



## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER No. 430 NOVEMBER 2025

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### ANGELA MALACARNE PARK WINS NAMING AWARD

*From Baw Baw Shire Media Release*

Yarragon’s Angela Malacarne Park has been announced as the co-winner of the 2025 Excellence in Geographic Naming Award. The award celebrates the process undertaken by Council in naming the park and celebrating Angela Malacarne’s unique story.

This special honour recognises the heartfelt process behind naming the park after Angela Malacarne, who taught generations of local kids at the former Yarragon Primary School site, the very place this new park now stands! Typically, commemorative place names are granted posthumously, but in this case, an exception was sought by Council and granted by the Registrar of Geographic Names Victoria, due to her strong lifelong connection to the site and her contributions to the local community.

Hosted by Geographic Names Victoria and the Registrar of Geographic Names on behalf of the Victorian Government, the official awards ceremony took place on Thursday 23 October in Melbourne.

Angela still lives in Yarragon and maintains an active interest in the community’s use of the former school site. Through a collaborative process between Council and community, the name was unanimously endorsed in March, following strong support from the Yarragon community.

Eds note: Just shows that it is always worth asking if something is possible even if the rules say it isn’t. Go Yarragon community!



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## MONDAY

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### FIRE BRIGADE

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6:00-7:00pm Greenhorns  
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**Q: How do you make Holy Water?**  
Oscar

A: You boil the Hell out of it.

## TUESDAY

### CRAFT GROUP

9:30am-12:30pm  
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Campbell St.



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### YDCA

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### **Oscarism of the Month:**

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4th Saturday,  
9:00am-1:00pm  
Yarragon Public Hall  
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### St David's Uniting Church

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3.00pm 9 November  
Peter de Jager - Piano recital



### Yarragon Hotel Beer Concerts

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**DEADLINE for**  
**December 2025 edition**  
**21 November**  
**12 noon**

## WHAT ARE THOSE BIRDS IN THE PAD-DOCK?

By Margaret Young



They are Australian White Ibis. Sometimes large flocks of 100 or more can be seen plunging their long, black, downward curving beaks into the ground. They are feeling for grubs such as cockchafer, which probably makes farmers happy. On my early morning walks or rides I used to do along the walking track when I lived up the hill, I often saw flocks of them in a different paddock each day as they cleared each one of grubs.



Andrew Silcocks, Birdlife Australia

While on the subject of what they eat, White Ibis also enjoy above ground snacks such as frogs, insects, crustaceans and even small mammals. So they are good environmentalists as they help reduce populations of certain insects, grubs and locusts. Other places Ibis like to inhabit are irrigated land, swamps, poultry yards, woodlands, garbage tips, tidal mud flats and orchards.

White Ibis are a relatively big bird being 65-76 cm long. They are mostly white with a bare black head and black bill, black tips to their flight feathers and a bunch of black lace-like plumes over their yellowish tail. But all this glamour is spoiled by their lovely white feathers having a grubby appearance due to the way they forage for food. They need bibs!

White Ibis can be seen singly or in flocks of hundreds or more flying in lines or in a V shape to save energy. They use quick wing beats or glide on thermals. You might hear them calling in harsh honks or barks. Unlike most other birds, they fly with their necks extended.

White Ibis nest together in colonies with other water birds such as Spoonbills [*My favourite bird!* - Ed CF], Straw Necked Ibis etc. Their nest is a substantial shallow cup of sticks, reeds, and bushes over or near water creating islands. Often neighbouring nests become trampled into a big platform of community living. The two white eggs the female lays quickly become dirty — so no need for fancy spots or colours.

You will find White Ibis over most of Australia except the driest parts of the interior. I sometimes see a few on the football ground when I am walking into town these days.



Christina Flann,  
Bin Chicken,  
Sydney, 2023

In recent times White Ibis have discovered a new feeding ground.... towns and suburbs where our rubbish bins are a tasty source of different food. Hence their new name Bin Chickens (not mentioned in my older bird books!). The alternatives they offer are Black Necked Ibis, Sticklebill, or Sickle Bird.



Andrew Silcocks, Birdlife Australia

# BESS FOLLOW UP

By Christina Flann

Unfortunately I missed a recent council meeting as our household was visited by the COVID fairy. This also means I haven't taken the deep dive into the research, hopefully next edition.

Samsung still haven't replied to the questions sent by BBSN, nor did they respond to my article here. However, Zen Energy did contact us and sent in a clear contribution including an apology (see p.10-11). BBSN have also put together a detailed position statement about BESS:

[www.bbsn.org.au/position-statements](http://www.bbsn.org.au/position-statements) Worth a look!

My current thoughts are that sustainability is a requirement for our society, but it has to be well thought out and not based on private companies making a quick buck on energy pricing differences (there is apparently a cool term for this, but I can't find it again).

Young technology has teething issues and they need to be sorted. The battery as part of my solar system has had two recalls since installation. This one has been fine, but it feels a bit like playing Russian roulette with our lives. Salt batteries, other, safer options need to be investigated.

There is urgency, but that doesn't mean we should be foolhardy. Progress should be the goal not profits.

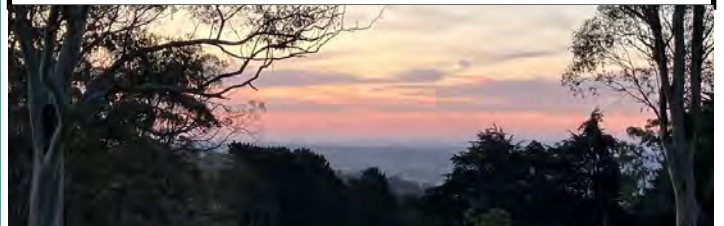
Planning and location are everything. Having BESS' (BESSes?) popping up all over the place in farmland is not planning. There has to be the right infrastructure available.



## Farewell to Director Geoff Conway

It's a bittersweet moment for Community Bank Trafalgar & District as we say farewell to our fellow Director, Geoff Conway. From the very beginning, Geoff has brought wisdom, calm, and a grounding presence to our Board. More than a Director, Geoff has been a mentor, sounding board, and always giving his time and energy with humility and grace.

Geoff has shaped not only the direction of our Board but the spirit in which we work together — ensuring everyone feels heard, supported, and valued. His insight, kindness, and dedication has left a lasting mark on our team and Community.



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# THE FIRE DANGER PERIOD IS UPON US ALREADY!

By Andy Holnan Community Safety Officer Yarragon Rural Fire Brigade



Last month, we talked about getting prepared for summer, preparing around your house for bushfires. Well, it wasn't long, but as of the 27th of October, the Fire Danger Period has started. So, by the time you are reading this, Fire Restrictions are in place!

This Fire Danger Period is one of the earliest we've seen in recent years. This is because of the risks that are in the vegetation around us. The soil moisture is low; forest vegetation is dry. Grass may be green but upcoming winds and temperatures will quickly change conditions around us. The grass and bush are still very dry in places around our area.

Every year, Yarragon Fire Brigade respond to fires, where a burn off is out of control. Often this is because the fire wasn't attended, or wasn't put out properly.

The Fire Danger Period doesn't mean you can't burn. It means you can't burn, unless you have a Fire Permit. Head to [www.firepermits.vic.gov.au](http://www.firepermits.vic.gov.au) to Check, Apply and Notify.

The Fire Permit places some simple restrictions, to make sure your burn off is safe. This will take into account local conditions, like Fuel Moisture, Fuel Loads, Grassland Curing, Wind, Temperature and Recent Rainfall. It will also look at what the conditions are likely to be in the days after.

Also, make sure you follow local Baw Baw Shire local laws when burning off. Council also has restrictions for burning

## Fire Restrictions will commence in **Baw Baw Shire Council Municipality**

### Effective from:

**1:00AM Monday 27 October 2025**

During the Fire Danger Period (FDP) fires cannot be lit in the open air without a written permit from CFA, FRV or a Municipal Fire Prevention Officer. Restrictions are based on local conditions and take into account fuel moisture, fuel loads, grassland curing, weather and rainfall.

#### For more information on restrictions:

[cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/fire-danger-period-restrictions](http://cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/fire-danger-period-restrictions)

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#### For more information on permits:

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off in residential areas, like Yarragon Township.

Remember, Total Fire Ban days are different to the Fire Danger Period. On a day of Total Fire Ban, no fires can be lit in the open air.

The CFA have helpful resources to make sure you are burning off safely: [www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/how-to-prepare-your-property/burning-off](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/how-to-prepare-your-property/burning-off)

[www.cfa.vic.gov.au/ArticleDocuments/534/Burn\\_Off\\_Flyer.pdf.aspx?Embed=Y](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/ArticleDocuments/534/Burn_Off_Flyer.pdf.aspx?Embed=Y)

# Notice



## DECLARATION OF THE FIRE DANGER PERIOD

**The Fire Danger Period will commence at 1am on Monday 27th October 2025 for the Baw Baw Shire Council Municipality**

CFA's Chief Officer has advised that the Fire Danger Period for the Baw Baw Shire Council area will commence at 1am on Monday 27 October 2025.

CFA declares the Fire Danger Period at the onset of warmer weather when fires in the open air are legally restricted.

This is to help prevent fires from starting as dry vegetation and hot weather increase the incidence of fires accidentally starting and spreading.

Certain restrictions on the lighting of fires are in force during the Fire Danger Period.

The CFA website provides information on what people can and can't do during the declared Fire Danger Period and days of Total Fire Ban.

Residents who suspect illegal burning off during the declared fire danger period should report it to the Police on Triple Zero (000).

**The penalties for lighting fires illegally during the Fire Danger Period and on Total Fire Ban Days include large fines and possible imprisonment.**

### USEFUL INFORMATION

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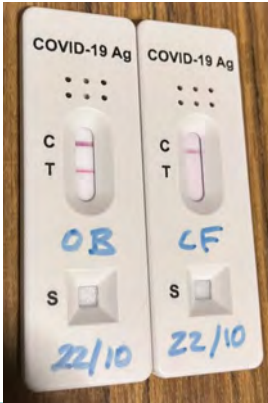
## WHAT ARE THE EDITORS UP TO?

By Christina Flann, Debbie Churchill & Oscar Bijl

**Oscar:** Got COVID again :( Have started working on a mountain bike track on our property. Been playing in concerts and events with bands.

**Christina:** Avoided getting COVID - win! Working in the garden to get everything fire ready. Fitted in one last burn off before the fire restrictions came in on Monday.

**Debbie:** Busy being crazily creative left, right and centre!



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## TATTS LOTTO IS COMING

By Gaurang Patel



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# LINE DANCERS FOR LIFELINE GIPPSLAND 2025

By Sonia Roberts

Line Dancers' annual Depression and Suicide Awareness fundraising ball raised an incredible \$20,000 to support the 13 11 14 network.

180 dancers from across Gippsland came together to dance, connect, fundraise and spread awareness of the importance of suicide prevention-with many members personally affected by suicide and loss.

The three clubs Ramblin Rose, Rebel Bootscooters and LV Country Linedancers have raised over \$142,000 for Lifeline since 2018.

Elaine, Sue and Linda and their Club members continue to raise funds throughout the year with the final push being the two day event.



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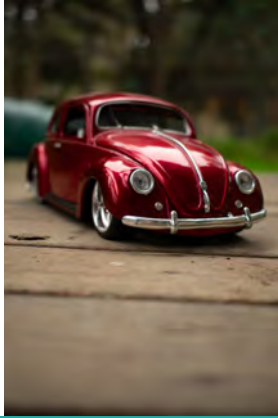
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OSCAR's monthly chosen photos



## EDIE DRYDEN TURNS 110! - OLDEST PERSON IN VICTORIA

By Tini Cook

Former Yarragon resident Edie Dryden turned 110 on 16 October. She is the oldest person in Victoria and the 7th oldest in Australia. She is still very 'with it', has an incredible memory and does not take or need any medications.

She has always led a very active life with sports, community involvement and participating in many different art and crafts as well as writing articles published in magazines.

I was fortunate to be able to visit her on her birthday at Yackandandah along with so many of her family and friends. She only moved into Aged Care at 101, living independently until her eyesight started to deteriorate.

She has outlived 4 of her 6 children, has 19 grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren, 47 great-great grandchildren and if she can't get to sleep at night, she counts them all!

She is truly amazing. She warmly remembers

all the Yarragon people of the 1950s by name and fondly recalls our beautiful hills. The Dryden family left Yarragon in 1960 to run the bakery at Yackandandah.



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# YARRAGON NORTH BESS INFORMATION

By Paul Sheridan, Head of Strategic Communications and Public Affairs , ZEN Energy

## **Firstly, an apology.**

We apologise that many of you have not received detailed information sooner about our proposed battery energy storage system (BESS) off Yarragon-Shady Ck Rd. As a result, concerns and rumours have spread – it is our responsibility to inform you so you can make up your own mind.

The results of initial studies, planning and design work, as well as discussions with neighbours, are now included in an application that will be submitted to Baw Baw Shire Council and the state government for review and advice.

We will be arranging a community information event in early December – please stay tuned for the details. In the meantime, we have sourced the latest and most accurate information available, including from unbiased sources such as the Country Fire Authority and Insurance Council of Australia, to share with you.

## **The project proposal**

ZEN Energy is proposing a battery energy storage (BESS) project 7.5km north of town, on a rear paddock of a property, off Yarragon-Shady Ck Rd.

If approved, it will be a 210-megawatt renewable energy battery, capable of supplying power on-demand to approximately 66,000 homes and businesses across the region for up to 8 continuous hours.

## **Who is proposing this?**

The project is a joint venture between ZEN Energy, Australia's first energy company to commit to science-based targets to limit climate damage, and HD Renewable Energy (HDRE), a Taiwan stock exchange-listed company.

The landowner agreed to the project only once they were satisfied it would not negatively impact their neighbours or the surrounding environment. They also intend to continue living there.

## **Where is it up to?**

We have commissioned initial environmental and technical studies, and the results will form a Planning Permit Application that will be submitted to the state government before the end of 2025. Baw Baw Shire Council will also assess and provide advice on the project.

## **Why this area and why now?**

Around Yarragon, and other areas of Gippsland, has been identified by VicGrid as suitable for investigation for renewable energy projects.

The project site is next to existing high-voltage transmission infrastructure that will be underutilised following the retirement of Yallourn Power Station in

2028. This means no new transmission lines are needed.

Victoria also urgently needs the controllable, dispatchable generating capacity that batteries can provide to replace Yallourn Power Station and reduce reliance on gas-fired power, particularly during peak electricity demand periods.

We focused on the specific location for the North Yarragon BESS because it was further from houses and community infrastructure than most other locations between Hazelwood and Yallourn Power Stations (where the transmission lines come from) and greater Melbourne.

So why not further down the valley? Put simply, all available space is taken, but the demand for more energy continues to grow.

Key sites in proximity to existing brown coal power stations are largely held by the remaining generators, are covered by mining lease, state forest or other reserves, are too close to population centres, or require a very large project size to be able to connect to the 500kV system.

## **How does the local community benefit?**

We will prioritise contracts for local businesses during construction and we have made a commitment to jobs for locals as well. Approximately 80-100 construction related jobs will be available.

Projects like this are consistent with Baw Baw Shire Council's Economic Strategy, which seeks to diversify local industry and support its major industries: 1. construction, 2. manufacturing, 3. agriculture.

We also wish to make a long-term contribution to the community through funding a Community Benefit Scheme, which will be aligned with government guidelines.

## **How can it be made safe?**

Every development involves safety risks. So, before this project could be approved, we must satisfy local and state authorities, including the Country Fire Authority (CFA) that the project is safe and complies with its guidelines. These include fire safety, risk and emergency management for designing, constructing and operating renewable energy projects.

## **What happens if there was a fire?**

Fires in modern grid scale batteries are rare, and getting even rarer as the technology improves. There are currently 36 operating grid scale (over 30 Megawatts) batteries in Australia and a further 70 under construction. Two have had fires to date – the Victorian Big Battery at Moorabool, Victoria in 2021 and the Bouldercombe BESS in central Queensland in 2023.

# YARRAGON NORTH BESS INFORMATION

By Paul Sheridan, Head of Strategic Communications and Public Affairs , Zenenergy

Both fires were 1-day incidents and were limited to 1-2 battery containers. The in-built design and safety measures ensured no contamination occurred.

There was an initial impact on air quality, but this quickly returned to good quality once the fire was extinguished. This was monitored and reported by the Vic Environment Protection Authority.

## Will the project negatively impact the landscape?

If approved, this project will be located 7.5km out of Yarragon and on a back paddock, set back away from Shady Creek Rd and surrounding residences. We are preparing designs with screening options to reduce visibility of the project.

A battery would be a new type of development in the area, but to keep this in perspective: there are farming sheds, other buildings and commercial operations nearby that are larger than the equipment involved in this project.

## Will the project undermine property values?

No. There have been some claims made that renewable energy projects harm nearby property values, but there is no credible evidence to support them.

In fact, a 2022 study by Colliers, one of the largest real estate companies in Australia and worldwide, found that median property prices in six NSW and Victorian local government areas with major renewable projects increased by between 35-51% over five years.

## Will insurance companies hike prices or refuse to insure nearby properties?

No. The Insurance Council of Australia (ICA) has stated that insurers do not have specific concerns related to neighbouring clean energy infrastructure.

The ICA has also said it is not aware of any instances where its members have been unable to provide insurance or have increased premiums as a result of a farm (or other type of neighbouring property) hosting energy infrastructure.

If you live in Australia, insurance premiums

are rising because of the escalating costs of natural disasters, increasing value of homes and vehicles, inflation pushing up building and vehicle repair costs and the increasing cost of doing business for insurers.

## Reliable information sources:

### Property values & insurance

Clean Energy Council: Search 'consumer fact sheets' or use: <https://cleanenergycouncil.org.au/for-consumers/fact-sheets/impacts-and-benefits-to-consumers-get-the-facts/public-liability-insurance-landholder-protection>

Insurance Council of Australia: Search 'farm insurance' or use: [https://insurancecouncil.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Updated-ICA\\_Briefing\\_Farm-Insurance-and-Energy-Infrastructure\\_May-2024.pdf](https://insurancecouncil.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Updated-ICA_Briefing_Farm-Insurance-and-Energy-Infrastructure_May-2024.pdf)

Energy Fact Check: Search 'property values' or use: <https://energyfactcheck.com.au/2025/07/18/do-large-scale-renewable-energy-projects-reduce-nearby-property-values-or-increase-insurance-premiums/>

### Fire safety

Victorian Country Fire Authority: Search 'renewable energy fire safety' or use: <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/about-us/what-we-do/renewable-energy-fire-safety>

<https://news.cfa.vic.gov.au/news/responding-to-emergencies-at-renewable-energy-facilities>

Moorabool battery fire: Search 'Moorabool battery fire independent report' or use: <https://victorianbigbattery.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/VBB-Fire-Independent-Report-of-Technical-Findings.pdf>



# LION'S CLUB REPORT

By Alison Butterworth



Our Christmas raffle is still on. The tickets are \$2.00 each, and will be on sale until the 17th December 2025. We only sell 5000 tickets so your odds are good. The prizes are as follows:

## 1st Prize

3 Nights at South Seas Motel in Merimbula - (Including a \$100 Meal Voucher) to be used by 1 November



2026. Value \$600.00

## 2nd Prize

\$400 Bunnings Gift Voucher



## 3rd Prize

\$300 Gift Voucher / Hampers from Gippsland Food and Wine Yarragon



4th Prize Handmade "Yorkshire Beard" Cutting Board – valued at \$200.00

We also have a range of Christmas goodies available at the Op Shop. There are decorations (tinsel, baubles, trees, other ornaments etc), plus a selection of goodies that can be used as gifts.

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# YARRAGON BOWLS CLUB

By Kaye McLaren, Secretary

**Nov Birthdays:** Denese Reynolds, Murray Grigg, Richard Chetland, Glenda Beagley, Marian Chetland, & Gary Green



**Hedgehogs** How amazing does our hedge look. Thank you to our wonderful hedgehogs Murray Grigg and Trevor Griffin we really appreciate all of your efforts in maintaining our hedge.



**Bowls Opening** The official opening of the green was held on Saturday 4th October. Jan Doull our new pennant bowler rolled the first jack and Sam Mazza our latest Life Member rolled the first bowl to open our green. Thank you to both members and thank you to the Drouin Bowling club for participating in a practice match. We had over 60 people playing bowls on the day. It was wonderful to see the green so full.

**AFL Grand final day** Winners are Grinners. What an amazing day it turned out to be. Guests and members had a wonderful time both bowling and enjoying the festivities. Many thanks goes to Trent and Liss McLaren for bringing this event to our club. Thanks also to our members who helped on the day either with cooking, working the bar or helping out on the Green. Emily and Liss McLaren did a fantastic job organising the sweep and ticket sales. There were certainly a lot of happy winners.

We were proud to present Gordon Wright with his OBE (Over Bloody Eighty) certificate and his Veterans Badge. Congratulations Gordon from all of your friends at the Club.

How did you go in identifying our bowling members? They haven't aged a bit. Members were:  
Back (Left to Right): G. Mills, R Goodchild, N Andrade, E Kent, L Handley, B Hollier, H. Dawson, G Stewart.  
Centre: G Vary, W. Plumbe, H. Bayley, I. Jackson, S. King, H. Borland, G. Roberts, N. Smith  
Front: G. Blake, R. Williams, J. James, T. Jenner, M. Cleversley, E. Moore, S. Heywood, S. Tyrrell

(Thanks to Jason Roberts for supplying the names)

### **Fun Bowls Facts for November:**

Lawn bowls arrived in Australia with early settlers, with the first recorded game in Sandy Bay, Tasmania, in 1845. The Melbourne Bowling Club, founded in 1864, is one of the worlds oldest operational bowls clubs.

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 others' 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.

Our first Barefoot bowls has been run. Amazing to see everyone back at the club. Thank you to all who helped on the night to make it another enjoyable evening. The next Barefoot nights in November are Thursday 6th and 20th November. All are welcome. \$15 for a 2 course 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.

Thanks again to Renee and Chris from the Yarragon Hotel for allowing us to be a part of the Friday night Raffles during October. We really appreciate your contribution. Also to all of our members and friends who have made Friday nights a lot of fun for everyone.

### **Our sponsors for the 2024/25 season:**

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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](mailto:yarragonbowls@gmail.com) [www.yarragon.bowls.com.au](http://www.yarragon.bowls.com.au)*

YarragonBowlingClub



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## MUSIC INSTRUMENT LIBRARY WELCOMES DONATIONS

By Peter McCarthy

Mirboo Music has recently taken delivery of a magnificent Roland 800 music processor, generously donated after its previous owner downsized. It's a reminder that sometimes much-loved instruments become too large or heavy to manage in later years. Rather than being left unused, they can find a second life in our community.

We are now building an Instrument Library and are seeking further donations. Instruments often sit idle for many reasons: perhaps a family member has passed away and left them behind, perhaps they are too difficult to drag around, or maybe you've simply given up playing. Even if an instrument needs repair, we would be delighted to receive it.

Every donated item will be cleaned, repaired if necessary, and added to the library. The idea is simple: when people come along to a Mirboo Music jam session, they don't need to bring their own instrument. Instead, they can roll up, grab

something from the collection, and join in the fun. This approach helps break down barriers to making music. Not everyone owns a guitar, ukulele, or keyboard, but everyone should have the chance to try. By treating donated instruments as a shared community resource, we make it easier for people of all ages and abilities to get involved.

So, if you have an instrument tucked away in a cupboard, gathering dust in the shed, or simply no longer being played – please consider donating it to Mirboo Music. Your gift could spark joy, bring people together, and keep the music flowing.

For more information or to arrange a donation, contact: 0417 060 566 or petermcc@outlook.com

**Together, we can build a library that ensures the music never stops.**



# ART UPDATE

By Carol Monson



News from the Baw Baw Arts Alliance (Bbaa) often focuses on exhibitions and activities that are about to take place and while these are important, every now and then there is a good news story worth sharing.



Liz Bowley, a long term member of the Alliance and well known Gippsland painter of Australian Landscapes, had an unusual surprise at a recent Arts Alliance garage sale at the Trafalgar Artspace when she discovered a painting of an Australian landscape for sale.

This turned out to be one by her mother, Gwen Mauger, who died in 1977, aged 62. Gwen was a member of the Sherbrooke Art Society and exhibited there. She also had lessons with Max Casey who, at the time, was one of the 'Twenty Melbourne Painters'. When she began painting Gwen felt that women painters were discriminated against so she signed her work 'Gwyn'. Her husband, also an Artist, was supportive of her work and the picture discovered was framed by him. You will be able to see some of Liz's own work during December 2025 to January 2026 on the walls of the 'South Brew' café and restaurant in Warragul.

During November, the fascinating work of two Artists, Chris Lawry and Ross Jacka, can be seen in the Station Gallery, Princes Highway, Yarragon. Chris is new to the Baw Baw Arts Alliance so it is a pleasure to be able to display her intricate tonal, lino cut prints at the same time as the bright, abstract, acrylic

paintings of long-time member of Bbaa, Ross Jacka.

With the gift giving of Christmas on the horizon keep in mind the regular Arts and Makers Market which takes place on the third Saturday of each month right through from October to April. The market has a large range of individual, handmade quality Artist creations for you browse through at the market in the TAFE Carpark Warragul between 8.30 am and 1.00pm on November 15.

A little closer to Christmas is Friday, December 5 between 6.30pm and 8.30pm when the Arts Alliance expects the VRI Hall in Queen Street, Warragul, to be filled with music, food, laughter and lots of talk about the Arts at a Creative get Together. You do not have to be a member to enjoy this function.

For all things Art related see the Arts Alliance space on [www.bawbawartsalliance.org.au](http://www.bawbawartsalliance.org.au)



A Printmaker's Perspective

Chris Lawry, Lana De Jager,  
and Robert Logie

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Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2025  
to  
Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025



## TRAF HIGH - HIGH PERFORMING

Sent in by Wombat Lyons

Trafalgar High School has been officially recognised as a high-performing school in the recently released 2025 Department of Education School Performance Report, one of only four schools across Victoria in its category to achieve this status.

Principal Brett Pedlow said, "This is an outstanding report and endorsement of Trafalgar High School and ...the data reflects the feedback we hear from our community — that Trafalgar is a school people are proud to be part of."

### Academic Achievement

Trafalgar High School achieved a 'High Performing' rating overall, with particularly strong results in learning performance.

### Student Wellbeing

The report also recognised Trafalgar High School's strong focus on student wellbeing:

"Students regularly share how proud they are to be part of Trafalgar High School," said Mr Pedlow. "It's fantastic to see that sense of belonging and safety reflected in the data."



Image: L to R: Back – Mr Brett Pedlow Principal, Oscar Bijl, Mr Jack Brown Assistant Principal Disability Inclusion & Transition

Front – Poppy Brown, Mackenzie Mc Gill



## DOWTON PAVILION PROGRESS

From Baw Baw Shire Media Release

The new sporting pavilion at Yarragon's Dowton Park is making great progress with several key milestones already achieved and more on the horizon.

Following demolition of the existing outdated facility, construction for the main new pavilion is well underway.

East Ward Councillor Adam Sheehan said the new pavilion would help to put Yarragon on the map for junior and senior footy, netball and cricket.



"We recently had a site walkthrough which gave us a great opportunity to

see the emerging structure and visualise the layout of each room. The quality of the work is exceptional", said Cr Sheehan.



"Once completed, this new facility will provide a welcome boost to grassroots sport for the Yarragon community and surrounds."

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# COUNCIL News

## Spring into action and explore

### BAW BAW THIS NOVEMBER.

The weather is warming up and there is lots to see and do across Baw Baw Shire. Visit Council's website for the low down on the region's favourite walks, cycling trails, parks, playgrounds, arts and events.

Looking for inspiration? Explore Baw Baw's temperate rainforest and experience the beautiful flora and fauna along the newly completed Rokeby to Neerim Trail upgrade.

#### Remembrance Day

A number of commemorative services will be held across Baw Baw Shire on Tuesday 11 November in honour of Remembrance Day. Guests are encouraged to arrive 15 minutes prior to the beginning of the service.

To find your nearest service, visit [www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/RemembranceDay](http://www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/RemembranceDay)

For enquiries, please contact your local RSL or Baw Baw Shire Council on 1300 229 229.

#### Upcoming Council Meetings:

The following Council meetings will be held in November 2025 in the Fountain Room, West Gippsland Arts Centre.

**Wednesday 12 November – 5.30pm**  
Statutory Meeting to elect Mayor and Deputy Mayor

**Wednesday 26 November – 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 2025, visit [www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/CouncilMeetings](http://www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/CouncilMeetings)

#### Upcoming Events:

For a full list of the current events, visit [www.bawbawshire.co/Events-Calendar](http://www.bawbawshire.co/Events-Calendar)



### Our Roads. Your Roads. Better Baw Baw Roads.

#### Have you spotted an animal on the road?

Every now and then pets, livestock and wildlife make their way onto our roads posing a serious hazard for road users. If you spot a domestic animal or livestock causing a problem on our roads, please report it by phoning Council on 1300 229 229.

If you come across injured or orphaned wildlife on the road you can contact Wildlife Victoria on (03) 8400 7300 or Help for Wildlife on 0477 555 611.

# Ladies Coffee Morning

New to Yarragon?  
Been here for years?  
Been here forever?  
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**Friday 21 November 10am at  
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**Sunday 30 November**

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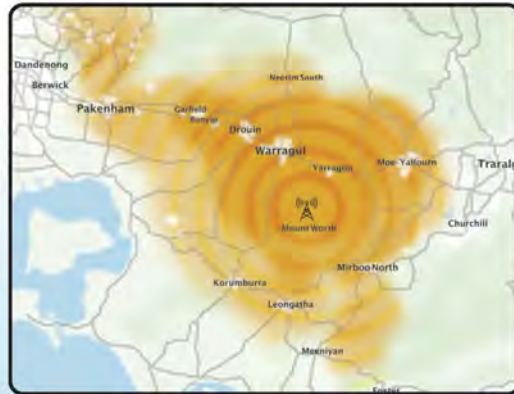
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# WEST GIPPSLAND COMMUNITY RADIO

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West Gippsland Community Radio Inc. is a not-for-profit organisation run entirely by volunteers to serve its local community. We offer opportunities for people to learn radio production and public speaking skills in a supportive environment.

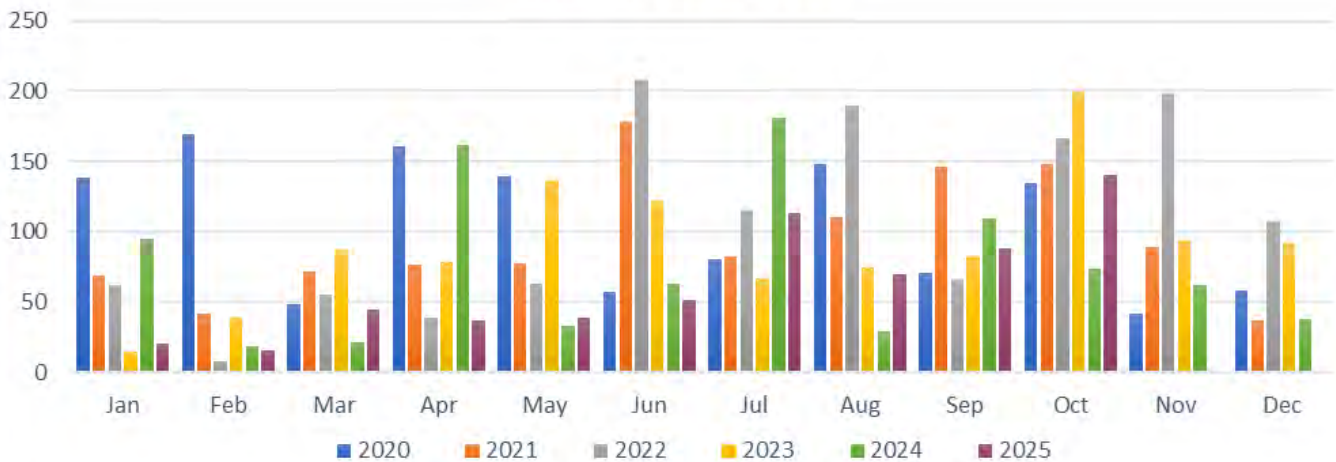


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Rainfall Record for 2025 and the five years prior, as recorded in McIntyre Road, Yarragon.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Tot to Oct	Total
2020	138	169	48	161	139	57	80	148	71	135	42	58	1146	1246
2021	69	42	72	76	77	178	82	110	146	148	89	37	1000	1126
2022	62	8	55	39	63	208	115	190	66	166	198	107	972	1277
2023	15	39	87	78	136	112	67	75	82	199	94	92	900	1086
2024	95	18	21	162	33	63	181	29	109	74	62	38	785	885
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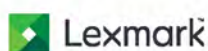


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