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YARRAGON'S FINEST RECOGNISED WITH AUSTRALIAN FIRE SERVICES MEDAL

By Christina Flann

Emma Conway AFSM is one of my favourite Yarragon (South) residents. We are friends, neighbours and part of a Writer's Club together. I met her in her later years at CFA, as a Commander and Acting Assistant Chief Fire Officer.

She spent 17 years working for CFA and is now the Deputy Director of Operations for AFAC. This apparently is the Australian and New Zealand National Council for fire and emergency services. I've checked their website and can't for the life of me figure out how the acronym relates to the full name. Should have asked Emma in my interview.

Her life and career has been a long and diverse series of roles of service to: her family, her community, her country, the world. Incredible modesty means that you probably won't be likely to hear that she was suggesting long term emergency solutions at a UN meeting in Germany recently, in between deploying firefighters around the world.



Before being a firey, Emma was a part of the Navy for 12 years. She had cool titles like Able Seaman Marine Technician, Able Seaman Electronics Technician (Weapons) and eventually Recruit Instructor after several stints of active service. Her face lights up when she talks about being



But where will the new medal fit?!!

a diesel mechanic in the bowels of an engine room on an enormous ship. An earlier newsletter had an article about her overalls being part of an exhibition at the War Memorial in Canberra. That should be on display this year by ANZAC Day.

In our interview, she emphasised the importance of volunteers and their organisations. How valuable it is that people decide to be there for their communities. "If you can volunteer in any way, it all matters. And if you can't, value those who do. That is enough." She described herself as playing a small part to help volunteers to do what they do.

I would argue her part is not small at all. That she is the living embodiment of giving back to the world. I wholeheartedly agree with the CFA from their announcement of this award, "Emma Conway's outstanding leadership, unwavering commitment to community safety, and tireless advocacy for CFA volunteers and women in emergency management make her a highly deserving recipient".



Fine art - Flowers - Jewellery

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'Keeping watch' by Mary Hennekam
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7:00-9:00pm WQCB
Uniting Church, Yarragon

YARRAGON BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

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contact: yba3823@gmail.com



Q: Why did the dough steal the eggs?

A: Cos it kneaded them.

Oscar

TUESDAY

CRAFT GROUP

9:30am-12:30pm
Uniting Church Hall,
Campbell St.



Join us for craft and laughs.

YDCA

TBA, CFA meeting room
Secretary Richard Polmear
0407 347 545



WEDNESDAY

GARDENING GROUP

10:00am or 10:30am to lunch time
at the backyard of the Uniting Church,
Campbell St.
Share your knowledge and learn from other gardeners.



LIONS CLUB

2nd & 4th Wed at St Jarlath's Catholic Hall in Rollo St.
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0477342429
Secretary Allan Logan
0435 576 100



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THURSDAY

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October to April, social game night 1st & 3rd Thursdays followed by a meal.

Meal orders must be placed by 5:30pm on the Tues prior.

FRIDAY

PILATES MATWORK

11:00 am weekly (from 13/02)
Yarragon Public Hall

Oscarism of the Month:

Sniffing Salts

SATURDAY

CRAFT & PRODUCE MARKET

4th Saturday,
9:00am-1:00pm
Yarragon Public Hall
Campbell St



SILKROAD COMMUNITY TRAFALGAR FARMERS MARKET

First Saturday of every month, 9:00am-1:00pm
Trafalgar Croquet Club, 25 Ashby St, Trafalgar



SUNDAY

St Mark's Anglican Church

The Anglican Church in Yarragon meets on 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 8:30am at St David's Uniting Church building (9 Campbell Road, Yarragon).

St David's Uniting Church

9 Campbell St. Service details on noticeboard at church.

St Jarlath's Catholic Church

YARRAGON
10:00am
Mass
every Sunday; Trafalgar 6:00pm
Mass every Saturday
Parish Office 5633 1166



YARRAGON STUDIO CONCERT

3.00pm 8 February
Berta Brozgul & Niels Bijl
Malinconia - Music from South Africa and the Netherlands

Yarragon Hotel Beer Concerts

2:00-5:00pm See Page 12 for February Programming



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DEADLINE for
March 2026 edition
21 February
12 noon

WHAT BIRD WILL THAT BE?

By Margaret Young



Here is my new bird 🐦 feeder installed at the end of January and waiting for birds to notice it. A gentleman from the Op shop made it. I have had it attached to the veranda post so it won't swing in the wind 🌪️ and break and it's only place the cat 🐈 can't reach! I will trim the branches back a bit but my cat 🐈 is too fat to climb 🌳 the trees 🌳 anyway!



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MALINCONIA

Chamber music from South Africa and The Netherlands



Berta Brozgul - Piano
Niels Bijl - Saxophones

Sunday 8 February 3 PM
www.yarragonstudio.com.au

ANZAC DAY POPPY PROJECT 2026

By Jan Cussen

Calling all Yarragon knitters - we need you!

We are calling out for knitters to knit poppies for our ANZAC Day 2026 display - they can be red, purple for the animals lost in war, or white symbolising peace. Any number of poppies knitted will be gratefully accepted and either mounted onto stems or strung together for garlands. Please reach out to Jan on 0438 653 658 if you have any questions.



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WHAT ARE THE EDITORS UP TO?

By Christina Flann, Debbie Churchill & Oscar Bijl

Oscar: Holidaying. Enjoying my camera and hanging out with friends. Refinding my passion for mountain biking and scootering. Went to Haunted Hills MTB park. We went on another amazing train trip.

Christina: Another epic family train trip, this time Adelaide to Brisbane. Made friends with a lovely Belgian couple who minded our house and animals as we travelled. Here we all are at Toorong Falls.

Debbie: Immersed in the world of art.



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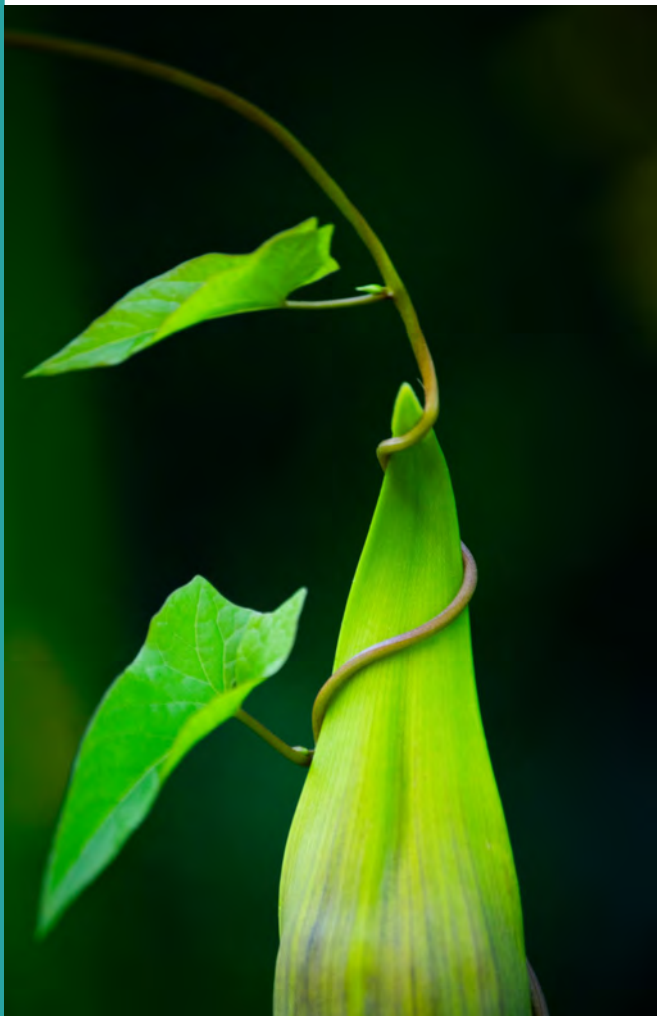
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12 INDUSTRIAL COURT YARRAGON

OSCAR's monthly chosen photos



BACK TO YARRAGON 150 YEARS

By Jen Lowe

Now that it is only two years until our event we can begin planning in more detail. The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday February 17th, 2026, at 7.p.m.at the Uniting Church Hall, Campbell Street Yarragon.** All who are interested in being part of this planning group are most welcome to attend. At this meeting we will be trying to identify contact people for each group in the Yarragon Community, sporting, volunteer, church, school, service – whatever groups we could involve. Of course, we also hope to have some more photos identified!

Let's have your ideas for this event.

YBA

Yarragon Business Association Inc

Notice of 2025 AGM & General Meeting

Monday 23rd February 2026

Time: 5.45pm: Networking;
light refreshments provided

6.00pm: AGM

General Meeting to follow

Venue: Gippsland Food & Wine

*All Yarragon & district
business owners welcome*

RSVP: 20th Feb by email:

yba3823@gmail.com



61a Princes Highway Yarragon
ALL ENQUIRIES
yarragonfoodtruckvillage@gmail.com

NOW OPEN!!

The owners, vendors and staff would like to express our thanks to the outstanding continued support received from the local Yarragon Community since our opening last month.

The Yarragon Food Truck Village is continuing to grow with new vendors and pop up traders coming on board. Please follow our Facebook page for the latest updates.

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Every day from 11am

Lunch 12 - 2:30pm

Dinner 5:30 - 8:30pm

Take-away 5 - 8pm

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

By Sonia Roberts

World Day of Prayer
Friday, March 6th at
10.30am

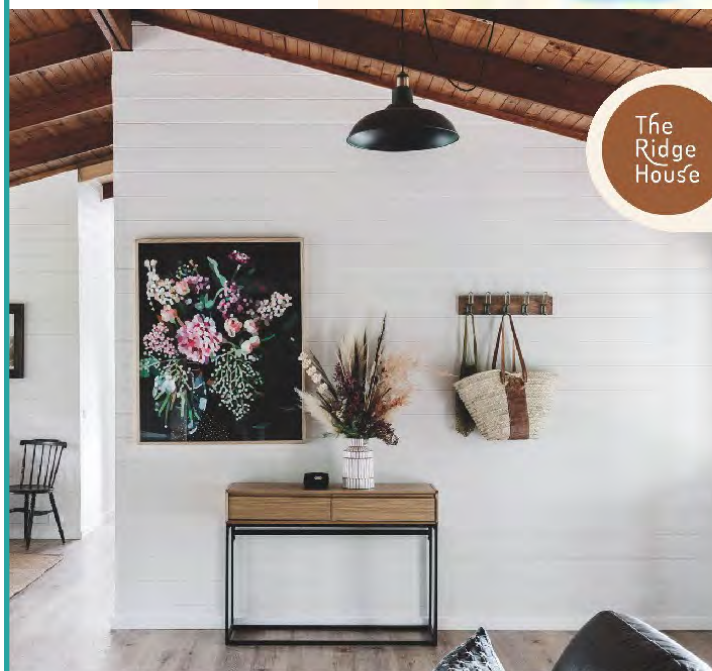
St Jarlaths Catholic
Church, Yarragon
Followed by morning
tea. All welcome.



WORLD DAY OF
PRAYER
SERVICE 2026

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'I will give you rest:
Come'



Yarragon South

The
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House

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Creative Harvest Gippsland Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 January 2026

Things looked a little different this year. Creative Harvest Gippsland continued to feature a range of highly successful workshops on diverse topics such as avocado growing, seed saving and sowing, dry point etching, herbs for your bathroom cabinet and fabulous fermentation: the magic of sourdough. Workshop attendees all left with a smile, a sense of satisfaction, and newly gained skills.

Instead of hosting an open garden festival, which will now be held biennially, Creative Harvest 2026 culminated in a Summer-themed Community Afternoon Tea Party in the Yarragon Public Hall.

Throughout the afternoon, guests spent time with old friends and made new ones. Guests enjoyed locally made delicious treats, music, laughter and community spirit.

The Sustainable Conversations Panel was a highlight of the event. The panel featured three talented creatives: Helen Timbury, Gippsland printmaker whose vibrant nature-inspired linocuts encourage deeper connection to and care for the environment, Caroline Parker, herbalist, forager, and author who helps people grow, cook with, and heal using everyday medicinal plants and, Paul Winfield, permaculture educator and environmental manager dedicated to practical, community-driven approaches to sustainable growing and land care.

Guests were treated to a warm and engaging discussion that brought the themes of the Creative Harvest Afternoon Tea to life. Hosted by the Baw Baw Sustainability Network, the panel explored how everyday sustainability, creativity, home gardening, seasonal food traditions, and community wisdom shape the way we live, create, and connect.



The Creative Harvest Afternoon Tea Party was intentionally designed as a reflective, conversational gathering. A communal seated experience centred on shared food and thoughtful listening. Creative Harvest 2026 was a success not just because it was carefully curated but also because of those that were keen to slow down and engage in meaningful conversation and connection.

If you're looking for deep inspiration and practical advice on the art and science of growing your own food and other creative pursuits, you'll find inspiration at Creative Harvest Gippsland. We can't wait to see what Creative Harvest brings to the community in 2027.

If you would like to be involved in next year's preparations, get in touch: hello@creativeharvest.org.au. To keep up-to-date with all things Creative Harvest Gippsland, visit www.creativeharvest.org.au, and subscribe to its newsletter.



NEXT EVENT

Baw Baw Sustainability Network



You're warmly invited to an inspiring evening with **Helen Wilson**, as she shares her journey into backyard self-sufficiency.

Backyard Self-Sufficiency with Helen Wilson

Thursday, 26 February 2026

7:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Yarragon Uniting Church Hall, Campbell St, Yarragon

Helen and her husband Mark purchased their property *Monkey Gully* as a bare block in 1997 and have since transformed it into a productive, self-sufficient backyard.

Helen is passionate about growing, harvesting, preserving, and enjoying home-grown food. Her thriving vegetable garden is complemented by a diverse orchard featuring espaliered apples and pears, stone fruit, citrus, and berries.

A skilled home preserver, Helen specialises in the Fowlers Vacola preserving method and will share practical, achievable tips for preserving seasonal abundance.

This is a wonderful opportunity to explore what backyard self-sufficiency can look like—and how these ideas can be applied at home, no matter your space or experience level.

Register here: www.bbsn.org.au/events

We hope you can join us for this informative and inspiring evening.



COUNCIL News

Downton Park Pavilion Upgrade

The upgrade to the sporting pavilion at Downton Park in Yarragon is well underway.

Construction of the coaches' box, power, water and hydrant works are now complete.

Construction of the new pavilion has begun with framing, services rough-ins, roof, doors and windows now complete.

This project will transform the pavilion into a modern and accessible facility for the community to enjoy. Works are expected to be completed in March 2026.

This project is funded with the support of a \$1.8M contribution from the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program and a \$250,000 contribution from the Victorian Government's Community Sport and Recreation Projects Program.

For more information on this and other major projects please visit www.bawbawshire.co/MajorProjects



NEW Emergency Dashboard

Council has launched a new Emergency Dashboard. For more information on how to stay informed, prepared and connected this fire season and to view the Emergency Dashboard visit

www.bawbawshire.co/emergency or follow the link on Council's website.



Upcoming Events:

For a full list of the current events, visit www.bawbawshire.co/Events-Calendar



Baw Baw Connect – Have Your Say, Your Way!

Council currently has one community engagement opportunity open for consultation!

- Trial mobility car parking spaces at Warragul Leisure Centre

Visit bawbawconnect.com.au to have your say, your way.



Upcoming Council Meetings:

The following Council meeting will be held in February 2026 in the Fountain Room, West Gippsland Arts Centre.

Wednesday 25 February – 1.00pm
Ordinary Council Meeting

All community members are welcome to attend in person or tune in via the Live Stream on our website.

For a full list of the meetings for 2026, visit www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/CouncilMeetings

LEARN THE UKULELE

With Phillip Chalker

Latrobe Music

Monthly Ukulele Lessons — For Complete Beginners!
All lessons are taught by local ukulele teacher Phillip Chalker, who provides fun and supportive sessions for people of all ages and abilities. In 2026, one-off beginner workshops will be held on the last **Thursday of every month**, with two sessions each day from **10:00 am to 11:30 am** and **12:00 pm to 1:30 pm**, with a short break in between.

Lessons can be for up to four people at a time. Children are welcome but must be supervised by a parent or guardian. The cost is **\$25 per person per session**, with the first session you ever attend including a **one-time \$10 materials fee for printed resources and a take-home folder**.

Participants are asked to bring their own ukulele and tuner. If you do not already have these, you can purchase both directly from us for an additional cost

[Eds note: or borrow one from the West Gippsland Concert Band].

To help with planning, please RSVP by the Monday before each workshop and let us know whether you would like to attend Session 1, Session 2, or both. Location is at my home and the address will be provided once your booking is confirmed.

For bookings or inquiries, contact :

Phillip Chalker, Latrobe Music

Mobile: 0400 603 367

Email: latrobemusic@gmail.com

Website: latrobemusic.com



Shout out to our lovely Posties who are now all settled into the new post office at 77 Princes Hwy. Now with cool 24/7 free parcel lockers for out of hours pick ups. Apparently you just have to set up a free MyPost account and then you can get goodies delivered or even send parcels out of hours. Cool.

The Yarragon Post Office team from L to R: Arpit Patel, Jinal Patel, Tarulatta Patel and Gaurang Patel (plus Su Sim, not pictured)





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LION'S CLUB REPORT

By Alison Butterworth



Back in December we had two noteworthy events. We hosted our annual over 55's dinner at St Jarlaths. The turn out of 117 people was an amazing outcome for our club. It is quite a lot of work for our Lions members, from setting up and setting tables, cooking the BBQ, making salads, making fruit salad, serving our guests and cleaning up afterwards. A real team effort.



The other highlight was the drawing of our annual raffle by Angela Malacarne. This was done at the dinner and the winners were:

- 1st Prize - 3 Days at Merimbula Motel won by Amy
- 2nd Prize - Bunnings Vouchers won by Jill
- 3rd Prize - Hamper from Gippsland Food and Wine won by Kaye
- 4th Prize - Chopping Board won by Di



The Op shop is once again open for business. And yes, we are taking donations. However, we cannot accept quilts, bike helmets, wedding dresses, or anything that is not saleable because it is broken, dirty or incomplete. We are also supporting the Yarragon Fashion Festival to be held in the public hall on Saturday 7th February.

BEER GARDEN

GIGS FEBRUARY 2026

SUNDAYS 2-5PM

- 1. MOJO JACKET
- 8. TEGAN BLACKSTOCK
- 15. MEG DOHERTY
- 22. GROOVE CARTEL



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YARRAGON FASHION FESTIVAL

The Yarragon Fashion Festival is a vibrant celebration of style, creativity, and community set in the heart of Gippsland's charming village of Yarragon. Bringing together designers, emerging talent, boutique brands, and fashion-lovers from across the region, the festival transforms the town into a runway of colour, culture, and creativity.

This exciting event showcases the best of fashion through runway shows, entertainment, and exclusive designer showcases. Attendees can explore handcrafted garments, unique accessories, beauty products, and artisanal creations while connecting directly with the makers behind them.

The festival not only supports the creative industry but also uplifts the community — generating excitement, encouraging local business engagement, and giving attendees a reason to rediscover the beauty of Yarragon.

Join us for a day of fashion, discovery, and celebration where creativity shines, community comes together, and every moment is a chance to be inspired.

The Yarragon Fashion Parade will be at the Yarragon Hall Saturday Feb 7 2 to 4 pm, tickets are \$20 and purchased on line from <https://events.humanitix.com/yarragon-fashion-festival> or available at the door.



YARRAGON BOWLS CLUB

By Kaye McLaren, Secretary

January & February Birthdays:
Kevin Arnold, Ross McDermott, Lindsay Wright, Pam Jones, Margaret Arnold



We were certainly busy in the lead up to Christmas. We welcomed the Yarragon Lions Club, Latrobe Health, The Shot House, Bendigo Bank Trafalgar Branch, Yarragon Football Netball club Onslow Civil, Andrews House, and GBM to the club to help them celebrate the end to their busy year. We hope you all enjoyed the festivities and games of bowls. We also catered for a couple of sausage sizzles at Bunnings. To all of our amazing club members and supporters who helped with co-ordinating these events, we say a big thank you, we couldn't function without your help. We hope you all enjoyed a well earned rest with your loved ones and friends.

Bowls Christmas Breakup: Our Christmas Breakup was a lot of fun. Everyone had a wonderful time. Thank you all for making it a special celebration.



It's a New Year. 2026. Welcome back everyone. We hope you all enjoyed the festive season celebrating with friends and family.

We have two new champions at the Club. Congratulations to both Lindsay Wright, Ladies Champion, and Rhett Galley, Men's Champion for season 2025/2026. Runners up Kaye McLaren and Sam Mazza. Well done to all. Both games were well worthy of a final.



Champion of Champions: Rhett Galley represented the Yarragon Bowling Club in the Champion of Champions rounds held at Newborough Bowling Club. You did us proud, Rhett, and this experience will no doubt carry forward and strengthen your bowling career. Thank you to Kevin McLaren for giving his time to mark on the day – your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you to all of the members who came to support Rhett on the day.

Bowls Happenings: Our pennant season started on the 13th and 18th January. We are well and truly back into the swing of things. There are only 5 rounds to go for this season. We hope everyone is enjoying their games and have settled into the new year.



Barefoot Bowls: Our Barefoot bowls continues to be popular. Our first barefoot bowling night in February is Thursday 5th followed by Thursday 19th. All are welcome. \$15 for a 2 course BBQ meal and a game of bowls. Names in by the Tuesday prior for catering purposes. Please ring or text your attendance to the bowling club on 0490831283.

Fun Bowls Facts:

Social and Health Benefits: Bowls is not just about competition - it's a great social activity, especially popular in Australia and across the Commonwealth. It's also a low-impact activity that can improve fitness, coordination and mental well-being and foster community connectedness.

Are you interested in playing Lawn Bowls? We encourage

anyone who would like to try lawn bowls either socially or pennant play to contact our friendly club. We welcome all new members and their families. It really is an amazing sport where we all come together to have fun, enjoy each other's company and participate in a healthy sport. Contact the club on 0490831283 if you would like to find out more about playing this amazing game.

Sponsor Contributions:

End of month Sponsors Barrel Draw. Congratulations to Jade Galley for winning the end of the month Sponsors Draw for December. The Winning receipt came from Yarragon Bakery. Thank you to all of our sponsors, your continued support is very much appreciated.

Our sponsors for the 2025/26 season:

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- Trafalgar Tyre Service
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- Warragul Country Club
- Westfalia
- Wildflower Studio Yarragon
- Yarragon Automotive
- Yarragon Bakery
- Yarragon Foodworks
- Yarragon Hotel
- Yarragon Lions Club
- Yarragon Pharmacy
- Yarragon Post Office

We also recognise the tremendous support that the Community/Bendigo Bank of Trafalgar and District has provided the Yarragon Bowling Club and encourage locals to support them.

To contact the bowls club about sponsorship, games, or hiring facilities (with limited catering available):
The new Function Coordinator is Tony Hiriart on 0429163532 for all bookings. Email: yarragonbowls@gmail.com
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YarragonBowlingClub



FOGO

Food Organics and Garden Organics

From July 2026, residents with a Council kerbside waste service will be able to place food scraps into their green bin - helping support the natural environment by creating compost and reducing waste to landfill.



To find out more visit bawbawshire.co/FOGO



Julie Philip *Artful Reflections*



Exhibition Opening
2pm, Sunday 8th February

Jeff Thege

Subatomic Particle: Atmosphere

Baw Baw Arts Alliance
Yarragon Railway Station

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Wednesday 4th February 2026
to
Sunday 1st March 2026



ART UPDATE

By Carol Monson



For the past 8 years members of the Baw Baw Arts Alliance have committed time to running free Art activities for young people using the vibrant Art programme supplied by the National Gallery of Victoria. Known as 'NGV Kids on Tour', the programme is designed to ignite children's imagination and creativity and encourage families to take advantage of exhibitions and activities run throughout each year at the NGV in Melbourne.

What has become a regular January activity takes place in the Trafalgar Public Hall. Programme leader, Prue Barridge, along with other members of the Arts Alliance, supplements the NGV programme with a wide range of creative Art activities. Evidence of the popularity of this free offering was in the increasing numbers attending, from the starting point some years ago when there were 12 children, to the 2026 programme when 40 or more people attended.

Activities available covered a wide range of Artistic forms from decorating a template of a cake with ribbon and beads led by Karen Anne Jones to creating surface texture on a drawing of an 18th century perfume bottle with paper clay under the guidance of Jessie McLennan. Jeff Thege, secretary of Bbaa, had children playing with paint while mixed media Artist, Deb Churchill, had children developing a complex paper artwork of a caterpillar crawling on a leaf

while she played tag team with Sue Murphy and Carol Monson, to oversee the decoration of out of the ordinary paper hats. Janine Richardson managed to have children each create their own 3D paper ladybird which stood on a surface independently while fibre Artist, Marlene Ogden, assisted children to make leafy, beaded neck pieces and dedicated Bbaa member, Margaret Darvill, helped children create strange Australian landscapes with materials from the NGV.

Keep an eye on the Arts Alliance website for the many Art functions and activities conducted during the year. As well as regular exhibitions at the 'Station Gallery', Yarragon and drop in groups at the Artspaces in Trafalgar, the third space used by the Arts Alliance, the VRI Hall in Warragul, has more drop-in groups and a full calendar of activities on the third Saturday of each month. Don't miss the 'Drop in Groups' Expo' on February 21 in the VRI Hall while the Arts and Makers Market is on. Drop-in groups covering creative writing, textiles, painting, drawing, mosaic, hand building in clay, printing and so



L to R, Sue Murphy and Janine Richardson, preparing materials to create a ladybird

much more can be found at the ArtSpaces at the former Trafalgar Railway Station and in the VRI Hall.

Meanwhile do not forget the regular exhibitions at the 'Station Gallery', Yarragon. In February Jeff Thege and Julie Philip have works on display.

For all things Art related see the Arts Alliance space on www.bawbawartsalliance.org.au



Jessie McLennan, working with children on sculpting with paper clay



Gippsland charity prepared for bushfires in Gippsland

Local charity Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund (GERF) stands ready to assist local residents in the event of bushfires.

With bushfires in other parts of Victoria and record temperatures predicted, GERF president, Andy Tegart, says there is a real possibility of a spread of bushfires in Gippsland.

“If that happens, GERF is ready to assist,” says Andy.

The Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund (GERF) exists to provide rapid financial support for Gippslanders who have been significantly impacted by a natural disaster. This includes bushfires, floods, and storms.

“GERF financial support can be used for a range of needs from basics like food, shelter and clothing, to keeping livestock safe or education resources for kids,” says Andy.

“We work with other recovery organisations and local councils as well as affected residents to ensure our support is going fast to those most in need.”

To be eligible for a GERF grant you must have experienced significant property damage or your home is uninhabitable. You must also be a Gippsland resident, and the property is your primary place of residence, owned or rented.

GERF works in cooperation with local councils in Gippsland.

“In the event of bushfire damage, your council will help you to lodge an application to GERF.

“If you are eligible a grant will be provided within a day or two. The goal is to provide help as quickly as possible.”

GERF is a registered charity, run entirely by local volunteers, helping fund emergency relief for Gippslanders with damaged property.

“Being run entirely by volunteers allows us to keep expenses low and return every dollar to the community,” says Andy.

Donations to GERF are tax deductible and will go entirely to supporting Gippslanders impacted by natural disasters.

To find out more about GERF or make a donation visit www.gerf.org.au



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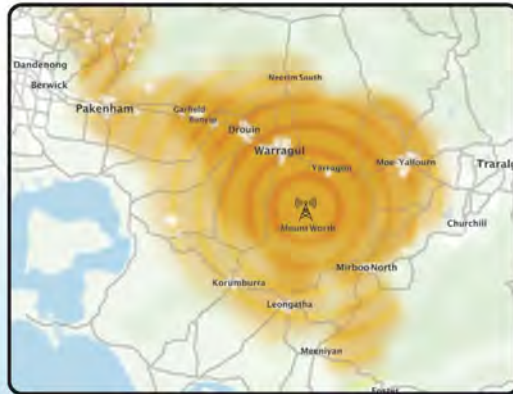


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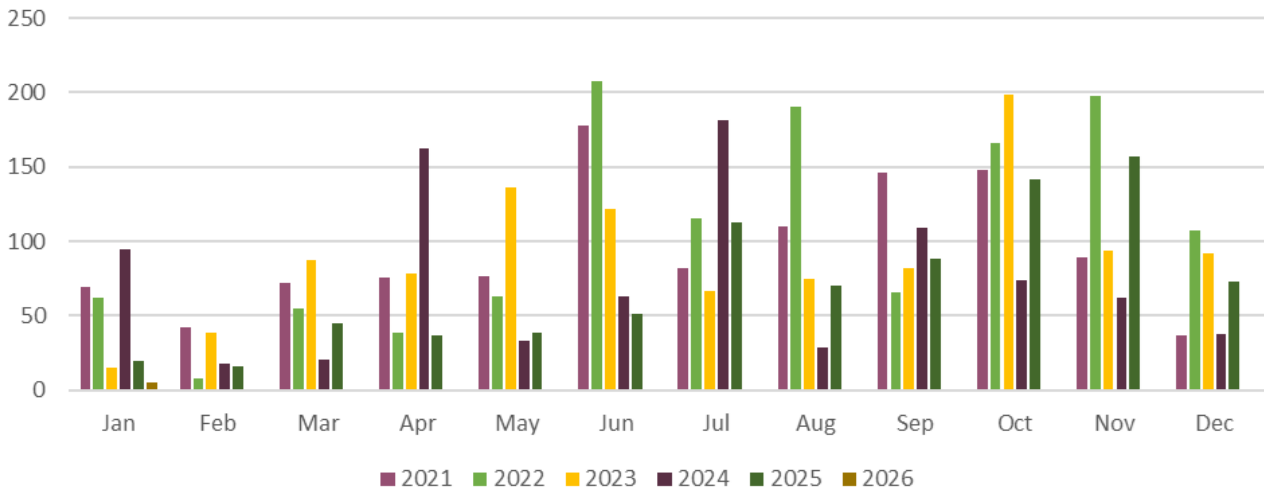


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Jan	20	95	15	62	69	138	12	54	33	74	66	43	4	88	67	41	57
Feb	16	18	39	8	42	169	25	15	84	16	78	38	44	84	181	41	59
Mar	45	21	87	55	72	48	36	46	35	64	103	38	54	115	206	75	70
Apr	37	162	78	39	76	161	43	40	64	40	78	78	40	95	125	58	78
May	39	33	136	63	77	139	152	141	66	95	114	63	126	205	142	101	110
Jun	51	63	122	208	178	57	81	75	42	106	50	82	155	144	98	85	103
Jul	113	181	67	115	82	80	117	127	93	148	125	239	92	71	97	74	114
Aug	70	29	75	190	110	148	234	106	151	80	171	74	173	126	59	165	126
Sep	88	109	82	66	146	71	130	93	191	76	59	84	120	146	118	119	107
Oct	142	74	199	166	148	135	65	42	74	131	7	101	114	70	89	135	103
Nov	157	62	94	198	89	42	155	143	35	70	61	84	100	53	180	102	98
Dec	73	38	92	107	37	58	54	54	120	66	40	54	62	82	86	114	71
Total	851	885	1086	1277	1126	1246	1104	936	988	966	952	978	1084	1279	1448	1110	1082

Rainfall 2021 - 2026



Rainfall Record for 2026 and the five years prior, as recorded in McIntyre Road, Yarragon.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD Total	Total
2021	69	42	72	76	77	178	82	110	146	148	89	37	69	1126
2022	62	8	55	39	63	208	115	190	66	166	198	107	62	1277
2023	15	39	87	78	136	122	67	75	82	199	94	92	15	1086
2024	95	18	21	162	33	63	181	29	109	74	62	38	95	885
2025	20	16	45	37	39	51	113	70	88	142	157	73	20	851
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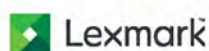


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