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BUNYIP POLICE STATION

The Bunyip Police Station would like to acknowledge and thank retired local Sergeant Daniel HOWER for his contributions to Victoria Police and more importantly to the local community. He will be sorely missed, and we wish him all the best in retirement. This is also a good opportunity to announce the incoming Sergeant, Brad COLLER. Brad is very experienced in the local area, working previously in the busy location such as Dandenong, Frankston and Cranbourne as well as 7 years as a Detective in Casey, Cardinia and Greater Dandenong.

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Regards, **Brad COLLER Sergeant 38091**



Left to right in the photo – Sergeant Brad COLLER, Senior Constable Brad PRIOR, Leading Senior Constable Andrew MACREADIE, Leading Senior Constable Stephen GIBBS, Senior Constable Annemarie MITCHELL.

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With 2026 here, we're looking to reflect on the year just gone!

It's been a HUGE year for Bunyip CFA.

We've seen our second busiest year on record, with a large uptick in operational responses over the last 12 months.

Alongside this, we've seen a massive boost for the Brigade in strengthening our response capabilities, going live with the Fire Medical Response (FMR) program in September. Ensuring that, for some medical emergencies, our community receives life-saving care as soon as possible.

We couldn't be prouder of our members. They have stepped up every time they have been called on, at any hour of the day, even at 4am in the morning! Always getting the job done - ensuring we have our communities back.

All while maintaining the high level of skill and professionalism that we expect from our Firies.

On behalf of the Brigade Management Team, thank you to our members, and everyone who makes it possible - partners, families, loved ones, employers, and friends.

Without your support, we simply would not be able to do what we do - our communities are safer for it.

Happy New Year to all - keep safe this Summer season.

Bunyip Fire Brigade

Year in Review - 2025



Incidents Attended

143



Grass and Scrub Fires

25



Structure Fires

11



Vehicle Accidents

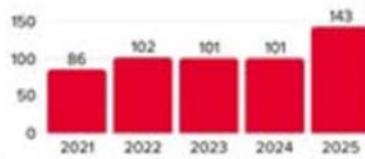
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Fire Medical Response

3

** Program went live 24th September



Increase in Operational Activity

41.58% | 66.28%

** Last 12 Months

** Since 2021



Average Turnout Time

04:46



Total Member Responses

570



Community Events

13

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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	46	63.5	70	152	42	710.5

TALKIN' ...FISHIN'.....BEAT THE HEAT

Although we don't plan to go out and fish in the heat, but as unpredictable as our summers are, some days just turn it on after we drop the anchor for a days fishing. Shade on these days is just as important as keeping up your fluid intake, so consider making or buying a shade cloth shelter. Depending on the density of the fabric either 50%, 75%, or 90% it can give you UV protection up to a certain degree, but this isn't a replacement for protective clothing or lotion blockers, however it is effective when used in conjunction with each other and following the product usage guidelines.

Advantages of this product are: **1.**Cut and sewn to customize your boat, **2.** colors are available, and **3.** can be attached in sections not only one piece. **4.** Rolls or folds away for easy storage. **5.** Independent or attached to your Bimini framework. **6.** Velcro panels or sewn and folded edges with eyelets or tabs (hook and loop) to 50mm wide. **7.** Allows a breeze and some rain through the weave. **8.** Resistant to rot.

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Stay cool and dry, and remember to Slip, Slop, Slap and cover up.

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Reducing Bunyip and Districts carbon footprint

Trash to treasure drive-thru

There's a recycling drive and drop off event this month. Cardinia Shire Council have expanded the usual cardboard drop-off event to accept a wider range of those hard-to-recycle items that pile up over the festive season. Drop off your e-waste, polystyrene, soft plastics, textiles and excess cardboard for free!

When: Saturday 10 January, 9am – 1pm and
Sunday 11 January, 9am – 1pm

Where: Council depot (18A Purton Road, Pakenham)

Register for this event online via Cardinia Shire Council website.
Cardinia Shire residents only.

In other news, **AMPYR Australia** has launched the **Wimpole Battery Community Fund**, a new \$40,000 grants program designed to support community-led initiatives in communities closest to the project. Applications for round 1 close on **9 January 2026**. Contact AMPYR if you have a great idea but need a few extra days to put an application together.

The Fund provides grants of up to \$5,000 for eligible community organisations, including volunteer groups, schools, sporting clubs, First Nations organisations and local service providers. Funding is available across a wide range of priority areas including environmental projects, cultural initiatives, youth programs, education, health and wellbeing, arts, sport and small-scale infrastructure upgrades.



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

BRAG THANKS YOU

The electrify Christmas raffle raised **\$575!!**

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to everyone who participated.

Special thanks to GCCN (Gippsland Climate Change Network) who donated \$300 towards the raffle. GCCN manages the Community Electrification Engagement Project in Gippsland (CEEP).

Funds help BRAG to improve how we electrify Bunyip and surrounds.

CONTACT US

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ABOUT US

Bunyip Renewables Action Group is a not-for-profit community group that aims to reduce the carbon footprint of the Bunyip district by facilitating the town's switch to renewable energy.



Cardinia Shire's Gardens for Wildlife program is growing – and we'd love you to be part of it!

This program is all about helping Cardinia Shire residents create wildlife-friendly gardens that support local biodiversity and an adaptive environment. And the best part? You get to help shape it!

The program has:

1. Easy sign-up

It's now super simple to join! Submit the [Gardens for Wildlife registration form online](#) and you'll receive a welcome email with a voucher for six free indigenous plants to kickstart your garden. Vouchers are valid for six months, so you can plant when the time is right.

2. Bloom bonus

Attend a Gardens for Wildlife event, like a workshop or planting day, and you'll receive a special plant voucher as a thank you for getting involved.

4. Community events – shaped by you

We'll be organising workshops, planting days, and talks based on the interests and suggestions you share when signing up. These events are a great way to meet others, learn something new and get your hands dirty.

5. Local leadership

We're inviting residents to help guide the program – share your ideas, give feedback, or even take on a leadership role. Your voice matters!

6. Partnering for impact

We're teaming up with local schools, businesses, and community groups to make the program even stronger and reach more people.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/GardensForWildlife



Our friendly Environment and Heritage team often pop-up around the Shire to share information about the Gardens for Wildlife program and answer your questions.

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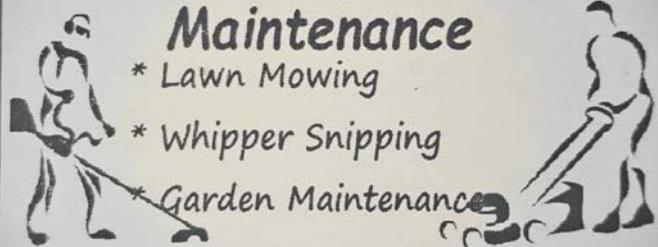
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On Sunday the 4th January 2026 we will celebrate again with the Feast of the Epiphany. Epiphany marks the arrival of the three wise men who brought gifts to the Christ Child.

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

Please note that the regular opening hours for our Op Shop are: Thursdays and Fridays from 10am to 2.30pm.

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

The Reverend Fr. 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
January 4, 2026	9:00am	Bunyip Uniting Church (9 Nash Road)
January 11, 2026	9:00am	Garfield Uniting Church (13 Garfield Road)
January 18, 2026	9:00am	Bunyip Uniting Church (9 Nash Road)
January 25, 2026	9:00am	Garfield Uniting Church (13 Garfield Road)
February 1, 2026	9:00am	Bunyip Uniting Church (9 Nash Road)
February 8, 2026	9:00am	Garfield Uniting Church (13 Garfield Road)
February 15, 2026	9:00am	Bunyip Uniting Church (9 Nash Road)
February 19, 2026	11:00am	Hillview Aged Care Bunyip (22 A'Beckett 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.

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 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
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COMMUNITY CONTACTS

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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

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

gcfgarfieldcommunitygarden@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

Tournament or Twilight Bowls – 5629 2384

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

Rachel Thorne (President) 0409 480 722

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