

NAR NAR GOON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

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Progress Association Meeting Draws a Crowd for the Township Strategy

The Nar Nar Goon Progress Association comes together on the fourth Tuesday every second month. Tuesday 24th February saw a big turnout of 45 people to hear what the Council had to say regarding the hot topic of a township strategy for Nar Nar Goon. The meeting was attended by 6 council officers from the Planning Department, Bunyip Ward Councillor Pomeroy, as well as a consultant from Urban Design and Management who was engaged by Council.

A slideshow was presented explaining the process and steps leading towards what will be a township strategy for Nar Nar Goon. This presentation was followed by an opportunity to ask questions. For more on the meeting... see page 10.



The grim realisation: that time of the year when daylight savings ends, the days get shorter and winter is around the corner.

**TURN CLOCKS FORWARD 1 HOUR
ON SUNDAY 6 APRIL 2025**

**... and lets count the days until
Sunday 6 October 2025**

Nar Nar Goon History Group

Our Next meeting will be Monday 24th March 2pm in St John's Church.

Guest Speaker: Maree Houlihan

Lock these dates into your diaries:

- Monday 28th April, 2pm
The Cunningham girls - Bones and Maree.

NNG Progress Association MEETING Tuesday 22nd April

7pm, in the room behind the Posh Op-Shop.

All welcome!

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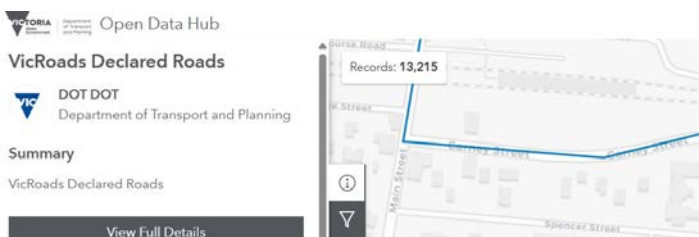
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What is more amusing is that the Nar Nar Goon - Longwarry Road was closed of an evening for at least a couple of weeks in order to complete urgent road pavement repair works. They just couldn't manage to fit in this section. Patchwork done like a pro!

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The self-funded group rely on donations of fabric and quilts (both tops and fully completed) to help continue our work. If you would like to join us, everyone is welcome.

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NNG History Group

Kooloos Family

Thanks so much to Arda and Bert for the presentation about the Dutch Kooloos family migrating through sponsorship from The Netherlands to Victoria/Australia in the 1950s arriving May 1954 with a family of 7 children with the plan to assimilate and make Australia home. Their Mum and Dad had no English and 7 kids under 10 years old. Their Dad got into trouble on their arrival day because he was late for milking! Migrating brought many challenges to the family with language being one of the main ones. It's an amazing story of risk and resilience to make the trip by ship for 5 weeks to Australia. Their story is worthy of a book!

The hardships they endured were over shadowed by the family's enthusiasm to travel to a new country and the life it provided for them. The stories today recalled memorable years growing up in Nar Nar Goon and the life attached to that experience. A summary of their story will be in the April Goon News.

Welcome to the members of the Kooloos family who joined us today including: Bert & Shirley, Arda, Martina, Corrie and Anton & Mary.

NNG History Group

Today we had our largest numbers so far. 45 people filled St John's church. Welcome to people new to our group today included Dot Arnold, Yo and Peter McKinnon and Fran Doherty.

Next month we will meet on a Monday which will give us access to the Community Centre behind the Op Shop to enjoy a cuppa after the presentation. The original plan was to hold our meeting in the Community Centre but today's numbers and a lack of chairs has resulted a change of plans. We will meet in the church for the presentation and then go across to the Community Centre for a cuppa.

Next Meetings:

Marie Houlihan is our guest speaker for March. She has a broad range of life experiences and a large family who have been part of her story. She also has the art of telling a good story around living in Nar Nar Goon. All welcome Monday 24th March at 2PM

Venue: The meeting room behind the NNG Op Shop, next to St John's church is available for us to use on Mondays. The Op Shop is shut on Mondays. Thanks

to St John's church for allowing us to use the venue. Afternoon Tea: Jan Williamson and Gia have kindly offered to organise afternoon tea at the completion of the talk. You are all invited to enjoy a cuppa. Thanks to the NNG Progress Association for providing the refreshments.

Setting up chairs: Our numbers attending have been rising with 45 at the last talk with the Kooloos family. If you arrive a little early we would appreciate some help setting up the chairs, some of which may need to come from the church or the shed out the back.

PA System: Genevive will set up the PA system for us which worked really well last time.

April Meeting: Monday 28th April

Guest Speakers: The Cunningham girls - Maree Wright & Pauline (Bones) McKinnon

If you know people who would be interested in joining the group, bring them along and make sure they leave their email contact with me to be on the mailing list.

NNG Progress Association:

Geoff Bramley invited everyone to the next Progress Association meeting on Tuesday 25th Feb, 7pm in the Community Centre behind Op Shop. Seven representatives from Cardinia Council spoke about the development of NNG Strategic Plan due to be launched this year to frame the future for NNG development. Thanks to Genevive for providing a PA and access to the TV for a presentation. It was a hot day so she even provided glasses of water for the group.

Gerry Cunningham closed the day with his recitation of "Bush Christening" by Banjo Patterson. Thanks Gerry.

Sue Rose
NNG History Group

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With a cuppa to follow at the St John's
Community centre behind the Posh Op Shop

NNG History Group

Carney Family Story

Presented by John & Mark Carney in Dec 2024

Mark and John Carney (who are cousins – their Dads were brothers) were the guest speakers about the history of the Carney family arriving in this area from Ireland. It was very interesting hearing how and where the Carney families settled - officially they are the Carney's of Pakenham but with an Australia Post address of Road Side Delivery, NNG. We like to think they are the Carney's of NNG. But they did live in the Parish of NNG. Ironically Sally Byrne used to deliver their mail from NNG, 47 years ago!

Photo: Honora and her 7 children. John & Mark's Grandfather is the youngest child (Bottom right)



The Carneys come from Thurles in County Tipperary in Ireland and the Ryans (Honora's family) came from Two Mile Boris, also in County Tipperary, with the 2 towns only being about 15 minutes apart.

Honora Ryan arrived in Australia around 1858 on the small ship called The Africa. Honora knew her husband Michael prior to arriving in Australia. Michael arrived on a ship around 1859/60. They married in Melbourne in 1862 and then took up land in Beaconsfield at Mt Misery which is the highest point on the east side of the Cardinia pub. Mt. Misery was sometimes referred to by the locals as Mt. Carney!

In 1869 they moved to the Princes Hwy, Pakenham on 160 acres which they leased and later purchased in 1887. In 1880 Michael died at the age of 55 when

Honora was 44 years old with 7 children. John's grandfather Thomas was the youngest child. Thomas (Tom) married Hannah May Smith and built on land on the opposite side of the highway at the corner of Dore Road. By this stage Honora had accumulated 500 acres of land as a single parent with all 7 children. Grandfather Tom farmed Dore Road property. Hannah May Smith was part of the Smith family who owned what is now the Entwistle property on the NNG side of Mt Ararat where NNG Angus is now. JG Dore and Tom Carney married sisters – the Smith girls, Jane and Hannah respectively.

Tom's older brother Will, farmed at Tynong near the site of the Pakenham Racing Club (where Andy and Cath Sweeney used to live). Will was a Councillor and Shire President of Shire of Berwick around 1914/15. He did not have any children. Carney Street on Longwarry road was named after Uncle Will Carney.



John and Mark's fathers were the only ones of the next generation to Honora to have boys to continue the Carney name.

Another son, John Carney purchased land in Ryan Road which was later sold to Sam Shallard. John's father James Marmaduke Carney farmed on the

carney family story cont...

south side of the highway until passing at the age 83. After Tom Carney got out of farming, John and Mark's fathers farmed as the Carney brothers for many years until eventually going their separate ways.

John's Dad had sheep, beef cattle and in later years dairy farming with John and his brother Tim. They milked cows on the Dore Road side until 1959 after which they moved into grazing. It seemed at the time that horse racing and milking did not go hand in hand.

Marmaduke Smith better known as Duke had a garage on the highway about where NNG Angus is now. Gerry Cunningham pointed out that Marmaduke Smith was married to Catherine (Kit) Cunningham.

They had 2 children Jimmy and Mary. Mark was concerned that perhaps he and Gerry are now related??!

Mark did a lot of Ancestry research about 10 years ago but unfortunately his house was burnt down in Browning Road, NNG in 2016 where he lost a lot of the information. Luckily, 6 months prior he had given some of the information to John.

Marks' family originally milked cows by hand and then built a dairy on the Dore Road side after which moved into beef and sheep. Mark who is one of 8 (6 boys and 2 girls) arrived after the dairy part of the property was no longer used. The sheep dip was on the other side of the road and due to a shortage of funds his Dad dug a hole and filled it up with water and added the sheep dip. Mark and Brian, the eldest 2, would pull the sheep out of the hole while the next 2 in the family would push them in to be dipped. The other 2 brothers were most likely telling them how to do it.

The Carney brothers used to own land behind where Clough's service station is now. They believe that Honora originally bought this land. Mark recalls going out in shorts and singlet spraying blackberries with no boots and blackberry spray going everywhere. Things have changed now. Mark's memories of growing up was that it was good fun. John's side of the family were very mechanical and liked machinery and motors where as Mark's family were much more sport focused playing footy and netball at Pakenham – because it was easier to coincide the travel to training with supermarket shopping.

Mick and Jim's parents (Need to explain who Mick and Jim are???) had a lot to do with putting the main road into Maryknoll, clearing tress and putting in the road before there were buildings. Father Pooley

used to stay at Hannah and Tom's place in Dore Road. Aunt Mary had a lot to do with Father Pooley and taking the Nuns out to Maryknoll.

Both Mark and John have been back to Ireland to see where the Carney and Ryan families originated. John went to Ireland on a business trip with Lely and

managed to negotiate time to explore his heritage. He spoke to his father afterwards who wondered why John would want to go to Ireland because the Irish couldn't even feed them all those years ago when the family originally left Ireland. Once John showed his dad the recent photos of Ireland he was amazed to see the same rolling green hills in Ireland like the ones they owned in NNG.

Noni Dore – John's Auntie who was Matron of Pakenham Hospital, had many trips to Ireland. She asked John at the completion of his trip if he felt like he'd arrived at home in Ireland. When he revisited Ireland in 2008, he realised Ireland could so easily be his second home. He took his 4 children when he sold his business in 2011, back to Ireland for 2 weeks for a driving holiday. They still talk about their memories of that trip and now want to go back and show their own children.

Mark said through marriage they are related to the Millaines, the Bourkes (David and Jimmy), and the Kellys on the Carney side of the family through marriage. On the Smith side of the family they are related to the O'Hallorans, and the Dore.

Carmal Kennelly/Sparks pointed out that the Kennellys are related to the Carneys also. Brigid Kennelly is Carmel's great grandmother and her family were the Walsh's related to the Carneys.

John is one of 3 children with Helen in Longwarry and Tim in Drouin. Out of Mark's 8 siblings there are 6 between Berwick and NNG and one at Apollo Bay and one at Mooloolaba. Mark lives in Browning Road in NNG. His brother Paul and his wife Penny and 2 children bought the family farm from their parents on Dore Road and is still farming there now. Marks' Dad was a horse race starter for years and earlier on did train horses too. None of Mark's family have ever really been involved with horses since.

Thanks to John and Mark for their insightful and entertaining presentation. The timing of their talk worked very well with the new name for the Pakenham East housing development now being officially known as Honora Fields. Honora Fields is in memory of their Great Grandmother who made a wonderful contribution to the area. She brought up 7 children after the death of her husband, as well as managing a robust farming career and investment in local property.



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Nar Nar Goon Progress Association

NOTE: Full presentation is available via Council website or upon request from the NNG Progress Association.

NAR NAR GOON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Held at St James's Community Centre,
Main Street, Nar Nar Goon on
Tuesday 25 February 2025

1. Present

Members: Geoff Bramley President, Jo Parker Secretary/Goon News Editor, Sue Rose Treasurer Travis Parker, Jan Williamson, Cheryl Edyvane, Lezley Golding, Frank De Santis, Jan De Santis,

Non-Members: Tony Ward, Gia Roberts, Sara Angelore, Debra-Lee Shannon, Trudy Heath, Malcolm Newhan, Dianne Smith, Leslie Soultor, Robert Cerchiaro, Jodie Williams, Trevor Williams, Kelly Bauer, Vicki Tomas, Jill Heigt, Rod, Evans, Joe Coleiro, Anna Coleiro, Lorraine McArthur, Gail Wallace, John Jarrott, John Kruen, Denise Rado, Denise Vander Veer, Geoff Leed, Chris Parker, Jenny Koch, Glenn Cross, Adrian Pigdon, Annette S, Sheryl Collins, Cr Alanna Pomeroy, Shannon Lally, Vikki Templeton, Greg Templeton, Bruce Gillard, Sunny Reeve, Heather Towan, Marianne Nair, Kevin Nair, Peta Green, John Dore, Judy Dore, Isabel Deane, Karen Herbert, Ambrose Byrne.

2. Apologies: Evan Bramley – Vice President, Dale Evans, Troy Love

3. Suspend standing orders.

GEOFF BRAMLEY: Spoke on the history of the town strategy and the many meetings including the 2010 drainage scheme, Green Wedge plan, the actions toward preparing a township strategy and the Railway Towns strategy. Geoff introduced Cr Alanna Pomeroy to chair the Council presentation.

Council officers & consultant:

PETER QUIGLEY - Senior Project Engineer

DEBBIE TYSON - General Manager Community & Planning Services

MARCELLE BELL - Coordinator Planning Strategy

and Urban Design

DUNCAN TURNER - Manager Planning & Design

GEORGIA WYRDEMAN – Urban Designer

LORNA LABLACHE – Principal Strategic Planner (Project Lead for the Nar Nar Goon Township Strategy – but this is not part of my title)

MELINDA HOLLOWAY – Consultant - Principal Urban Designer from Urban Design & Management (UDM)

Welcome & Introductions: Cr Pomeroy mentioned the Stan Henwood award and urged the community to nominate someone from Nar Nar Goon and advised that the Community Grants were open. Cr Pomeroy introduced Council staff and consultant.

Lorna Lablache:

Agenda:

- Purpose of a Township Strategy: Why are we creating this document? [Lorna]
- Township Character Assessment: What is it and how will it shape the Nar Nar Goon Township Strategy? [Melinda]
- Key milestones for this project: Steps to get us to a Council adopted Township Strategy for NNG [Lorna]
- Update New Council Plan: Opportunity for input [Lorna]
- Key contacts: Who to contact if you have any specific questions [Lorna]
- Questions

Purpose of the Nar Nar Goon Township Strategy

- Create a Long-Term Vision: Reflect the community's aspirations for Nar Nar Goon.
- Identify and Enhance Key Features: Protect and enhance the unique characteristics that make Nar Nar Goon special.
- Support the Vision: Establish key objectives, strategies, and actions covering land use, township character, connectivity, the natural environment, and public spaces.
- Develop a Consistent Planning Framework: Address challenges and constraints affecting the town with a cohesive land use planning framework.
- Define Preferred Character Precincts: Outline suitable design guidance and built form outcomes for both public and private land.

Presentation – Nar Nar Goon Township Character Assessment

Melinda Holloway - Principal Urban Designer from Urban Design & Management (UDM):

Spoke about the Nar Nar Goon Township Character Assessment

Key points:

- Township Character Assessment – What is it and how will it shape the Nar Nar Goon Township Strategy?
- What is a Township Character Assessment?
- What are the reasons for undertaking this now?
- What does it involve?
 - Understand the Town's Background
 - Define Character Assessment Criteria
 - Assess Existing Characteristics
 - Establish Existing Character
 - Consider Preferred Character
- Scope of the Nar Nar Goon TCA
- How was the assessment undertaken?
- Key assessment categories
 - What is existing character?
 - Establishing existing character precincts
 - Existing Character Precincts
 - Heart of Nar Nar Goon
 - Existing Character - Town Centre
 - Existing Character – Mixed Use
 - Existing Character – Education & Recreation
 - Neighbourhood Residential
 - Existing Character – Established Neighbourhood Residential
 - Existing Character – Evolving Neighbourhood Residential
 - Existing Character – Rural Interface Residential
 - Low Density areas
 - Existing Character – Low Density Established
 - Existing Character – Low Density Railway Interface
 - Existing Character – Low Density Rural Interface
 - Outside town boundary Existing Character – Green Wedge
- Next Steps – defining Preferred Character
- What is Preferred Character?
- Key elements that contribute to Nar Nar Goon's character
- Preferred Character considerations – Heart of Nar Nar Goon
- Preferred Character considerations – Neighbourhood Residential Precincts
- Preferred Character considerations – Low Density Precincts
- Elements impacting character
- Example - Preferred character for potential redevelopment of lots in the Neighbourhood Residential Precincts
- Example – Guidance for resubdivision in low density precincts
- Example – Guidance for reuse of existing or new commercial development
- The TCA – the Next Steps
- Key Milestones for the Nar Nar Goon Township

Strategy



- Future Cardinia – Developing the Council Plan 2025-29
- Community Feedback:
- How do I contact Council?

Questions:

QUESTION: Green Wedge land to township border?

DUNCAN TURNER: Minister made it clear in 2015 that Council should work within the township boundary. Advocacy put to Government from landholders and interested parties seeking to extend the township boundary. Government completing Plan Victoria (exhibited last year). No doubt parties made submissions to that as well.

Risks/factors going on for 10 years. Perhaps hesitation around what is the ultimate decision with regards to Green Wedge land. Up until now there has been no change. Council keen to move forward with this limitation in mind. What are the aspects and features of the township itself that has come out clearly in terms of previous consultation, character and uniqueness is important.

Council intend to develop strategy within limitations, things that we can control, understanding character, design parameters and aspirations for the existing township. Can establish some useful principles for control and community if there is a change that occurs elsewhere. Don't want to hesitate with what may or may not be possible with regards to Green Wedge.

QUESTION: Drainage. Resident in contact with Council, why do I have to get a permit for a Council drain? Council engineer and Council workers to install pipe 3 foot deep and stinks.

PETER QUIGLEY: Access to property for private culvert requires a council permit. Over years looked at NNG drainage quite a few times. 30 years ago, a drainage scheme completed. Wouldn't like it 30 years ago, wouldn't like it now. NNG is flat. Can't create a hill to get rid of the water in NNG. We try to send it in all directions, it stays, doesn't go anywhere. We can try to relieve problems, but we can't do anything to solve problems because there is no outfall.

As part of strategy two years ago, high-level investigations to relieve drainage issues/problems. We are talking about an investment of \$20 million. Who's going to pay for it? State Government, Melbourne Water, Council? Yet no one wants to put their hands up. Unless Council is going to commit this money in a very short period of time it won't make any difference. \$20 million commitment to NNG, not a lot of money left for the balance of the municipality.

QUESTION: Impact of installation of bitumen roads and gutters.

PETER QUIGLEY: From an engineering perspective, to do something different to try and enhance streetscapes and also retard drainage to give an opportunity for water to get away. Such a strategy requires a special charge scheme to pay for it by residents \$20 million road/drainage construction. Can't justify pursuing to Council or residents, that is financially ridiculous. We can do bits and pieces to help but won't solve the problem.

GEOFF BRAMLEY: NNG is not flat. Township to Ball Hill Road approximately 8m of fall. In 2023 drainage of Latta Road, for example Council cleaned out their drains but not Seven Mile drain (Melb. Water). At residents own initiative and cost, cleaned out drain which belongs to Melbourne water. Water dropped by approximately 600mm that afternoon. There is an enormous amount of fall. Continuously here it is low-lying. It can be done with a 3m swale either side of town.

PETER QUIGLEY: Reality of Seven Mile drain 3m deep is a risk until someone runs into it. Shallow drains through paddocks privately owned with cattle and horses. Melbourne water don't do maintenance. Council can run water into these Melbourne water assets but it stops. We can relieve some of the problems but there is the financial aspect of who actually pays for it?

QUESTION: We pay rates, where do our rates go?

PETER QUIGLEY: Rates go to an awful lot of areas can't give an answer to that.

RESIDENT: I'm on one acre in Main Street (north side of railway line) with 1.4m of fall across my property. Drains are full of silt, will work if maintained. Water bottlenecks at railway line. Plenty of fall throughout township, existing drains and system don't get maintained.

PETER QUIGLEY: If we take, for example Home, Richards and Latta Road and isolate these areas and collect all water in these streets it will run into

drains on private property (Melb. Water asset). None of these have easements. Council has no right to enter onto private property to clean drains. Property owner has the right to fill them in as they are not within an easement. Historically installed when subdivided without an easement.

QUESTION: Oakview Lane sealed road previously gravel. Engineers designed drainage to move water off the road but little consideration beyond this point. No use building a bathtub if you're not going to put in a plug hole. Private property to take run-off and resident granted approval to access private property and complete a more thorough/integrated drainage network.

PETER QUIGLEY: Permission can be given. Now a problem that no one has permission to return and clean that drain out. You can give permission but unfortunately with the world of litigation can potentially see if a contractor is injured, now the responsibility of land owner not Council/Melbourne.

QUESTION: Poor engineering. Why build something that won't allow for water to be removed. Drainage either side of road so it doesn't get washed out but little consideration beyond this point.

QUESTION: Easement between Richards and Home Road.

PETER QUIGLEY: There is infrastructure there but it isn't linked to anything. What about the adjacent properties where it can become a further problem down the line? Combination of legislation, you cannot concentrate your water and discharge it into someone else's property. Unless there is easement all the way through, then the person at the bottom can affect those previous.

QUESTION: How can development occur with Council approval without an easement?

PETER QUIGLEY: Historical. Very old subdivision completed under the 1958 local governments act and somewhere in some places during redevelopment of blocks, Council has been able to require an easement be installed.

CR POMEROY: Drainage to be looked at in relation to this. Lorna and Mel taking notes as well.

QUESTION: Maintenance/drainage. Vic roads manage Main St, responsible for drain north of train tracks. Cleaned once in 20+ years. Access is clear and free to maintain.

PETER QUIGLEY: They can be cleaned but will

just collect and end up somewhere else.

QUESTION: So why have a drain? Spend the money on the drainage instead of looking at powerlines underground, strategy of the trees and murals. Focus on the drainage.

DEBBI TYSON: Hesitancy to verbalise, early in principle support that will require budgetary commitment for project to be put to Council.

DUNCAN TURNER: Melbourne water proposal to Council that basically all Councils in growth areas of Melbourne to go through a revised drainage and flood analysis. It may give some leeway for some of these things short-term to happen from a Melbourne Water perspective.

DEBBI TYSON: First time Council have been able to apply advocacy via Council attrition. Has always been very difficult to get a commitment from Melbourne Water. NNG is the only township in Cardinia being targeted. First time Council is in a strong position to get something happening in this space.

RESIDENT: Observations that mesh blocks the Seven Mile drain intersecting with Bald Hill Road. Rubbish collects and backflows drainage of NNG.

QUESTION: Rec reserve - Footy club outgrown oval and removal of lights from back oval. Works were set for completion by financial year 2025. Quote for work has not been finalised.

COUNCIL: question taken on notice.

GEOFF BRAMLEY: Planning permit corner Main & Carney St commercial development. What is Councils view on development? How will it set tone for further development?

DUNCAN TURNER: Application lodged, not advertised to community yet. Proposal for group of shops, character to lift design standards for project e.g. mural, weatherproofing. How it responds to street to create active frontages rather than blank walls. Wait and see how applicant responds to that.

JAROD MILLS (Parklea): Application will struggle commercially given size of town. Might be great for the town but unsure whether it is feasible/viable. Site is currently for sale.

GEOFF BRAMLEY: Character part. It is a very small footprint. It should include Latta Road, north and south side, west of George Street. This is part of the town and should be included in strategy. A tiny stamp over the town is very limiting. Where is the town going to be in a short medium term?

JAROD MILLS (Parklea): In a 10 year period to 2021, the town grew by 10 people (seven houses). From a commercial shop operator perspective, the

growth doesn't exist.

COUNCIL: Council complexity is we are dealing with Green Wedge zone. We don't have the opportunity to change that.

GEOFF BRAMLEY: Green Wedge zone lay dormant, roads never get made, no funds, delay the town development and must be included.

COUNCIL: State Governments decision to rezone land.

GEOFF BRAMLEY: Council can advocate to do it and Council has told me Council do not support rezoning. Won't advocate for rezoning.

COMMENT: Sewerage not enough capacity to allow additional properties.

LORNA LABLACHE: Councils current local policy does not support development in Green Wedge land. State government does not support development in Green Wedge land.

CR POMEROY: During Council planning engagement, this is a good opportunity if that is what the residents want. Won't be able to extend the township strategy into Green wedge.

DUNCAN TURNER: The purpose of the strategy is to control development within the existing town. There is a hierarchy, state policy and state controls. This is a local policy that needs to fit within a strategy. Strategy can't say something that the state government provisions don't provide for e.g. Green Wedge to Urban totally inconsistent with strategy.

GEOFF BRAMLEY: Will Council advocate to state government for an extension to the township boundary?

CR POMEROY: Advocate to Councillors via the community engagement plan where we receive feedback. We will then set advocacy priorities for the next year. As Councillors, we have agreed to the ones already in place, we can then get an opportunity as new Councillors to see what the community want. As Councillors, we will then set State, Federal and Local advocacy priorities which will give community some certainty with what Councillors will look for over the next four years. If there is resounding support across the Council, then that could potentially make the top 10 advocacy priorities for Council. Priorities haven't been set as a new Council, the opportunity to set new priorities comes after the Council plan development.

Encourage people to get your feedback in so it is documented and received by Councillors. We will then make a Council plan and advocacy priorities

(two different documents). Priorities can change each year.

QUESTION: Character of town. Is it a contradiction that development can only occur within the current footprint leading to infill development. This is not consistent with the larger blocks that make up the unique NNG character.

MELINDA HOLLOWAY: This is part of the purpose to complete character works. If this is not what we want, how do we manage that? E.g. 12 unit development in Main St inconsistent with Township character.

QUESTION: Unit owner. So we need everyone to tell Council to fix our drains via feedback opportunity.

CR POMEROY: 95% of phone calls are for unsealed roads and drainage. One of nine Councillors, I'm fighting for road surfacing and drainage. Other Councillors will fight for other priorities within their ward. With regards to Council plan engagement, it will potentially filter through top 10 issues that come from the engagement survey. E.g. drainage, unsealed roads, township character, open space, football clubs. It helps Council when making decisions, the community has told us this is what is important right now.

JAROD MILLS (Parklea): Parklea have completed a township strategy (MESH plan). Council still have the ability of taking it to the state government. Currently there is an inquiry into regional housing growth and regularly make submissions. But whether Council choose to do that or not.

With regards to drainage look at a long-term vision with growth. Could be fixed but is an expensive strategy. Requires high level advocacy to State Government.

QUESTION: Nothing will happen.

CR POMEROY: Passionate response regarding this comment. Standing for my community, not here to achieve nothing. I'm here to represent you and work with the community. Rare to have eight council officers present at a township meeting. We will take the feedback on board, work with me. Trying to get your voices into Council so when making decisions for what the community want. This is an important strategic piece whilst we wait for a direction from state government on Green Wedge land. Green Wedge is difficult for Council and Councillors because legislation hasn't caught up with what the land has been used for. We can see landbanked paddocks not being used, but we

are making a decision that this is viable agricultural land. As Deputy Mayor, that provides me with an opportunity to also look at State and Federal policy, where we can advocate. I will be heading to Canberra, currently in conversation with members of Parliament that other Councillors don't get. The opportunity to have this provide our community with a much better position. I'm not here to waste four years.

QUESTION: What about the Richards Road five units proposal on a gravel road that has limited maintenance.

DUNCAN TURNER: Currently advertised on website. Put concerns in writing. Strategic planners will assess against planning controls. Illustrates future development will seek to change the township character.

QUESTION: Unit owner was told these were the last units of this type to be built in NNG. What happens when Council change?

COUNCIL: Importance of this work. Once the strategy is done then that goes into the planning scheme. When an application comes in, strategic planners can assess against community and Council requirements. Then there is some strength behind it.

CR POMEROY: If there is a number of objections, this allows the nine Councillors to make a judgement via debate.

QUESTION: Main St. Those 12 units opposite have connected into existing stormwater which causes a backlog at number 18 Main Street. Pipes are undersized and can't cope with additional connections to existing infrastructure.

QUESTION: Also adjacent to Post Office, with the last rainfall, the stormwater pit was clearly blocked and took days for water to dissipate.

CR POMEROY: Council are doing a review especially with summer storms.

CR POMEROY: Thanked everyone for attending. Happy to field further questions.

GEOFF BRAMLEY: Thanked Council members, consultant for coming out. Not all will be happy but we can be heard.

Full presentation available upon request from the NNG Progress Association.

Email: nngprogress3812@gmail.com or visit the Cardinia Council website.

Congratulations Garfield's Dr. Mary Cole Winner Victorian AgriFutures Rural Women's Award

By Roman Kulkewycz

Dr Mary Cole from Garfield was named the Victorian State winner of the 2025 AgriFutures Rural Women's Award. Dr Cole won the award for her commitment to sustainable agricultural practices through her work in biological farming and soil microbiology.

Dr Cole accepted the Award on the 3rd March at a ceremony presented by Michaela Settle MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Development and Agriculture, Victoria.

An internationally recognised expert in mycology, plant pathology and soil microbiology, Dr Cole has dedicated her career to advocating for biological farming practices that regenerate soil health, reduce synthetic chemical use and improve the long-term sustainability of Australian agriculture.

"For more than 45 years, I have been working to promote biological farming methods that not only sustain the land but also ensure farmers remain financially viable for generations to come," Dr Cole said. "Through education, research and on-farm application, I have seen first-hand how prioritising soil health can transform agricultural productivity, reduce farmer input costs and protect the environment. This award will allow me to expand my work, reaching more farmers and communities with solutions that are cost-effective and regenerative."

Dr Cole received a \$15,000 grant from Westpac to further support her project as well as the opportunity to undertake a professional development course of her choosing. She will go on to represent Victoria at the AgriFutures Rural Women's Award Gala Dinner and National Announcement in Canberra later in the year, where the National Winner will be awarded an additional \$20,000 Westpac grant and the National Runner Up, an additional \$15,000.

Photo: Dr Mary Cole at work in her laboratory in Garfield.



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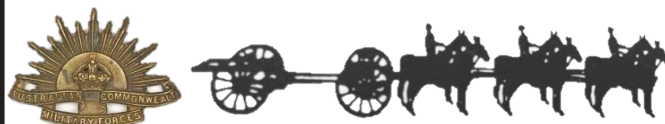
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PARKLEA UPDATE

*Pakenham East Precinct, Victoria
February 25, 2025*

Key Highlights:

- Botanical Boulevard (Stage 1) now open – a major milestone for Ridgelea Estate.
- Located in the Pakenham East Precinct, offering an exciting new community.
- Strong buyer interest and renewed enthusiasm.
- Stages 2 and 3 are now more accessible, providing greater insights for future residents.
- Parklea Developments continues to drive progress, ensuring Ridgelea remains a premier lifestyle destination with proposed future amenity Schools, Town Centre and newly opened East Pakenham Train station.

*Exciting New Chapter for Ridgelea Estate
Botanical Boulevard (Stage 1) Opens*

Parklea Developments officially opened Ridgelea Estate with Botanical Boulevard (Stage 1) on the morning of Saturday 22 February, 2025 in the Pakenham East Precinct.

The highly anticipated opening event, held on-site last Saturday, attracted buyers eager to witness the progression of their lots, with the first few residents purchasing lots in 2022.

“The turnout on Saturday was incredible,” said Jarod Mills, General Manager at Parklea Developments.

“Buyers were genuinely eager to see progress and start planning their future here. We understand the journey has been long, and this opening reassures our community that Ridgelea is moving forward.”

The excitement even saw new buyers securing lots on the day. One new purchaser expressed, “When I drove in here, I loved it – I have to be here,” – a testament to the immediate appeal of Ridgelea’s location and vision.

Improved Access and Growing Infrastructure

With the left-in, left-out access arrangement now operational, future residents can more easily explore Ridgelea’s developing precincts.

Laura Phillips, Estate Manager at Ridgelea, along with Jarod Mills were on-site to assist buyers in locating their lots and addressing any queries, building strong connections and providing transparency and clarity for the community.

“We are excited to see Ridgelea evolving, and with more stages progressing, ongoing access to additional sections will become much easier,” said Laura Phillips.

“This is just the beginning of what promises to be a thriving and connected community.”

Honora Fields: A New Suburb Taking Shape

Whilst we are awaiting the confirmation of the new suburb name to be officially announced for the Pakenham East Precinct, the establishment of Honora Fields as a suburb here pays homage to Honora Carney, a notable local figure whose family has deep-rooted ties to the area dating back to 1869. This new suburb is poised to accommodate approximately 7,000 new homes, contributing to the region’s growth and vibrancy.

Enhancing the appeal of Ridgelea Estate is the newly opened East Pakenham train station, which commenced operations in June last year. This addition extends all Pakenham Line services to East Pakenham, providing residents with convenient and efficient access to Melbourne’s city centre and surrounding areas.

A Bright Future for Ridgelea Estate

The opening of Botanical Boulevard (Stage 1) highlights Ridgelea Estate and Parklea Developments’ commitment to delivering quality land and an exceptional lifestyle for local families and future homeowners.

With demand increasing and settlements approaching, now is the perfect time for those considering Ridgelea to secure their place in this vibrant new community.

For more information on available land and upcoming developments, visit www.RidgeleaEstate.com.au, call 1300 925 349, or email info@ridgeleaestate.com.au

About Parklea Developments & Ridgelea Estate

Parklea Developments is a leading property developer dedicated to creating thriving communities across Victoria. With a strong focus on infrastructure, sustainability, and lifestyle, Parklea has been at the forefront of major urban development projects, including Ridgelea Estate. Ridgelea is set to become a premier residential community, providing quality housing and modern amenities in Pakenham East Precinct.

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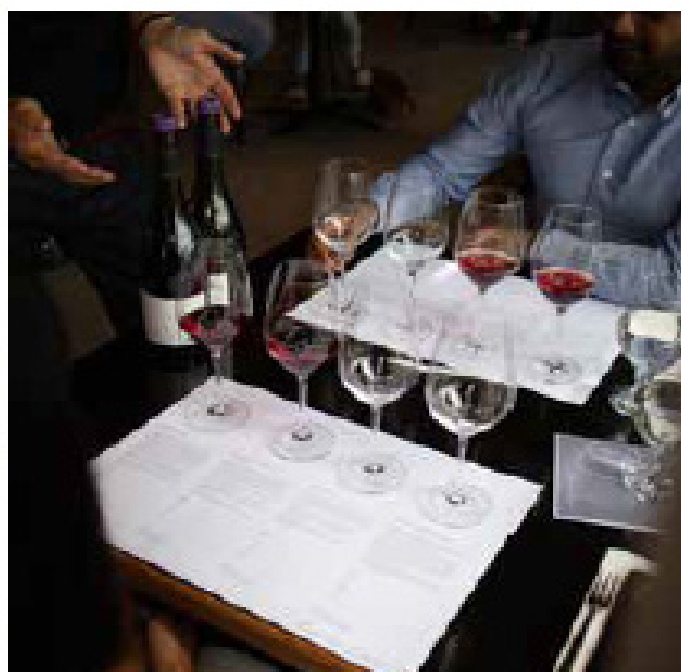
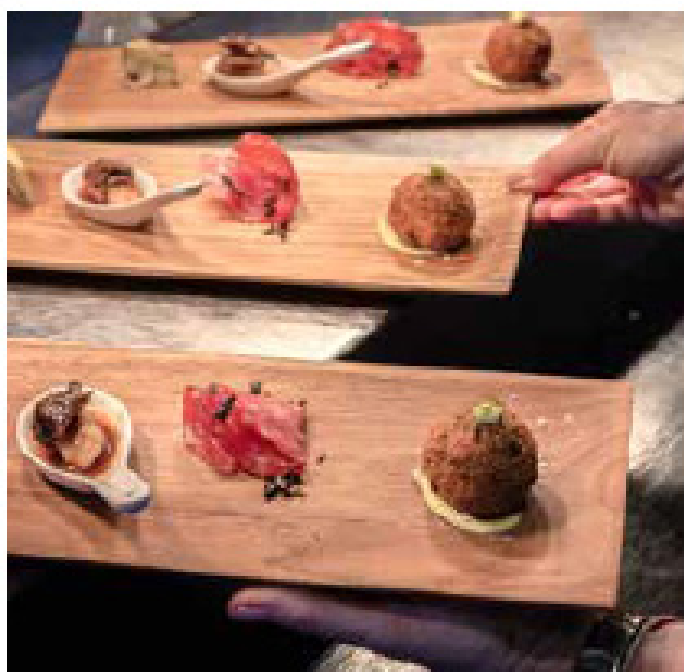
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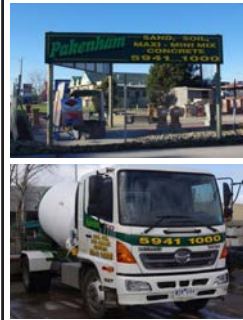
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- **Every Monday evening:** CFA training / meetings
- **Third Monday:** Nar Nar Goon RSL Sub Branch meets monthly at the Community Centre at 2pm
- Contact Samantha O'Sullivan on 0419 537 606
- Next meeting: **Contact Samantha for confirmed date**
- **Monthly Monday:** Nar Nar Goon History Group meet 2pm in St John's Church.
Contact Sue Rose on 0421 514 607
- Next Meeting: **Mar 24, Apr 28**
- **Fourth Tuesday:** NNG Progress Association meet bi-monthly at the St John's Community Centre at 7pm
- Next meeting: **Apr 22, Jun 24, Aug 26, Sep 23, Oct 28**
- **Tuesday fortnightly:** Euchre Club at Community Centre, 8pm
- Contact Jim Chatfield on 5942 5263
- Next meeting: **Mar 11, 25, Apr 8, 22, May 6, 20**
- **Fourth Wednesday:** Pakenham Camera Club meets at the Community Centre of Meadowvale Retirement Village, Eagle Drive, Pakenham at 7.30pm
- Next meeting: **Mar 26, Apr 23, May 23, Jun 25**
- **Every Thursday:** Scouts meet at the Scout Hall in Spencer St, 7pm - 9pm & Joeys meet 5.30pm - 6.30pm.
- **Every Thursday night:** Bingo at the Community Centre. Eyes down 7.30pm / 8.00pm.
- **Second Saturday of month & 5th Saturday (if applicable):** Old Time Dance at Nar Nar Goon North Hall
- Contact Kaye on 5942 5411, Fred, Beryl on 5942 8246
- Next dance: **Mar 29, Apr 12, May 10 & 31, Jun 14**

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- **Sunday:** St John's Holy Eucharist - 10am
St John the Baptist - 9:30am
St Joseph's - 11am
- **Saturday:** Mass at St. James - 6pm



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	Geoff L	Zoe	Geoff B	Geoff L	Zoe	Geoff B
January	154.80	120.00	144.60	60.60	41.00	36.00
February	25.80	22.00	26.00	67.60	54.00	77.40
March	13.00	7.00	10.00			
April	144.20	132	126.00			
May	39.00	(41.50)	44.00			
June	56.20	79.00	38.00			
July	155.40	136.00	138.00			
August	35.00	26.00	16.40			
September	114.00	85.00	91.20			
October	84.80	(75.00)	65.20			
November	57.60	48.80	62.50			
December	44.80	45.60	42.60			
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