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What's on Cardinia?

Residents and businesses may be interested in some exciting news to come out of Cardinia Shire. A new website called What's on Cardinia has just been launched to support our community and local businesses to discover what is happening throughout our great region. The site provides a guide to what is on in Cardinia each week. What's on Cardinia is a one-stop-shop to find out about upcoming events happening across our shire. Showcasing the unique and diverse region, there's something for everyone - all listed in one place. Even during lockdown periods you can still find 'what's on' ... from take away offers near you to a range of exciting online events. Discover all sorts of events from free fun, wining and dining, music, markets, exhibitions, courses, experiences, tours, networking, sports and more! Cardinia Shire Mayor Councillor Brett Owen said the website had been designed to increase awareness of events, engage our local community, support local businesses and to attract visitors to our Shire. "It's hoped it will not only engage locals but help grow our Shire as an event destination, giving more people more reasons to visit and experience all that we have on offer," he said. Cardinia Shire Council is encouraging all businesses that have an event or special offer to register and list it on the new What's on Cardinia website. All business listings are free. Residents are encouraged to head to www.whatsoncardinia.com.au to see what's on in Cardinia.

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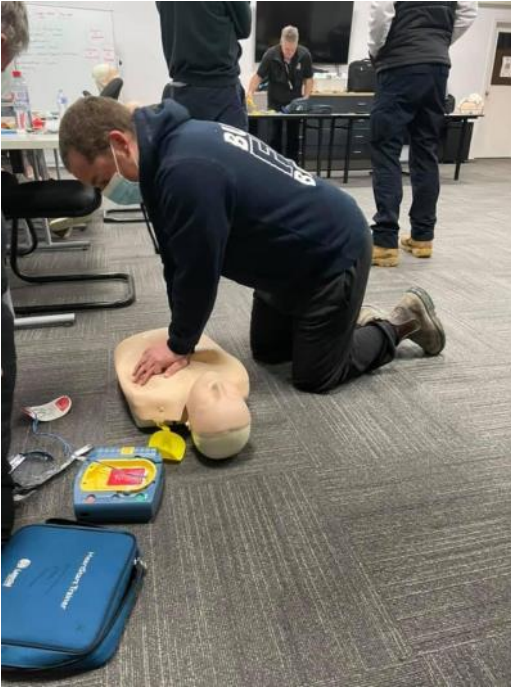


Captain Koala puts a smile on everyone's face

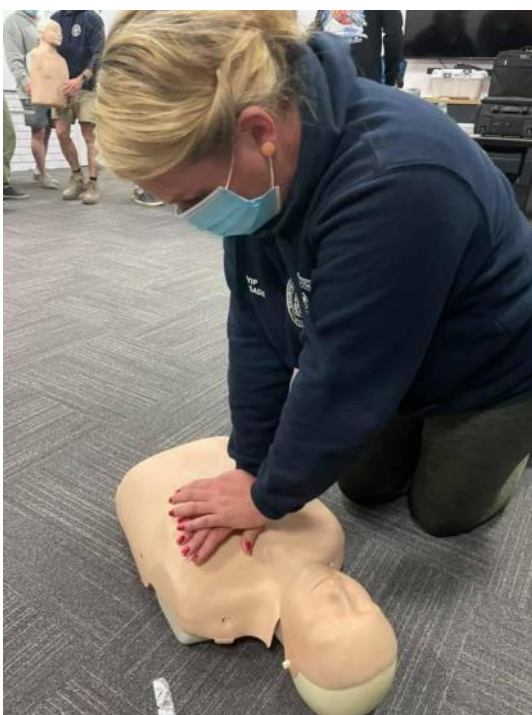
Some of our Captain Koala Bears have found new homes this month. Thank you everyone for your ongoing support.

If you are wanting your own we are still taking orders. Please PM our FB page or contact us through our website www.bunyipcfa.com.au or email simon.sharpe@members.cfa.vic.gov.au for further information.

First Aid Ready....



Each year we maintain our First Aid training, this week our members completed these Training modules to ensure we are ready when the need arises.



HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

- NEVER LEAVE COOKING UNATTENDED
- TURN OFF THE HEATER BEFORE BED
- NEVER OVERLOAD POWERBOARDS
- CHECK SMOKE ALARMS MONTHLY
- CLEAN CHIMNEYS AND FLUES YEARLY
- TURN OFF ELECTRIC BLANKET BEFORE BED
- CLEAN THE LINT FILTER OF YOUR CLOTHES DRYER AFTER EACH LOAD

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Cannibal Creek Catchment Landcare Group

DUNG BEETLE PROJECT

On the 23rd March several of our members attended the Dung Beetle Workshop convened by Peter Ronalds from the WPCLN and supported by PPWCMA. The guest speaker was Russ Barrow from Dung Beetle Ecosystem Engineers Project.

Dung beetles were first introduced to Australia in 1966 as a pilot study to assess whether or not cattle dung could be controlled by the beetles action of eating and burying dung. When dung remains unburied it sours pasture, locks up nutrients and is a breeding ground for flies. If dung could be buried it releases the nutrients into the soil and aerates the soil thus allowing less nutrient runoff into streams.

The members came away enthused and at our next working bee the thought of raising dung beetles in nursery beds arose. This was put to the group and 4 members wanted to be involved. The properties involved have different property uses.

The idea of nursery beds appealed as several members had dung beetles released in the past and they had failed to establish.

Dung beetles are not cheap and we sort some advice and quotes from Greg Dalton of Creation Care a specialist in raising dung beetles in nursery beds. Without his help and advice, zoom meeting and numerous emails and phone calls this project would not have got off the ground.

A suggestion to apply to Cardinia Shire Community Recovery Grant for funding was made. Our grant was successful our aim was to trial the raising of different species of beetles and different nursery bed types. With this grant we were able to purchase 2 breeding and assessment kits with Bubas bison plus extra beetles for the pallet nursery bed from Greg Dalton at Creation Care and 3 wooden beds we were able to obtain from Macclesfield and Yarra Valley Equestrian Landcare Group. These were all set up for the B.bison to arrive on the 2nd June.

Greg suggested that the following beetles *Onthophagus vacca*, *Bubas bubalus* and *Geotrupes spiniger* as well as the B.bison would be suitable for nursery beds plus should go well in our area. This variety of beetles should hopefully cover most of the 4 seasons in the year which enables management of dung year- round.

Our group was fortunate to obtain a grant from Garfield Community Opportunity Shop and Bunyip Community Opportunity Shop.

Karen Thomas PPWCMA was organising dung beetles for various farmers locally and we obtained a nursery bed, assessment bed and *O.vacca* beetles from her project. The *O.vacca* and *B.bubulas* beetles arrived on the 25th August. Their nursery beds are from Creation Care and some constructed beds by the group. Until the beetles are harvested in 6- 12 months' time, we will not be able to ascertain which bed and location is the most successful. The larger beds have 100 beetles 50/50 split of female and male, smaller beds only 50 with the same female/male ratio. The *Geotrupes spiniger* hopefully arrive in March.

The beetles need to be fed on dung not contaminated by drenches every 5-7 days. The *O.vacca* and *B.bubulas* are only slowly coming to terms with our climate. We have been fortunate to be able to collect dung from an organic dairy thus giving us ease of mind on the dung purity. Some 60-70 litres of dung was consumed weekly by the Bison in the first few months but are slowly eating less. When the other beetles hit their straps more than 80 - 90 litres will be consumed.

The first testing of our ability in raising of beetles in nurseries will be in Dec -Jan when the *O.vacca*'s young are emerging. Then we will see what 50/50 split of females and males produce.

If our project is successful we are aiming to share our knowledge and beetles with landowners wanting to raise beetles in nurseries.



Council care packs delivered to our vulnerable community

Cardinia Shire Council has packed and delivered 600 care packs to local community partners working directly with vulnerable community members.

The packs were distributed this week to our emergency relief providers including:

Bless Collective, ADRA, Gurudwara Siri Guru Nanak Dabar, Cockatoo Community House, Emerald Community House, Bunyip and District Community House, Outlook Community Centre, Living and Learning, Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre, ERMHA, Parks Victoria, Planet Shakers (Empower Australia), Turning Point Church Koo Wee Rup, St Luke's Cockatoo, Meadowvale Retirement Village, Pakenham/Emerald Library, Gurudwara Baba Budha Sahib Ji, Salvation Army, Maternal and Child Health Nurse, & Youth Services

Cardinia Shire Mayor Brett Owen said the care packs are one way Council is supporting our community during these tough times. "We are helping locals get through these challenging times and I thank everyone for being involved in delivering these care packs," he said. "You can also jump on to our website for a copy of our directory with info about local services such as food relief and rent assistance. "There's also business grants available through Victorian Government and council's business concierge service is here to help you navigate the application processes. "I also encourage anyone who feels like they might need a bit of additional emotional or mental health support to reach out to a support service such as Head to Help in Officer, Lifeline, Kids Helpline and Beyond Blue," Councillor Tammy

Radford, who chaired council's COVID-19 community recovery committee, thanked the committee for their ongoing contribution to help the community. "A number of planned projects the committee were involved in were impacted by COVID restrictions and lockdowns however the team's support for these care packages is appreciated and will greatly assist our community. A big thank you to all involved." The care packages were funded by a Victoria Government grant to support the community during the pandemic. For more information, visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/coronavirus



Help green Cardinia - free native plant vouchers for schools, community groups and large properties

Cardinia Shire Council is encouraging schools, kindergartens, community groups and owners of properties more than 4000 square metres to apply for free \$100 native plant vouchers to help green Cardinia. Cardinia Shire Mayor, Councillor Brett Owen said the free plant voucher would encourage mass plantings of native species to help support local wildlife



and to increase carbon capture and storage. "Due to the overwhelming success of our residential plant giveaway in April, we're scaling up and encouraging more mass plantings, in line with Council's commitment to our Aspirational Energy Transition Plan," explained Cr Owen. The goal of the Aspirational Energy Transition Plan is to capture and store carbon. The most effective and efficient way to achieve this is to mass plant large, woody trees where possible. Large land holdings lend themselves to this type of planting. Council offered plant giveaways for smaller landholdings and other residents in April 2021 and will again in 2022. "Tuesday 7 September is National Threatened Species Day so it's the perfect time to think about how we can continue to support endangered plant and animals in our shire. Schools and kindergartens may choose to use these vouchers to create a butterfly or bird attracting garden or even a sensory garden," said Cr Owen. "For farmers and owners of larger properties these vouchers can be used for shelter belts, waterway protection, soil stabilisation, planting out following weed removal or even creating wildlife corridors. "Council is proud to support our community to create a greener, cleaner Cardinia Shire through the investment of 5500 native plants for our community to plant," Cr Owen said. Online applications for vouchers will go live at 9am on 7 September and be open while stock lasts. Applicants need to provide their contact details, property size, and, using an easy drop-down menu, explain

how their planting will deliver environmental benefits. Successful applicants will be able to choose from a selection of indigenous trees, shrubs and grasses as tube stock. Species include indigenous plants such as Gum trees, Wattles, Banksia, Correas, Lomandras, Dianella and much more. CEC Nursery at Deep Creek Reserve is located at 62 Cameron Way, Pakenham. Plants can be collected once vouchers have been issued and COVID-19 restrictions have lifted.

2021-22 Community Capital Works Grants Program recipients announced!

Successful applicants of Council's 2021-22 Community Capital Works Grants Program have been announced. The Community Capital Works Grants Program strengthens Cardinia Shire by assisting community groups to improve community and recreational facilities, which in turn supports community networks and enhances wellbeing. Categories and successful recipients include Community Capital Works Grants, Grants available from a set priorities list that will benefit the enhancement of the facility. Council manage project works on community's behalf.

Bayles Preschool

Bunyip Football Club

Cockatoo Community House

Cora Lynn Recreation Reserve

Koo Wee Rup Community Centre

Pakenham Springs

Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre

Upper Beaconsfield Kinder

Community Capital Works Partnership Grants: Grants are applicable to a community group's choice of project that will benefit a Council asset/facility, increase participation, and inclusion. Projects must be community managed with advice and guidance from Council.

Beaconsfield Kindergarten

Beaconsfield Tennis Club

Bunyip Tennis Club

Cardinia Recreation Reserve

Cora Lynn Show jumping Club

Pakenham Lions Netball Club

Tonimbuk Hall Committee of Management

Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre

For more information or to apply, visit Council's website at www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/grants or call the Customer Service team on 1300 787 624.

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New Location for the Cardinia Environment Coalition Indigenous Plant Nursery

The Cardinia Environment Coalition was formed in 1998, to protect and enhance the natural environment in Cardinia Shire, engage with the community about environmental issues, manage areas of public land for their environmental values and support our member groups. We also run an indigenous nursery,



supplying locally native plants to the community, environmental groups, government agencies and other organisations, to increase the native habitat available in the Cardinia Shire. For any enquires contact: 03 5941 8446 or email: info@cecinc.net.au. If you need to contact the nursery directly, the phone number is: 03 5947 7871. You can also find us on Facebook by searching; CEC: Cardinia Environment Coalition. We are passionate about environmental protection, building interest about our local environment, environmental education and supporting our member groups in these areas. If you

would like to volunteer with us, or collaborate with us on a project, please don't hesitate to get in touch!

Our new Indigenous plant Nursery facility located at Deep Creek Reserve is set up. We have had the support of many locals and are hoping to see more soon, (COVID-19 restrictions permitting)! We have a wide range of indigenous plants; this means they are locally native to the Cardinia shire region. The address is 62 Cameron Way, Pakenham 3810, also known as the Deep Creek Reserve. We are open for retail sales on Fridays between 9am and 12pm.

Good morning,



Nominations are now open for Cardinia Shire's 2022 Australia Day Awards!

Do you know a citizen, young citizen or senior citizen who makes a big contribution to our community? Or maybe you know of a fantastic local event that deserves recognition?

Nominations are now open for our 2022 Australia Day Awards.

This is your chance to nominate someone who makes an important contribution to our local community or a community group who held an outstanding event onsite or virtually between 1st November 2020 and 1st November 2021 that deserves recognition.

Show your appreciation by nominating the person or event for an Australia Day Award!

Nominate now at <https://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/australiadayawards>

Nominations are open until 5pm 12th November 2021.

Stay safe and take care.



Russell Broadbent MP

Federal Member for Monash

LOCAL ROADS AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING TO BOOST JOBS AND THE ECONOMY IN MONASH

The Federal Liberal and Nationals Government has approved funding for 11 projects as part of its \$2.5 billion Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program, which is supporting local jobs, businesses and boosting the economy during COVID-19. Federal Member for Monash Russell Broadbent said getting shovels in the ground on local construction projects was important for maintaining jobs and economic growth in Monash. “Every single job we support makes a huge difference in our local community, now and as we build our way out of the pandemic,” Mr Broadbent said. “That is why we have moved quickly to approve funding to flow to 11 projects. “Not only will this program support jobs, construction businesses and economic growth across Monash, it will also improve road safety and bolster the resilience of our local road networks, helping Australians get home sooner and safer.

“We will work closely with our local councils in Monash to ensure local projects get underway and start supporting jobs and businesses as soon as possible.”

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development Barnaby Joyce said over 5,800 projects have already been approved under the program with around \$835 million paid to councils across Australia.

“This funding will result in some much wanted facilities and infrastructure in our community, which will have flow-on effects for local companies and suppliers,” the Deputy Prime Minister said.

“We know how important our support is to communities who have faced the combined effects of drought, bushfires and COVID-19, which is why the construction of new infrastructure will help support the community recover from their economic hardships.

“These projects are driving new money back into the local economy in Gippsland and creating jobs at a time when we need it most – it’s a real win-win.”

In June 2021, the Federal Liberal and Nationals Government also pre-paid \$1.3 billion of this year’s Financial Assistance Grant to provide untied funding for all local councils across Australia to spend on local priorities.

More information on the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program is available at infrastructure.gov.au/infrastructure_investment/local-roads-community-infrastructure-program.

Proposed NDIS legislative improvements and the Participant Service Guarantee

The consultation will last for a four week period. It is now open and will close at midnight on 7 October 2021.

As this consultation is on the proposed legislation, the questions in our [submissions form](#) are very specific and act as a guide but we welcome broader feedback as well. The questions ask for views on whether the legislation aligns correctly with the 2019 NDIS Act review recommendations, if they clearly reflect the Government’s intent, and if there are unintended consequences to any of the legislative changes. We are interested to hear your views and considerations.

We appreciate people with disability, their families and carers, and the broader community will have an interest in this process – and the intent of these changes is to make the NDIS better for them. But we also understand that not everyone may be familiar with legislation.

We encourage people with disability and their families and carers to work with advocates or other services if they wish to comment so they can best understand what the legislation does and what the changes mean.

You can make a submission through the [submission form](#).

You can also ask questions about the consultation by sending an email to NDISConsultations@dss.gov.au

Smart Farms Small Grants boost for Monash soil

Monash organisations and individuals can apply for grants of up to \$250,000 over two years.

Two-year Soil Extension Activities to improve understanding of Australia’s soil condition and how to better manage it. Grants supporting outcomes under the Smart Farms Small Grants Program and the National Soil Strategy. Applications open 7 September 2021 and close 9pm AEDT 12 October 2021. Monash individuals and organisations can apply for a share of \$13 million in Australian Government Smart Farms Small Grants funding for activities to assist farmers and land managers improve their understanding and management of their soil.

Minister for Agriculture and Northern Australia David Littleproud said the round provided an exciting opportunity for raising awareness and knowledge of our nation’s soil.

“This round will continue to support the Smart Farms Small Grants Program outcomes while also supporting outcomes under the National Soil Strategy,” Minister Littleproud said.

“We all know that healthy soil is the basis for great agricultural output as well as environmental benefits, so this final round of Smart Farms Small Grants is getting back to basics.

“Soil extension activities will take action to improve soil health with evidence-based interventions leading to improved soil management practices.

“If we get this right, our farmers and land managers will see increased productivity and profitability, which will help the entire agriculture sector reach its Ag2030 goal to grow agriculture to \$100 billion by 2030.”

Member for Monash Russell Broadbent said the final round of Smart Farms Small Grants would fund a diverse range of soil extension activities across Australia.

“These grants will promote knowledge and awareness of soil and lead to better soil management practices for our local farmers and land managers at the grass roots level,” Mr Broadbent said.

“This will also deliver benefits for our communities and natural resources in Monash. Better soil management will deliver productivity benefits to our farmers and land managers and help to improve our air and water quality.”

Under this round, multiple activities may be applied for in the one application. Grants are available for between \$100,000 to \$250,000 per activity and will be delivered over two years.

Applicants may apply for a maximum of \$2 million per application.

Eligible activities could include engaging a soil extension officer; conducting soil management workshops, seminars, roadshows or field days; creating communications products, webinars or online materials; and/or establishing trials, demonstrations and monitoring sites.

Extension Activities will seek to improve soil management, improving productivity and profitability. These measures will also support and complement the two-year National Soil Monitoring and Incentives Pilot Program which forms part of the National Soil Strategy.

For more information and details on how to apply, visit the Community Grants Hub www.communitygrants.gov.au/grants/smart-farms-small-grants

Fast Facts:

The Smart Farms program is the key agriculture portfolio initiative under phase two of the \$1.1 billion National Landcare Program.

To date, Smart Farms Small Grants has funded a total of 384 projects to the value of \$25.5 million. The National Soil Strategy sets out how Australia will value, manage and improve its soil for the next 20 years.

More than \$54 million will be available under National Soil Monitoring and Incentives Pilot Program to encourage farmers and land managers to undertake more comprehensive soil testing in exchange for sharing their data with the program.

Information about the Australian Government’s investment in Landcare can be found at www.agriculture.gov.au/ag-farm-food/natural-resources/landcare/national-landcare-program/australian-government-investment-in-landcare

Information about the National Soil Strategy can be found at www.agriculture.gov.au/ag-farm-food/natural-resources/soils



GARFIELD COMMUNITY GARDEN

Planting guide courtesy of Angelo of [DeepGreenPermaculture .com](http://DeepGreenPermaculture.com)

October is the mid-spring period, flowers bloom in abundance, the warmer weather with rain bringing ideal conditions for lush plant growth. The cold weather hasn't quite finished yet, cold nights and even frosts can still be expected, along with strong winds, so it's important to protect tender plants and seedlings.

Things to Do This Month:

- Plant evergreen shrubs and trees (this includes citrus trees).
- Relocate evergreen shrubs – they can now regrow their roots during the mild weather.
- Set up windbreaks (e.g. plastic tree guards) to protect newly planted evergreen trees and shrubs.
- Plant potted fruit trees and vines (having roots, can be planted anytime, best in spring & autumn).
- Relocate any self-seeded annuals to better locations in the garden.
- Tidy up overgrown plants and tie growing vines back to supports or wires.
- Continue propagating plants by taking cuttings or layering (both ground layering and air layering).
- Feed brambleberries (raspberries, blackberries & hybrids) and currants.
- Last chance to remove dead winter growth, and to dig up and divide perennial plants
- Clean out ponds and water gardens, divide waterlilies, plant new aquatic plants.

Sow in October		Harvest (weeks)	Sow in October		Harvest (weeks)
Amaranth	ds	7-8	Lettuce	ds	8-12
Angelica	ds	18 months	Marrow	d	12-17
Asparagus	d	2-3 years	Mustard greens	d	5-8
Asparagus Pea	d	8-11	NZ Spinach	s	8-10
Beetroot	ds	7-10	Okra	ds	11-14
Borage	ds	8-10	Oregano	s	6-8
Burdock	d	17-18	Parsley	ds	9-19
Cape Gooseberry	ds	14-16	Parsnip	d	17-20
Carrot	d	12-18	Potato	d	15-20
Celeriac	s	14-28	Pumpkin	ds	15-20
Celery	s	17-18	Radish	d	5-7
Chicory	d	16-24	Rhubarb	d	12 months
Chinese cabbage	ds	8-10	Rocket	d	21-35 days
Chives	ds	7-11	Rockmelon	ds	10-16
Climbing beans	d	9-11	Rosella	s	21-25
Coriander	d	30-45	Rosemary	d	12 months
Cucumber	d	8-10	Sage	d	18 months
Daikon	d	8-10	Salsify	d	14-21
Dill	d	8-12	Silverbeet	ds	7-12
Dwarf beans	d	7-10	Spring onions	d	8-12
Endive	ds	10-11	Summer savory	d	6-10
Fennel	d	14-15	Sunflower	ds	10-11
French tarragon	d	30-40 days	Sweet corn	ds	11-14
Globe artichokes	s	42-57	Sweet Marjoram	s	8-10
Horseradish	d	16-24	Turnip	d	6-9
Jerusalem Artichokes	d	15-20	Yacon	d	25
Kohlrabi	d	7-10	Yam/Oka	d	15-20
Lemon Balm	s	8-10			

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



BUNYIP RENEWABLES ACTION GROUP Inc

BRAG October Update:

bragbunyip@gmail.com

Our Mission:

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

Handy Eco-Hint for this month:

- Please **DON'T** use plastic bags to wrap recycled items before putting into your yellow curbside bin!!
- Both our local schools and the kinder are becoming drop off points for some hard to recycle items that are not accepted in the yellow bins....ask your school what they are collecting.

Fundraising :

Once again we remind you that we are now taking orders for our 2022 calendars (\$10 each) and a delightful 500 piece or 1000 piece jigsaw developed from a photo of Bunyip taken by Terrie O'Dwyer in March 2019. (\$35 for 500 piece or \$50 for 1000 piece.) Contact BRAG at bragbunyip@gmail.com for more details and delivery arrangements. We will also be at the Bunyip Market in September and October (if they go ahead!!) with a limited supply to sell and the opportunity to order for delivery before Christmas



TRADIES NEEDED!!

Any local tradies willing to install residential energy (and money) saving technology??

Yarra Valley Community Power Hub (with whom BRAG is now affiliated) is planning to roll out a residential bulk buy program across 5 local council areas and is keen to use local tradespeople thus creating local jobs for the Bunyip Area.

The final decision as to which technology will be the first focus is yet to be made and will be dependent on need, availability of local trades people, cost effectiveness and other factors. BRAG's job is to provide a list of local tradespeople for each potential product. This contact list may also be used for other Renewable Energy Projects in the future as we are always keen to support local employment opportunities.

If you are qualified and keen to assist with any of the following please send us your details (name, area of expertise, business address, phone and email), call me on 0411274025 or email us at bragbunyip@gmail.com

- Solar Panel installation (must be Clean Energy Council accredited)
- Residential Battery installation
- Heat Pump Hot Water Systems (plumbers and/or electricians)
- Reverse Cycle Air conditioning/heating
- Roof Insulation
- Induction Stove tops

Grants Success:

- We are just waiting for a shire site inspection to confirm the erection of our Information Board outside Biddy Martha's café.
- Again we are waiting for shire approval before we can install a couple more solar lamps in some poorly lit areas of town.
- We have applied for a grant from PRC and, if successful, the money will provide energy audits for Bunyip Primary School and the Bunyip Kinder... a first step in mapping a plan to minimize their carbon footprint. We hope to work with Columba PS if they would like similar assistance should additional funding become available in 2022.

TALKIN' ...FISHIN' Days of Old

When I was a kid in the 60's, I fondly remember family all day picnics, complete with a pit barbeque beside the rivers of the Wimmera regions, fishing both the Murray and Darling rivers including the anabranch backwaters for all varieties, the mighty Murray Cod, Perch, Redfin, Yellow belly, and Catfish, unfortunately that also included European Carp in its early stages of infesting the Australian waterways.

The lessons learnt from my Father and Uncles taught me how to become an angler and to respect and care for the land and waters running through it. The Darling River in those days was slow and deep with roots below and therefore far too dangerous to swim in, we were always warned to keep away from the edge. Sadly it has been a trickle of its former self, not even capable of sustaining a Carp in places. Sad to see the old girl in such a poor state, a sustained recovery is hopeful.

My family elders told of days when the Cod were plentiful and sizes hard to believe, yabbies and whole rabbits used as bait. Shrimps caught in a grape 'dip tin' with sheep offcuts as bait, covered with a few small leafy gumtree branches, in only a short while hauled out of the water's edge with freshwater shrimp jumping all over the place, plenty for the days fishing.

Trolling a lure as we know it by now, was done in a row boat with a small or large bladed Cod spinner, attached to cord, with red wool or feathers attached to give added attraction (see photos). The large spinner has red felt over the hooks, my Dad told me, his father, (my Grandfather) cut and tore it from the inside door trim of his Model T ford, obviously a dedicated fisherman! The head of the lure was decorated with white chook feathers at some stage. Another popular lure was the soft plastic body 'the Flopy' with an adjustable front bib, manufactured by 'Rublex' a French owned company that in the late 1950's and into the 1980's produced high quality lures including the legendary soft plastic.



Take a close look at the 'fishing trip' photo which is from 1944, on the Darling River, well before photo-shop. A Murray Cod is hanging slightly behind and alongside my Father as an 8 year old, it's as big as him! These monsters have made a slow and steady recovery over the last 2 decades, but interference of Australian rivers natural flows could see their numbers disappear again. I hope to never see this again and retain my memories of 'Old' instead.

Catcha, The TackleMan ®

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Clean-up of structures on private property

Our free storm and flood clean-up program covers the demolition and removal of any structures on eligible residential properties that were destroyed or damaged beyond repair by the June 2021 storms and floods. This could include:

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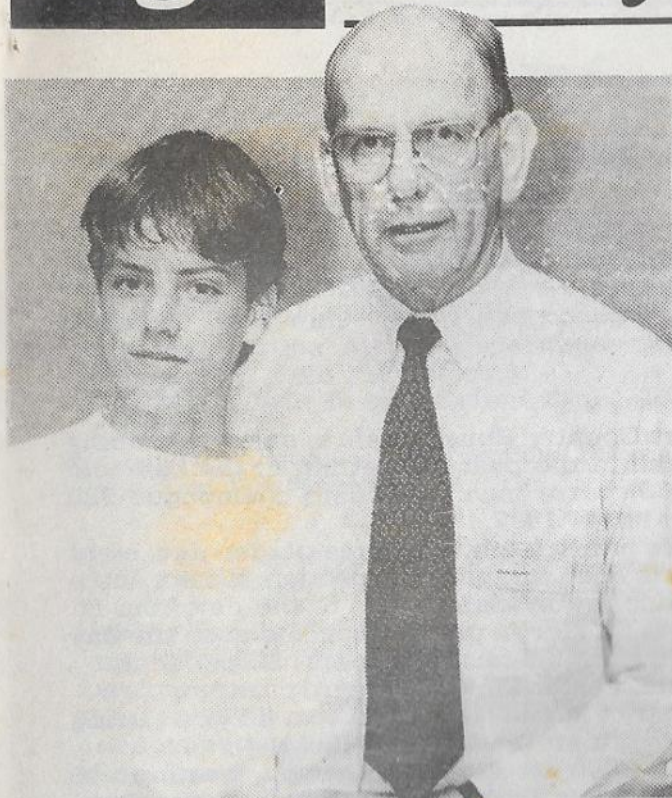
The program will also remove hazards such as dangerous materials or trees, that pose a threat to property or work crews, as well as any vehicles that were damaged beyond repair. This program is voluntary, free of charge and open to eligible property owners. We are partnering with Johns Lyng Group (JLG) to undertake the clean-up. Registration of trees that are still standing but have become hazardous. BRV is accepting registrations for the assessment of trees on residential property that are still standing and pose a risk to a place of residence or personal safety. Trees standing on private property that were made hazardous because of the June 2021 storms and are within falling distance of a structure or access to a structure can be professionally assessed and recommendations made for their treatment. If a hazardous tree is threatening your residence, it is essential that you have a safety plan in place. This safety plan should include alternative accommodation options if weather conditions worsen. If you need support to access alternative accommodation, call the Recovery Hotline on 1800 560 760 to speak to a dedicated local Recovery Support Worker who can assist. **The closing date for the Storm and Flood Clean-up program is 31 October.** Please spread the message far and wide to your communities. Registrations for the BRV Residential Storm and Flood Clean-up program will be closing from 11:59pm on Sunday 31 October 2021. Anyone impacted by the June storm and flood event with eligible properties should register soon to avoid missing out on clean-up assistance. The cut-off date is for new registrations only – it does not affect those who are already registered and are waiting for a call-back, site assessment or works to begin. To find out more about the clean-up program and to register your property, call 1800 560 760 or visit www.br.vic.gov.au/cleanup.

Night & Day

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By **Roman Kulkewycz**
19.5.92



TOP tips . . . former Hawthorn Football Club coach Alan "Yabby" Jeans took time out from the Mark Mason Festival on Saturday night to discuss football with Mathew Kulkewycz, 13, during a break in Saturday's program.
— ROMAN KULKEWYCZ

ON Sunday our under 16 boys had a bad day against a fast moving Sale side.

Although they tried hard, nothing seemed to go right for them and they went down by a big margin against the confident Sale boys.

However, they will learn much from that game and will not be such easy pickings next time. MANY thanks to Jenny Gane for never failing to ring me with the under 14 results every Sunday evening.

Last week the team continued with its undefeated run with a good win against Sale at Sale.

Maffra 10-10-71 d Sale 2-7-19.

Goals: D. Riseley 4, H. Shingles 3, D. Edwards, H. Bugeil, R. Martin.

Best: B. Johnson, J. Sage, M. Mair, L. Harrington, R. Martin.

Well done Kim and boys.

THE under 13 Eagles trailed for three quarters against Heyfield and looked defeat in the face.

However a lively five

the Traralgon district at Traralgon this weekend.

Our under 16 representatives are Travis Evans, Ben Robbins, Andrew Gieschen, Andrew Wigg.

The under 14's are Luther Harrington, Paul Wozniak, Dean Riseley, Brian Johnson and Daniel Driffield.

WE now have allocated space of a wall at the Morison St. clubrooms to put up photographs to record the history of the junior club, its champions and its character.

If you have any that you wish to donate to the club you can give them to me or to "Moon" at the Mobil Service Station.

WHAT a happy sight it was to see the Maffra Senior team run out onto the ground on Saturday with a huge throng of junior Vickick boys running around with them.

At half time the midgets played an exhibition match under the watchful eye of umpire Lester Merlo.

CHECK out who the local

Blast From The Past !

This month our intrepid reporter Roman Kulkewycz takes us down memory lane with some articles and memorabilia from his extensive journalistic history. On this page (top left) is Roman's Son Mathew with legendary Hawthorn Coach Alan Jeans from about the mid 90's. Top right is one of Roman's football reports he did for the Maffra football club from 1992. To the right is Mathew pictured with Gary "God" Ablett Snr. On the next page we have one of Roman's articles that was published in the "Australasian Post" in 1996. We are very fortunate to have a reporter of Roman's experience and quality working tirelessly for Bunyip News especially now with the current Covid restrictions in place. Thankyou Roman and keep up the good work !



Into the

VALLEY OF DEATH

When 22-year-old Jason Stagg describes a plane crash from the World War 2 era, it is with so much detail and passion that you can be forgiven for thinking he actually witnessed it.

Jason, of Winnindoo, in Victoria's East Gippsland, spends most of his spare time collecting bits and pieces from more than 200 aircraft discovered so far that crashed during training runs from East and West Sale during the war.

About 70,000 pilots and navigators from England trained in the area under the Empire Training Scheme. They, and it, played a big part in Britain's war effort.

But the area developed a deadly reputation.

Jason says the trainees feared Gippsland.

"They called it Death Valley," he said.

"Gippsland lost more aircraft during training flights in one month than were lost in hostilities over New Guinea in one entire year of the war."

Many crashes were put down to bad weather and inexperience of the crews, but it was later discovered that aircraft design faults were a major cause.

It is from this graveyard for pilots and crews that Jason has collected the thousands of pieces of aircraft that he has meticulously catalogued, identified and matched with official documents to gain a sense of the history of each plane and how it, and its crew, finally came to grief.

Officially, 165 lives were lost and nine people were injured in the area between 1939 and 1945.

The US has documents and other material relating to its own aircraft losses in Gippsland.

But Jason has come across wrecks for which there is no record and this leads him to believe many more losses were not officially documented.

He knows that in nearby mountain country are the remains of planes and crew that have never been found and believes there are more than 400 wrecks in the Gippsland region. Some are in



flew the 70,000

BEAUFORT — KILLER PLANE

The plane most feared and hated by pilots was the Beaufort Bomber, which had a high casualty rate. Pilots and crew never knew if they would return from a simple training run in a Beaufort. Beaufort pilot G. N. Reeve escaped an accident without injury on September 6, 1943, only to be killed in a Beaufort seven days later when it dived vertically into a swamp for no apparent reason. An investigation into the crashes found there was an escape of carbon monoxide gas from the exhaust system into the cabin of the aircraft.

● Jason with an Avro Anson engine found in a farmer's back paddock.

ed authority on World War 2 aircraft and is often consulted by collectors and historians.

A telephone call from a farmer with "something" in his paddock is all it takes to send Jason off in his ute and trailer to investigate. He usually comes away

with something worthwhile for his collection.

His big project at present is the restoration of an Avro Anson. The Anson, much used during the war, was flown in armed coastal patrols, as a trainer and as a light transport.

Story and picture: ROMAN KULKEWYCZ

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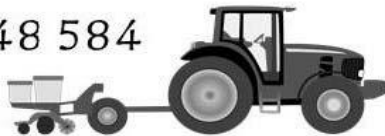
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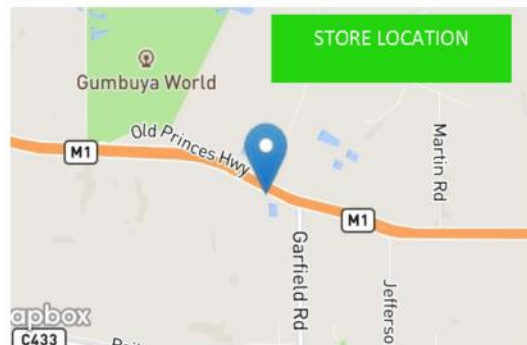


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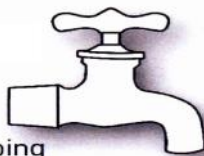
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Podium Podiatry (Mon)
PHONE: 5625 9388

Drouin Physiotherapy (Wed)
PHONE: 5625 4488

HearCare (Every 2nd Tues)
PHONE: 5625 5155

CLINIC HOURS

Mon-Fri 8:30am – 5:00pm
Saturday 9:00am – 1:00pm
Sunday & Public Holidays – Closed

CONSULTATIONS FEES

Private \$30.00 out of pocket
Concession \$20.00 out of pocket
Pensioners Bulk billed
Under 16 Bulk billed
DVA accepted

BUNYIP MEDICAL CLINIC OFFERS

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

COVID clinic runs every THURSDAY
To book please phone the clinic on 5629 5111 or book online via our webpage www.bunyipmc.com.au
**Bookings available for patients over 60yrs

FLU VAX STOCK

Private Flu vax \$20.00
Government Funded Bulk Bill (65+ or 5yrs & under)

To book please phone the clinic on 5629 5111 or book online via our webpage www.bunyipmc.com.au

ACCREDITED SKIN CANCER CLINIC

We offer Mole Mapping, which is one of the most effective ways to detect skin cancer at an early stage.
Private fees apply for all skin checks, biopsies and excisions – please discuss with Reception.

DID YOU KNOW?

Laughing 100 times is equivalent to 15 minutes of exercise on a stationary bike.

BUNYIP DENTAL CLINIC

Dr.Hany Saman
Dr.Sophia kim

11 Abeckett Road ,
Bunyip
ph: 03 5629 5676
MOB. 0401 710 990

Take advantage of our amazing offer,
FREE CONSULTATION (implant-braces/invisalign-root canal treatment-denture-crown-bridge)



OUR SERVICES :

- CHECK UP-CLEAN-FILLINGS
- TOOTH EXTRACTIONS-DENTURES
- CROWN AND BRIDGE WORK
- ROOT CANAL TREATMENT
- DENTAL IMPLANTS
- BRACES
- ADVANCED TOOTH WHITENING SYSTEM ON THE CHAIR OR HOME KIT
- BULK BILLING FOR SERVICES UNDER THE CHILDREN DENTAL BENEFIT SCHEDULE 2-18 years old
(UP TO \$1000 EVERY 2 YEARS)



BUNYIP DISTRICT UNITING CHURCH
'Linking God and Community'

www.bunyipdistrictunitingchurch.wordpress.com/home
bduc.uca@gmail.com

Worship Date	Time	Church and Worship Location
Sunday October 3	9.00am	Longwarry Union Church (9 Drouin Rd.)
Sunday October 10	9.00am	Bunyip Uniting Church (9 Nash Rd.)
Sunday October 17	9.00am	Garfield Uniting Church (13 Garfield Rd.)
Thursday October 21	3.00pm	Hillview Aged Care Bunyip (22 A'Beckett Rd.)
Sunday October 24	9.00am	Longwarry Union Church (9 Drouin Rd.)
Sunday October 31	9.00am	Bunyip Uniting Church (9 Nash Rd.)

SPECIAL EVENTS:

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



BUNYIP ANGLICAN CHURCH - St.Thomas' on A'Beckett Road
As soon as possible we will open for business again -
Sunday eucharist at 9.30 a.m. Wednesday at 11.45 a.m.
Hillview service on the second Friday of each month 11 a.m.
Priest - Ken Parker 59761634

We expect to be open for the first Sunday in November - 6th. We'll probably have two services in the morning, at 9.30 and 11. People will need to book in please. In the afternoon we aim to have devotions at 2 p.m. using Pat Waters' remarkable Stations of the Cross. Pat is a noted Gippsland artist, who recently had a fine exhibition at Sale. This gathering would be in the gardens. Our planned Steve Biddulph study - as part of a three-day program - is now scheduled for November 16-19. If you're interested in these events please call Ken Parker 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 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 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.