 25th at 7.30pm. We have a couple of very interesting speakers lined up who will explain to us

- **The importance of using electricity wisely and cost effectively and what rebates/ schemes are available to assist us in doing this.**
- **How the bulk buying and government rebates for rooftop solar can reduce costs for our community.**

Watch this space for your invitation and link to join us.





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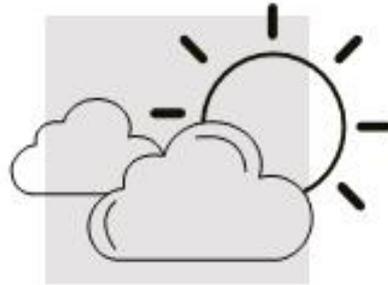
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Cricket Season - 1904 style

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A meeting convened for the purpose of forming a cricket club was held in Kraft's Hall on the 27th ult. Mr. B. J. Coon occupying the chair. Taking into consideration the short notice there was a good attendance. After some discussion it was decided to take immediate steps and form a club to be prepared to join any association within the radius of Drouin and Pakenham. Mr. McNamara announced that Mr. Ellis had offered a trophy of £3 3s with the proviso that a local association be formed. Overtures were also made by Longwarry. The following officers were duly elected:— President, Mr. Kraft; vice presidents, Messrs. Rogers and B. H. Williams; treasurer Mr. Holgate; secretary, Mr. A. H. a'Beckett; delegates, Messrs. A. H. a'Beckett and J. Roffey jun. The subscriptions are players 3s 6d, non-players 2s 6d. Match committee, Messrs. J. Ryan, B. T. Syer, and A. Holgate.

The first match of the season, Bunyip v. Longwarry, was played on the ground of the former on the 1st inst., and resulted in a draw.

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Upcoming bushfire season.

Summer is finally upon us and many residents will still be preparing their property in case of an emergency. To prepare your property make sure to:

- slash all grass and weeds on your block so they are less than 10 centimetres high. Make sure you maintain this length during the fire danger period.
- clear fallen branches and dead vegetation from around your property.
- clean up fine fuels such as leaves, twigs and long grass and remove any rubbish.
- larger rural and agricultural properties need to create a firebreak at least 10 metres wide along external fences by slashing grass and weeds to less than 10 centimetres. Please note you may need a planning permit to remove vegetation in certain circumstances. Make sure to contact Council and discuss whether you require a permit to proceed.

Fire danger period.

The fire danger period started on Monday 14 December. This means any burning off is NOT permitted.

Fire hazard inspection program.

Fire prevention officers inspect properties in the lead up to summer and during the fire danger period to check if there are fire hazards that need to be addressed on private land. If the Fire Prevention Officers inspect a property and find fire hazards, a Fire Prevention Notice is issued to the property owner. The notice outlines the works that must be done to fix the issue. Properties most likely to be inspected include:

- those in high fire risk areas
- vacant properties
- properties that have previously been issued with a Fire Prevention Notice.

If you receive a fire prevention notice, read it carefully. Make sure the works take place by the date stated in the notice. After this date, the land will be reinspected to see if the fire hazards identified in the notice have been fixed. If you do not comply with the notice, you may be fined up to \$1,611, and/ or you may need to cover the cost of us hiring a contractor to remove fire hazards, plus administration costs. Legal action may still proceed. If you have any questions regarding the upcoming fire season and preparing for the upcoming season contact 1300 787 624.

2020-2024 Councillors.

Following the 2020 local government elections the Cardinia Shire Council Councillors have been officially sworn and will now begin their four-year term. The Councillors are:

- Beacon Hills Ward: Cr Brett Owen
- Bunyip Ward: Cr Graeme Moore
- Central Ward: Cr Collin Ross
- Henty Ward: Cr Carol Ryan
- Officer Ward: Cr Tammy Radford
- Pakenham Hills Ward: Cr Jack Kowarzik
- Ranges Ward: Cr Jeff Springfield
- Toomuc Ward: Cr Stephanie Davies
- Westernport Ward: Cr Ray Brown

At a Statutory Council Meeting on Monday 23 November 2020, Beacon Hills Ward Councillor Brett Owen was elected Mayor of Cardinia Shire Council and Ranges Ward Councillor Jeff Springfield was elected Deputy Mayor of Cardinia

Shire Council for the 2020-21 Council year.

Youth Positive Pathways online directory.

Council has relaunched the Youth Positive Pathways Online directory in Partnership with City of Casey and City of Greater Dandenong, as well as the South East Local Learning and Employment Network (SELLEN). Youth Positive Pathways online directory is a guide to services for young people in the south-east. To search the directory

youthpositivepathways.com.au

Accessing mental health services in the Bunyip area.

Katerina Volny, Bushfire Recovery Psychologist, Monash Health

Mental Health services can be complex, changeable, and a challenge to find just the right options for a person in a specific situation. With our COVID-19 experience the demand for mental health services has increased, sometimes leading to waiting periods to access services. Having an overview of the kinds of information and services available can be helpful for getting the right help at the right time. It's worth persisting to find out what your needs are and what people, services, or interventions can be helpful to you. Sometimes identifying what the problem is, or what is the change you want, can be an important step towards finding a solution, and is often something that a psychologist can assist with. When to seek out mental health services? For yourself

- at times of crisis, when you have severely depressed mood, harmful behaviours, or thoughts of ending your life
- when you are experiencing big changes in behaviours or distressing experiences
- when difficulties are persistent over weeks or months and are disrupting your ability to do your normal work, family, or recreational roles and activities
- when you are not thriving and not satisfied - it's a good idea to seek mental health or personal development support when you want to be functioning better.

Carers Victoria has a phone line as well as links to practical and counselling resources. Carers Advisory Line: 1800 514 845 Consider the right match for you, including:

Accessibility Do you prefer face-to-face or online services? Consider how far might you need to travel, how often will you need to attend and how much of your time might a mental health intervention require.

Cost

There is a range of public and private services with a mix of costs and funding options. There are many lower no-cost options; however, they may also have a waiting period or limits on their services. Private services may cost more; however, you may have a much broader choice to select a preferred service provider. Funding for services are often available from Medicare, private health insurance, TAC, Workcover, NDIS, and Employee Assistance Programs.

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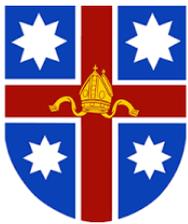
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For further information please contact Margaret on 5629 2318.



Bunyip Anglican Church - St Thomas on A'Beckett Road

On Sunday 20th December we held our celebration service of nine Christmas lessons and carols, in the garden of St Thomas church. More than 75 people attended and joined together singing the traditional carols of Christmas and listened to readings from Isaiah, forecasting the coming of Christ, and New Testament readings about the fulfilment of those prophecies. Following the service, drinks and nibbles were distributed for people to enjoy. Thank you to all those who attended and made this occasion so special. During the carols and readings, a presentation was made to Frank Hoff, manager of Hillview Aged Care and office manager, Rose, in recognition of his hard work by staff to keep the residents safe during the Covid virus lockdown.





Redivision of State electoral boundaries announced

Victoria's Electoral Boundaries Commission (EBC) has today announced the start of the next scheduled redivision of State electoral boundaries.

A redivision is required because there have been two general elections since the last redivision.

The redivision of State electoral boundaries aims to provide fair and equitable representation for all voters by ensuring enrolments in each electoral district and region do not vary by more than 10% from the State average.

The EBC will hold an online information session on Wednesday 16 December for anyone wanting to learn more about the redivision process and how to make a submission. Further information on how to register to join this meeting will be available on the website ebc.vic.gov.au

Electoral Commissioner Warwick Gately, one of the members of the EBC, has issued a call to Victorians to have their say through the submission process.

'We encourage Victorians to contribute to the redivision process and have their say,' said Mr Gately.

People interested in making a submission can map their proposed boundaries using the new Public Submission Tool available on the EBC website.'

Further information about the redivision will be available on the EBC website ebc.vic.gov.au

Embedding a multicultural focus

The Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) is excited to launch its Multicultural Inclusion Plan for 2020-2023, strengthening its commitment to greater electoral participation of people from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities.

The Multicultural Inclusion Plan (the Plan) is the VEC's commitment to providing culturally accessible information and services for Victoria's growing population of CALD voters.

Electoral Commissioner Warwick Gately launched the Plan today and thanked those involved in the process for their contribution and advice.

"The Plan has been developed following extensive consultation with staff, the VEC's advisory groups, the Victorian Multicultural Commission and broader CALD communities in Victoria," Mr Gately said.

The Plan focuses on four key priority areas:

- access – to culturally responsive information and services
- employment – staff recruitment and retention
- community – engagement, skill development, collaboration and partnerships
- capability – building staff skills to provide culturally responsive information and services.

"This Plan cements our commitment to ensuring that more Victorians from our CALD communities can vote," Mr Gately said. The Plan is available to download from the VEC's website.

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From the top down, Hats have two main jobs, keeping the rain or cold out, or the sun and heat off. Whether you wear an Akubra or a wide brimmed sun hat the right one will make a difference. Look for a hat that is light enough but not to get blown off all the time or has a chin draw string attached and a good mesh ventilation all around, just a couple of holes in the sides won't do it. Baseball caps give little protection from sunburn for your neck, ears, and face, at best a fashion statement is all it does for you. Not to mention that stray flying lure or those wind gusts and flies. While clothing is usually selected for its seasonal changes, fishing attire is categorised very differently (1) only worn once. (2) Worn twice (3) ripe for washing.

Real consideration should be given to the type of fabrics you wear, either warm and waterproof or cool and breathable with a quick dry characteristic on those hot days. Polyester can be cool and dries fast but tends to sweat close to the skin, 100% cotton is better, lighter fabric the better or a blend, less of the polyester though. Wet wading is as it sounds, you get wet in your clothes boots and all. Wading in hike boots, neoprene socks, polypropylene leggings (tights) that fast dry and light polyester pants or shorts over the top of, but that's mainly to maintain anything left of your dignity still left. This is a summer activity, for winter its full-on neoprene for me!

On a lighter note, as of Xmas gift I'm now the proud owner of a new pair of breathable waders. Unlike my old neoprene gum booted waders these are lighter and aren't body hugging (thank god!). Rather, these feel like I'm wearing a kids jumping castle or a pair of oversized clown pants with large 'Mickey Mouse' boots on. Thank heavens I don't own a 'red' Morris mini to complete the set. But the aim is to keep you dry without the sweat factor building up inside your pants, not in the comfort range or a fashion statement by any stretch of the imagination. Will inform you later with a review when I finally get to use them in the rivers and of the outcome, unless you see me 'bobbing' past you downstream in them.

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February Gardening Calendar (Australian Temperate Climate)

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February is the last month of summer, and it's still a fairly dry time of the year in Melbourne, so water deeply and less often during dry periods to encourage roots to grow down, making plants less vulnerable to heat and drought. Take advantage of the hot dry weather to do weeding, and lay the weeds on top of the soil to dry out and become mulch, but remove and dispose of the seeding parts first.

Things to Do This Month:

Summer pruning of fruit trees, cut new green growth by half to maintain size.

Feed citrus trees, and top up mulch (use compost or old manure) over roots, keeping clear of trunk.

Cut and dry herbs for winter use.

Collect ripening seeds for plants you wish to propagate.

Divide perennials towards the end of the month, or if in drought, leave till March.

Sow cool season green manure crops, such as Broad Beans, Fenugreek, Linseed, Lupins, Mustard, Oats and Vetch, then dug in during autumn before flowering.

Last chance to sow warm season green manure crops, such as Buckwheat, Cowpea, Japanese Millet, Mung Bean, Mustard, Soybean.

Prune summer fruiting raspberries – after fruit is picked, cut out old canes and tie new canes (that have grown this year) to supports.

Keep an eye on water gardens and ponds, water levels can get low due to evaporation. Aquatic plants can become overgrown and require thinning at this time of year.

Propagation of semi-hardwood (semi-ripe) cuttings is done in mid-late summer, use rooting hormone, and plant in moist commercial propagation mix, or make your own with one part coarse propagating sand (washed river sand) and one part peat or coconut coir.

Vegetables and Herbs to Sow:

| Sow in February | | Harvest (weeks) | Sow in February | | Harvest (weeks) | Sow in February | | Harvest (weeks) |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Beetroot | <i>ds</i> | 7-10 | Cress | <i>d</i> | 2-3 | Potato <i>tubers</i> | <i>d</i> | 15-20 |
| Brussel Sprouts | <i>ds</i> | 14-28 | Endive | <i>ds</i> | 10-11 | Radish | <i>d</i> | 5-7 |
| Broccoli | <i>ds</i> | 10-16 | Kohlrabi | <i>d</i> | 7-10 | Rhubarb <i>crowns</i> | <i>d</i> | 12 mths |
| Buckwheat | <i>d</i> | 8-12 | Leeks | <i>ds</i> | 15-18 | Salad Burnett | <i>ds</i> | 6-8 |
| Cabbage | <i>ds</i> | 8-15 | Lettuce | <i>ds</i> | 8-12 | Salsify | <i>d</i> | 14-21 |
| Caraway | <i>d</i> | 24 mths | Mustard Greens | <i>d</i> | 5-8 | Shallot <i>bulbs</i> | <i>d</i> | 12-15 |
| Carrots | <i>d</i> | 12-18 | Oats | <i>d</i> | 8-12 | Silverbeet | <i>ds</i> | 7-12 |
| Cauliflower | <i>ds</i> | 15-22 | Onions | <i>ds</i> | 25-34 | Swedes | <i>d</i> | 10-14 |
| Chervil | <i>d</i> | 6-8 | Spring Onions | <i>d</i> | 6-10 | Turnip | <i>d</i> | 6-9 |
| Chicory | <i>d</i> | 8 | Parsley | <i>ds</i> | 9-19 | | | |
| Chinese Cabbage | <i>ds</i> | 8-10 | Parsnip | <i>d</i> | 17-20 | | | |

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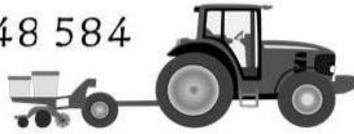


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Local Police Update - 19/01/2021 By Danny Hower, Victoria Police Sergeant

Hello, Hope everyone is well and had a safe
Christmas. Our thoughts are with anyone who
is suffering more than first world problems and
if we can help please let us know.

Apologies again for the lack of newsletter input
in the last six months. Police commitments
continue to be pretty hectic with a lot of new
and different state-wide responsibilities.

As part of the police 'new normal', we currently
get to work in far off places with people from
areas no-where near here and listen to police
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The paddocks are green, the sky dark blue
And the people in good cheer.

There is so much to do, the shops are full
And there's food and gifts to buy.
But some of our folk don't feel as merry
As when they were in their prime.

Christmas for some is routine.
They say, they've have seen it all before -
Then out of the blue, Santa arrives, and
Without knocking, leaves a wonderful surprise!

But what kind souls, living in these parts
Find time to create and share
A special view of the Christmas we knew
One just like it used to be.

A big yellow sun is in the sky
And the sky is coloured blue.
People have smiles as big as a barn,
And they are looking straight at you.

We don't know how many helped Santa
To make these lovely cards,
But we can tell you this -
Each one will be kept for years.

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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

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 - Judy Pocklington email 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

Bunyip Junior Football Club President Noel Mollison – 0438 513 443 or _noelxchloe@bigpond.com

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 (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 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.