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West Gippsland Rail Towns Community Christmas Day Lunch 2024

All the trimmings with lashing of Love & laughter!

Moy-Yan Neighbourhood House hosted the West Gippsland Rail Towns Community Christmas lunch, which was attended by 32 guests with 8 volunteers on the day and 10 volunteers helped set up the day before.

The Community Christmas day lunch was made possible via grants and donations.

A BIG thank You to Cardinia shire, Garfield Community shop, Bunyip Market & Beaconsfield College.

Posters & flyers inviting folks to join the lunch were shared along the West Gippsland Railway Towns. Connecting with those doing it hard financially, folks who live alone or may find themselves on their own Christmas day.

Community enjoying a meal together like this is fun, we connect and feel a sense of belonging.

It was a wonderful welcoming venue - Thank you to the Jefferson Road over 55's Village for the use of their common room.

Guests arrived as strangers and left as friends - with many keen to help with a 2025 Christmas day lunch.

An important aspect of the lunch was for our volunteers to join our guests, eat & chat - just like a family meal - oh and the Christmas crackers!! Silly hats & sillier jokes just complete it.

Countrystyle Meats and Smokehouse of Garfield were our caterers - cooking the pork, ham, gravy & crackle to PERFECTION!!! And pre-preparing vegetables for volunteers to cook on Christmas day. Thank you John & Kim and your amazing crew.

Volunteers purchased groceries, gifts for our younger guests, Christmas puddings and all the trimmings.

All guests received a handmade gorgeous red boomerang bag made by our Garfield sewers, filled with an assortment of items including a Woolies gift card. As with any family meal we sent the family home with a container or 2 of leftovers.:)

There were giveaways on the day of books and jigsaw puzzles - with a lucky door prize of a large jigsaw puzzle!

A few photos were taken of the set up day, however we were all so busy working or chatting with guests at the lunch that we did not get any people photos! - not even the volunteers in the kitchen <facepalm>! Please enjoy our before photos.

It was a wonderful lunch, the effort of community working together to put the lunch on is confirmed by All the happy faces, only positive feedback and with offers of help for this year. Guests and volunteers worked together to tidy up.



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A few pictures of our Christmas Day set up. As a volunteer on the day, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Meg Platte for all her time spent making arrangements for the day and for the article she wrote and pictures provided to include in this Newsletter. Margaret (Editor)









Bunyip Rainfall Totals



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
2020	92.6	138.15	35.75	145.5	100.5	46	43.5	122	58.5	98	60	44	984.5
2021	67	37	35.75	61	54	76	93	44	100	113	93	22	833.0
2022	37	6	49	76	42	96	52.0	146	49	169	102	74	898.0
2023	30	29.5	66	77.0	75.0	75.0	31	55	49	147	88	124	846.5
2024	154	35	10	121	36	36	111	33	77	76	62	39	790.0

CHANGE OF HABIT

Because we all get into a routine of habits with our fishing, we are potentially missing out on new experiences and possible improvement in our catch availabilities and quantities. Take a look at your methods and try adaption to **improve** it or implement an entirely different system of angling. Let me explain some examples of this.

Berley: If you're not using it, you are missing out, it's a ringing dinner bell for fish, calling them in, not to feed them because that's the job of your bait and hook. If you're looking for berley recipes go to April 2013 newsletter 'Berley'.

Garfish: Believe it or not, fishing traditional rod and reel action will slow you down for this fish species. Using a telescopic pole of 6m or reduced to 4m rigged with a small float at 1m depth, small gar hooks and light line will be the best and productive fun you've had for a long time. A lift and swing in quick de-hook a bait change-over and swing out again, whether you're in a boat or on a pier. This is a very effective method in conjunction with berley in small amounts.

Trout Lures: While traditional trout lures are either bibbed, flop and float, bladed spinners or tied flies. Soft plastics are a consideration that shouldn't be overlooked they are cheap in quantities come in very exciting colours and enticing active motions, they can be weed guarded to be dragged through watery rock or grass terrain, with easily changeable replacement bodies. I personally love casting them into the grass on the opposite bank winding them down through the grass with a 'plop into the very water's edge, its deadly!

Tackle: take another look at the tackle you're using too. Can you improve your hooks to a more effective point delivery or keeping your bait on longer, there's more to it than just tying on any hook, that's why there's so many designs out there, do some research on the best style to suit your type of fishing.

Sinkers: Sinkers should be just enough weight to get the bait delivered, without a spinning action causing line twist, a quick change method should be looked for, either a clip or loop knots.

Swivels: Swivels are crucial to prevent line twist as is the quality of your lines, always buy the best you can afford, you won't regret it.

Rods and Reels: are not an option for all of us to buy or have the exact one for each fishing style, but match as best you can the weight and size to do the best job in each case.

Floats: Are a great method of fishing, besides like being very beautiful fishing toys, they don't discriminate or care what rod you're using as that doesn't affect their performance at all.

Catcha, The TackleMan ®

BRAG UPDATE JANUARY 2025



"LET'S GIVE BUNYIP SOMETHING TO BRAG ABOUT!"

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WINNERS OF BRAG'S SUSTAINABLE RAFFLE

Thanks to all those people who supported our fundraising raffle this year.

Thanks also to Alanna Pomeroy (our local Councillor and Deputy Mayor) for drawing it at the Bunyip Christmas Carnival.

Both the prize winners were market stall-holders:

First name drawn was Luke Ashby who chose the box of sustainable household items leaving the 4 man Coleman tent for "Andrew" another market stall-holder both of whom were present and able to receive their prizes.





Bunyip Newsletter Sponsors Four Local Student Awards

By Roman Kulkewycz

Bunyip Community News has sponsored four primary school awards, two at St. Columba Catholic School and two at Bunyip Primary School, each Award valued at \$250.

Daisy O'Loughlin and Sevanna Reid, both age 12, year 6 students at St. Columba Primary Catholic School were surprised and thrilled to receive their Awards and had no idea of the monetary value which pleasantly delighted them. Daisy is the recipient of the Alcott – Freeman Award. She has enjoyed Sport, Performing Arts, Netball and Maths. Sevanna was awarded the Mackilliop Social Justice Award chose Writing, Sport, Maths and Netball as her favourite subjects. Both agreed that it's a wonderful, welcoming environment at the school and both have loved their time spent there. The girls will put their prize money into building up their savings. Next year both girls will be attending Marist Sion in Warragul.

Mackenzie Straughair 12, was awarded the 2024 Spirit Award and Ryder Turra 11, awarded the Quiet Achiever Award both Year 6 students at Bunyip Primary School expressed their gratitude to the Bunyip Community News for sponsoring their awards. Mackenzie Straughair who has been at the school since Year 3 said that science and the performing arts were her favourite subjects Her ambition is to become a teacher. She will put her award money into her bank account. Next year she will attend Chairo Christian School – Pakenham Campus.

Ryder Turra came to the school in year 4 and describes it as an awesome, welcoming environment. He will have many happy memories of his primary school years at Bunyip. His favourite subjects have been sport, sport and more sport. He barracks for the Richmond Tigers and his ambition is to one day be an AFL player, like his hero, Shai Bolton. Next year Ryder will be attending Drouin secondary College.



Congratulates The Bunyip Students On Their Awards Sponsored By Bunyip and District Community News

St. Columba Catholic School



Daisy Sevanna O'Loughlin Reid

Bunyip Primary School



Mackenzie Straughair

Ryder Turra

Presenting the Awards - Tony Arrigo - President Bunyip Community News



ARE YOU PREPARED FOR FIRE

With the Fire Danger Period in effect, and some dangerous fire conditions experienced already this season, all indicators are pointing to a long duration and impactful Fire Season.

Our local area is drying out very quickly, and we are experiencing what is being called a "Green Drought", where fuels in our grasslands and forests appear green, but are burning very easily.

This was evident firsthand to Bunyip CFA crews on recent deployments to The Gurdies. Conditions are similar to locally and fire was able to grow quickly, even through "Green" vegetation.

It is imperative that you are ready for Fire this season.

Make sure you have a fire plan. There is a free tool available which you can use to create a personalised Fire Plan.

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What Can I or Can't I do during the Fire Danger Period, or on declared days of Total Fire Ban? https://cfa.vic.gov.au/can

How can I prepare my property for fire this summer?

Christmas Eve Santa Run a massive success!

Bunyip Fire Brigades was joined by Tynong Fire Brigade for another successful Santa Run in Bunyip, Garfield, Tonimbuk, Iona and Modella.

With 224 homes visited, 540 presents dropped and 350km covered by 4 appliances, there was smiles and happy memories aplenty.

This year was a record for the brigade, with 15 more drops than our previous highest total.

We want to thank the community for getting behind the Brigade, as well as the dedicated volunteers who put on this event each year. Months is spent planning and organising the route drops, collating and collecting gifts, and working out logistics on the day.

To our partner organisations and drop off locations, an extra special thankyou.

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From all of us at Bunyip CFA, we wish you all a safe and happy holiday season.



Newsletter's Donation To Bunyip Kinder

By Roman Kulkewycz

A donation of \$2,000 from the Bunyip Community Newsletter to enable the Bunyip Kindergarten to purchase learning resources for the children was presented to the Kindergarten last month.

Bunyip Newsletter President, Tony Arrigo made the presentation of the cheque to Educator Pauline Griffiths.

Ms. Griffiths said that she was delighted with the generosity of the newsletter and the Kindergarten would purchase resources for next year's classes.



Satnav – A poem by Pam Ayres.

I have a little Satnav, it sits there in my car.

A Satnav is a driver's friend it tells you where you are.

I have a little Satnay, I've had it all my life.

It's better than the normal ones, my Satnav is my wife.

It gives me full instructions, especially how to drive "It's sixty miles an hour", it says, "You're doing sixty five".

It tells me when to stop and start, and when to use the brake And tells me that it's never ever, safe to overtake.

It tells me when a light is red, and when it goes to green It seems to know instinctively, just when to intervene.

It lists the vehicles just in front, and all those to the rear.

And taking this into account, it specifies my gear.

I'm sure no other driver, has so helpful a device.

For when we leave and lock the car, it still gives its advice.

It fills me up with counselling, each journey's pretty fraught. So why don't I exchange it, and get a quieter sort?

Ah well, you see, it cleans the house, makes sure I'm properly fed.

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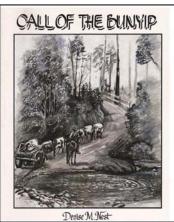




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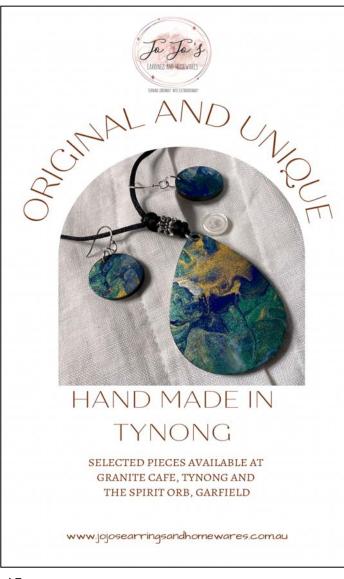
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St. Thomas' Anglican Church A'Beckett Road Bunyip

At St. Thomas' Bunyip our Christmas celebrations commenced with a Midnight Mass on the 24/12/24. Christmas has begun and we will now celebrate the 12 days of Christmas.

Next Sunday, 29th December, we will continue with our Christmas celebrations with the feast of the Holy Family.

Then, on Sunday the 5th January 2025 we will celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. The feast tells the story of the three wise men who brought gifts to the Christ Child.

JANUARY SERVICES At ST. THOMAS

10am every Sunday. This service is followed by morning tea in the Parish Hall. All are welcome at St. Thomas'.

Wednesday Service: Please note that there are **no Wednesday Services** (or lunches) during the month of January

ST. THOMAS' OP SHOP

Over the holiday period St. Thomas' Op shop will be closed from 2.30 pm on Friday 20th December and will re open at 10am onThursday 23rd January 2025

The Reverend Christine Angus (Priest in charge) 0409 217 321

The Reverend Ken Parker (Associate Priest) 5976 1634



BUNYIP DISTRICT UNITING CHURCH

'Linking God and Community'
https://bunyipdistrictunitingchurch.wordpress.com
bduc.uca@gmail.com

Worship Date	Time	Church and Worship Location
Sunday January 5	9:00am	Garfield Uniting Church (13 Garfield Road)
Sunday January 12	9:00am	Bunyip Uniting Church (9 Nash Road)
Sunday January 19	9:00am	Garfield Uniting Church (13 Garfield Road)
Sunday January 26	9:00am	Bunyip Uniting Church (9 Nash Road)
Sunday February 2	9:00am	Garfield Uniting Church (13 Garfield Road)
Sunday February 9	9:00am	Bunyip Uniting Church (9 Nash Road)
Sunday February 16	9:00am	Garfield Uniting Church (13 Garfield Road)
Thursday February 20	11:00am	Hillview Aged Care (22 Abeckett Road)

SPECIAL EVENTS: Prayer Group. Monday 8:00am Drouin at 'The Crossing' call 5625 2655.

Welcome to the Well. First and third Mondays 7:00pm Drouin call Stuart 5625 3202.

Craft and Friendship Group. Tuesday 10:00am Garfield Church call Robyn 5629 5541.

Adult Fellowship (UCAF). Second Thursday 6:00pm Bunyip Church call Margaret 5629 2318.

Local Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)

BUNYIP

Bunyip & District Community Bendigo Bank® Branch – 18 Main St

Bunyip Fire Brigade Station – 15 Pearson St Bunyip Recreation Reserve – Nar Nar Goon-Longwarry Rd - 2—Footy and Tennis Areas Bunyip & District Men's Shed – 22 A'Beckett Rd (off Anderson St)

Hillview Bunyip Aged Care – 22 A'Beckett Rd IGA Supermarket Foyer – 2/6 Main St St Thomas Anglican Church - A'Beckett Road

CANNIBAL CREEK
Cannibal Creek Reserve – 133 Garfield North Rd

Garfield Bowling Club – Beswick St Garfield Golf Club – 180 Thirteen Mile Rd Garfield Post Office – 77 Main St Garfield Recreation Reserve – Beswick St

LONGWARRY

GARFIELD

Longwarry Supermarket (next to ATM)

MARYKNOLL

Maryknoll Fire Brigade Station – 16 Koolbirra Rd Maryknoll Recreation Reserve – Marrakilla Rd



NAR NAR GOON

Nar Nar Goon Fire Brigade Station – 6 Carney St

Nar Nar Goon Recreation Reserve – Spencer St

TONIMBUK

Tonimbuk Equestrian Centre – 370 Sanders Rd, Bunyip North

Tonimbuk Hall - Tonimbuk Road

TYNONG

Tynong Fire Brigade Station – 47 Nar Nar Goon-Longwarry Rd

Tynong Recreation Reserve – Park Rd Tynong Post Office, General Store – 40 Railway Ave

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COMMUNITY CONTACTS

Bunyip & District Agricultural Society

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

Bunyip Cemetery

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

Moy-Yan Neighbourhood House

0428 372 686 - Beswick St & Garfield Scout Hall, Garfield

Bunyip & District Fire Station

1800 240 667 or 000

Bunyip Hall Hire

0407 834 443 or susananderson@dcsi.net.au

Bunyip Historical Society

0419 156 844 - bhs@bunyiphistory.org.au

Justice of the Peace (JP)

Martin Sayers, OAM JP 0411 074 468 / 5629 5339 S. Don McLean, JP- 0401 655 303

Bunyip Landcare Group

bunyiplcg@gmail.com Phone: 0407834443 Facebook: Bunyip Landcare Group Inc.

Cannibal Creek Landcare Group

Pam Cunningham - 0407 876 935

Bunyip Community Market (Last Sun Month)

Tony Arrigo OAM - 0407 563 441

Longwarry & District Fire Brigade Market

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

Bunyip Medical Centre 03 5629 5111

Bunyip & District Men's Shed

President Allan Berry....0429 296 140

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

Bunyip Community Op Shop

5629 6117 (A/H Tony Arrigo 0407 563 441)

Garfield Community Op Shop 0490 141 918

Bunyip Police Station 5629 5205 or 000

Bunyip R.S.L Sub-Branch

David Papley - 0438 295 568

Bunyip Scouts Australia Tracey Cooke

gl.1stbunyip@scoutsvictoria.com.au

Bunyip & District SES

1800 240 667 or 000

Anglican Church of St Thomas Bunyip

Raelene Carroll - 03 5644 3388

Bunyip Country Women's Association CWA:

Wendy - 0417 352 258

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

Garfield Community Garden

Meet Every Weekend - Meg 0466 496 107 gcggarfieldcommunitygarden@gmail.com

Labertouche & District Hunters Group

Meet 2nd Sat Bi-Monthly at Labertouche

Trevor 0439 692 602 knightline58@hotmail.com

Bunyip Social Hub

Davina 0420 372 998 bunyipsocialhub@gmail.com

BRAG (Bunyip Renewables Action Group Inc)

Helen Ross: 0411274025 bragbunyip@gmail.com

Garfield Community Website www.garfield.au

Bunyip Connect Inc bunyipconnectinc@gmail.com

COMMUNITY CLUBS

Bunyip Equestrian Club

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

Bunyip Bulls Basketball Club

info@bunyipbullsbasketball.com.au

Garfield Bowling Club

garfieldbowlingclub@gmail.com - 0432 355 352

Tournament or Twilight Bowls - 0411 288 799

Longwarry Bowls Club

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

Bunyip Bulls Cricket Club

A. Robb 0402 678 552 Ian McConnell 0419 400 630

Garfield Golf Club

Thirteen Mile Rd, Garfield - 03 5629 2794

Bunyip Football Club

President: Cass Hackett

0435 869 348

Bunyip Junior Football Club

Shara McAuley (President) 0400 296 817

admin@bunyipjfc.com.au

Bunyip Netball Club

Lisa Visser 0408 396 251

bunyipnetballclub@bigpond.com

Bunyip Patch Workers Club

Barb - 0407 294326

Bunyip-Garfield Probus Club

(Meets at 10 am 1st Tuesday each month at Garfield Community Hall)

bunyipgarfieldprobus@gmail.com

Bunyip Pony Club

Wendy Smith 0407 552 295

(every second Sunday Pound Road reserve)

Lillico Pony Club

Sam Daly 0425 743 175

(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 Slimmers Club

Maree McRae - 0468 411 144 (Meets every Friday

9.30am at Bunyip Uniting Church)

Bunyip & District Soccer Club

Martin Jeric - 0418 104 242

Sorella Callisthenics Club

Samantha Holt 0421 424 079 sorellacc@hotmail.com

St Vincent De Paul Society

Assistance Line - 1800 305 330

Bunyip Tennis Club

Vanessa Kent - 0401 422 084

Iona Cricket Club

Michael Neilson—0438 295 966

Drouin and District Chess Club

Meets 7pm Monday - Drouin Senior Citizens Club Nick de Weger convenor 0413239717 New players welcome

Longwarry Angling Club

longwarryanglingclub@gmail.com Trevor Wheeler 0407366503