

NAR NAR GOON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

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New Lease On Life For an Old Fence

The front fence at St John's Anglican Church Nar Nar Goon has recently been replaced. It is a great improvement on the previous fence which had outlived its use by date. It improves the Church's presentation to the street and community. The chosen style of fencing is a replica of one that was installed by the church over 100 years ago, in 1912. This project was made possible through an heritage grant from Cardinia Shire and the generous support of a couple of St John's parishioners.

Photo: Taken during the fence construction.



NNG HISTORY GROUP

Next History Group Meeting:

Friday 5th April, 2024

Time of 2.30pm

(Back of the St John's Church, Main St, NNG)

Ambrose Byrne and his sisters Donna & Kerry will be our guests sharing the story of the Byrnes family at NNG.

Progress Association Bingo Duty:

27th June

29th August

31st October

If you can spare a few hours to lend a hand on one of the above dates, then let us know! We'd appreciate the help.

Money raised from bingo duty go towards projects that improve our town.

E: goonnews3812@gmail.com

NNG Progress Association Meeting:

7pm, Tuesday 23rd April

St John's Community Centre

(behind the Posh Op Shop)

8 Main Street, Nar Nar Goon

All Welcome!

GOON NEWS DEADLINES:

- Please email your articles / submissions by the end of the month or earlier.

Email: goonnews3812@gmail.com

Next Deadline will be the 31st March

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Rouse Family at Cora Lynn

By Heather Arnold harnold@dcsi.net.au

My great grandfather, James Rouse, took up 55 acres of land on Murray Road, Cora Lynn in 1903. He had been born in England in 1862 and came to Victoria with his brother Robert. In February 1892, he married Annie Glover of Clydebank (near Sale) and they had five children – Joe, my grandfather in 1892, Emily in 1893, Lucy in 1895 and Ruth in 1897 (who died at 6 months old in February 1898). In early December 1898, Annie was thrown from a buggy when the horse bolted and died two months later in February 1899. She was pregnant at the time of the accident and gave birth prematurely to little Annie, their fifth child, who lived only a few weeks.

When James moved to Cora Lynn on the Koo Wee Rup Swamp, Joe came with him, whilst the two girls Emily and Lucy, remained at Clydebank, looked after by Glover relatives.

The early days on the Koo Wee Rup Swamp were tough, because even though it had been drained, the land was still subject to regular floods. However, they built a house and a dairy and got on with it. In November 1922 Joe married Eva Weatherhead from North Tynong and they settled into the now enlarged house on Murray Road and James moved up to another property on Main Drain Road (where my dad, Frank, moved to in 1956 when he married my mother, Wendy Thewlis).

Joe and Eva had seven children of whom six survived to adulthood – Nancy, Florence, Dorothy, Jim, Frank, Daphne and Marion. The family farm, a dairy farm, like all family farms relied on the generally unpaid labour of family members and the children were expected to take part in the daily chores on the farm.

The family milked cows and separated the cream which they sold to the Drouin factory to make butter; the rest was fed to the pigs, which when they were fat enough were sold at the Dandenong Market. This wasn't especially profitable and around 1949 when Jim was 18 and Dad was 16, Jim got the family a milk contract. This meant they no longer had to separate the milk; it was sold as whole milk for the Melbourne market for a much higher price and thus the family income increased by 250 per cent. Jim had arranged the contract through Campbell Buchanan, of Cora Lynn, who was also the carrier.

When they got the milk contract the family began the change from Jersey cows, which produced less milk but more cream to Friesians, they were bigger cows, had less trouble calving and produced more milk.

However, this meant that they had to build a new cow shed. The original cow shed had been built by James, shortly after he took up the block in 1903. It had six single bails, 25-30 cows were milked daily by hand, before school and after school. Neighbours, including Joe Storey and Johnny King had milking machines. Maybe not everyone did but Dad feels fairly sure that they were the last dairy to become mechanised.

The new cow shed was built by Frank and Jim and, because of the conditions of the milk contract, the shed needed concrete floors and walls. For the concrete they needed sand, so they had to take the horses and dray up to the end of Dessent Road to the Main Drain. There was no levee bank then so they walked the horses, attached to a scoop,

down into the drain where they pulled the scoop along, filled it up with sand and pulled it up the bank where Dad and Jim shovelled it onto a flat section then later shovelled it all into the dray, which belonged to their neighbour the aforementioned Johnny King, take it home and shovel it out.

They had purchased a second hand 2hp Rosebery petrol engine which powered the concrete mixer, thus the floor and lower wall (five feet high) were built (using formwork, not bricks) and the rest of the walls were timber, with a corrugated iron roof. The dairy, connected by a 6 ft wide breezeway also needed to be concreted. Once the shed was built, Joe purchased a second hand Mitchell milking machine plant from a farm in Koo Wee Rup. It took 90 minutes to get to Koo Wee Rup with a wagon and three horses – then Frank and Jim had to take the plant apart, load them and then they had to put them back together and install the machines. The plant was powered by the Rosebery engine. After this, the family milked 45-50 cows. The Rouse family had four horses, which Dad describes as '3 reasonable and one mongrel' – the best two were called Ned and Rats.

Dad had been used to working with horses as when he was 15 he worked a team of horses for Sandy Priest who lived near Bayles. He used to plant crops, scuffle spuds etc. Sandy was also a top cattle breeder and often topped the sales at Newmarket. Dad was actually paid for this work which was a bonus as they never got paid at home. Sandy Priest, who lived somewhere on the Bayles-Longwarry Road had hundreds of acres, his land backed up to the Railway Line, but he lived in a small shed. His bed was two spud bags stretched over poles, there was a stove in the shed and a windmill outside which filled a trough for water. When Dad was about 16 he grew some spuds on Sandy's land and which he rented and then paid the rent in labour.

Around the time of the construction of the cow shed, Jim and Frank also began growing potatoes together. Initially, all the work was done by horses but it wasn't long before they purchased a brand new grey Fergie tractor - it was petrol, 16 hp and even though they were only aged 19 and 17, the Company financed them. Four years later, in 1955, they purchased 60 acres from Johnny King, in Sinclair (now Bennetts) Road at Cora Lynn. It was, we believe, about £6,000 but he allowed them to pay it back a certain amount per year – he had always been a good support to them. Jim and Frank milked cows for a year or two after that, then other family members took over and the Rouse dairy farming came to an end on June 22, 1960 when all the cattle and plant were sold at a clearing sale.

Jim and Frank then concentrated on growing potatoes, first in partnership and then separately, and were both well respected in the industry. Dad finally retired in 2007 after 57 years of potato growing. The original farm on Murray Road is still in the family, owned by my sister, Karen Rovers, and her husband Frank.

I wrote this from information from Dad; he was always interested in history and passed that love of history onto me. If you are interested, I have a blog where I write about all aspects of the history of the Koo Wee Rup Swamp <https://kooweerupswamphistory.blogspot.com/> I also have a bit of an obsession with Carlo Catani (1852-1918), Public Works Department Engineer who

rouse family at cora lynn cont...

worked on many projects including the drainage of the Koo Wee Rup Swamp from 1893. The town of Catani is named for him. I write about Carlo here <https://carlocatani.blogspot.com/>

Also I wrote about NNG soldiers on my blog <https://kooweerupswamphistory.blogspot.com/2022/01/nar-nar-goon-and-nar-nar-goon-north.html> I can reformat it for you into a Word Doc if you want to use it in the April edition to coincide with Anzac Day.

Photo: Lucy Rouse and niece Daphne Cora Lynn 1938



Photo: Joe Rouse and sons Jim and Frank Cora Lynn 1937



Photo: Eva Rouse and daughter Nancy Cora Lynn 1929



Photo: Rouse farm in 1928



Photo: J & F. Rouse display at the 1960 Royal Melbourne Show.



Photo: James Rouse, the man who first came to the Swamp!



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To view our complete Term 1 Program Guide visit www.outlookaust.org.au, drop in for a booklet or scan the QR code below. If you need some assistance, please don't hesitate to give us a call.



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Care Finder Program

This federally funded program provides free intensive support for vulnerable older members of our community in their endeavour to navigate and access the aged care system and support services.

Wednesday 20 March, 10.00am - 11.00am

Cost FREE

To be eligible to attend a person must be eligible for government funded aged care and have no carer or support person who can help/assist.

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All Together Choir

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Thursdays during school term, 10.30am - 12.00pm

Cost \$7 per session

Card Games Social Group

Exercise your brain and have some fun! Join others that love playing. This group is informal, friendly and non-competitive.

Every Tuesday, 1.00pm - 4.00pm

Cost \$5 per session

Scrabble

Do you like a bit of healthy competition? Join this friendly group and give your brain a good workout.

Every Monday (No session 11 March), 1.00pm - 4.00pm

Cost \$5 per session

Forget-Me-Not Café

This Café style program aims to bring together people living with dementia and their loved ones in Pakenham and surrounding areas. The Café is a nurturing space that offers enrichment, support and understanding, where you can share experiences with others living with the challenges of dementia. Come along and enjoy activities, entertainment and refreshments.

Tuesdays once per month during school term: next 19 March, 10.30am - 12.30pm

Cost FREE

Knit and Knatter

Learn how to knit or crochet. New and more experienced knitters welcome.

Saturday once per month during school term: next 16 March, 10.00am - 2.00pm

Cost \$5 per session

Women's Friendship Group for Over 60s

Enjoy a coffee and a chat and want to make friends? This friendly group comes together for activities, guest speakers and outings.

Tuesdays during school term, 10.00am - 12.00pm

Cost \$5 per session

(Some weeks the group is out so prior bookings are essential)

Men's Discussion Group for Over 60s - OM:NI

Meet for a coffee and a chat. Discuss issues of interest and concern, with plenty of laughs. Meet new people in a friendly welcoming atmosphere.

Cost \$5 per session

1st Wednesday of the month

6 March, 3 April, 7.00pm – 9.30pm

OR

2nd Wednesday of the month

13 March, 10 April

9.15am for a 9.30am start - 12.00pm

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Ridgelea - Stage 2, 3 & 4 Construction update

Like most developments the approval process has been farcical and carries potential for a complete series of Utopia, not just an episode. However, progress is being made.

- Stages 2 and 3 – underground services mostly complete. Recent setbacks due to completion of boundary works and VicRoads approvals. That aside, based on the current forecast, works on stages 2 & 3 will be complete ahead of the intersection. The intersection is the critical trigger for Title Registration.

- Stage 4 – bulk earthworks have re-commenced and are around 80% complete. Sewer and drainage to occur during March and April. Changes as a result of delayed ongoing comments from Council mean that civil works for Stage 4 have seen numerous revisions of documentation for approval resubmitted to council. Based on the current program, Stage 4 is expected to be completed in conjunction with the intersection.

- Stages 1 and 8 Botanical Boulevard – kerb and channel now commenced with underground services mostly complete. Road formation including footpaths and crossovers to commence.

- Intersection – since our October update below, the civil contract has made minimal progress to on the ground intersectional works. Whilst approvals are in place, the Christmas closure and local Big Build Construction Blitz has resulted in a failure to initiate the partial road closure required. The Governments Construction Blitz has placed a pause on private infrastructure works with the Princes Highway requiring unrestricted access during the Blitz. From

Monday 4th March, the partial road closure works can commence. We expect a significant amount of progress to occur after 4 March when the Government Blitz is completed.

We would anticipate Title Registration for stage 2, 3 and 4 into Q4 2024. Stage 6 and 9 remain around March 2025. We look forward to bringing you our next construction update soon.

Photos from the onsite camera: Most days, progress may appear slow however very rarely we see milestones like the photo's attached. Notably there has been a huge volume of below groundwork completed however it is fantastic when we start to see the roads and footpaths formed.

Parklea



Alarming

It seems that most residents of Nar Nar Goon have noticed the subtle sounds of an alarm. It seems the alarm does not care whether it is the middle of the day or 11:30pm at night. It also does not care if it wakes up sleeping babies or sets off a chorus of barking dogs. I can imagine the shrill sounds must be like fingernails on a chalkboard for them.

It has been a game of 'where am I?' Upon investigation, it turns out the alarm is from the recreation reserve. After a little bit of discussion on the Nar Nar Goon Noticeboard Facebook Page, it appears that the Cardinia Shire Council will be conducting some maintenance of this offending alarm so that all of us can once again sleep peacefully at night!



A Message From Vern Hughes

My name is Vern Hughes and I live in Tonimbuk. Like everyone else, I've had enough of driving over roads that are virtually undriveable. I've been here for 13 years and I look through the Shire of Cardinia newsletter when it comes and I think "Wow. Is there any issue or topic that the Council doesn't have a hand in?" No wonder road maintenance doesn't seem to be a priority – they have too many other priorities to fit it in.

Cardinia has a CEO and 25 Managers. It has "over 500 staff", according to its website. The Mayor is now paid \$126,958 and the Deputy Mayor \$63,842. They still call it an 'allowance' but the trend is towards a full-time salary. Cardinia is growing rapidly. Sure, part of that is population growth, but part of that is the steady growth in the number of services and projects it has a hand in. Some people say local government is the tier of government that is "closest to the people". That doesn't ring true to me. I would say it is the least accountable of our 3 tiers of government. It doesn't have reporters and researchers probing what it does. It pretty much does whatever it likes, however it likes, and not too many people will even notice.

It strikes me that as local governments have grown in size and scope, they have become captured by their managements. The managers think they run the show. Elected councillors seem to have very little control over what goes on. In the last 40 years, state and federal governments have outsource everything to external contractors, which includes local government (LG) because they think it is, yes, "closest to the community". In fact, LGs are just a different set of bureaucrats who seem just as set on 'empire building' as every other set of bureaucrats.

LGs are also too big now to be genuinely local. If we really want local communities to come together in practical ways to solve local problems and develop a stronger community life, then we would set up local units or precincts of 200 households within each LG area. This is regarded as being the optimal size if you want a local community to do things like support the frail elderly who are living at home, or actively reduce bushfire and flood risks, or organise local markets and community-swaps. Any bigger than this, and people leave it to the bureaucrats.

I'd like to connect with other people in Cardinia who are concerned about all this. I would really like to have a team of local candidates putting themselves forward in October this year in the council elections to wind back the managerial direction and revive local governance.

Who else is interested? I'm happy to get some people together for a discussion.

I've put these five points down as a basis for a shared agenda. If you agree with these five points, then drop me an email or give me a call.

A Common Agenda

1. The size and scope of LG should be reduced, with a focus on a limited number of basic functions.
2. LG rates should be significantly reduced in line with reduced LG functions.
3. The role of LG councillors is to represent the local interests of residents, not to represent the council to the residents, nor to represent external interests or ideologies.
4. Precincts of 200 households should be established within each LG area to enable a micro-level voice and organisational capacity for meeting local needs.
5. The trend towards payment of a salary for LG councillors and Mayors/Deputy Mayors should be curbed, with a return to a modest allowance for service to community.

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Save the date for 'Lunch with Lehmo' at Cardinia's Ageing Well Expo 2024!

Local seniors are in for a treat with a new Ageing Well Expo coming to the Cardinia Cultural Centre on Wednesday 8 May 2024. The Ageing Well Expo 2024 will be happening at the Cardinia Cultural Centre, Lakeside Boulevard, Pakenham from 10am to 2.30pm on Wednesday 8 May 2024. It will feature: Master of Ceremonies, Anthony "Lehmo" Lehmann, a well-known radio host and comic performer. A free, light lunch. This is a ticketed, free event and bookings are essential. Bookings open from 9am, Tuesday 12 March to 5pm, Tuesday 23 April, through the Cardinia Cultural Centre Box Office: Phone: 1300 887 624 Email: ccc@cardinia.vic.gov.au, Online: www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/ccc

Get excited for the Children's Clothing and Toy Swap!

Residents can refresh their children's wardrobe and toys for FREE at the upcoming Children's Clothing and Toy Swap event. Cardinia Shire Council has partnered with The Clothing Exchange, to provide an environmentally friendly way to help parents/guardians of children aged 3-8 years tackle how quickly they grow out of their clothes and toys. Parents/guardians simply need to bring up to 6 good-quality pre-washed items of clothing and/or 6 good-quality toys to the event. These are then traded in for tokens to use as 'currency' for other clothes and toys.

Event details: Date: Sunday 7 April, Time: 10am – 11:30am Location: Beaconsfield Community Complex (8 O'Neil Rd, Beaconsfield). To book your ticket and for more information, go to www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/wasteworkshops

Have your say on Cardinia's Environmentally Sustainable Development local policy

Planning schemes require changes over time to ensure that requirements continue to meet the needs of the local community, to achieve certain planning outcomes and to support new policies. Council is proposing to introduce an Environmentally Sustainable Development (ESD) local policy into the Cardinia Shire Planning Scheme, known as Amendment C278card. The amendment brings Cardinia Shire Council into alignment with 26 other councils who have an equivalent ESD local policy. More information on the planning scheme amendment at Council's website at www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay. Submissions on the planning scheme amendment must be received at Council by 5pm on Monday 8 April 2024.

Apply now for 2024 Community Leadership Program!

Applications are now open for Cardinia Shire Council's Community Leadership Program 2024. Now in its seventh year, the Community Leadership Program is designed to prepare participants for success in their community leadership roles. In 2024, the program will run from May to October 2024 and take up to 22 participants through a unique curriculum that will enable them to learn more

about themselves, others, and their community in their pursuit to lead more effectively. More information available on Council's website, including the FAQs, to ensure they are eligible and able to commit to the program requirements. Applications can be submitted online via the SmartyGrants platform until Sunday 7 April 2024. For all information and to apply, visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/leadershipprogram

Community satisfaction survey on Cardinia Shire Council services starting this week

Around 900 residents across Cardinia Shire will be surveyed to gain insight into the delivery of Cardinia Shire Council services and community needs, as part of the 2024 Community Satisfaction Survey. From Saturday 2 March, independent research company Metropolis Research will conduct the survey on Council's behalf. Over the coming weeks, field staff will undertake face-to-face surveys on Saturdays and Sundays from 10am to 5pm. Some residents may be contacted by phone to take part in the survey. Council will use the survey data to make improvements to the delivery of its services. For more information about Cardinia Shire Council's Community Satisfaction Survey, visit Council's website at www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/css. Please contact Council's Customer Support Team on 1300 787 624 with any questions regarding the survey. To provide general feedback to Council at any time, email mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au. To provide feedback to Council as part of a community consultation, visit the Creating Cardinia community engagement platform at www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay

Have your say on Council's free local immunisation sessions

Cardinia Shire residents are invited to give feedback on free immunisations sessions held locally and delivered by Cardinia Shire Council. The input received will be used to plan sessions for 2025. The consultation is open now and will close on Sunday 31 March at 5pm. Residents can respond by completing a short online survey on the Creating Cardinia consultation website at www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay. The survey includes questions about which factors are most important to current and potential users of the service – such as whether sessions are close to home, close to public transport, at locations that also host other services, or offer accessible parking. To take part in the consultation for Council's immunisation sessions visit the Creating Cardinia community engagement website at www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay. To find out more about Cardinia Shire Council's free immunisation sessions or to book a session online visit Council's website at www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/immunisations.

Kinder registration now free

It's now free for Cardinia Shire families to register their children for 3-year-old and 4-year-old community kindergarten via Council's registration portal. From 9 February 2024, the \$31 registration fee is no longer being charged, making kindergarten registration free for families. To register for 3-year-old and 4-year-old kindergarten, visit Council's online kindergarten portal at <https://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/kindergartenregistration>

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Ladies of the Swamp Charity Quilting Group

A bit about the group:

The group started in 2019 in response to the Bunyip/Tonimbuc bushfires. Over 100 quilts were donated to the fire relief for those in need of some comfort. Since then (even in the grips of covid), we have managed to distribute approximately 130 quilts; recipients being East Gippsland bushfire relief, Batemans Bay bushfire relief, a women's accomodation project in Morwell and more recently, some beautiful quilts to the elderly in the Koo Wee Rup nursing home.

The quilting group is self-funded and rely on donations of fabric and quilts (both tops and fully completed) to help continue our work. Estelle generously donates space in her backyard studio, supplies, endless tea and coffee and her love and support.

If you would like to join us, everyone is welcome. We meet at Craft Quarters in Koo Wee Rup on "Comfort Quilt Fridays" from 10am - 3pm.

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Mass - Every Sunday 11am

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Please refer to the Parish Bulletin which is available at the
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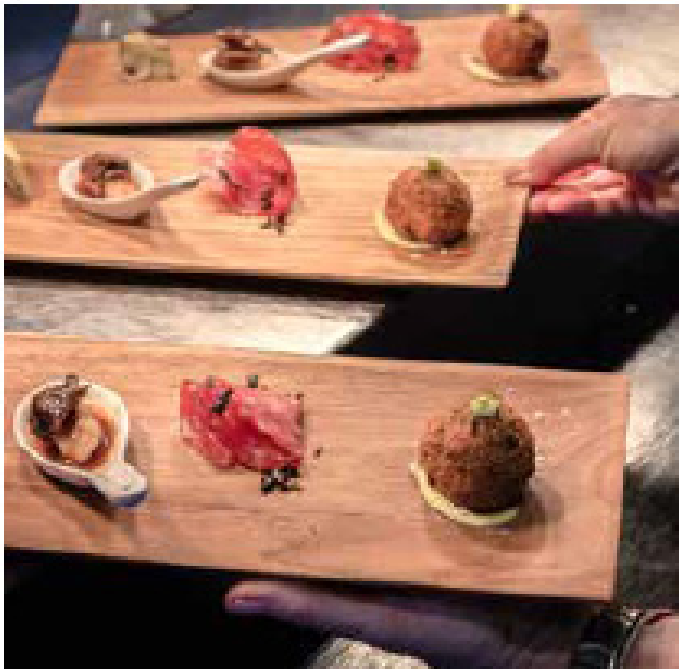



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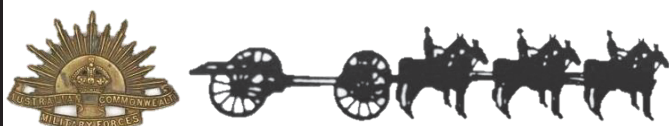
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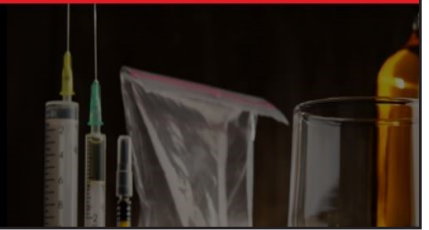
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April				104.20	88	(96.10)
May				109.60	90	100.40
June				93.40	80	81
July				44.80	50	33.20
August				62.80	60	50.50
September				74.60	56	52.20
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