

NAR NAR GOON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

THE GOON * NEWS



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Anzac Day

April once again brings the solemn but proud occasion of ANZAC Day, and in 2026 the Nar Nar Goon RSL prepares not only to host our annual Dawn Service for the local township, but to mark a very special milestone—the 80th Anniversary of the Nar Nar Goon RSL.

As we honour eight decades of service to our community, the Australian and New Zealand flags will fly in tribute to all who served and sacrificed at ANZAC Cove and across many conflicts since.

The Nar Nar Goon RSL warmly invites all members of the community to come together to honour the men and women who have served our nation, both at home and abroad. This year's service holds added significance as we reflect on 80 years of service, sacrifice, remembrance, and support for our veterans and their families in our wider community.

We welcome you to join our ANZAC Day Dawn Service on Saturday 25th April 2026, gathering at 5:45am for a 6:00am commencement. Please assemble at the Nar Nar Goon RSL Memorial Park, on the corner of Nar Nar Goon Road and Carney Street. Our local Nar Nar Goon CFA will be hosting their annual Gun Fire breakfast again and cadets will have donation tins available.

Parking will be available at the Nar Nar Goon Recreation Reserve and along Carney Street, and we kindly ask that the Memorial Park carpark be reserved for the elderly and those with limited mobility. Please

check the Nar Nar Goon RSL and Nar Nar Goon Community Facebook pages for updates as the day approaches.

In the lead-up to ANZAC Day, we encourage you to support our veterans by purchasing ANZAC Day badges, available at various locations in and around Nar Nar Goon, including Clough's Shell Service Station, The Eatery, and the Tynong and Maryknoll Post Offices. Drop by and visit the Air Force Cadets selling badges at Cardinia Coles on Saturday 18th April. Donations placed in our campaign tins help us continue supporting veterans and their families within our community.

We look forward to standing together once again, as a community, to commemorate this important day and to mark 80 years of the Nar Nar Goon RSL's enduring commitment to remembrance and service.

Lest We Forget

NNG Progress Association

Next Meeting:

Monday 20th April 2026

7:00pm,

St John's Community Room,
(Behind Posh Op Shop)

Main St Nar Nar Goon.

All Welcome!

GOON NEWS DEADLINES:

*Next Deadline for submissions will be the
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- ** Monday to Tuesday: ** 2 PM - 9 PM

- ** Wednesday to Sunday: ** 12 PM - 10 PM

**** 🍴 Meals Available (Wednesday to Sunday): ****

- ** Lunch: ** 12 PM - 2:30 PM

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**** 📶 Stay Connected: ****

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Easter Bingo

A big thank you to all that attended our Easter Bingo. An impressive turnout of approx 95 players! Great for bingo, great for the prize pool and great for the 9 clubs who share in the profits.

Lots of new players. Welcome. We hope to see you back again every week.

Big Bucks Jackpot was \$491. We don't want to dwell on what wasn't but this winner had 4 matching symbols. One symbol away from winning \$5,000! So close!

Last Jackpot \$1,000 won by Eleanor.

The Butcher with the Chef Meat Tray won by Melanie.

Thanks to Bek for buying the amazing raffle prizes - much appreciated.

Special shout out to Ray, our el presidente extraordinaire and Bingo Oracle. Not only does he do a power of work on Bingo nights, but he also does a massive amount of work behind the scenes. No Ray equals no bingo equals no important fundraising for the 9 clubs and groups. So a big THANK YOU to Ray!

See you all next week.
Another \$100 Fuel Voucher to win.

NAR NAR GOON

COMMUNITY CENTRE - SPENCER STREET, NAR NAR GOON
Every Thursday Night • Eyes Down 7.30pm • www.narnargoombingo.org.au

EVERY THURSDAY!
Community Hall, Nar Nar Goon (opposite primary school)

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY, COME AND HAVE A PLAY AND WIN !!

EYES DOWN at 7.30pm

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Books on sale from 6:30pm for the 1st session and 8.00pm for the 2nd / 3rd session / flyers

- **1st SESSION** (\$2 books)
- **2nd / 3rd SESSION** (\$4 books)
- **2 BINGO FLYERS** (\$1/\$2 Ducks, Big Bucks)
- **RAYS RAFFLES** (\$2 tickets)
- **1st Number-Last Number** (\$1 tickets)

(Win \$50 or a meat tray from The Butcher With The Chef)
(Win up to \$1000 JACKPOT in the last game)
(Win up to \$20,000 in linked Big Bucks bingo)
(Win \$100 bingo voucher last Thursday of the month)

Canteen available with complimentary tea/coffee/milo before last session. Cooled/heated venue. EFT available. Must be 18yrs or older. A Non Profit Organisation here all profits go to local clubs/organisations.

Any Questions call Sharon ph: 0417 446 840

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Test your smoke alarm when clocks wind back

Victoria's fire agencies are encouraging residents to test their smoke alarms when they wind their clocks back this Sunday, as data shows more than half of serious house fires start in the bedroom or living room.

Smoke alarms provide a vital early warning if a fire breaks out, but only when they are installed and working properly.

On average, 18 people die in preventable house fires in Victoria each year, with two in every three fatalities occurring in a bedroom or living area. Preventable fatalities are those that could have been avoided through safer practices, maintenance or education. CFA Acting Chief Officer Alen Slijepcevic AFSM said the figures are a timely reminder that in the event of a fire, every second counts.

"Using the end of daylight saving is a simple way to remember to check your smoke alarms are in working order as we head into the cooler months," Alen said. "Smoke alarms save lives and provide you and your family the opportunity to escape danger. Fires can engulf an entire room in just minutes, and smoke will not wake you up."

Alen said it was important not only to install smoke alarms in all bedrooms, living areas and hallways, but to test them regularly.

"To test your smoke alarm, simply press the 'test' button for about three seconds. If you don't hear three beeps, it's a clear sign the battery or the unit itself needs replacing," Alen said.

"All smoke alarms should be replaced after 10 years, and those with replaceable batteries should be changed annually."

Fire Rescue Victoria (FRV) Deputy Commissioner Community Safety and Operational Training Joshua Fischer said that testing your smoke alarm should be part of your annual Easter Sunday activities.

"Only working smoke alarms save lives, so taking a moment to crack open your Easter long-weekend by cleaning and testing your smoke alarm could be the most 'egg-cellent' fire safety step you take for your home," he said.

"There are plenty of smoke alarms available to suit every budget and living arrangement, and interconnected smoke alarms are a good option to ensure everyone in your home is alerted if a fire takes hold.

"It's essential to have working smoke alarms installed in your home, but it's just as important to give them a test regularly to make sure they continue to protect you, your loved ones, and your home - make no 'egg-scuses'."

When checking, installing, or replacing your smoke alarms, CFA and FRV recommend.

Smoke alarms should be installed in every bedroom and living area.

Smoke alarms must be located between each bedroom area and the rest of the house. Install a smoke alarm on each level of the house.

- Recommend the use of smoke alarms powered by a 10-year long-life battery. All smoke alarms should be replaced after 10 years.
- Smoke alarms should be interconnected, so that when any alarm activates, all smoke alarms will sound. Smoke alarms should be installed on the ceiling at least 30cm from the wall.
- Smoke alarms should be tested monthly. Press the test button until the alarm sounds. Smoke alarms should be cleaned with a vacuum cleaner at least once a year.
- Replaceable batteries in a smoke alarm need to be changed yearly.



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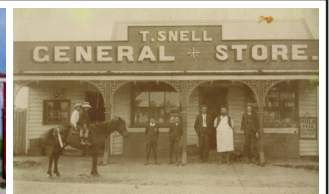
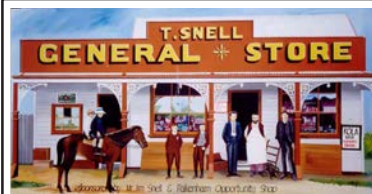


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includes tea, coffee, soft drinks
and a bottle of bubbly for mum!



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Mural Sponsorship

If you'd like to sponsor a mural, please get in touch. Your name will be immortalised on a plaque with the original sponsors as an acknowledgement of your contribution towards the upgrade. We'd love to see them re-furbished and looking their best again.

Our mural artist have two (shown above) that are being brought back to their original colourful life. Jump on board!

Email: nngprogress3812@gmail.com

Ron Metz

Article presented by NNG Football club on Facebook.

The NNGFC is deeply saddened by the loss of Past President, Life Member and long time staunch supporter, Ron Metz.

Ron first came to the club in the early 70s, the egg farmer from Maryknoll, wanting to get involved. He became the senior runner, and soon after joined the committee then went on to become President from 1977 to 1980, then again in 1984 to 1986.

Ron's proudest achievement was presiding over the 1980 Senior Premiership team. Ron was respected for his high standards on and off the field and was genuinely interested in the welfare of the Football Community he served.

After moving from Maryknoll to the city then to Inverloch, Ron always remained in close contact with the club, attending games when possible, and Life Member functions right up to the end of 2025.

Ron leaves behind his loving wife Edwina, and sons Stephen and Adam and their families. Our heartfelt thoughts are with the Metz family. RIP Ron.



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Goon All Stars

Congratulations to Abby, Chloe, Kelsey, Ash, Allie, Delynda, Lucy & Ava on their selection and jumper presentation for the Western All Stars. Special shout out to Allie - Captain of the 2026 Western All Stars Team.

Congratulations to Noah and Biley - representing NNGJFC in the U14.

Congratulations to Alexis, Lara and Jasmine who are representing Nar Nar Goon JFC in the Latrobe Dahlsens Gippsland All Stars.



NNG History Group

About 35 people enjoyed Michael O'Briens presentation about his life growing up in Ireland and then at 18 years old travelling to Australia for a new life adventure. When he arrived here, he took on work in jobs that he didn't think were in his skill set, such as learning to drive some big machinery both above and below ground around Melbourne. His life has been one very big adventure and the story will be shared in full by email to History Group members and in the Goon News over the coming weeks. Special mention must be made about the attendance today of Alan Bailey. Helen Tibballs kindly brought him along to surprise Michael and Mary. They were all neighbours on Seymour Road years ago. More importantly Alan turns 100 next month! If all goes to plan he will be our guest speaker in July.

Photo: Michael was accompanied by his wife Mary, son Andrew and grandson Patrick.



Thanks to Gerry Cunningham for his poem and to Carmel and Jan for the delicious home made afternoon tea.

Today's History Group was on the same day as Ron Métz funeral in Nar Nar Goon. Thoughts are with the Metz family. Many of our group went to both events. It's so good to get such great support.

*Sue Rose
Co ordinator NNG History Group*

The Anderson story was featured in the February issue of the Goon News. On the following two pages is the feature article which was run in the Pakenham Gazette on Wednesday 11 March 2026.

Next History Group Meeting:

Monday 27th April at 2pm

This meeting will be at:
St John's Community Centre
(behind the Posh Op Shop)

Guest Family:
The Noonans from Maryknoll.
Presented by:
Kerry Van Dieman & Paddy Noonan

NNG Progress Association

Next Meeting:
Monday 20th April 2026
7:00pm,
St John's Community Room,
(Behind Posh Op Shop)
Main St Nar Nar Goon.
All Welcome!

Thel's Biggest Morning Tea

Monday June 1st from 10:30 am at the
NNG Posh Op Shop Community Room



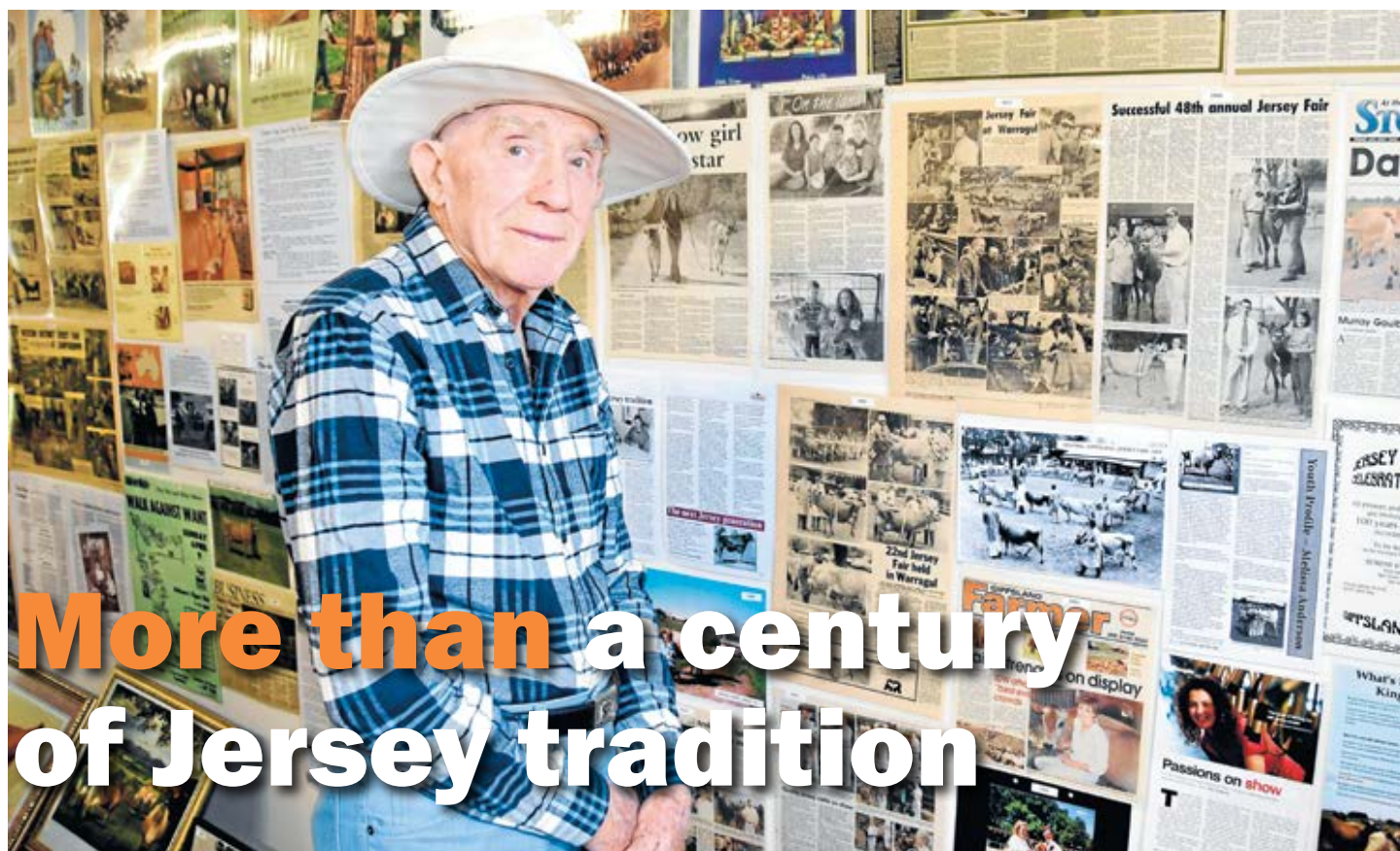
Fortnightly raffles from
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weekly raffles.
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Free sharing station for fruits
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You don't need to give to take, help yourself
to whatever you like and drop off whatever
surplus you have when you have it!

Located at Kindergarten entry.



John Jarrott was part of the Nar Nar Goon History Group looking at a display at the Anderson family property in Nar Nar Goon.

More than a century of Jersey tradition

A farm steeped in over 150 years of history, cultivating award-winning Jersey cattle that has appeared across print and television, the Anderson family has a rich story in the South East over generations. Recently, that history was on display for many locals at their Nar Nar Goon property.



The Andersons in Australia date back to 1851 and dairy has been an unbroken chain linking all generations.

On 23 February, the Nar Nar Goon History Group held a special meeting at their property with a display and presentation from the family.

Winsome Anderson, who is now in her 90th year, presented the family history, supported by her sons Lindsay and Ian, with contributions from the youngest son Robert.

Even if you are not familiar with the Andersons, there is a possibility you are familiar with their cows.

They exhibited their Jersey cattle for over a century at the Royal Melbourne Show where they won numerous categories over the years. These cows loved the camera too, appearing in print advertisements for Western Star butter to television ads for Nissan.

Their prizewinning cows have appeared on the ABC to Channel Nine, where they were once on *In Melbourne Tonight* alongside the late Bert Newton dressed as a milkmaid.

The Andersons have a strong and proud history, but they know their cows are the true stars of the show.

The presentation told of the beginning of the family in Australia, where they settled in Caulfield in May 1851.

In the now densely populated inner-city suburb, John and Margaret Anderson began their family with not much to their name off the boat and likely lived in a tent initially.

They ran a small dairy farm and market garden in Caulfield before the 1880s, where they bought three farms in Lyndhurst during the boom in the early part of that decade.

Lyndhurst of that time is now known as Cranbourne North, Hampton Park, Lynbrook and



Lindsay, Winsome and Ian Anderson. (Stewart Chambers: 534001)

Narre Warren South, and the Anderson family covered much of it.

Each farm was carved out and given to John's three sons, William, Joseph and Richard.

Joseph established his farm under the name "Kings Vale," which he ran from 1886 until he died in 1937.

The farm was passed to his son John, who continued the farm until 1947.

Two sons of John, Bert and yet another John, took cattle to the Royal Melbourne and for the ten years after the Second World War, the Kings Vale Jersey Stud was the most successful exhibitor for nine of those years.

Bert, who is the late husband of Winsome, held a record for 41 years consecutively exhibiting at the Royal Melbourne.

The brothers split the farm in the 60s where John kept the name Kings Vale, while Bert and Winsome developed their farm under the name "Kings View."

John and Bert died in the late 80s, Kings Vale passed to son David in Ripplebrook until his retirement in 2019 and Kings View passed to son Ian, who moved the farm to Nar Nar Goon in 1989 and maintains it to this day.

Winsome and Bert's eldest son Lindsay, started his own farm in Athlone in 1989 under the "Kings Vista."

The Andersons have dispersed far and wide from the days in Lyndhurst, but the tradition with Jersey remains strong.

Lindsay and his wife Jacinta's son Patrick began "Kings Veldt" Jersey Stud when he was just a

young teenager. Their Melissa established "West-ella" Jerseys, her son Austin has his Jersey Stud "King Starella," he is just 11-years-old.

Winsome and Bert's youngest son Robert, owns "Kings Ville" with his wife Kerrie, in Drouin West.

Their daughter Holly runs "Empire" Jersey stud. She garnered considerable attention in the farming community in 2024 after the then-teenager supplied her bull for artificial insemination (AI), no one could think of a younger cattle breeder who is in the AI game.

Jersey cows are more than a business for the Andersons; it is a tradition that stretches back more than a century. If a building had the same depth of history as the Andersons have with Jersey cattle, it would likely be heritage-listed.

Ian explained in the meeting that the family's farming spans 35 generations of Jersey cattle and counting.

The family received the Royal Agricultural Society's President's Medal in 1996, marking a century of participation at the showgrounds. Ian said that where there was a Royal Melbourne Show, there was an Anderson with their Jerseys.

For Winsome, it gives her immense pride to see her granddaughter Hanna and great-grandchildren Austin, Talia, Ashlyn and Henry continuing the tradition with Jerseys.

Winsome's home in Nar Nar Goon holds its own museum of old memorabilia and historic equipment from the family's farming, including the now antique cow bails and the milking machines from the old farm in Clyde.

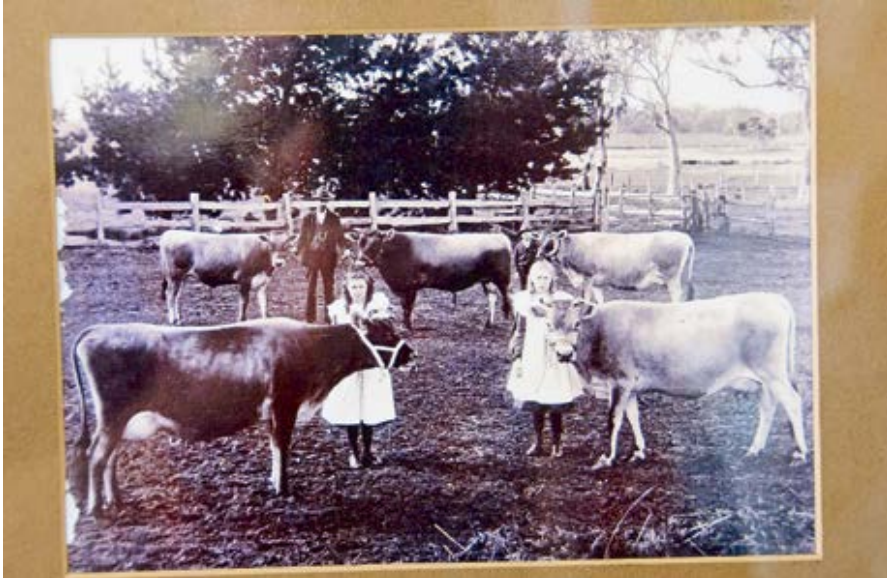
At 2024's International Dairy Week, Winsome was surprised to receive the Bette Hall Power of Women in Dairy Award, acknowledging her lifelong commitment to the land.

The Jersey tradition continues, Ian explained the change in breeding that has occurred in his lifetime and the many different tools that exist today.

After the talk, attendees enjoyed a walk through the museum.

Nar Nar Goon History Group thanked the Andersons for sharing their story.

The Gazette thanks Sue Rose for sharing a summary of the history and report on the presentation.



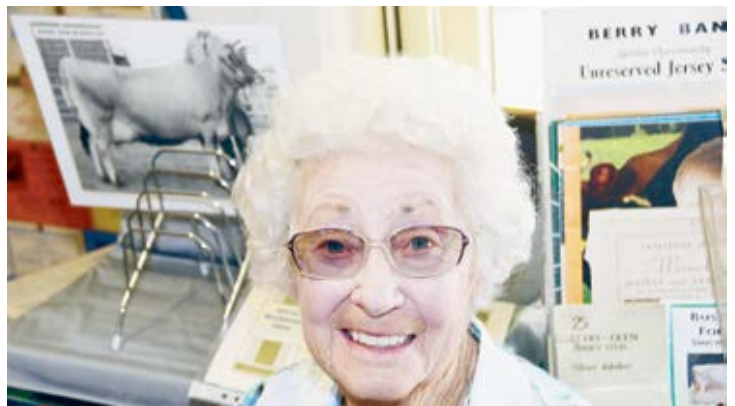
Old milking shed display.



Ambrose Byrne and June Reidy check out the history in the archive room.



Lindsay Anderson and Winsome Anderson.



Winsome Anderson.



Looking at old photos and news articles being passed around the room.



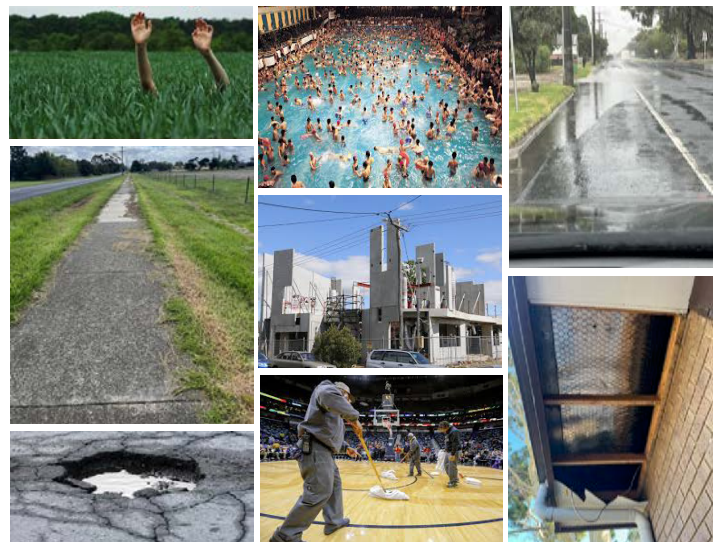
Listening to the Anderson family history with Jersey cows.



A total of \$32 million has been budgeted over the next four years to fully implement the upgrade of Council's business systems. We can't wait for the improved customer experience.

We don't exactly know where the 32 million dollars is coming from, but there will be signs...

Thank you to the Goon legend that mowed the long grass along the footpath between the pub and round about using your own fuel and equipment even while we are in a fuel crisis.



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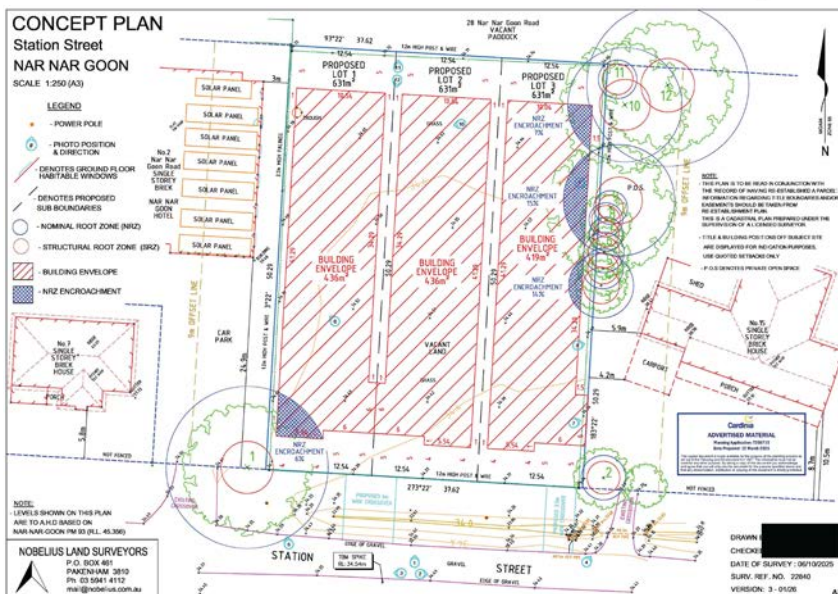
The latest sub-division application to hit the Goon.

<https://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/advertisedplanning-applications>

Notice of Application for a Planning Permit		Cardinia
The land affected by the application is located at:	V01320 P001 CA 3 SEC A Station Street, Nar Nar Goon VIC 3812	
The application is for a permit to:	Subdivision of the land into three (3) lots	
A permit is required under the following clauses of the planning scheme:	32.09-2 Subdivided land	
APPLICATION DETAILS		
The applicant for the permit is:	Nobelius Land Surveys	
Application number:	T250715	
You may look at the application and any documents that support the application at the office of the Responsible Authority: Cardinia Shire Council, 20 Selkirk Avenue, Officer 3809. This can be done during office hours and is free of charge. Documents can also be viewed on Council's website at www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/advertisedplanning-applications , or by viewing the QR code.		
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This application has not been decided. You can still make a submission before a decision has been made. The Responsible Authority will be advised of the submission by email.		
WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS?		
- As an applicant, you can: - ask the Responsible Authority to vary the permit - ask the Responsible Authority to refuse the permit - ask the Responsible Authority to refer the application to the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) - If you are not the applicant, you can: - ask the Responsible Authority to vary the permit - ask the Responsible Authority to refuse the permit - ask the Responsible Authority to refer the application to VCAT		
The Responsible Authority must make a decision on the application by the date of the application. The Responsible Authority may, at its discretion, extend the time for making a decision on the application.		



T250715 Subdivision of the land into three (3) lots Station Street, Nar Nar Goon 31 March 2026



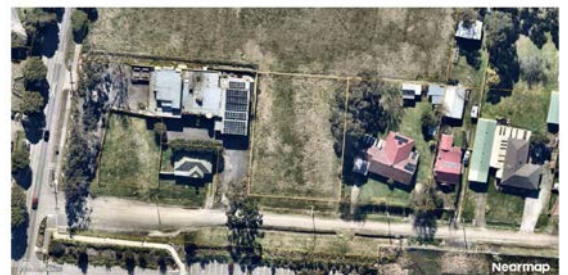
3. SUBJECT SITE AND SURROUNDING LOCALITY

SITE ANALYSIS

The subject land is formally described as Allotment A Section 3 Parish of Nar Nar Goon, with a street address of Station Street, Nar Nar Goon. The subject is a standard rectangular allotment with an area of 1,889m², frontage of 37.62m to Station Street to the south, and depth of 50.29m.

The land is vacant and grassed. The site boundaries are treated with post and wire fencing with a gate to the south-west of the Station Street frontage. No formal crossover to Station Street is constructed.

A recent aerial image identifying the subject site is provided below:



AERIAL IMAGE OF SUBJECT SITE (NEARMAP AUG 4, 2025)

A review of the Certificate of Title and plan does not identify any covenants or restrictions that prevent the proposal. An extract of TP551235J is provided below:

Bakery's Act Of Kindness

By Roman Kulkewycz

Photos by Roman Kulkewycz

The Bunyip Bakery has initiated a program to help people struggling in the local community. Bakery owners Coral Zitek and partner Dylan Fielder are giving away a free sandwich, or a loaf of bread or a bag of rolls to locals who may be struggling with the rising cost of living. Coral said that recently a customer came into the shop and mentioned that they couldn't afford to buy much that triggered the idea for her to help financially struggling customers. Coral and Dylan know what it's like to have little money "For many years we were one of those families living on "Struggle Street", wondering how we could afford the groceries for the week. Utilising pay later services, or trying to "bulk" simple meals, even at times not eating at all" said Coral.

"Last week we received a call from one of our local schools, advising that two students had no access to school lunches that week. Thanks to the kindness of everyone we are sending a care package off to the school to ensure they both have access to good food. We have approached some local schools to offer a "care package" for the school to distribute either to families or students who need help. That way families and/or students are being cared for.

We have also approached a local charity, and will have a conversation to see if we can team up and make a bigger impact utilising their knowledge and experience.

We will contact the local independent Living Retirement Village to see if we can bring a care packages to them to leave out for residents to utilise. As that is a great way to give help without taking away from their independence.

For those wondering what care packages will look like we are looking at fruit, tomatoes, bread, savoury items, rolls and other items depending on what is food safe to do."

Coral has made up "Gift of Food" vouchers to the value of \$4 for distribution. Customers when in the shop have been chipping in to help defray expenses.



Dylan said that little acts of kindness are infectious and make people aware that others may be struggling. "Hopefully with everyone's support, and our drive and passion we as community can help lessen food insecurity for the most vulnerable in our community

as everyone deserves access to nutritious food".

Photos below: Bunyip Bakery owners Coral Zitek and Dylan Fielder with the Salad Rolls and at the Salad Bar.



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Microsoft Office - Beginners

Build confidence with every click

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Take Control of Your Smartphone

Are you feeling overwhelmed? Make your phone simple, clear and easy to use. Many smartphones become cluttered with apps, alerts and settings that make them confusing to use. In this hands-on session: we will clean up your phone and remove apps you don't need, organise your home screen, adjust text and sound settings and reduce unnecessary notifications. By the end of the workshop your phone will feel simpler, calmer and much easier to enjoy every day.

Mondays commencing 11 May for 2 sessions, 9.30am - 11.30am. Cost: \$10

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Mondays fortnightly 13 & 27 April, 11 & 25 May, 15 June - 7pm - 8.30pm. Cost: \$75

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Volunteering Information Session

Have you ever thought about volunteering?

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Thursday 21 May, 11am - 12pm.

Cost: FREE



• Access free and confidential financial advice at Cardinia's Bring Your Bills Day

Following an overwhelmingly successful event in 2025, South East Community Links (SECL) is bringing its Bring Your Bills Day back to Pakenham this year.

Held at Pakenham Hall on Tuesday 21 April, from 10:30am to 3:00pm, the event invites community members to access free, confidential guidance and support to help navigate household bills and other financial pressures.

Attendees will have the opportunity to discuss a wide range of topics with SECL's dedicated financial counsellors, receive direct support with bills, fines, loans, mortgages, and utilities. Understand renters' and financial rights with expert advice and speak to banks, utility companies and Ombudsman services and legal support.

To support Cardinia's diverse community, bi-lingual staff and interpreters will be available on the day. Children's activities will also be provided to help families attend. Food and beverages will also be available.

No bookings are required. Residents are welcome to drop in at any time though wait times may apply.

For more information about Bring Your Bills Day:

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• Committee appointed to help shape Cardinia Shire's food and agribusiness future

Cardinia Shire Council has appointed 10 community representatives to its newly formed Food and Agribusiness Advisory Committee to help guide the future of the shire's food and agribusiness sector.

The committee members were officially appointed at the Council meeting on Monday 16 March and will work alongside Councillors David Nickell and Trudi Paton, as well as Council staff, to steer the committee and help strengthen the sector.

Committee members include: Emma Todaro, Bronwyn Koll, Tony Morgan, Dr Mary Cole, Robert Green, Frank Rovers, Lisa Magee, Greg Templeton, Simon Beard, Lauren Horwood

Opportunities identified through the audit, together with the Food and Agribusiness Advisory Committee, will help to inform the development of Cardinia Shire Council's new Food and Agribusiness Strategy, which is a key initiative of the new Council Plan 2025–29.

To view the Draft Agribusiness Audit Report, or for more information, please visit <https://creating.cardinia.vic.gov.au/agriculture-audit>

• Community invited to help protect Cardinia Shire's most significant trees

Cardinia Shire Council is inviting community members to nominate any tree that deserves recognition and protection through our Cardinia Planning Scheme.

Residents, community groups, property owners and

local organisations are encouraged to nominate any tree that plays an important role in shaping the identity and environment of our area.

Nominated trees can be located anywhere within the Shire, on public or private land in a garden, on a nature strip or in a public park.

Significant trees are those that receive a higher level of planning protection due to their size, age, rarity, ecological value, horticultural value or cultural and historical significance.

How to nominate a significant tree

We encourage you to first identify if the tree is already protected in the Cardinia Planning Scheme (via resources available on Creating Cardinia)

Consider the assessment criteria such as age, historical and horticultural value, location, size and historical significance.

Nominate a significant tree via the online Significant Tree Nomination Form.

If your nominated tree is declared significant and progresses to a future Planning Scheme Amendment, it could be protected by an appropriate planning overlay, such as a Heritage Overlay. Landowners will be consulted on any trees proposed for protection on their land. Any proposed buildings and works within the tree protection zone, or significant pruning, lopping or removal of significant trees, will require a planning permit.

Nominations are now open and can be submitted via Creating Cardinia, where residents will find assessment criteria and the online nomination form. Visit <https://creating.cardinia.vic.gov.au/Significant-trees>

• Council awards contract for upgrade of core business systems

Cardinia Shire Council is set to progress a significant transformation of its core business systems, awarding the contract for the software provider at the Council meeting on Monday 16 March.

Council has appointed TechnologyOne Ltd to upgrade its enterprise business systems used to deliver critical functions such as customer service, online customer portal, asset management, property rating, planning, local laws, records management, budgeting and staff management.

Cardinia Shire Mayor Councillor Brett Owen said a review of Council's existing enterprise business systems in 2024 identified a need to strengthen security, improve efficiency and address risks to support long-term sustainability and better meet the needs of a rapidly growing shire.

"The transformation of Council's business systems is essential to delivering modern, efficient and future ready services for our growing community," Mayor Owen said. "By replacing outdated systems with an integrated, cloud-based platform, Council will be able to streamline operations, improve the customer experience, strengthen cybersecurity, and provide the technological foundation needed for long-term organisational sustainability and to respond to legislative and service requirements."

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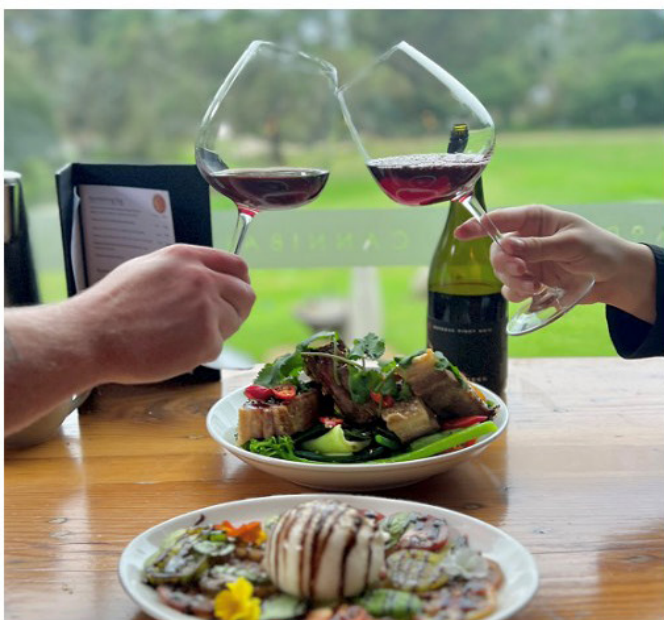
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- Next Meeting: **Apr 27**
- **Third Monday:** NNG Progress Association meet bi-monthly at the St John's Community Centre at 7pm
- Next meeting: **Apr 20, Jun 15, Aug 17, Oct 19**
- **First Tuesday:** Nar Nar Goon RSL Sub Branch meets monthly at the Community Centre.
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- Next meeting: **Contact Samantha for confirmed date**
- **Fourth Wednesday:** Pakenham Camera Club meets at the Community Centre of Meadowvale Retirement Village, Eagle Drive, Pakenham at 7.30pm
- Next meeting: **Apr 22, May 27, Jun 24, Jul 22**
- **Thursday:** For information on local Scout meetings, please contact Olive Elston, Ph: 0408 390 593.
- **Every Thursday night:** BINGO! at the Community Centre. Eyes down 7.30pm/8.00pm. Book sales 6:45pm
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Community Contact List

Organisations	Contact	Phone No.
Adult Riding Club	Kate Holmes	0412 992 850
Chairo School	Fiona Clacy	5942 5632
Community Hall	Cardinia Shire	1300 787 624
Cricket Club	Nick Mueller	0437 365 376
Fire Brigade - Captain	Justin Seddon	0402 763 663
Football Club	Andrew Rose secretary@narnargoonfc.com	
Kindergarten	Brooke Johnson	5942 1599
BC/AC Landcare Group	Kate Holmes	0412 992 850
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Nar Nar Goon Bingo	Sharon	0417 446 840
NNG History Group	Sue Rose	0421 514 607
Nar Nar Goon North Hall	Kaye Willis	5942 5411
Netball Club	Hanna Smith	0403 969 779
Pony Club	Kerry Harley	0407 646 092
Primary School	Jacqui Cutler	5942 5311
Recreation Reserve	Cardinia Shire	1300 787 624
R.S.L. - Secretary	Samantha O'Sullivan	0419 537 606
St. James School	Rebecca Roche	5942 5404
Scouts/Cubs	Olive Elston	0408 390 593
Vinnies Welfare Assistance Line	www.vinnies.org.au	1800 305 330

Please Note: Rainfall in parentheses are an average of the recorded amounts as recordings for these months were unable to be taken.

Month	Rainfall 2026			Rainfall 2025		
	Geoff L	Zoe	Geoff B	Geoff L	Zoe	Geoff B
January	8.80	(7.30)	5.80	60.60	41.00	36.00
February	79.60	65.00	76.00	67.60	54.00	77.40
March	101.60	74.00	83.20	72.20	55.00	54.00
April				36.00	35.00	44.00
May				36.40	31.00	20.00
June				74.00	55.00	50.20
July				113.00	91.00	79.20
August				53.60	(53.1)	52.60
September				76.20	55.00	55.80
October				112.80	99.00	100.20
November				227.20	209.00	242.60
December				52.80	26.00	49.40
Total	190.00	146.30	165.00	982.40	804.10	861.40



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- The Nar Nar Goon Fire Station. (24 hour accessible)
(- - Available during hours of operating - -)
- Nar Nar Goon Primary School. (school hours only)
- St James Primary School (school hours only)
- NNG Rec Reserve. (when rooms / reserve in use)
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