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I Felt It Deeply

They call us 'The Elderly'

We were born in the '40s, '50s and '60s

We grew up in the '50s, '60s and '70s

We studied in the '60s, '70s and '80s

We were dating in the '70s, '80s and '90s

We got married and discovered the world in the '70s, '80s and '90s

We ventured into the '80s and "90s

We stabilised in the 2000s

We got wiser in the 2010s

And we are going firmly through and beyond the 2020s

Turns out we've lived through EIGHT different decades....

Two different centuries - TWO different millennia

We've have gone from a telephone with an operator for long distance calls to video calls to anywhere in the world

We have gone from slide projectors to YouTube, from vinyl records to online music, from hand written letters to emails and text messages

We've come from listening to live footy matches on the radio to black and white TV, to colour TV and now flatscreen 3D-HD-TV

We once went to the video store to choose a Saturday night move, now we can watch a movie any day of the week on Foxtel or Netflix We got to know the first computers, punch cards, floppy disks and now we have gigabytes and megabytes on our smartphones

We wore shorts throughout our childhood, then trousers, flares and blue jeans

We've dodged polio, tuberculosis, swine flu and COVID 19

We rode tricycles, bicycles, and mopeds, we've driven petrol or diesel cars, and now we drive hybrid or electric

Yes, we've been through a lot but what a great life we've had!

They could describe us as "Exennials"

We are the people who were born in that world of the fifties, who had an analogue childhood and a digital adulthood

We have kind of "seen it all"!

Our generation has lived through and witnessed more than any other in every dimension of life.

It is our generation that has literally adapted to 'CHANGE'

A big round of applause to all the members of a very special generation, which will be UNIQUE. Keep on keeping on!

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Fire safety is a hot topic this winter with data revealing firefighters respond to around 100 fires each year caused by heaters.

With the official start to winter here, Victoria's fire services are warning the community not to be complacent when heating the home as it is the peak time for heater fires.

In the past five years, CFA responded to more than 640 house fires caused by a heater.

These types of fire mainly start either due to a mechanical fault, or because the heater is placed too close to flammable materials in a lounge room or sleeping area. Home heating systems vary and can include fixed electrical or gas-powered appliances, portable electrical, gas or kerosene heaters, as well as open fires and wood heaters.

CFA Chief Officer Jason Heffernan said as we begin to spend more time indoors, Victorians should make sure their gas and electrical heaters are serviced every two years to safeguard their loved ones from fire.

"Last year CFA responded to 87 house fires caused by heaters and in 2022 there were 119 fires. This decline is encouraging to see but ideally, we want to see a figure of zero," Jason said.

"A common mistake we're finding is households are keeping their drying clothes too close to heaters and fireplaces, so it's best to ensure they are at least one metre away from all heating. "Regardless of when you turn a heater on, just be mindful to turn it off before you leave the house or go to sleep."

Tomorrow, CFA and FRV will also mark the first-ever Smoke Alarm Action Day alongside New South Wales, Western Australia and Northern Territory, a day to urge households to ensure they have working smoke alarms fitted in their homes. FRV Deputy Commissioner Community Safety Joshua Fischer said Smoke Alarm Action Day was the ideal time to remind Victorians that the majority of fatal fires start in a bedroom or living room, so having smoke alarms installed in all hallways, sleeping and living areas is the best line of defence.

"Today is the day to test the smoke alarms in your home to ensure that they are all working and will operate to protect your family," he said. "In an emergency, every second counts and having working smoke alarms in the sleeping and living areas of your home will ensure you are alerted promptly in the event of a fire, buying you and your family precious time to escape.

"We want all Victorians to be aware that the colder months are some of the riskiest times of the year for fires in the home.

"You can reduce the risks by making sure your heating systems and devices are well maintained. Now is the time to install additional smoke alarms into all bedrooms and living areas. Ten-year longlife battery smoke alarms, suitable for all bedrooms and living areas, can save lives for around \$20."

When it comes to home heating, FRV and CFA recommends:

- Drying clothes and other items must be kept at least one metre away from all home heating devices.
- Children must be supervised near all types of heating. Maintain a safe distance between children and heating.
- Never leave portable heaters and fireplaces unattended; turn off heating devices before leaving home or going to sleep.
- Residents should have their gas heaters inspected and serviced every two years to ensure the safety of loved ones from carbon monoxide poisoning or fire.

TALKIN'FISHIN' Reel Drag Systems

While we pay attention to how nice our fishing gear looks and our personal preferences, the guts and grunt of your reel is its drag system which we should pay close attention to, or it can lose you a capture if not in top working condition. The drag washers should be kept dry and oil free, the drag materials can be made from, Cork, Teflon, Leather, Synthetic fibre, and Graphite, generally working alongside stainless steel or brass metal washers, usually 3 fibre and 3 steel. The combination of all should allow for a gradual compression so you don't go from 0-10 in one adjustment to lockup which should always be avoided. The drag knob is a varied adjustment of the pressure using the spool tension to tire out or put a stop to your fish's run along with the load combination of adding the strength of your fishing rod.

Setting the drag pressure at 1/3 of your lines breaking strain will give a strike loading without risking a break off, and at any time it can then be increased or decreased as the fight goes on. The drag should be smooth running with no jerking as it rotates the spool, this can be achieved with one or more combinations of the materials I listed before. Drags are systems that can be controlled by either Lever, Front, Rear, or Star, depending on the style of the reel its best applied to that suits and the spool it carries. I avoid rear drag reels as the angle your holding it at tends to send oil to the back end like a sump box, a star drag type is always at your fingertips, near the handles you're already holding on to, same as your thumb to the lever style, front drag is easy to get to but means letting one hand go on the outfit, and in a fight on heavier gear that's hard yakka. It's all personal preference or what you're familiar with.

Replacing or upgrading your drag washers is always a good habit to get into, and be sure to always leave the pressure backed off when not in use and stored, so as not to compress the fibre washers.





Catcha, The TackleMan ®

Hiking, fishing, camping and dumping stuff in the Bush

With Winter here, Victorians are going bush to enjoy the environment, but EPA Victoria says some people are just using it as a dumping spot for their rubbish: plastic bags, car boot loads and even industrial skip bins full of it.

EPA is asking every Victorian who loves the bush to store the EPA hotline number 1300 EPA VIC (1300 372 842) in their mobile phone and report any dumped rubbish they find.

EPA's Gippsland Regional Manager Jessica Bandiera says anyone camping, mountain biking, hiking or just having a barbecue in the bush can do their bit for the environment.

"Give us a prompt report and an accurate location of the dump site, and you are giving EPA a better chance of tracking down the culprit and making them pay the price," Ms Bandiera said.

"Taking a photo can help, too. With these simple measures, you can make sure your favourite spot in the bush doesn't turn into a stinking, illegal tip," she said.

Loads of waste dumped in the bush often include construction and demolition waste, hazardous materials like asbestos and rotting household rubbish.

Cleaning up abandoned waste costs the State Government and local Councils millions of dollars every year, and many of EPA's prosecutions in court are for illegal waste dumping.

EPA can issue regulatory notices and fines that start at more than \$9,000 and can go well into the hundreds of thousands if the case goes to court. The court can also order the culprit to pay for the clean-up, which can cost even more than the fines. And cases involving small items of litter can be reported to your local council.

"Illegal dumping creates an eyesore and can contaminate the soil and nearby waterways, and if the culprits get away with it, the cost of the clean-up is too often left to the community or landholders," Ms Bandiera said.

Members of the public can report pollution by calling EPA's 24-hour hotline on 1300 372 842 or providing details online at <u>epa.vic.gov.au/report-pollution/reporting-pollution</u>

You can also report small amounts or scattered litter to your local council.

	Bunyip Rainfall Totals													
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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									



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Bunyip Cemetery

138 years ago, land was set aside for the Bunyip Cemetery, the land was officially gazetted in November 1886. The official burial register was commenced eight years later on March 18 1894 when William Henry Barnes aged six, was buried. The first four pages of the register show that 75 children and 17 adults died in the early years of heartbreak in the district particularly on the settlement of the Koo Wee Rup swamp. With barely enough to eat and damp living conditions children and adults were very prone disease and illness, accidents were also prevalent and with no access to medical care many lives were cut short.

In a sign of the times trustees were all men and some are buried at the cemetery, however women acted in the position of secretary. Sarah Kraft was

assistant secretary for many years before taking on the role of secretary, she served for over 25 years. Margaret O'Sullivan held the position from 1964 to 1969 and today Anne Greene is the secretary. The picket fence at the front was thought to have been erected around 1908, at the same time a gable roofed building was erected near the gates to provide a room for the clergy to change into their robes before officiating at the graveside.

The Bunyip Cemetery all these years later continues to be managed by a trust consisting of volunteer members from all walks of life.

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The trustees of the cometery called tenders for the forming of paths, and the general laying out of the same. The work was let to J. Wilson, tof Melbourne for the sum of £20. There was no local or country tenders. Evidently there is no want of work in this 10 surrounding districts.

Bunyip Garfield Express November 9 1905

The annual meeting of the trustees of the Bunyip cemetery was held at Kraft's Hotel on Monday night, Mr G. Kraft in the chair. Attention was drawn to the existing state of the roadway in front of cemetery gates, Theroadwayat this point is obviously too narrow to allow vehicles to be turned with any degree of comfort. After some disscussion on the matter the meeting decided that it would be advisable to bring it under the notice of the council, and failing any action on the part of that body, the trustees would undertake to have a space cleared in the vicinity of the main eatrance, tenders to be called in the local press. Another matter commented upon, was the unpromis-ing appearance of the post and rail fence on either side of the main gate and it was decided that 100 feet of picketing be erected. The meeting further decided to build a pavilion and plant shrubs within the cemetery grounds, the selection of shrubs to be left to Mr J. Pincott. A public meeting will shortly be convened for the election of two trustees to fill the vacancies occasioned by the death of Mr Joseph Archer and the resignation of Mr Daniel Topp.

Bunyip Garfield Express Sept 24 1908

Cardinia Jobs and Skills Showcase Thursday 20 June 2024

Cardinia Shire Council will host the Cardinia Jobs and Skills Showcase in partnership with Local Jobs - South Eastern Melbourne and Peninsula, Star News Group and Chisholm Skills and Jobs Centre.

The second Cardinia Skills and Jobs Showcase will be held on Thursday 20 June 2024 at the Cardinia Cultural Centre Lakeview Room from 10am-1pm.

The event aims to bring together jobseekers and local employers, providing an opportunity for job seekers to connect with local employers about current vacancies and career pathways.

Workshops will be held to help jobseekers develop their skills in areas such as CV and cover letter writing and interview techniques.

Cardinia Shire Mayor, Councillor Jack Kowarzik, encourages jobseekers across the shire to attend the event.

"There will be a range of industries present at this event, providing a great networking experience for residents to find jobs," said the Mayor.

"Jobseekers will have the opportunity to meet local employers, explore opportunities, access support services and learn more about different career fields."

For more information and to register, visit: <u>Cardinia Jobs and Skills Showcase | Cardinia Business |</u> <u>Creating Cardinia</u>



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Riding a Lap of Tassie....part 1

Its been a long while since my last article but a couple of months ago I had the absolute pleasure of doing a lap of Tasmania with a couple of long time mates. Once again I was on my trusty KTM 990 AdventureR, my mate Timbo was on his Honda Africa Twin and Pugs on his new Yamaha Tenere 700. All three of us were loaded up with our pannier bags, tents, wet weather gear (just in case) and running



50/50 tyres which were perfect for the gravel/road combination expected. We were going over on the Spirit of Tasmania and I must admit I'm not a fan of The Spirit leaving from Geelong now rather than St.Kilda as it meant riding, in my humble opinion, Victoria's most boring road...the M1 Princes Hwy to Geelong!

Nonetheless, we planned to go for 7 days, catching the Spirit of Tasmania on a Friday night for the relaxing overnight sail, arriving in Devonport the next morning. We had no real plans except to turn right off the boat and just see what happens!

The first day had us heading north-west along the beautiful Tassie coastline, with magical little bays and coves, and no one around. We stopped for lunch at Stanley, a spectacular coastal town, perched on a rocky hill overlooking a large, sheltered bay. We kept on riding west across to Arthur River where we pulled up at a cabin to call home for the night, and to enjoy a magnificent calamari meal washed down with several beers.

The next morning we awoke to a brilliant sunny day. We threw our kit onto the back of the bikes and road south along the coast to a lonely little place called Couta Rocks – just a collection of several holiday homes and old fishing shacks. Very rocky and rugged but a beautiful and peaceful place. Again we took to the road and soon found ourselves on the Western Explorer Track. For those of us that ride adventure bikes this was heaven – around 90kms of rolling, winding well maintained gravel road, hugging the west coast of Tasmania. For anyone heading down to the "apple isle" I would thoroughly recommend checking out this brilliant track, very doable in a standard 4WD or SUV vehicle.

Later that day we ended up at Stahan, yet another gorgeous little town seaside town on the west side. One of the most notable things was the number of roadkill animals the further south we went. And of all things the most common casualty were the Pademelons, small native wallaby lookalikes, obviously very plentiful judging by the number on the roadside. All my life living just over Bass Straight and I had never heard of these little guys in Tassie!

The roads around Tassie are the stuff of dreams for bikers – good predictable road surfaces, long sweeping corners, rolling hills, and no traffic. In fact the trip over on the boat had around 60-70 bikers lining up in Geelong, only to scatter like flies when we got to Devonport. Regardless, the riding is brilliant in Tassie and we were only 2 or 3 days into it with plenty yet to see.



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Just past the famous Lake St.Clair we decided to pull over later in the day and set up camp for the night beside Brady's Lake, which is basically in the dead centre of Tassie. After setting up the tents, settling in and making some basic dinner, I thought I'd try my hand at a fish. I'd packed a collapsable rod and a few lures for 'just in case', and before long I was into a couple of nice Redfin.

The next day was a dash down to Hobart...stay tuned for Part 2 – Hobart, Cockle Creek, and the up east coast... the





Until next time, keep the shiny side up and stay safe!....cheers Author: Rob Chilinski, Garfield



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Tune your wood heater for more heat and less smoke

EPA Victoria encourages everyone to avoid burning wood to heat their homes if they can, to reduce pollution and effects on people's health. And if a wood heater or stove is your only option, EPA says it's time to get it tuned so it produces less smoke and more heat.

EPA Gippsland Regional Manager Jessica Bandiera says wood smoke and calm winter weather can reduce air quality, but there are simple ways to make your heater safer, cleaner and cheaper to run.

"A wood heater or fireplace provides valuable heating for many Victorians, but maintenance is important, and one of the best things you can do is have the flue or chimney professionally cleaned," Ms Bandiera said.

"That can help to prevent flue fires and ensure the heater produces more heat and less smoke," she said.

"Checking the wood heater's operating manual can help you to get the best out of it and give you the knowhow to choose the right fuel."

The best fuel is dry, seasoned, untreated hardwood, which burns longer and produces more heat and less smoke.

"Using even slightly damp wood means your wood heater will not operate at its best. You wind up paying for heat that is lost in drying out the timber before it can burn, and you get less efficient combustion that creates more smoke," Ms Bandiera said.

EPA Victoria's Chief Environmental Scientist, Professor Mark Patrick Taylor, added that reducing wood fire smoke will also help to minimise any health impacts.

"Wood smoke contains very small particles and gases that contribute to air pollution. This can cause problems for anyone with cardiovascular, breathing difficulties and respiratory conditions, resulting in symptoms for some people."

Professor Taylor encouraged people to reduce their use of wood heaters and fireplaces on still days, and to go outside occasionally to check their chimney for smoke to make sure the heater is working as well as it can.

"Overall, Victoria's air quality is very good. This is mainly due to initiatives introduced over the years that have reduced emissions from industry and motor vehicles. Another contributor to cleaner air has been the banning of backyard incinerators in residential areas," he said.

"While the impact of a single wood heater may be small, the cumulative effect is significant, particularly through autumn and winter and tuning your wood heater for most efficient operation helps reduce impacts on air quality, optimises heating your home and minimises health risks."

Tips for reducing smoke pollution include:

- Get a hot fire going quickly with plenty of paper and small dry kindling;
- Keep the air controls set high enough to keep the fire burning hot;
- Never overload a wood heater with too much wood; and
- Make sure you never leave the wood heater to smoulder overnight, as this starves the fire of oxygen, producing more smoke.

EPA also advises that you should never burn household rubbish, driftwood, treated wood such as pine, or old painted wood in your wood heater.

There's more information on wood burning and the environment on the EPA website: <u>epa.vic.gov.au/for-community/environmental-information/air-quality/smoke-from-wood-heaters</u>

Cardinia Shire pet registration door knock campaign kicking off soon

Door knock ambassadors will soon be visiting properties in Cardinia Shire on behalf of Council to help residents with pet registrations.

For 2 weeks from Saturday 8 June, trained and licensed Regi-Check ambassadors will be visiting homes to deliver an education campaign on the importance of registering pets, and the benefits of having a registered pet.

All cats and dogs over 3 months old must be registered with Council and microchipped, as required by State Government regulations. Pet registration must be renewed by 10 April each year.

The ambassadors will be carrying official identification and will not be asking residents for money or issuing fines, and signage will be placed in areas where the door knocking is being carried out.

Cardinia Shire Mayor, Councillor Jack Kowarzik, hopes that the door knocking campaign will help educate new pet owners about responsible pet ownership, and assist owners of previously registered pets with re-registering.

"Our pets are like members of the family, and I know how stressful it is when they get out and wander away from home," Mayor Kowarzik said.

"Having your pet registered with Council helps our Compliance Team reunite lost or roaming animals, and helps to avoid our pets taking unnecessary trips to the pound if an owner can't be found right away."

It's important that pets are wearing their registration tags, and that you ensure registration details are kept updated with current contact information, including your phone number and address, so that Council can reach you as soon as possible if your pet is found roaming.

While the door knocking campaign encourages cooperation from pet owners, owners who do not register their cats and dogs may face fines of \$395 per animal, with even higher penalties if the animals are impounded. Properties identified with animals by door knock ambassadors during the campaign will be followed up by Council's Compliance Officers at a later date.

For more information or to register your pet, including information on eligibility criteria for a range of discounts on pet registrations, visit <u>www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/petregistration</u>



2024 Stan Henwood Award winner announced

Cardinia Shire Council announced this year's 2024 Stan Henwood Award recipient at the annual volunteer reception at Cardinia Cultural Centre last Thursday night.

This event is an opportunity to celebrate with our local volunteers and formally acknowledge their contributions to our community for National Volunteer Week (20 – 26 May).

The Stan Henwood Award honours lifetime achievements in community service and volunteering. This year, it was awarded to Dot Griffin.

Dot has played a pivotal role in various community initiatives, demonstrating her leadership and dedication to the betterment of Cockatoo and its residents. She works tirelessly to ensure the best outcomes for her community, collaborating with various stakeholders at all levels of government.

Dot is known for her unique blend of determination, kindness, and leadership. She can rally support from others, even those who may not typically volunteer while maintaining a warm and approachable demeanour. Dot is an inclusive and empowering leader who mentors and encourages young volunteers to take on leadership roles within the community.

Dot has been instrumental in proposing and helping establish a Bendigo Community Bank, contributing significantly to local economic development. She also played a vital role in preserving the McBride Street Kinder, ensuring its recognition as a heritage site by the State Government. Dot has earned a number of awards in recognition for her community work.

Cardinia Shire Mayor, Councillor Jack Kowarzik, congratulated Dot and thanked the Shire's many volunteers for their ongoing efforts.

"We warmly thank Dot for her continuous dedication and commitment to our local community. The significant contributions Dot has made to the Shire make her a well-deserving recipient of the 2024 Stan Henwood Award," Mayor Kowarzik said.

"I would also like to formally show my appreciation to all the award nominees, Jagtar Singh, Binita Maskey, Dr. Mary Cole, Rachelle Mechielsen, Margaret Gemmel, your dedication and passion for serving others is truly amazing, and we cannot thank you enough for your remarkable efforts."

"Thank you to all our amazing local volunteers. Your contributions do not go unnoticed and are a major part of what makes Cardinia Shire the wonderful place it is."

For more information about the Stan Henwood Award, visit: www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/stanhenwood

For details about volunteering opportunities in Cardinia Shire, visit: <u>www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/</u> volunteer or phone 1300 787 624.



BUNYIP- GARFIELD PROBUS CLUB

The speaker this month was Andrew Spalding from the Mt Burnet Observatory which is a not for profit astronomical society that was started in 2011. It is for astronomers of all ages that are drawn together by the common love of learning about the night sky and discovering the wonders of it. Originally it was built as a research facility for the Monash University but now it has a new life as a Community Observatory which you can visit on certain Friday nights. Bookings are essential. The Web site has all the details — mbo.org.au.

A group went to the West Gippsland Art Centre to see Melinda Schneider in her show " A Farewell to Doris Day ". She not only sang a lot of her songs from her much loved movies as well talked about her life. It was a great show that everyone enjoyed. After we had lunch at the Golf Club.

Another day we traveled to Sale to see the exhibition of the acclaimed textile artist Annemieke Mein . On the way we stopped at the Rose Garden at Rosedale for coffee and scones which were delicious. When we arrived at the Gallery a guide told us about Annemieke life's work and explained that a lot of the pieces that were on show were from private collections some even from other Galleries that were on loan to celebrate her beautiful creative work. There was so many beautiful sculptured textiles of birds, frogs, fish and insects like moths, dragonflies and wasps. Her fondness for insects and birds was very apparent as her highly detailed work often was enlarged so you could look at the amazing work and try to work out how she had created them. We were all thrilled to see this wonderful collection of a lifetime of her creations of all things she did love. Many thanks to our organiser for a lovely day.

Caravan and Camping Group

The Caravan and Camping group headed to Albury for a week away. After settling in we gathered together for Happy Hour and also to get our itinerary for the week. That night we had Dinner at the Boomerang Hotel. Monday we travelled to Holbrook to find out why they called it The Submarine Town. At the Holbrook Museum a guide spoke about the life in a Submarine and how the HMAS Otway's final resting place came to be in Holbrook and also why they changed the name of the town known as Germanton to Holbrook. In the First World War there was a Submarine under the leadership of Lt Norman Holbrook that torpedoed and sank the Turkish battleship "Mesudiye " and then it was World News of the daring underwater raid that had taken place so to honour Lt Norman Holbrook the town changed its name to Holbrook. The Museum also has a display of photos, submarine memorabilia along with submarine escape suits and a replica of a submarine where you could experience how small the area is. There was a periscope you could look through where people say (Up Periscope). We all decided it certainly wasn't the life for us.

After lunch we went to The National Museum of Australian Pottery. It has a collection of 2000 pieces of domestic Australian Pottery that goes back to the convict Jonathon Leak whose few surviving pieces are the earliest marked pottery that was produced in Australia. We wandered around looking at the collection which is all in glass cases to protect the pieces on show. Amongst the extensive range of pottery wares are such things as simple preserving jars, jugs and decorated water filters. After an interesting day we headed back to the Caravan Park for Happy Hour and later board games.

Tuesday started with Devonshire Morning Tea in the Camp Kitchen then after we had a free day to explore some of the beautiful areas that surround Albury. That night we all dressed up for a Masquerade Party to celebrate our 21st Caravan and Camping trip away. It was so great that everyone wore a Mask of some description as well clothes to match in some cases. Well done to all who made the effort for our special celebration. After Dinner they cut a cake that was decorated like a Caravan before the Talent Quest started with a few brave members giving their all for fun. It was a great night. Wednesday we started the day with an Egg and Bacon Breakfast after which we had a free day to do some more exploring of the area returning for Happy Hour and BBQ then a Quiz night. Thursday Morgan's Lookout was our destination to see a massive granite outcrop that the bushranger Mad Dan Morgan used to his advantage to evade capture by the police.

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On arrival we had morning tea then some challenged themselves to climbing to the top of the Lookout where they had a spectacular 360 degrees view of the surrounding area The rest of the day was free to check out some of the small country towns that have so many hidden gems. Dinner that night was at the Springdale Heights Tavern followed by a comedy film " How to Murder Your Wife " with Jack Lemon back. Friday the owners of the Caravan Park made available their property which is situated on the banks of Lake Hume for our Games and Activities day. On the way some went to the Hume Weir and walked over the spillway before heading on to our destination.

We had morning tea on arrival then we played games while others just enjoyed the sun and the beautiful surroundings until they called us for a BBQ lunch. After we continued playing games for a while then headed back to the Park for yet another (Happy Hour). It was a quiet night with some playing cards and board games in the Camp Kitchen. Saturday. On our last morning we had a Yummy Pancake Breakfast then they handed out the special camp awards and we thanked the volunteers who had helped in any way over the week.

A card that everyone had signed was presented to the organisers of our 21st trip away thanking them for all the work they have done to make it a great week. The rest of the day was free. Some went to the Albury Farmers Market while others did more exploring of the area then we gathered for our last Happy Hour before going out to the Thurgoona Country Club for Dinner. Sunday. Packed up and headed home(for a rest) We would like to thank Craig and Kerrie at the Big 4 Albury Tourist Park Lavington NSW for all the extra work they did to make it a great week for us. So if you are looking for a great place to holiday our Club would recommend it.

Helen



Community insight helps protect against bushfire injury and loss of life

Residents affected by the 2019 Bunyip Complex bushfire highlighted the importance of bushfire maps showing users their location in relation to a fire risk, while clearly communicating critical information such as direction of fire spread to ensure emergency information is easily understood and followed by communities under threat.

Findings from <u>this project</u> will be presented to researchers and emergency service representatives at the <u>Natural Hazards Research Forum 2024</u> in Adelaide this week.

The research, conducted by Natural Hazards Research Australia, RMIT University, the Country Fire Authority (CFA) and the Victorian Department of Education, collated feedback from residents impacted in the 2019 Bunyip Complex bushfire, covering the Bunyip, Bunyip North, Maryknoll, Gembrook, Garfield, Garfield North, Nar Nar Goon, Tonimbuk and surrounding areas. Similar studies took place in the Australian Capital Territory (southern Canberra and southern ACT), New South Wales (Snowy Monaro region) and Tasmania (Huon Valley) to better understand how bushfire maps can better communicate risk during active bushfires.

"When bushfire maps help people understand their location in relation to the bushfire risk, as well as other important information including direction of the fire spread and the location of the fire front, they are empowered to make the best protective action decisions for themselves and their loved ones," Dr Kuligowski says.

Bushfire and other real time weather and hazard tracking maps, including those created by local fire and emergency management agencies, the Bureau of Meteorology, Google or third-party weather or hazard mapping platforms, are a critical tool in communicating life-saving emergency information to people in the path of a bushfire.

Most participants from Cardinia accessed maps through the VicEmergency app or CFA website on their computer or phone.

Supported by the CFA and Cardinia Shire Council, as well as Tasmania Fire Service, ACT Rural Fire Service and the NSW Rural Fire Service, the research found that community members in areas of risk generally wanted bushfire maps regardless of type to provide information that enables them to evacuate if safe to do so and routes are available; stay and defend; or follow actions specified in their household bushfire plan.

"Participants indicated the importance of maps communicating the direction of fire spread, as well as locations of fire activity so that they can understand the uncertainty and immediate and subsequent risk, enabling them to make informed decisions about when and how to avoid bushfire," Dr Kuligowski says.

This information could also help residents understand fires' behaviour and even identify possible routes out of the area.

Findings highlighted the strong use of bushfire maps by residents in bushfire-affected areas as part of their overall emergency information sourcing, accessing maps up to 20- to 50-times per day during bushfires. They also stressed the importance of timely and date-stamped information.

"Participants found the inconsistencies between information sources due to different maps updating at different times, confusing – especially when the time of last update wasn't included," Dr Kuligowski says.

"This made it extremely challenging for participants who experienced these fires to clearly understand the risk being faced and act safely in a rapidly changing situation."

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The study also found that participants were more likely to trust the information expressed in bushfire maps if fire agency experts explained them in detail, such as at community meetings or face-to-face.

"Direct explanation of bushfire maps can improve residents' understanding of and confidence in the information – helping reduce the possibility they will fill the gaps with their own knowledge and experience, which may not always lead to accurate conclusions," says Dr Kuligowski.

The research identified challenges that people face in comprehending bushfire maps, including ways to correctly interpret locations of highest risk.

"The meaning of warning polygons, the triangle symbols and the meaning of their location, and the risks associated with certain areas of maps – the burnt areas or the areas of potential fire spread - could be barriers to correct interpretation of bushfire maps."

"We also found that it was difficult for participants to identify the location of highest risk of harm, meaning additional work is required to ensure universal understanding of both incident and predictive maps," Dr Kuligowski says. "It is important to note that any bushfire map is 'one tool in the box' for community members at risk – sourcing information from multiple sources, such as community meetings and official warnings, is critical to gaining as detailed understanding of the risk as possible."

These findings will inform further research now underway into the ways fire spread prediction maps can clearly communicate risk and uncertainty.

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MOY YAN NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

(formerly BUNYIP AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY HOUSE)

& ADRA OP SHOP JOIN TOGETHER

ADRA Opening - Tuesday 18th June

Moy Yan Opening - Tuesday 16th July

Moy Yan Neighbourhood House and the ADRA Op Shop Bunyip will soon operate under one roof, as each is set to utilise the Garfield Scout Hall.

By sharing a space with the ADRA Op Shop, members of the community can access the Neighbourhood House programs as well as experiencing an affordable boutique shopping experience.

"When you walk into the hall, you can grab a hot cuppa and snacks with an area to mingle with your community friends," says Rebecca Auriant, Conference ADRA Director for Victoria. "You can sign up for many community programs with the Neighbourhood House.

Jen, Manager of Moy Yan Neighbourhood House, says, "With the support of ADRA, we can now provide more fresh produce for people in need in the community." Moy-Yan will also be using the space as a gallery and workshops to promote the works of local artists. "We will have artwork for sale in the form of paintings, textiles and sculpture that will go towards supporting our community art programs and workshops" says Jen.

The ADRA Op Shop will be moving from Bunyip where it has operated since September 2022. Mary Meyer has been managing the centre as a volunteer. In the space of a year, the op shop has donated over \$20,000 in both in-kind and financial support to programs that help people in need.

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) Australia is the official humanitarian agency of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. In Australia, ADRA works in partnership with the government, councils, churches, agencies, and individuals to provide a range of services to people facing poverty and hardship. Services include women's refuges, counselling centres, youth resilience projects, emergency preparedness and response initiatives as well as local community projects including emergency relief, refugee support and seniors connect. For more information about ADRA and its projects visit <u>www.adra.org.au</u>.

Moy Yan will continue to run its office from the present location at 2b Beswick Street, Garfield where it also provides computer access and tutoring, photocopying, printing and a book exchange. For more details on Moy Yan's programs please call Jen on 0481 895 509.







Heritage Grant applications now open

Applications for the Cardinia Shire Heritage Grants are now open to residents until Friday 7 June.

The program provides funds to restore and conserve places of heritage value that are covered by a heritage overlay in the Cardinia Shire Planning Scheme. Funds are available for private sites, as well as places that are open and accessible to the public, including commercial premises and other significant sites.

For publicly accessible places, applicants can apply for up to 50 per cent of the project cost, up to the value of \$5,000. For private places, applicants can apply for 25% of project cost up to a maximum of \$2,500. Gardens, trees and hedges identified as having heritage significance, and that are covered by a heritage overlay, are also eligible to apply.

Cardinia Shire Mayor Councillor Jack Kowarzik said Council wants to support projects that leave a legacy. "We are fortunate to have many historically significant sites in Cardinia Shire. So, we want to preserve and showcase them as best we can. Sites such as town-halls, churches, shops and even significant trees and hedges, and more."

"Projects that can be funded include preservations, restorations, reconstructions, or horticultural works. Such works enrich our communities and provide important connections to our local history," Cr Kowarzik said.

A recipient last year, St Johns Church of England in Nar Nar Goon, provides an inspiring example of what can be achieved. The church's front fences and gates had been decaying badly. With the assistance from the grant, the construction of a new fence and gates in suitable heritage style was made possible.

The project helped to maintain the church's heritage value to the community, as well as support the site's delivery of community-based events, such as for music group and men's group meetings.

To apply for a grant, or to check if your heritage site or tree is eligible, visit <u>www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/</u><u>heritagegrants</u>



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RGENCY RECOVERY



HANSON PURCHASES FIFTH PROPERTY IN ENVIRONMENTALLY SIGNIFICANT REGION

Hanson Construction Materials has purchased a fifth property, taking its total landholdings to 1100+ acres.

The latest acquisition positions Hanson closer to Bunyip and Garfield, as well as Cannibal Creek, Bunyip River and Two Mile Creek. The property contributes to the only biolink nodes which offer access to the Bunyip State Park east of Mount Cannibal.

The purchase comes following Hanson's claim in 2017 that the company would not be acquiring any additional properties in the region.

Hanson did not advise, and would not verify their purchase with the Mount Cannibal and District Preservation Group,

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however LANDATA documents confirm the sale.

Despite commencing its Environmental Effects Statement (EES) in 2016, Hanson has failed to meet its own projected timelines on several occasions and has recently conceded that it is unable to provide the community with an EES completion date.

Hanson has not investigated any alternative sites.

This acquisition does not change the fact that Bunyip North is an inappropriate location for this project and we will keep fighting – and you can help us by **signing our petition** and **writing to politicians**, including Planning Minister Sonya Kilkenny.

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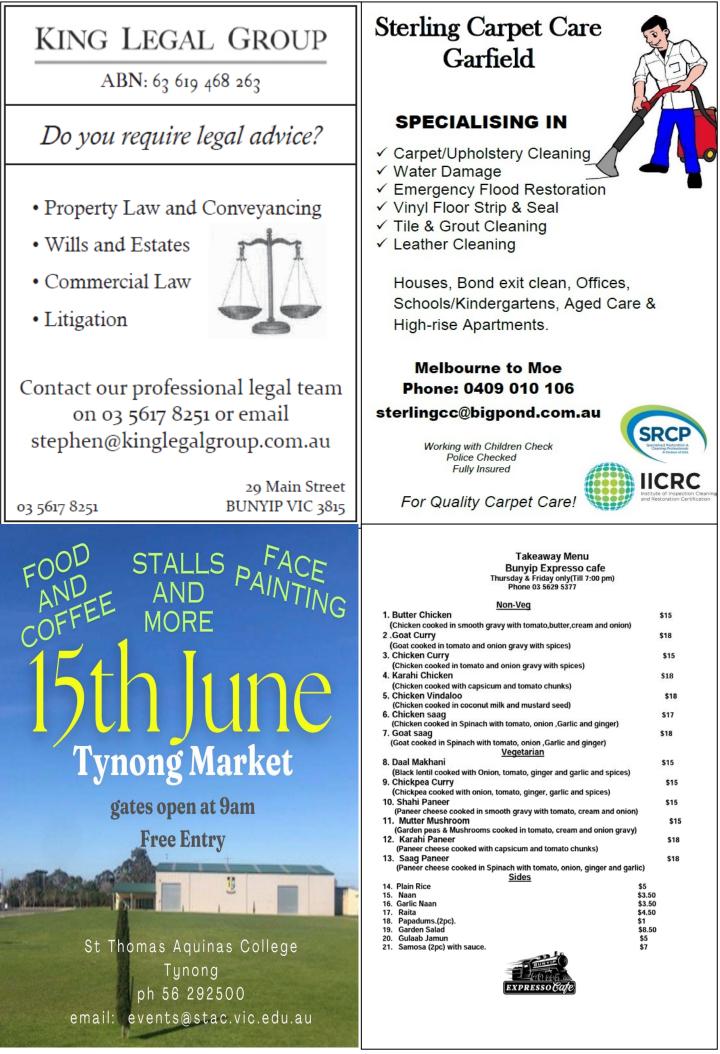
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Mid-winter feast on Sunday 23rd.June at 11 a.m. We shall gather round our Mid-winter Fire, then move into the church for eucharist. Some warming soup will follow, then a reflection on the tea-pot (inspired by Leunig) and community-building.

People are very welcome to join us for lunch at about 12 and the discussion. If you have a special or unusual tea-pot then bring it along. We will be serving cups of tea!

The next day we'll be welcoming the committee of the Bunyip Market for a special Gathering, so we'll keep exploring community-building.

Except on Sunday 23rd. Our services are 9.30 on Sundays and 11.45 Wednesdays.

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BUNYIP DISTRICT UNITING CHURCH 'Linking God and Community'

Worship Date	Time	Church and Worship Location
Sunday June 2	9:00am	Garfield Uniting Church (13 Garfield Road)
Sunday June 9	9:00am	Bunyip Uniting Church (9 Nash Road)
Sunday June 16	9:00am	Garfield Uniting Church (13 Garfield Road)
Thursday June 20	11:00am	Hillview Aged Care (22 Abeckett Road)
Sunday June 23	9:00am	Bunyip Uniting Church (9 Nash Road)
Sunday June 30	9:00am	Garfield Uniting Church (13 Garfield Road)
Sunday July 7	9:00am	Bunyip Uniting Church (9 Nash Road)
Sunday July 14	9:00am	Garfield Uniting Church (13 Garfield Road)

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

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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 - 0435 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** Secretary 0422 335 660 bunyip.f.c@bigpond.com **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** 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 Sam Dalv 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

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