



# BUNYIP & DISTRICT COMMUNITY NEWS



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## From 64 Years ago .....



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*Australian Associated Press*

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**Bricks bury man**

A man was buried by bricks today when a chimney he was knocking down in South Yarra fell on him.

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### REBELS KIDNAP RAAF WAR ACE Vietnam ransom talk

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MR WILFRED ARTHUR as a RAAF group-captain during the Second World War.

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The rebels are demanding supplies of drugs and non-military equipment.

This morning it was reported they are holed-up in the city of Saigon. They have been told that they have been seized for a ransom.

Mr Crozier is a Colombo Plan mining engineer. He has previously worked in Malaya and Burma. In Malaya he was manager of the Batu gold mine. His two sons have been attending Crozier's farm near their father's abode.

Mr Arthur, who became known as "The Bird of Paradise" for his father's exploits, then flew to Saigon on March 14 to assist at the 100 Cal farm.

Mr Arthur's wartime nickname stuck. Opposed neighbors said today they know him as "Bird Arthur" when in his years he raised dairy cattle on his 400-acre holding.

Mr Arthur met his wife, Lucille, while flying with the RAAF to the Middle East.

Mr Arthur had spent some time in Queensland before sailing out at Bunyip, preparing for his work in Vietnam.

A Bunyip neighbor, Mr V. J. Delany, said today he believed Mr Arthur had been growing tough grasses and feeding other crops in the Queensland area before sailing out with a view to his current work in Vietnam.

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## BUNYIP-GARFIELD PROBUS CLUB

Our speaker this month was Jim Connelly who had grown up in Garfield where he attended the Garfield State School then went on to the Warragul High School before going to University that lead him to a 30 year career of teaching. Jim shared some of his memories of growing up where he played football and cricket with the local club and he remembers the first film he saw the “ The Wizard of Oz” at the Old Garfield Picture Theatre. He recalled many names of past local people that some of us also remembered. It wasn’t until he retired that he started to write and publish 15 books. The first three were for children and then including “Growing up in Garfield “ and “ Tales of Old Gippsland “. He published works spans much of Gippsland and its rich history from way back to recent times . After we thanked him we were able to look at his books and purchase any if we wanted.

Our group went to the Holden Museum at Trafalgar for a look back on the history of all things Holden have produced over many years long before Australians drove Holden cars. We learnt that the iconic brand had its name on saddles, buggies, golf clubs , trams and engines. These were some of the facts we learnt on the day. The company started its humble beginnings as a saddlery in Adelaide were the Holden name became synonymous in engineering innovation and industrial pride along with Australian ingenuity.

The Museum is housed in an old dairy factory and is a non- for profit organisation which is run by enthusiastic Holden volunteers and was opened in 2014 . There are all different models of Holden Cars as well as a Motorsport Tribute to Peter Brock. Other displays were all kinds of Utes, Melbourne tram, Military Equipment , Holden built patrol boat along with many more other displays to look and admire the way everything was presented. After spending the morning there we went to the Trafalgar Hotel for Lunch.

Helen



## 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
2025	82	30	48	31	25	45	76						

## *TALKIN' ...FISHIN' ..... LET GO !*

Can't say I'm enjoying this blast of Wintery weather at all. It only makes me want to curl up in front of the Coonara and watch all of my old fishing DVD's that I've put away for so long, and read up on old angling skills lost in the new technology. Not that these are bad, because a whole lot of new experiences are gained and the new stuff makes us fish for species we never gave a thought to as what sport fun they really are, soft plastics are responsible for a lot of that awakening.

Myself I embrace the new gear and methods but with hesitation, but I can be swayed when the results show it. However I am very nostalgic about a lot of my fishing, keeping it close to the old ways but blending in with the new gear. Seems a contradiction I know, but the old **K.I.S.S.** rule **KEEP IT SIMPLE STUPID** applies very well here. You can get lost in all the hype and technology and forget the basics.

Skills that assist you that you can't buy are...Observation, Patience, Touch, and Sounds, the learned and passed on knowledge. These assets will out-fish anyone, even with the latest gear. Whether it's just wishful thinking or not, sometimes you just know that there's a fish there waiting for only you.

I am fussy about the gear I use, it doesn't have to be the most expensive, just smooth, uncomplicated and made for the job it was intended for, or I'll alter it to do just that. Alvey surf and general purpose fishing reels were a great example of this.

I love the precision and craftsmanship in a beautifully, handmade well balanced painted float. So goes for the Flies and knots I tie, a little superstition in there too, **7 turns** on the snelled hook, **5 turns** each side of the full blood knot, I know there's a "WORD" for those of us like that. Not a habit I'm game to change now !

I'll spend my wintery days tying up knots and Flies, tidying up my gear and finding the favourite stuff I put away safely for the 'Best Days'.

(Really I just forget where the hell I put anything).

These trinkets of tackle jewellery and old favourites in our tackle boxes are for using, not storing, make your fishing experience all the more pleasurable, by using that favourite thing kept hidden, the bonus will be actually catching something worthwhile with it after all finally justifying the preparation, preening and tweaking and the cost.

Deal with the pain and **Let go of it !**

Check out this amazing piece of gear!



Pier rod holder

Catcha, The TackleMan ®



## Bunyip Bakery – New Owners

By Roman Kulkewycz

The Bunyip Bakery has been sold. A young couple, from Pakenham will be taking over the reins from Alan Hayward and the team from Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> August. Alan is known to be a generous community minded person who never seeks accolades for his generosity. Always behind the scenes, he has contributed both financially and in goods to local community organisations.



“ It has been a wonderful nine and a half years. Thanks to our amazing and loyal customers. We are looking forward to seeing what the future for the Bunyip Bakery has in store and we wish the new owners the best of luck!! “ said Alan

“ Thank you again to all our customers and staff, it wouldn't be the place it is without you”.

## Life In A Country Town

By Roman Kulkewycz

I want to tell you about a couple of incidents involving clergy in a small country town as happened in my hometown of Maffra which is in Central Gippsland in Victoria.

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 who put a lot of his 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 quality care.

Anyway, this particular time the nursing home was in the process of repainting all 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 chocka block full.

As it happened this day, an elderly gentleman was visiting his wife, and both were sitting in the corridor. One of the nurses noticed that the lady had become heavily incontinent of urine which changed her lower clothes to a darker shade of the 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 chair 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, 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.

## Life In A Country Town *continued.....*

Within about 5 minutes the urine had soaked through the minister's trousers and the penny had finally dropped as to what he was sitting in. The minister now slightly agitated 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 around 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 predicament 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 walked the long corridor towards the front door with many eyes watching and faces giggling as he walked. 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 that 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.

The 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 pissed. 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 beers he'd become a tiger if the wrong thing was said. Well this particular year when the Carols were on and about 200 people were sitting down all joining in with the carols, there was this sudden disruption to the "Silent Night, Holy 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 on his bum and say "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 tree. All of the kids were too scared of him to ask for their bag of lollies.

### **BUNYIP COMMUNITY OP SHOP INC.**

#### **2025 GRANTS APPROVED FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

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BUNYIP NETBALL CLUB	BUNYIP PRIMARY SCHOOL
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# GARFIELD REC RESERVE ENVIRO GROUP

Corner of FourteenMile rd & Beswick st, Garfield  
Meet near the Rec Reserve exercise equipment.

## COMMUNITY PLANTING MORNING

**SUNDAY 10TH AUGUST**  
**10AM - 12.30PM**

Morning Tea, lunch & gloves provided.  
Wear sturdy footwear.

Dress for the weather.

A variety of tasks to complete:  
planting, mulching, weeding

**12noon Lunch & Gardens for Wildlife**  
**talk with Ranger Annie**



**RSVP call or text Meg 0466496107**

**All attendees must sign in.**

# Garfield Rec Reserve Enviro Group

**Beswick st, Garfield**

**This Greening Garfield Project has grown from  
the following Cardinia Shire Grants:**

2022 Beautification Grant 500 plants + CEC Plant Giveaway

2023 CEC Indigenous Plant Giveaway + mulch

2024 Mulch

2025 Biodiversity Grant 1000 plants + CEC Plant Giveaway



  
Cannibal Creek  
Landcare Group



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# *Bunyip Quilt Show*

## **2025**

Saturday August 23th 9.30 am till 3.30 pm

Sunday August 24th 9.30 am till 2.30 pm

\$8.00 entry, children free

**38 Main St, Bunyip, Vic, 3815**



**A beautiful display of Quilts and other handmade items**

**Devonshire tea**

**Light lunch**  
**Quilt Raffle**

**Bunyip Patchwork &  
Craft**

For more information, contact

Di on 0427 540 494, please leave an message

## **Nice warm toes? Remember where the smoke goes**

### **Tips for everyone who has a wood burning heater keeping their toes warm this winter.**

Victoria's environmental watchdog has some handy tips for everyone who has a wood burning heater keeping their toes warm this winter.

EPA Victoria says the condition of the heater, the flue and the fuel you're using all contribute to seeing more, or less, smoke from your chimney.

EPA's Chief Environmental Scientist Jen Martin says you'll get less smoke and more heat for your money, if you do it right.

"Have your chimney professionally cleaned every year, only burn dry, clean wood, and extinguish your fire before going to bed or leaving the house," Dr Martin said.

"Don't leave it smouldering, it's inefficient, generates more smoke and creates a fire hazard," she said.

Wood heater owners have an obligation, under the Environment Protection Act's General Environment Duty, to minimise the smoke from their wood heater. EPA urges anyone burning wood to consider their neighbours' health and seek alternative heat sources, especially on calm days with not much wind.

The people most sensitive to smoke from wood heaters are those with heart or lung conditions such as asthma, pregnant women, young children, those aged 65 years and over, people with diabetes and smokers.

"If you suffer from heart or lung disease and you notice symptoms of smoke exposure, take your regular medications, rest and seek medical advice if the symptoms persist," Dr Martin said.

Another important tip is to avoid burning the wrong things, including coal, coke, driftwood, household rubbish, painted wood, chemically treated timber or the green-coloured pine logs used at parks and playgrounds.

The EPA website has more information for anyone who wants to be a good neighbour and create more heat and [less smoke from their wood heater](http://epa.vic.gov.au/manage-smoke-wood-heaters) (epa.vic.gov.au/manage-smoke-wood-heaters).

Members of the public can report pollution by calling EPA's 24-hour hotline on 1300 372 842 or visiting [What pollution and waste you can report](http://epa.vic.gov.au/what-pollution-and-waste-you-can-report) (epa.vic.gov.au/what-pollution-and-waste-you-can-report).

## **Cannibal Creek Catchment Landcare Group Update**

July has been a busy month for the members of the group with a planting on a private property in Tynong North. This was followed up with 2 plantings at Lovers Lane with the staff from Ausnet plus some year 9 students from Pakenham Secondary college.

August looks to be busy with Chobani and Ausnet staff coming again to do another planting. Pakenham Secondary College are visiting the site also. Garfield Recreation Reserve is holding a planting on the 10th August which our group will support.

In September we are holding a planting to finalise our planting days and we invite the local community to join us to see the growth in our last years of planting.

**Many thanks Pam Cunningham**



# You're invited

by

To our Infill planting of the 2023 planting site. We have around 1500 indigenous tube stock to fill some gaps along Lovers Lane to continue the ongoing revegetation project. This creates vital habitat for local endangered species like the Southern Brown Bandicoot and contributes to the Cardinia Shire's Biolink Plan.

**When:** Sunday 14th September  
9:30am - 2pm

**Where:** Lovers Lane - follow  
directions for parking

**RSVP:** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September

Coffee Van  
and Sausage  
Sizzle

## What to bring:

Gloves, sturdy and waterproof footwear, Raincoat,  
Sunscreen, hat, water bottle and eye protection





## BRAG UPDATE AUGUST 2025

BRAG

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

OUR VISION: *Bunyip and District will become an environmentally sustainable, carbon neutral community*

OUR MISSION: *To reduce Bunyip and District's carbon footprint.*

We once again have things to BRAG about this month:

Let's BRAG about Bunyip Hall Committee who are working hard to electrify our community hall. They are supported by Cardinia Shire who have installed reverse cycle AC units to replace the old gas heaters.

Cardinia Shire have also committed to install a large battery at the hall funded by a grant from DEECAs 100 Neighbourhood Batteries grant scheme.

The Hall Committee have also agreed to replace their aging stove with an electric model including energy saving induction stove top.

WELL DONE BUNYIP HALL!!

Let's CONTINUE TO BRAG about our local Community Bank who are a collection point for your soft plastics and also the IGA supermarket where you can drop off your used coffee cups to help us minimise our waste to landfill.



THANKS  
FOR YOUR  
SUPPORT!!

Let's BRAG about Bunyip Renewables Action Group who have successfully applied for a grant to install solar panels on the roof of our local Auditorium and Basketball Stadium



Thanks to Jason Wood's office and the Federal Governments Building Stronger Communities grant scheme.

BRAG would like to offer the following items to any local NFP organisations who are keen to minimize their energy bills....



4 Draft Stoppers to reduce heat loss through ceiling vents



2 Valve Cozi to prevent heat loss through pipe valves on hot water services.



1 Sealant to fill drafty cracks.

If you represent a local NFP organization and would like more information about how these items can be used contact BRAG by email [bragbunyip@gmail.com](mailto:bragbunyip@gmail.com).





## "Young Harry" reigns!

On Sunday 13th July, local long term resident, Harry van den Broek, who will turn 100 on 30th October was appointed as the 2025/2026 President of the Rotary Club of Bunyip-Garfield. Local, Pakenham & Kooweerup-Lang Lang Rotarians plus family & friends attended the July luncheon meeting at the Garfield Hotel to watch the proceedings. Rotary Club District Governor, Peter Behm and outgoing President Graeme Moore, welcomed 'Young Harry'

to the position. Harry is a founding member of the Rotary Club of Bunyip-Garfield which was chartered on August 2nd, 1983. Harry has been an active member of the Club for over 40 years and has served as President in 1987, Treasurer for 5 years and has also received numerous award recognitions including the prestigious Paul Harris Fellowship in 1988 & the Paul Harris Sapphire Pin in 2021. We wish 'Young Harry' a very successful presidential year ahead.





## Agri Connect: cultivating connections



**We're inviting Cardinia Shire's farming community to join us for a social catch-up and information session.**

Come along and hear from soil health expert Dr. Mary Cole and Marshall Scott from NEX Business Farming and Wellness.

Chat with representatives from AgVic and Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF).

Enjoy refreshments and dinner. No cost or registration required.

For more information, please email [a.groves@cardinia.vic.gov.au](mailto:a.groves@cardinia.vic.gov.au) or call **5945 3690**.

**Date** Wednesday 13 August - Doors opening at 6pm. Dinner and guest presentations from 6:30pm

**Venue** Cora Lynn Recreation Reserve, Corner Nine Mile Road and Bunyip River Road, Cora Lynn (access is off Bunyip River Road)



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# COMMUNITY FEEDBACK INVITED ON KEY STRATEGIC DOCUMENTS

Council is inviting feedback on the draft Council Plan 2025–29 and updated Liveability Plan 2017–29 as part of the final phase of community consultation in the development of these key documents.

Cardinia Shire Mayor Cr Jack Kowarzik said the Council Plan was Council's overarching strategic document that would drive Council's direction for the next four years and support Council to deliver on its commitment to the community.

"The Council Plan is our key document that will help guide our direction and decision making for this Council term, outlining how we will deliver on the long-term Community Vision, work towards our key strategic objectives, respond to challenges and leverage opportunities," Mayor Kowarzik said. "As one of Victoria's fastest growing municipalities, it's important that we plan for our future to ensure our Shire remains a great place to live, work and play. This draft Council Plan outlines our approach to respond to the Shire's rapid growth and challenges over the coming years, and will support us to deliver on our commitment to the community."

The draft Council Plan is underpinned by five strategic objectives:

- Thriving communities
- Vibrant places
- Adaptive environments
- Prosperous economies
- Responsible leaders

The strategic objectives have been informed by priorities identified by the Community Panel during the deliberative engagement process earlier this year. The panel reviewed and updated the Community Vision 2040 and identified a number of key focus areas that have helped to inform the strategic objectives. A series of strategies and initiatives have been developed to achieve each of these strategic objectives, with strategic indicators to measure how they will be achieved by Council. The initiatives include tangible actions that will help Council meet community needs over the coming four years and beyond.

Below are examples of initiatives under each of the strategic objectives:

- Develop and implement a Volunteers' Strategy to support volunteers and encourage volunteer participation.
- Plan and deliver accessible and inclusive recreation and community facilities.
- Develop a Towards Zero Emissions Plan to ensure progress towards zero emissions and carbon neutrality, and implement the plan.
- Conduct a comprehensive gap analysis of community and human services, education and skills, with recommendations to support advocacy and funding to attract service providers to operate in Cardinia Shire.
- Provide opportunities for meaningful, informed and representative community engagement to guide Council's decision-making.

Mayor Kowarzik said feedback had also helped to inform development of other key strategic documents, including the updated Liveability Plan 2017–29.

"This is our 2nd, 4-year review of the Liveability Plan 2017–29, which has been developed to provide a clear framework for public health planning in the Shire," Mayor Kowarzik said. "The plan recognises Council's role in coordinating local public health planning by bringing together a range of organisations, groups and our local community to work together to protect, improve and promote the health and wellbeing of our community."

"The changing needs of our community and insights gained from the recent community engagement activities have helped to inform our updated Liveability Plan. We want to ensure the plan's objectives reflect our community's current challenges and priorities, to effectively guide the way in which we partner with organisations and our community to enhance the liveability of our Shire, and the health and wellbeing of our community."

You can view and provide feedback on the draft Council Plan 2025–29 and updated Liveability Plan 2017-29 on Council's Creating Cardinia website at [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay)

Consultation closes on 19 August.



# **BUNYIP CEMETERY TRUST**

## **Winter Report 2025**

At the July meeting of the Trust a number of issues were resolved in regard to our much loved local cemetery.

Plans are underway to incorporate a QR code guide to the cemetery at all entry points.

The cemetery has also continued its endeavors to develop the adjoining bush land into a passive recreation space also supporting any future expansion of the cemetery.

Ongoing grounds maintenance continues to keep the cemetery safe and attractive.

Repainting of the old heritage entry fence and original cemetery office are also underway.

An exciting new project is also being commenced to erect a heritage style gazebo in which visitors to the cemetery can relax and reflect.

Hopefully this gazebo will also serve as a monument to remember returned services personnel. To this end discussions are underway with the local RSL and Rotary groups for support and funding.

We are also hoping that local community groups and individuals may like to consider a donation to support this project.

Contact [bunyipcemetery@dcsl.net.au](mailto:bunyipcemetery@dcsl.net.au) if you are interested in offering your support.

Finally, the Cemetery is continuing to participate in a Shire Council initiative looking at the effect of Climate Change on cemetery sites across the State.

*AB Ross*

Tony Ross (Vice President , on behalf of BCT)



# Lithium-ion Battery Safety Awareness

Many preventable house fires occur in Cardinia Shire every year and lithium-ion battery failure as a cause, is becoming more common.

Lithium-ion batteries are a type of rechargeable battery which are available in different sizes. Most laptops, mobile phones, e-bikes, e-scooters, power banks and power tools contain them.

**Risks and injuries from product** - Lithium-ion batteries can be highly flammable, can be very difficult to extinguish and may reignite.

The ACCC saw a 92% increase in reported lithium-ion battery incidents including swelling, overheating and fires in 2022 compared to 2020.

If a lithium-ion battery is not correctly manufactured, handled, stored, charged or disposed of, it can catch fire, explode or vent toxic gas.

**Things to look for when buying** - There isn't a mandatory safety standard for lithium-ion batteries or products containing them.

Ensure you buy products that contain lithium-ion batteries from a reputable supplier and always follow the manufacturer's instructions for use.

## Handling and storing a lithium-ion battery product

### **What to do**

Store lithium-ion batteries and products in cool, dry places and out of direct sunlight.

Allow the lithium-ion battery to cool after use and before recharging.

Buy replacement batteries from the original supplier or a reputable supplier where possible.

Keep lithium-ion batteries separate from each other when removed from products.

Consider installing a smoke alarm in your garage if batteries are to be stored.

### **What not to do**

Never use lithium-ion batteries, products or chargers that show signs of failure such as:

- denting, crushing or other damage
- overheating
- swelling
- leaking
- venting gas.

Don't leave lithium-ion batteries or products in hot places such as in parked vehicles.

Don't modify a lithium-ion battery or use it in the incorrect product.

Never use batteries designed for one product in another product.

## Charging a lithium-ion battery

### **What to do**

Monitor device charging times and disconnect products from chargers when fully charged. Consider setting timers as a reminder to unplug devices.

Charge lithium-ion batteries or products on non-flammable surfaces such as concrete, ceramic or steel.

### **What not to do**

Never charge lithium-ion batteries or products on flammable materials such as beds, sofas or carpet.

Never use damaged chargers or charging cables.

## Disposing of a lithium-ion battery product

### **What to do**

Check safe disposal options at [Recycle Mate](#) or [B-Cycle](#) to safely get rid of lithium-ion batteries or products.

### **What not to do**

Don't throw away lithium-ion batteries or products in household rubbish, recycling bins or hard waste collections. This can cause fires in bins, garbage trucks and waste facilities

**For safe, lithium-ion battery disposal points within Cardinia shire go to: [E-waste \(disposing of electrical and battery-operated items\) - Cardinia Shire Council](#)**

**For more information see: [Lithium-ion battery safety | Energy Safe Victoria](#)  
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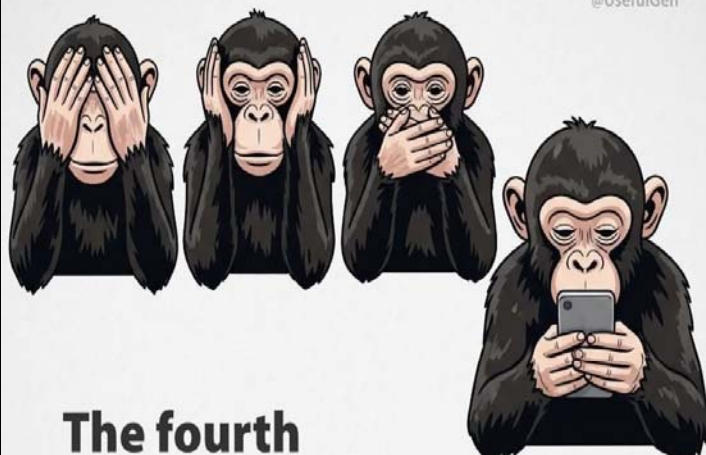
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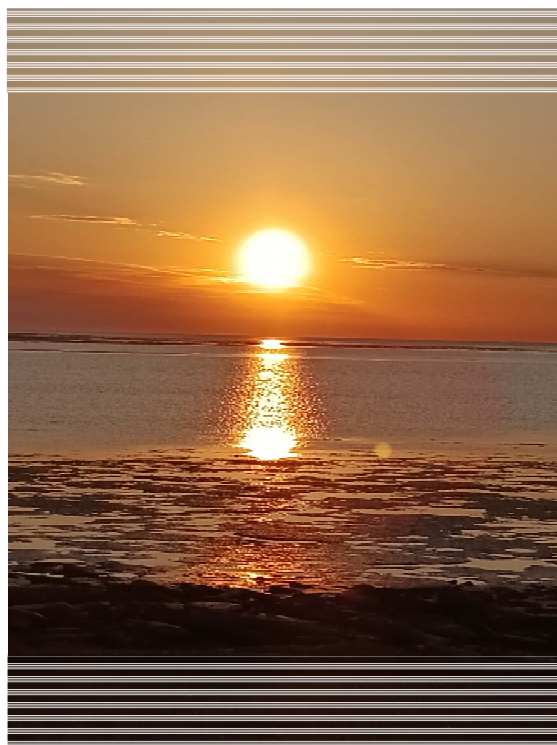


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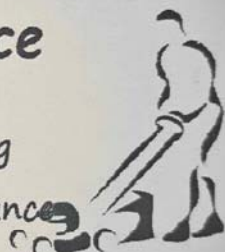
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Thursday August 21	11:00am	Hillview aged Care (22 Abeckett Road Bunyip)
Sunday August 24	9:00am	Bunyip Uniting Church (9 Nash Road)
Sunday August 31	9:00am	Garfield Uniting Church (13 Garfield Road)
Sunday September 7	9:00am	Bunyip Uniting Church (9 Nash Road)
Sunday September 14	9:00am	Garfield Uniting Church (13 Garfield 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 - 18 A'Beckett Rd  
(Church Porch)

### CANNIBAL CREEK

Cannibal Creek Reserve – 133 Garfield North Rd

### GARFIELD

Garfield Bowling Club – Beswick St

Garfield Golf Club – 180 Thirteen Mile Rd

Garfield Post Office – 77 Main St

Garfield Recreation Reserve – Beswick St

### LONGWARRY

Longwarry Supermarket (next to ATM)

### MARYKNOLL

Maryknoll Fire Brigade Station – 16 Koolbirra 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

To find publicly accessible AED please visit  
[www.registermyaed.ambulance.vic.gov.au](http://www.registermyaed.ambulance.vic.gov.au)  
AED supported by...

Rotary



Ambulance  
Victoria



## **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)**

Sheree 0439 286 150

### **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 8:30am to 2:00pm)

### **Bunyip Community Op Shop**

5629 6117

### **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**

Rev'd Christine Angus,  
Priest in Charge, 0409 217 321

### **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  
gcgarfieldcommunitygarden@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) bunyipecc@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