



## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER No. 428 SEPTEMBER 2025

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### ANGELA MALACARNE PARK- PLAYABLE ART INSTALLATION

*From final design by Jessie McLennan, sculptor*

#### If animals could talk- the starting point for stories



An installation of **bronze** sculptures on **granite boulders** for everyone to interact with and enjoy. The intention is that anyone can come along and interact with the sculptures as starting points to tell a story. They tell stories about protecting the

environment, our shared history, Yarragon, Aboriginal culture and about dreams. Stories have been used to educate since the beginning of time. Children and animals are the subject focus for this sculpture on the site of an old Primary School.

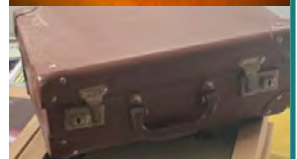


Angela Malacarne shared her memories of children and their connection to animals. As a child she remembers having a

magpie as a pet. She also remembers her father going eeling. As a teacher at Yarragon Primary School, she remembers children coming to school with many different animals. She nurtured the children's interest by providing space to grow moth eggs and frog eggs to teach about lifecycles. She remembers the magpies co-habiting with the children at school and believes the magpies are still living in the trees at the site.



Local Yarragon historian, Tini Cook, shared her archives of Yarragon's history and Yarragon primary school. Yarragon was the starting point for the Young Farmers Federation that started as a Calf Club at Yarragon Primary School. She also presented an old school case (a Port) and photos of children's egg collections and photos of pet magpies on their shoulders.



Local Kurnai Aboriginal Elder Cheryl Drayton shared that within Kurnai and broader Aboriginal culture messages were often received from animals and that children have a natural affinity for receiving these messengers. Many animals are part of the stories, songlines and are totems of the Kurnai/Gurnai people. The Blue Wren is the female Aboriginal Totem for Kurnai/Gurnai women. The Pelican and Musk Duck are the Father and Mother of the Kurnai People. The frog Tidilick is a famous Kurnai story about a greedy frog. Aunty Cheryl Drayton encourages the telling of stories and of Aboriginal history.

The final work will consist of eight sculptures, the examples shown here are rough clay sketches, not yet definitive. The clay prototypes will be fitted to the contours of each rock before casting in bronze. [I can't wait for this! - CF]

# REGULAR & TO DO

## MONDAY

### MOBILE LIBRARY

2:30–5:30pm  
Yarragon Hall carpark



### FIRE BRIGADE

7:30pm at fire station  
1A Murray St  
Captain Ashley Smith  
0427 274 666  
yarragonfb@gmail.com



### WEST GIPPSLAND CONCERT BAND

6:00–7:00pm Greenhorns  
7:00–9:00pm WQCB  
Uniting Church, Yarragon

### YARRAGON BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

New members welcome  
contact: yba3823@gmail.com



**Q: What does a pirate say on their 80th birthday?**

**A: Aye matey.  
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.  
President Peter Petschel  
0477342429  
Secretary Allan Logan  
0435 576 100



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### LEARN TO TANGO

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7–8:30pm,  
Uniting Church Hall



### YARRAGON STUDIO CONCERT

3:00pm 10 September  
(Wednesday for once)  
NZ Trio - Piano Trio  
César Franck's Piano Trio No. 1 in F sharp minor, Circulo by Joaquín Turina & a brand new trio by NZ John Psathas.

## THURSDAY

### BOWLS CLUB

Shady Creek Rd  
Ph: 0490 831 283



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.

## 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

### YARRAGON ALEHOUSE

Check out the many new activities Thurs-Sun  
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## 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

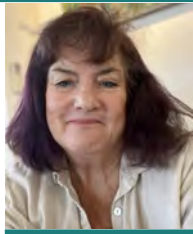
YARRAGON  
10:00am  
Mass every Sunday;  
Trafalgar  
6:00pm  
Mass every Saturday  
Parish Office 5633 1166



**Oscarism of the Month:**

*By miggest fish was this big!  
(My biggest).*

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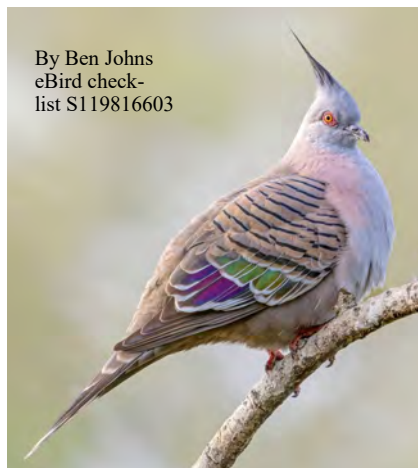
**DEADLINE for**  
**October 2025 edition**  
**21 September**  
**12 noon**

## WHAT BIRD IS THAT I SEE WHEN I AM OUT AND ABOUT ?

By Margaret Young



Crested Pigeons! They are a medium-sized bird with a “wannabe Punk” look about them. Is it that fine spikey black crest on their head made of narrow feathers finishing in a slightly curved peak or their red eyes are ringed with red or their red legs that sets them apart? Their base colour is grey with pinkish shoulders and black striped wings. These amazing wings give off iridescent flashes of brown, purple, blue and green in the right light. Look for feathers they may have shed. Male and female have the same plumage. Definitely a bird ready to party !



By Ben Johns  
eBird check-  
list S119816603

Crested Pigeons might also be called a Crested Bronzewing Pigeon or Dove, Saddle Back, Topknot (though there is an actual Topknot Pigeon!), Whistling Winged Pigeon or Wire Wings.

Crested Pigeons can be found all over Australia, apart from the tropical North. They are not to be confused with the Spinifex Pigeon that also has a crest. They are smaller and only found in desert areas of central Australia. Crested Pigeons were once also mainly found in dryer inland areas but they can now range through lightly wooded grass lands, rural and urban areas, also water courses, homesteads and gardens, pastoral areas, sports grounds, golf courses and country railway yards. In other words everywhere except forests and the tropics!

They are highly social birds, spending a lot of time in family groups or flocks feeding on seeds on the ground, so grain-

growing areas are popular. They will eat some grasses as well. My research revealed they eat Salvation Jane / Paterson’s Curse or their relative Plantain!!, but in limited amounts due to its toxicity. I will need to look into this a bit more deeply. Does anyone have any thoughts on this? When feeding you will see them running along the ground with their crest erect.

When startled Crested Pigeons will take off from the ground in a sudden flash and you will hear a whistling sound. It is not their call (that is a “whoop”) but air rushing over modified primary feathers on their wings. It is believed the whistle warns other birds still feeding on the ground of danger, or possibly to warn off predators. But it is definitely a quintessential Crested Pigeon sound.



By Lip Kee Yap -  
Crested Pigeon  
(Oeyphaps lophotes)

Their tail flicks upwards when they land on the ground or fence.

They breed throughout the year, but most commonly in warmer months. The males dance and bob, open and close their wings and tail accompanied by soft hooting to woo their mate. Party time again! Together they build a frail platform of twigs in a dense shrub or bush and the female lays two oval glossy white eggs. Both parents incubate the eggs which hatch in three weeks.

I hope you see and hear these flashy birds on your next walk.



By Andrew Silcocks

# BACK TO YARRAGON 150 YEARS

By Jen Lowe

Although this event is not until 2028, planning has begun. The next meeting will be held on October Tuesday October 14th, 2025, at 7.p.m.at the Uniting Church Hall, Campbell Street Yarragon. If you are interested in being part of this planning group, you are most welcome to attend.

If you are able to name the people in the school photo

below (1964 Years 1&2), please send the names to the newsletter email [yarragonnews@gmail.com](mailto:yarragonnews@gmail.com) or make a list of them and put it in one of the newsletter boxes found around the town. We will be seeking help in naming quite a few photos in the months to come. Many of these will be displayed on the Facebook page "Back 2 Yarragon 150".



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# HAVE YOU SEEN OUR NEW DIGS?

By Andy Holnan Community Safety Officer Yarragon Rural Fire Brigade



For what most would think was a relatively quick build, has for the members of Yarragon Fire Brigade been a very timely process! Yet, as they say, good things come to those that wait.

After planning since 2019, Yarragon Fire Brigade got funding to build an extension. The new extension includes a turnout room, a cleaning area, and extra office space. The Victorian Government helps emergency services by providing grants for the Fire Brigade. This is called the Volunteer Emergency Service Equipment Program (VESEP). It supports brigades to buy extra equipment, vehicles, and do building works.

Our annual Book Fair and donations from locals have helped us raise money to support Yarragon and nearby areas. Our Yarragon Tanker was funded this way in 2014. Now, over 10 years later, we have made our fire station safer for our volunteers.

Yarragon Fire Station is one of the smallest urban fire stations in the state. As fire trucks get bigger, there was less and less room for volunteers to get dressed in their gear. Thanks to the new building, we have three new rooms. The first space moves our turnout gear away from where the trucks move. This will keep our volunteers safer and away from exhaust particulates.



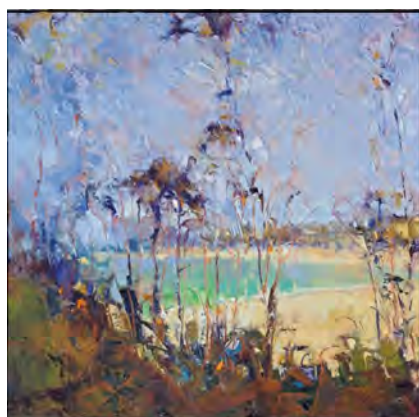
We also now have a special cleaning area for our breathing apparatus. Our old way was to clean equipment in buckets and on fold-up tables. This new space has a washing machine for our yellow bushfire overalls. Now we don't have to go to Warragul Fire Station to do laundry!

The last new space is an

office for administration, which will soon have communications equipment. This space will help us manage escalating incidents, especially when they start to get bigger and more complicated.

Allchin Builders from Warragul built our extension. They did a great job and now our fire brigade can keep meeting the needs of our growing community.

Finally, we want to thank everyone in Yarragon and surrounds for their support. Whether you come to our Book Fair, donate or buy raffle tickets at the pub or Lions Club, you help us to keep supporting our community.



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'Mystery Bay' detail, oils on canvas  
51x75cm by Trevor Hawkins

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## WHAT ARE THE EDITORS UP TO?

By Christina Flann, Debbie Churchill & Oscar Bijl

**Oscar:** Just begun replaying Zelda Breath of the Wild, one of my favourite games.

**Christina:** Recovered from the Yarragon Studio Winter Feast which was another sold out hugely successful event (see opposite page). Writing arts grant proposals and doing many different End of Financial Year wrap ups (why am I always the Treasurer?). August was busy & fun, I also attended the Snowfest in Yarragon and the Tango event. Thanks to all the amazing volunteers who helped with Snowfest, the Tango Dance and the Winter Feast. Centre on the opposite page is the wonderful Rachel Needoba refilling a delicious salad for the diners. Bottom right on the opposite page you can just make out Oscar serving food to a table in St Jarlath's Church Hall.



**Debbie:** See my artwork on the walls of Fozzibobbles Café.

Debbie's photo of Frank the neighbourhood watch officer in Winston Street

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## YARRAGON'S SPRING CLEAN

By Yarragon Primary School Parents Club

The Yarragon Primary School Parents Club are running their annual spring clean again this year. Registrations can be done online or by downloading the registration form and handing into the school office.

Forms can also be collected from the Yarragon Post Office or the Yarragon Primary School office between 8.00am - 4.00pm weekdays.

We are also seeking donations of plants for our plant sale. These can be donated to the school closer to the date or call Tegan on 0427 777 506 to arrange collection.



[www.yarragonps.com/school-committees](http://www.yarragonps.com/school-committees)

**Yarragon's  
Spring Clean  
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>  
October  
8.00am - 1.00pm  
Garage Sales  
Car Boots Stalls  
& Plants Sale**

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**

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# SNOWFEST & WINTER FEAST SUCCESSES

By Debbie Churchill and Christina Flann



Clockwise from top left: Creating at Snowfest x 2. WGCB (p18). Sardine Dining at the Winter Feast. Diners at the feast. Sophia Kirsanova & Niels Bijl giving a concert in St Jarlath's Church. 'SNOW' at the Yarragon Hall.



**Dowton Park Redevelopment Update:** For interested community members we thought it would be timely to share an overview of the development of the Dowton park facilities. After some early hurdles winter has seen the completion of the new coaches box/timekeepers facility. The screw piles for the new slab of the main building have also been completed with the main slab to be done very shortly. The total project is on schedule to be completed for handover to the community and clubs in March 2026.

## WEST GIPPSLAND CONCERT BAND

*Adjudicator comments:* "A firm sense of pulse and most impressive performance from the obstinato drum captured the hypnotically unfolding structure with a sophisticated sense of style. The soli melodic lines were shaped with clear direction and the gradually increasing dynamic shades were well judged."

"The introspective, sentimental qualities were captured with fine expression here. The more hymnal-like moments were blended with an impressive sense of ensemble. Subtle uses of rubato were well judged."



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To find a Victorian Seniors Festival event near you, visit Seniors Online or keep an eye out for festival guides at Coles, Council offices and many community organisations.

Victorian Seniors Card holders can access eight days of free public transport across Victoria from 5 to 12 October 2025.

This includes travel across all metropolitan services, V/Line train and coach services, and selected regional bus services outside of the myki-enabled area.



### Upcoming Council Meeting:

The following Council meeting will be held in September 2025 at the Drouin Community Hub.

**Wednesday 24 September - 5:30pm**

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

For a full list of the meetings for 2025, visit [www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/CouncilMeetings](http://www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/CouncilMeetings)

### Baw Baw Connect - Have Your Say, Your Way!

Council currently has one community engagement opportunity open for consultation!

- Mobility Parking at Warragul Leisure Centre

Visit [bawbawconnect.com.au](http://bawbawconnect.com.au) to have your say, your way.



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

Our unsealed road crews and contractor DM Roads work year-round grading roads and ensuring a safer and smoother ride for everyone.

Last year we graded approximately 60km per month - that's around 935km of road improvements keeping our community connected!

Spotted an issue on our unsealed road network? Snap it, send it, and we'll solve it using the Snap Send Solve app or contact us directly.

### Upcoming Events:

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



# GARDIVALIA 'FESTIVAL OF GARDENS' 2025

By Danielle Auldrist

**Great news! Gardivalia will open on Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th October.**

Discover 16 of the most breathtaking gardens this Spring in Baw Baw shire.

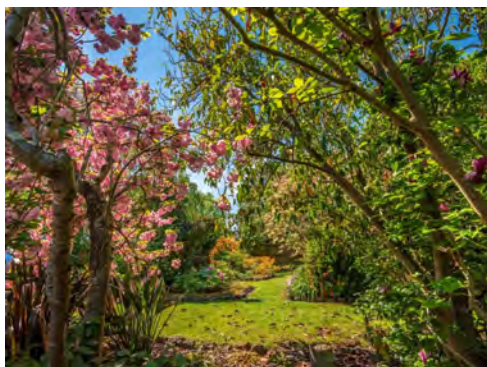
- **Darnum – 'Gumview'** an informal garden with many beautiful magnolias, camellias, maples, peonies, a clivia collection and many bulbs. African Violets display and sales.
- **Willow Grove - 'Lakeview'** with trellises, an orchard and >70 deciduous trees and 'Dot's Garden' which has 58 small garden beds
- **Icy Creek – 'Meander'** which has 7 acres of rare trees and shrubs with large eucalypts plus a kitchen garden.
- **Neerim - Old Neerim Schoolhouse** is opening for the first time to show expansive gardens, abundant produce and stunning views.
- **Jindivick - Laurie Collins Sculpture Garden** with >60 metal sculptures in an acre and a gallery.
- **Brandy Creek - 'My Ross'** has paths, rock walls, roses, border plantings and a small lake forming the structure.
- **Bloomfield Road - 'Carlisle'** is a country garden with cleverly made water features and also 'Darley Grange' specializes in bearded irises and orchids and has a large Irish Strawberry tree.
- **Drouin - 'Lois' Garden'** for succulents and cacti, low maintenance, no watering, no hassles.
- **Warragul - 'Wrens Wood'** on 5 acres with oaks, gums, maples, conifers, roses, buddlejas, rhododendrons, camellias, fruit and nut trees, a vegetable and berry garden, ferns, vines & orchids.
- **Warragul - 'Rustic Charm'** has rustic ornaments, an eclectic mixture of plants and trees, great ideas for small spaces. Crafts, arts & mosaics on display.
- **Warragul - 'Fiona's Garden'** on 1 acre it has a show garden, permaculture vegetable & orchard. See the bee hives & berries and the compost-making demo.

Sunday only

- **Tall Timbers in Piedmont** is the biggest garden with a bush setting and water features. Last time it will be open to the public.
- **Warragul Community Garden** grows produce, flowers, fruit and herbs with beehives and has a cubby house.
- **'Bellissimi Alberi' in North Trafalgar** has 2 acres planted to forest pansies, birches, magnolias, azaleas, roses and more.

Programs will be available throughout the Baw Baw Shire.

For more information and photos, please go to our website on



[www.gardivalia.com.au](http://www.gardivalia.com.au)

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# GIPPSLAND TANGO – “DANCE WITH US” FUN(D)RAISER

By Barbara Kingwill & Christina Flann

Almost 80 people attended the August event, making it a great success.

After enjoying a few performances of various dance styles including Tango, Ballroom, Rock & Roll and Salsa, most people took to the floor dancing to the beats provided by DJ Eddie.

It was great to see the local community out supporting the fundraiser as well as supporters from Melbourne and South Gippsland.

The public hall was decked out and looking very special, and the evening capped off with a beautiful supper.

If people have been meaning to give Tango a go, please come and join us each Wednesday night from 7pm in the Yarragon Uniting Church Hall. We have a 30-minute entry point beginners style class for \$10pp. More info is available by calling Barbara 0429 338 961. Why not come and check out the fun we have!

Our thanks to everyone who contributed to this success, and we look forward to our annual event next year.



CF Photos clockwise from above: There's a performance by Matilda with Jaime. A tango performance by Jaime from Baw Baw Latin and Rock and Roll by Jenny from Hooked on Rock Traralgon.

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# SWEEPS YARRAGON OFF ITS FEET!



... was dance poetry by MC Lucilla from Gippsland Tango! A first time twirly magical frock swished impressively by Carmel, ably led by d Roll Basics. Leopard rockabilly in unison by Anne, Rein, John and A smiley DJ Eddie who kept everyone moving. Yarragon Community hall with a full dance floor. Outfits with fringes on Kamie and Antonio. Yarragon's own classy Tango pair - Peter and Barbara.



*Yarragon Hotel*

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## OPENING HOURS

Every day from 11am  
 Lunch 12 - 2:30pm  
 Dinner 5:30 - 8:30pm  
 Take-away 5 - 8pm

*Bookings appreciated & recommended*

# LION'S CLUB REPORT

By Alison Butterworth



We had a very interesting meeting on 13th August. We were pleased to welcome two members from Erica Lions as well as six lions from the Drouin club. We actually had 30 people at the meeting as most of our members are back from their winter travels.

Samantha from Erica Lions presented a Lions Banner from incoming Governor Geoff Anderson to President Peter Petschel.



On the same evening we inducted our latest member Helen Briggs. Murray Gardner from Drouin Lions officiated and welcomed Helen to the Lions world. She is already volunteering at the Op Shop and is enjoying being part of our community.



We were pleased to have guest speakers, Chris and Annette, from Frankies Community Kitchen in Warragul. They told us of the service they provide in collecting food donations from local businesses and cooking meals for needy families in the kitchens at Frankies Café. They also thanked us for our support which will be ongoing.

# AFL @ BOWLS CLUB

By Kaye McLaren, Secretary

## Grand Final Function at the Bowls Club 27th September:

Who's going to win? Will it be an interstate team or one of your favourites?

If you are at a loss as to what to do for the Grand Final why not come along and support your favourite team. Wear your team colours. We will have a BBQ Lunch as well as a game of bowls before the big game. Names in by 11.30 for a quick roll up. Call the club phone for catering purposes on 0490 831 283 \$15.00 per head for a game of bowls and lunch. (\$10 for Youth 16 & under).



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Welcome to our club for the upcoming Bowling Season. Our green is coming along and will certainly be ready to bowl on for both practice and Pennant games.

Thank you to our amazing green staff. Without you we wouldn't be as successful as we are. We certainly love our grass. However, it is unfortunate that we were unable to gain funding for a synthetic green. Still we are looking forward to once again being able to bowl on our wonderful grass, it is certainly becoming a minority in our amazing sport. As the weather improves I am sure we will all enjoy getting back out there and participating.

The opening of our green is fast approaching, we will open the green on our first Barefoot bowls night on Thursday 9th October. Looking forward to seeing everyone back at the club. For catering purposes please get your names in by Tuesday 7th October to 0490 831 283, message or call.

Members are encouraged to pay their fees this month so we can update Bowls Victoria prior to the Pennant season starting on Tuesday 14th October, Midweek and 18th October for Weekend Pennant. Thank you to all those members who have already paid their fees.

Although a small group attended our movie night in July, once again the food was plentiful and full of flavour. There was an array of different tastes. Thank you to everyone who came and made a fun night of it.

We will hold off on our proposed August games night until the weather improves. Keep a look out for a new date in the coming months.

### Can you identify our bowling members below?

This month I have included a photo of some of our past bowling club members. Can you recognise who they are? Fabulous to see that some of these members are still bowling with us. Two people we recognise are Sam King and Graeme Roberts.



### Fun Bowls Facts for September:

#### 1. Its ancient!

Lawn Bowls can be traced back to ancient Egypt. Archaeologists have found bowls-like objects in tombs over 5,000 years old. [Update from last edition]

#### 2. Royal Endorsement.

King Henry VIII was a fan of lawn bowls – but he banned commoners from playing it because he thought it distracted them from archery practice!

#### 3. A Commonwealth favourite.

Lawn Bowls is a Commonwealth Games Sport and has been played at almost every Games since 1930 – except in 1966, when Jamaica didn't have enough greens.

### Barefoot Bowls BBQ:

Our Barefoot Bowls & BBQ nights begin on the 9th October 2025 at 5pm. Looking forward to seeing everyone there. To start our season this is actually the 2nd and 4th Thursday as its our first opportunity to host the event. After that we will revert to our original dates of 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month, Bowls & BBQ meal is \$15 per adult and \$10 for youth 16 & under.

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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:*  
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# ART UPDATE

By Carol Monson



Winter has been a busy time of the year for members of the Baw Baw Arts Alliance (Bbaa). The recent Arts Gala held at the VRI Hall in Warragul was designed to raise money for construction of a ramp to the entrance of the hall but it also gave members an opportunity to kick up their heels, dress up and share some performances of dance, poetry, and music.

During the week following the gala the annual general meeting of the Arts Alliance was also held in the VRI Hall. President for 2025 and recently elected for the 2026 period, Jessie McLennan, began her annual report with a reminder of the Arts Alliance's vision to inspire, promote, facilitate and encourage a vibrant and creative arts environment within the community. Jessie

then listed some of the many Arts activities held during 2025: the Arts Market in the TAFE carpark, the Easter Art Sale, further work to improve the VRI Hall, new drop-in groups at the VRI to add to the existing groups in Trafalgar Artspace, vibrant poetry readings and workshops under the banner of 'Poetry Bauhaus', continued publication of new editions of 'Catchment-Poetry of Place', Jewellery Market, another Art and Textile De-Stash market, community Art projects and the list goes on.

See <https://www.bawbawartsalliance.org.au> for further activities and news.

As well as the above, the Arts Alliance has different exhibitions at the 'Station

Gallery' in the former Yarragon Railway Station on Princes Highway, Yarragon. In September two exhibitions worth seeing are the vibrant works from the Mixed Media group and 'Tree Portraits' by first time 'Station Gallery' exhibitor but experienced Artist, Patricia Smithson Hill.

Dates worth remembering over the next few weeks are the Jewellery Makers' Fair on September 20 at the VRI Hall from 9am to 2pm, an exhibition opening of 'Alene's Little Treasures', a wonderful series of small paintings by Alene Bonser on Saturday, October 4, at 2 pm, 'Station Gallery', Yarragon and once again 'Poetry Bauhaus' on Sunday, October 5, Commercial Hotel, Warragul 2.30pm.



The newly elected committee of management from left to right; Anita George, Prue Barridge, treasurer, Jessie McLennan, president, Sue Murphy, Jeff Thege, secretary, Clair Seymour, Marlene Ogden, Carol Monson, Zoe Clark, Deb Churchill, Janine Richardson, past president.

## BIG PICTURE TALK

By Amanda McLeod



### Big Picture Talk: *The Fires Next Time* with Peter Christoff

Thursday 30 October | 7:00 PM |  
Yarragon Public Hall

**What kind of future are we building — and what must change to make it sustainable, just, and resilient?**

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Using the *Black Summer* bushfires as a starting point, Christoff draws from his book *The Fires Next Time* (2023) to explore how systemic failures in climate policy have deep roots — and far-reaching consequences. This event goes beyond a single disaster to confront the big questions of governance, justice, and the path forward in an era of accelerating climate disruption.

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## YARRAGON FOOTBALL NETBALL

By Lilli Sim

**AND** with that, the 2025 season comes to an end...

It's been another season where we've had it all; there has been highs and there have been lows. We've had injuries, we've had wins, and we've had losses, and for some teams we've had draws. We've had player success in representative squads, and we've had player milestones to acknowledge and celebrate, PLUS everything else in between. We thank our players for showing up each week, for their commitment throughout the year and for wearing the Yarragon colours with pride.

We extend a big thank you to our committee members, coaching staff & team managers, sponsors, our trusty Panther Army supporters and extended club people who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make training nights, and game days run as smoothly as they do.

In what has been a somewhat challenging year for our Club with our 'homeless' season, it takes a village to raise a child, but it takes a community to make a club, and this year would not have been possible if it wasn't for our incredible Yarragon community.

The path that we are on in growing the success and future of our Club is something that we are most truly proud of and we hope our players stick with us, because we are expecting 2026 to be even bigger.

### **Volunteer Spotlight I – Brought to you by Community Bank Trafalgar & District**

Tom Delaney (TD or Del) a driving force behind the scenes at YFNC!

#### **How long have you been volunteering at Yarragon?**

Not too long, stepped up behind the scenes after being sidelined at the start of last year. Start of 2024, I guess.

#### **What do you do as a volunteer for YFNC?**

A little bit of everything while I was recovering from a long term injury. Recruiting during the off-season, committee member, help out on the bench during games, social committee, game day organiser, volunteer organiser, team manager for the reserves.

#### **What's your favourite thing about volunteering at YFNC?**

Being part of building the foundation of a fun and successful culture. It's been amazing to see the improvements we've made on and off the field and it's really rewarding to be apart of that.

### **Volunteer Spotlight II & III – Brought to you by Community Bank Trafalgar & District**

Nick "Burry" Burr and Elly-Rose Burr — two of the absolute legends who help keep the wheels turning at YFNC!

## CLUB

By Lilli Sim



Elly-Rose Burr / Elly or (Eldawg iykyk)

### How long have you been volunteering at Yarragon?

Can't really remember to be honest. A fair while. I coached juniors back in 2015/2016 and then had a bit of a break. Then back since 2023.

### What do you do as a volunteer for YFNC?

I'm currently the secretary of the club. I'm also the under 17 netball team manager, organise functions, do socials, help Nick with bbq / game day set up and help anyone else that needs a hand.

### What's your favourite thing about volunteering at YFNC?

Working alongside such inspiring and hardworking people who all strive to work towards continued improvement in our club. Everyone's so lovely and it's rewarding to contribute to something that brings people together.

Nick Burr / known as Burry

### How long have you been volunteering at Yarragon?

2 years.

### What do you do as a volunteer for YFNC?

Mixture of everything and whatever anyone needs a hand with. BBQ, game day set up, bench manager for resses, help with functions. Help Elly with anything she needs a hand with too.

### What's your favourite thing about volunteering at YFNC?

Being a part of the community and beers with friends at the end of the day.

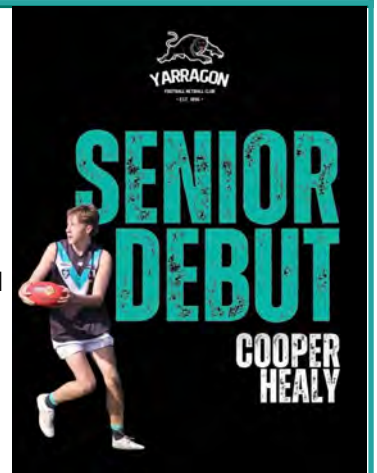
### SENIOR DEBUT: COOPER HEALY

On Saturday 2nd August 2025 Cooper stepped up in front of a home crowd against Bunyip for his senior debut and even snagged two goals! This is a testament to the hard work, talent, and character he's shown since he pulled on a Yarragon jumper. A natural footballer who reads the game beautifully and takes a strong

mark, Cooper is not only a talented player, but also a great person, great teammate and a pleasure to have around the club. Congratulations Cooper, we are excited about what's to come for you and your football journey.

### C BADGE UMPIRING ACCREDITATION: GRACIE SANDERS

Congratulations to Gracie Sanders on a milestone in her umpiring journey, achieving her C Badge accreditation. Gracie has shown great commitment to her development as an umpire, and this milestone is a reflection of her hard work. WELL DONE Gracie!!



## A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

At Yarragon Football Netball Club, we're incredibly lucky to be surrounded by a passionate and dedicated group of volunteers. From the sidelines to the kitchen, on game days and behind the scenes — our club runs entirely on the time, energy and generosity of these amazing individuals.

We truly couldn't do it without them. Their commitment is the heartbeat of our club, and we are so proud and grateful to have such a strong community spirit, powering everything we do.



# YARRAGON FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

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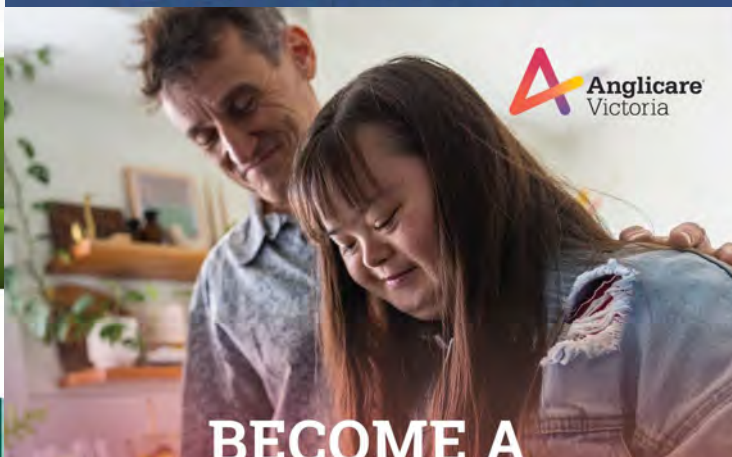
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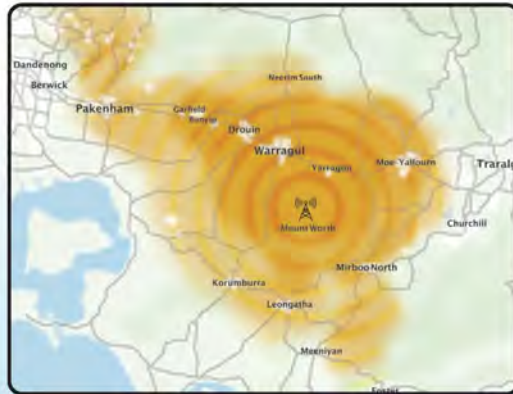


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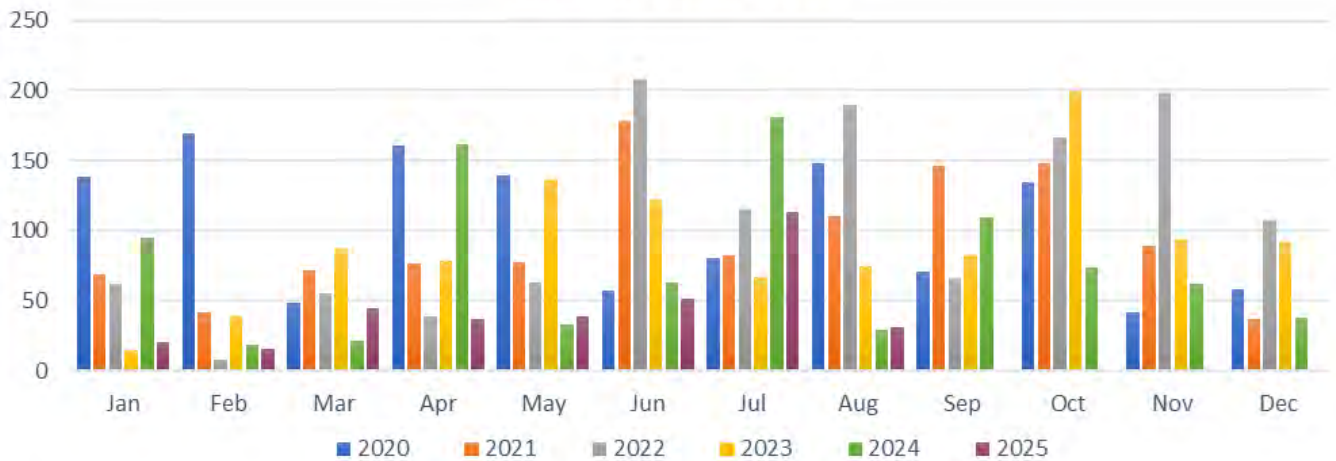


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## Rainfall 2020-2025



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 July	Total
2020	138	169	48	161	139	57	80	148	71	135	42	58	940	1246
2021	69	42	72	76	77	178	82	110	146	148	89	37	706	1126
2022	62	8	55	39	63	208	115	190	66	166	198	107	740	1277
2023	15	39	87	78	136	112	67	75	82	199	94	92	619	1086
2024	95	18	21	162	33	63	181	29	109	74	62	38	602	885
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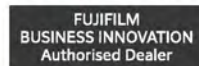


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