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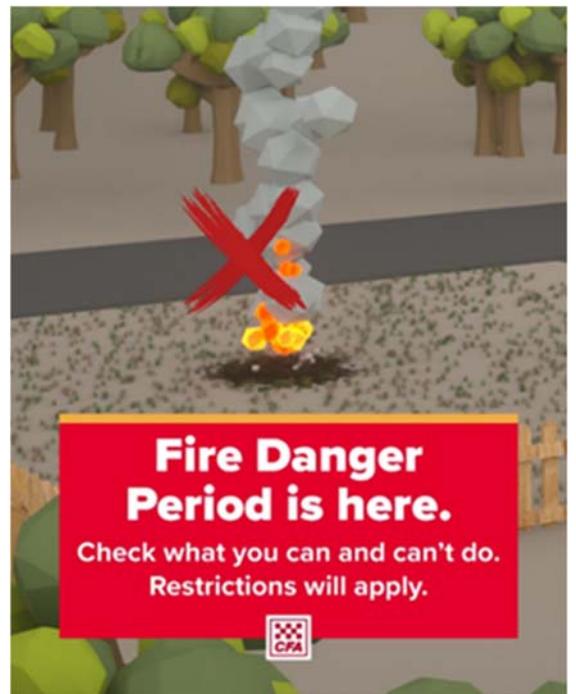


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The Fire Danger Period is now in effect for the Cardinia Shire Local Government Area. This commenced on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> December at 1am. Do you know what you can and cannot do during the Fire Danger Period?



#### Can I burn off?

**NO** unless\*:

you have a written **Fire Danger Period permit** issued by CFA, FRV or a Municipal Fire Prevention Officer, depending on the location of the activity

you comply with the conditions of that permit

A person is in attendance at all times while the fire is alight and has the capacity and means to **completely extinguish** the fire

The fire is **completely extinguished** before the person leaves.

#### Can I have a BBQ?

**NO** unless\*:

The wind is less than 10 km/h. This means that leaves are moving around in the wind.

The area 3 meters around and above the fire must be clear of anything that can burn.

The area within a distance of 3 meters from the outer perimeters of the fire and the uppermost point of the fire is clear of flammable material

Never leave the fire or BBQ alone. A person who can put out the fire must always stay by the fire.

The BBQ must be turned off or the fire completely put out when finished.

\*Note that in accordance with the CFA Act, a commercially-produced barbecue or portable gas stove is considered a properly-constructed fireplace.

#### Can I light a campfire?

**NO** unless\*:

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The campfire must be lit in:

A properly built fireplace of stone, metal or concrete.

Or a trench at least 30cm deep.

The campfire must be no larger than 1 meter by 1 meter.

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Never leave the fire alone. A person who can put out the fire must always stay by the fire.

The campfire must be put out completely using water before you leave.

\*Note that if you are in a State Forest or National Park, there might be other rules you need to know about.

To find out more information about the different rules and restrictions that apply during the Fire Danger Period, visit [cfa.vic.gov.au/can](https://cfa.vic.gov.au/can) ..... **\*Rules change during days of declared Total Fire Ban**

Victoria Police will investigate any reported violation of the Fire Danger Period. Large fines and imprisonment can result in breaches of the Fire Danger Period and Total Fire Ban restrictions.

**Do you have a bushfire plan?**

Bushfire Plans are critical so that you and your family know what to do in the event of fire in your local area or planning ahead for dangerous conditions.

Do you have a **plan**?

Will you **leave early**? What is your trigger to **leave**?

What are you going to do with **children** or **animals**?

If the Fire Danger Rating for the following day is **Extreme** or **Catastrophic**, what will you do?

What are you going to do with **valuable items** and **precious memories**?

Does your plan cater for **evacuation** for multiple days?

**Leaving early is always the safest option.**

You can design a fire plan online, or contact Bunyip CFA for further information.

To design a fire plan – visit <https://fireplanner.vic.gov.au/>

## AFDRS (Australian Fire Danger Rating System)

With the Fire Danger Period now in force, it’s vital that you familiarise yourself with the new system and how you should act in bushfire-prone areas.

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### Bunyip Rainfall Totals



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2020	92.6	138.15	35.75	145.5	100.5	46.0	43.5	122.0	58.5	98.0	60.0	44.0	984.5
2021	67.0	37.0	35.75	61.0	54.0	76.0	93.0	44.0	100.0	113.0	93.0	22.0	833
2022	37.0	6.0	49.0	76.0	42.0	96.0	52.0	146.0	49	169	102	74	898
2023	30.0	29.5	66.0	77.0	75.0	75.0	31.0	55.0	49	147	88	124	

## TALKIN' ...FISHIN' ..... THE CUTTING EDGE

Fishing line is made tough to withstand fish biting through it and abrasive action from rocks and other objects that can weaken it. That's great news but the drawback is it's also hard to cut for trimming off knots and joining lines to each other or knotting to terminal tackle etc. Using your teeth is a common practice, but the bite down will destroy the nerve in your tooth along with the enamel coating, leaving you with uncomfortable dental work, root canal filling is unpleasant and expensive.

Best practice is to use a reliable sharp cutting tool. These can be as cheap as nail clippers, side cutters or high carbon nippers with hardened sharp edges, stainless steel will resist rust. Choose something of a convenient size to fit in your pocket or vest maybe hang it around your neck on a lanyard. Make sure that it's not going to stab you or make a hole in your clothes if you take a fall, look for types that come with a holder or pouch. The ability to sharpen this would be handy or buy a cheap enough replacement of the same each season.

Along the same lines, knife sharpeners are many and varied in their design. The process should be an amount of steel removed from the blade edge each time you draw it through, a finer amount coming off each time you change the surface grit material you draw the edge across, all to achieve a sharper final edge. Finish off with a sharpening stone lubricated with water or a light oil, this will give an excellent cutting edge, using a dry sharpening steel rod will still produce a good result. A sharp knife has less chance of cutting you, as it requires less force and effort to slice through flesh, therefore reducing your possibility of injury or cutting yourself. A mesh safety filleting glove is a good investment in safety. There are 1000's of knives to choose from but each has its purpose, make sure you talk with a knowledgeable salesperson to help you with your selection for the purpose you intend. A conversation with a Chef or abattoir boner will have good information on this subject as it's their trade.



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# Eliza Clark Receives Prestigious Award.

By Roman Kulkewycz

A graduation ceremony and an Awards evening for students of St Columba Catholic Primary School in Bunyip was held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Iona on Tuesday evening the 12<sup>th</sup> December. Year 6 student Eliza Clark was the recipient of the prestigious "MacKillop Social Justice Award" which is sponsored by the Bunyip Community Newsletter.

Mary Helen MacKillop RSJ was an Australian religious sister who is Australia's only saint was canonised by the Catholic Church, as "St Mary of the Cross" in 2010. Of Scottish descent, she was born in Melbourne but is best known for her activities in South Australia. Together with Julian Tenison-Woods, she founded the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, a congregation of religious sisters that established a number of schools and welfare institutions throughout Australia and New Zealand, with the emphasis on education for the rural poor.

The MacKillop Social Justice Award recognises an outstanding individual who has demonstrated extraordinary achievements and commitment to promoting and practising diversity, inclusion, equity, and access.

Eliza will attend Marist Sion College in Warragul next year. She met with Lisa Sinha, Advertising Manager of Bunyip News to receive her award and cheque.

Eliza is a quietly spoken and respectful young lady, who wasn't sure why the teachers had nominated her for this award, but was very gracious, proud and humbled to be chosen to receive it. She has always endeavoured to be helpful and kind to others during her years at St Columba and will leave the school with many lasting happy memories.



*Eliza receiving her Award and cheque from Newsletter Advertising Manager Lisa Sinha*



***Congratulations Eliza  
from the Committee  
and Volunteers  
at the Bunyip & District  
Community News***

# Charlie Radiates Bunyip Spirit

By Roman Kulkewycz

Graduating Bunyip Primary School Year 6 student Charlie Crisfield was awarded the inaugural “ Bunyip Spirit Award “ at the school’s Presentation evening held at the Bunyip Stadium on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. A total of 25 students graduated. This Award is sponsored by the Bunyip & District Community News.

The Spirit of Bunyip Award is for the student who demonstrates the spirit of the Bunyip Community within the school environment through thoughtfulness, generosity, respect and willingness to help others. School Principal, Jenny Dowsett said that Charlie ticked all the boxes and the decision to award him this honour was unanimous.

Twelve year old Charlie will continue his studies at Drouin Secondary College next year. His favourite subject is Science. He said that the best thing about his years at Bunyip Primary was seeing students and teachers show respect and consideration for each other. “It’s a great school”, he said.

Charlie said that when he completes his studies he would like to be a Truck Driver, a Farmer or a Zoo Keeper.



*Congratulations Charlie  
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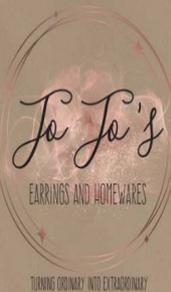
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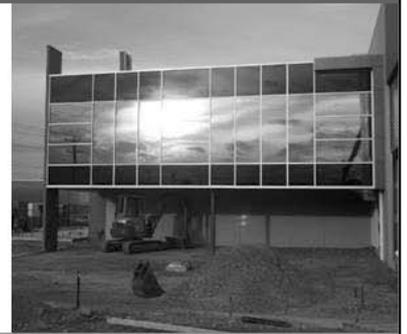
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Sunday January 14	9.00am	Garfield Uniting Church (13 Garfield Road)
Sunday January 21	9.00am	Bunyip Uniting Church (9 Nash Road)
Thursday January 25	11.00am	Hillview Aged Care (22 Abeckett Road)
Sunday January 28	9.00am	Garfield Uniting Church (13 Garfield Road)
Sunday February 4	9.00am	Bunyip Uniting Church (9 Nash Road)
Sunday February 11	9.00am	Garfield Uniting Church (13 Garfield Road)
Sunday February 18	9.00am	Bunyip Uniting Church (9 Nash 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.

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# St.Thomas' Anglican Church A'Beckett Road Bunyip

New year greetings!

We had a great Carol Service in the garden and our Christmas services went well. We end the year with a commemoration of Thomas Becket, a controversial character, an archbishop killed in his own cathedral on December 29th. 1170. He was a distant connection of the A'Becketts who farmed on the banks of the Bunyip River. We remember Thomas Becket on Sunday 31st December at 11 a.m. and have lunch after.

January is a quiet time for us— a time for reflection and gathering energy for the year. We have only our Sunday services and give Wednesdays a rest. We do, however, have a service at Hillview Aged Care on Friday 12th January at 11 a.m.

Come February the show will be on the road again, with Shrove Tuesday on February 13th and Ash Wednesday on the 14th. Then we're into the season of Lent. Before we know, it will be Easter!

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## **COMMUNITY CONTACTS**

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### **Bunyip Cemetery**

Anne Green – 0499 295 772  
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### **Bunyip & District Community House (now Moy-Yan Neighbourhood House)**

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### **Cannibal Creek Landcare Group**

Pam Cunningham – 0407 876 935

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### **Anglican Church of St Thomas Bunyip**

Raelene Carroll – 03 5644 3388

### **Bunyip Country Women's Association CWA:**

Wendy - 0417 352 258

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

### **Garfield Community Garden**

Meet Every Weekend - Meg 0466 496 107

[gqgarfieldcommunitygarden@gmail.com](mailto:gqgarfieldcommunitygarden@gmail.com)

### **Labertouche & District Hunters Group**

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### **Bunyip Social Hub**

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### **BRAG (Bunyip Renewables Action Group Inc)**

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## **COMMUNITY CLUBS**

### **Bunyip Equestrian Club**

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Barb – 0407 294326

### **Bunyip-Garfield Probus Club**

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Maree McRae – 0468 411 144 (Meets every Friday  
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Martin Jeric - 0418 104 242

### **Sorella Callisthenics Club**

Samantha Holt 0421 424 079 [sorelacc@hotmail.com](mailto:sorelacc@hotmail.com)

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### **Iona Cricket Club**

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