

NAR NAR GOON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

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NAR NAR GOON / MARYKNOLL

PREMIERS

2023/24 - Nar Nar Goon Maryknoll

Jordan Downes (c)

Russell Jackson

Alan Downes

Ryon Tocknell

Liam Hill

Seamus Hill

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Colin Medwin



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Dinner 5:30pm - 8:30pm
Take away available:

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6pm - Late

Check Facebook page
during covid restrictions



The Nar Nar Goon Hotel
The Doc Doherty Bar

Bunyip Police
5629 5205

Please ring 000 for immediate emergency assistance and attendance - 131444 for any other police assistance or reporting. Or contact the station via below details.

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Victoria Police Sergeant 26184
Bunyip Police Station
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Phone 5629 5205 Fax 56295 5999
BUNYIP-UNI-OIC@police.vic.gov.au
daniel.hower@police.vic.gov.au
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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

EVERY THURSDAY!!!

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
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Any Questions call Sharon ph: 0417 446 840

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Children's Face Painting and
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Lynette Lia

0411 241 849

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April brings another year of commemorating ANZAC Day and the Nar Nar Goon RSL begins to prepare for our Dawn Service for the local township. The poppies will be back in our Memorial Park, and we will once again fly both the Australian and New Zealand flags in respect of all soldiers who fought and died at ANZAC Cove.

The Nar Nar Goon RSL invites all locals to come together to honour those men and women who have served our great nation across many military campaigns both at home and overseas.

We welcome all to join our ANZAC Day Dawn Service on Thursday 25th April 2024, 5:45am for a 6.00 am start. Please assemble at the Nar Nar Goon RSL Memorial Park, corner of Nar Nar Goon Road & Carney Street.

Parking will be available at the Nar Nar Goon Recreation Reserve and further down on Carney Street. Please reserve use of the Memorial Park carpark for the elderly and disabled. Check the Nar Nar Goon RSL and Nar Nar Goon Community Facebook pages for updates as we draw closer to the date.

As we lead up to the day, we ask that you please consider supporting our veterans by purchasing ANZAC Day badges which are again available at a number of locations in and around Nar Nar Goon - including Clough's Shell Service Station, The Eatery, Tynong and Maryknoll Post Offices - or come see us at Coles Cardinia Lakes on the weekend prior to ANZAC Day with our local Air Force Cadets. Leaving a monetary donation in one of our campaign tins helps us help our veterans and families.

We also welcome any further donations of knitted poppies from members of our community - which can be a great school holiday project for many families or youth groups over the coming weeks. Please contact our Facebook page if you'd like to drop these in, or simply send us a note and add them to the Memorial Garden beds!

We look forward to Lighting up the Dawn with you all in person on this commemorative occasion at the end of the month.

Samantha O'Sullivan
Secretary - Nar Nar Goon RSL
secretary.narnaragoonrsl@gmail.com

A Pillar of the Community

(Pakenham Gazette: 11th April 2024)

William George 'Bill' Bickerton

14/11/1929 – 07/03/2024



Nar Nar Goon has lost one of its much-loved residents with the recent passing of William Bickerton at the age of 94.

Known to all as Bill, he was a familiar figure in the local community and a great supporter of local groups and events.

Bill Bickerton was born on 14 November 1929 in Geelong to William and Mary Bickerton.

He grew up at Rowville where the family milked Jersey cows and operated the Al Ville Jersey stud.

After the family moved to Hampton Park, Bill established his Central Park stud breeding Southdown sheep. It was with sheep that he became heavily involved with local agricultural shows and was most recognisable.

A stalwart of the showing movement, Bill was a Life Member of each of the Pakenham, Berwick, Bunyip and Dandenong agricultural societies. He was a regular sight in the sheep shed and was well-known to generations of sheep breeders for his involvement and the interest he showed in their progress.

In a lifetime of volunteering and showing, he also served as superintendent of the sheep competition at Pakenham Show and president of Bunyip Show.

It was his influence that saw both his nephew-in-law and great nephew follow him as a committee member of the Pakenham, Berwick and Bunyip agricultural societies.

bill bickerton cont...

Berwick Show past president John Tyrrell said he and Bill became close friends at local shows spanning back to the 1980s and always remembered his friendly demeanour and infectious smile.

"He helped anyone," he said.

"You couldn't have met a better bloke.

"I've never seen him argue with anyone."

Bill also quickly became a key figure in the Kooweerup Masonic Lodge, with lodge member David Bull describing him as a "true gentleman" and a "lovely, likeable fella" over their 45-year friendship.

"He never said a nasty word about anyone," he said.

"He endeared himself to everyone.

"We had many laughs together."

When he moved to Nar Nar Goon in the early 2000s, Bill adopted his new home town with zeal.

Although naturally a quiet character, he was eager to be involved in community groups including the Nar Nar Goon Progress Association, St John's Anglican Church and as a volunteer for the Posh Op Shop on Main Street.

Bill was known for his generosity with his time and his willingness to stop and chat with people.

His openness and honesty quickly endeared him to those around him and he counted many people, across a range of ages, as friends.

The joy he derived from others' successes was remarkable, and this made him an avid supporter of many.

More than 120 people attended Bill's funeral at St John's Anglican Church in Nar Nar Goon; so many that several chairs were needed outside to accommodate the crowd.

That stands as a telling measure of his impact and the affection in which he was held by a community he loved.

Pedal For Freedom

Goon local Matt Donker is embarking on a 1000+km bike ride this September to raise funds and awareness for the Mukti Australia charity.

This charity event will see cyclists riding from Sydney to Melbourne, down New South Wales' Sapphire Coast and across Victoria's Gippsland.

Cyclists will ride over 1000km and climb more than 11,000m in 9 days. Mukti help women and children in India and Sri Lanka by rescuing them from poverty, abuse and exploitation.

For more information and to sponsor Matt's ride, scan in the QR code and/or check out the website freedomride.com.au

May the tail winds be with you!



Debra

With reference to your articles: "Names Revealed", "Names Out for Paky East & "The Editors Desk" in last week's Pakenham Gazette; I hereby wish to congratulate all parties involved with the vigorous decision making process with recognising the outstanding contribution of all nominated women and their hard work, dedication and contribution to their respective interests and communities.

It is with heartfelt respect, adoration and tribute to a local woman from a strong farming family named Debra Bramley who this new suburb should be named in honour of. Debra Bramley was a local woman and community identity in the Nar Nar Goon/Pakenham East District for many years who is the most relevant and sensible option with historical significance to the geographical location of this developing land

than the other fine women nominated. With all due respect to the other nominees, I question the relevance and significance of their contribution to our local area. I note the other nominated women resided in Beaconsfield, Upper Beaconsfield and Pakenham- all great places however with nothing to do with the Nar Nar Goon or Pakenham East location. It's more sensible for these ladies names to be considered elsewhere (and more appropriate) developments in other Cardinia or Casey Growth corridor areas instead.

I urge all folk from the district, residents of the Cardinia Shire and any other passionate, interested party to please support and get behind this plight to lock in the name Debra for the new suburb proposed within our wonderful Cardinia Shire.

Mrs. Michelle Van Dord

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OLD TIME DANCE

Nar Nar Goon North

2nd Saturday of the month

8.00 til 11.30

\$8.50 admission
(includes supper)

5th Saturday if applicable

(ladies please bring a
plate of supper to share)



Live Music
3 piece band
All welcome



Nar Nar Goon North Hall
(cnr Dore & Bessie Creek Road)

Enquiries Phone Kaye 0407 343 754

Cardinia Shire's 2024

Ageing Well Expo!

Featuring...
"Lunch with Lehmo"



Residents aged 55 and up are invited to
Cardinia Shire's FREE Ageing Well Expo -
emceed by comedian Anthony "Lehmo"
Lehmann!

Come along for a free light lunch and...

- listen to guest speakers including falls expert Annette Biviano and mental health worker Kirsty Monahan
- hear from our multi-disciplined panel featuring a Q&A session
- raise awareness and understanding of key aspects that improve health and wellbeing
- discover local programs and services that support your physical and emotional health
- connect with other local seniors in our community and more!

Event details:

Wednesday 8 May,
10am – 2.30pm

Cardinia Cultural Centre,
Lakeside Boulevard, Pakenham

Bookings essential

Bookings open until
Tuesday 23 April through the
Cardinia Cultural Centre Box Office:



1300 887 624
ccc@cardinia.vic.gov.au
www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/ccc

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NNG History Group

Our April meeting was held on the 3rd April. A big thankyou to the 3 Byrnes family members: Ambrose, Sally & Donna for representing their family to share their memories of growing up at their family dairy farm on McCraw Road, Nar Nar Goon.

The stories about life on the farm in a family of 8 children (4 boys, 4 girls) were very entertaining and endless. Heading this great family were their parents Bernie and Phyllis (Pie) who were married for 56 years.

Bernie and Phyllis loved the stage and singing as did Bernie's sister Doss (Dore). The NNG community was the beneficiary of the entertainment provided by this talented team. Many locals will remember the ditties and the hilarious shows that were endlessly presented by the family.

A more detailed summary of life in the Byrnes family will be in the May Goon News.

26 people attended to hear about the Byrnes family contribution which spanned many years. Thanks to you all for such great support.

NNG History Group meets again on May 3rd, 2pm (note new start time) at St John's Church, Main St, Nar Nar Goon. All welcome - no need to register your attendance - just turn up. Feel free to bring along others too. Guest Speaker: Gerard Cunningham.

Gerard has a wealth of information about the Cunningham family and about the KWR swamp. Come along and listen to Gerard's very well researched and entertaining stories.

Sue Rose
Ph: 0421 514 607

NNG HISTORY GROUP

*Next History Group Meeting:
Friday 3rd May 2024
Time of 2pm*

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

Guest Speaker: Gerard Cunningham

Getting to know your Family History:

a series of talks on the third Thursday of the month, 2024.

Presented by

Jane Rivett-Carnac, President of the Narre Warren & District Family History Group and Heather Arnold, President of the Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society.

Venue: Berwick Pakenham Historical Society Museum
85 Princes Highway, Pakenham (enter via Service Road at James Street)

Talks run from 11.00am to 12 noon.

Programme:

- **February 15** ~ Beginning Family History
- **March 21** ~ Local History Societies, Royal Historical Society of Victoria and similar and how they can help with your family history
- **April 18** ~ Organising your Research and photographs
- **May 16** ~ Ancestry, Find My Past, Family Search and Legacy Family History databases
- **June 20** ~ The British in India; South African records
- **July 18** ~ New Zealand Records
- **August 15** ~ Women in your family tree
- **September 19** ~ Convicts and Exiles
- **October 17** ~ Crime and Punishment
- **November 21** ~ Military Records with a focus on World War Two

Gold coin donation appreciated. No bookings required.
More information - Jane 0412 084 671 or Heather 0407 521 637



Ladies of the Swamp Charity Quilting Group

The Ladies of the Swamp Charity Quilting 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. The group have also donated many quilts to the East Gippsland bushfire relief, Batemans Bay bushfire relief, a women's accommodation project in Morwell and also to the Koo Wee Rup nursing home.

The self-funded group 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.

For more information, please contact:
Lynne 0417 31 290 or Diane 0417 32 767



NNG Pony Club

February Rally

We had our biggest rally this month with 10 members attending, the first lesson concentrated on team riding. The children were learning to ride in pairs, keeping up with each other moving around the corners of the arenas.

Another exercise the children were riding towards each other, keeping a straight line to ride past each other, teaching them steering and rein control.

In the next lesson some children engaged in games, bending poles, picking up an object and taking it to another area in the arena, straight line riding between poles. Others worked on halting, moving on and their canter. After lunch the children engaged in some pole work and obstacles.





HOT SPOT - from your friendly fire brigade

If you live in a house with more than one level, it's best to install a smoke alarm on each of those levels. We recommend the use of smoke alarms powered by a 10-year lithium battery to ensure their longevity. Smoke alarms should be replaced or changed every 10 years. The end of daylight saving is a great time to replace your smoke alarms.



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

- Only working smoke alarms save lives.
 - The use of smoke alarms powered by a 10-year lithium battery.
 - Smoke alarms must be located between each bedroom area and the rest of the house.
 - Smoke alarms should be installed in every bedroom and living area.
 - Smoke alarms should be installed on the ceiling at least 30cm from the wall, or installed on the wall at least 30cm from the ceiling to avoid dead air space
 - Smoke alarms should be interconnected, so that when any alarm activates, all smoke alarms will sound.
 - Smoke alarms should be tested monthly by pressing the test button on the alarm and waiting for the test alarm to sound.
 - Smoke alarms should be cleaned with a vacuum cleaner or dusted at least once a year to remove particles that will affect smoke alarm performance.
 - Replaceable batteries in a smoke alarm need to be changed yearly.
 - Smoke alarms, including those attached to mains power, should be replaced every 10 years.
- For more information visit the CFA website and FRV website.

Fire Danger Period Restrictions are still in Force

Autumn is here, our weather is changing and our days are shorter and cooler, you can not conduct any burning off on your property without a permit from the CFA.

What does this mean?

Municipalities that reside within CFA's South East region:

- Baw Baw Shire Council
- Bass Coast Shire Council
- Cardinia Shire Council
- City of Casey
- East Gippsland Shire Council
- Frankston City Council
- Greater Dandenong Council
- Kingston City Council (CFA area)
- Latrobe City Council

As you prepare to change your clocks back, Victorian fire services want you to take the opportunity to check your smoke alarms and ensure they are in good working condition.

Only working smoke alarms save lives, and that is the message Country Fire Authority (CFA) and Fire Rescue Victoria (FRV) are telling all Victorians as the state turns its clocks back when Daylight Saving ends at 3am on Sunday 2 April.

To check your smoke alarm, press 'test' and wait for the beeping sound, then each month continue to test, vacuum, and dust your alarm to remove any particles that may affect its performance.

The best way to keep your family safe is to install interconnected smoke alarms, so that when any alarm activates, all smoke alarms will sound, allowing you to evacuate early.

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- Mornington Peninsula Shire
- South Gippsland Shire Council
- Wellington Shire Council
- French Island

You cannot light a fire including camp/burn off as they are legally restricted in the open air during this period. This also applies to tasks around your home like welding, grinding, or other jobs that involve heat or flame as these are prohibited unless you follow certain rules during this period. Find out what you can and can't do during the declared Fire Danger Period.

www.cfa.vic.gov.au for a full outline of restrictions and guidelines and to apply for a permit. Alternatively, Cardinia Shire Council can be contacted on 1300 787 624

Still considering if volunteering is for you?

For all enquiries,

Captain J.Seddon 0402 763 663

Recruitment/ 4th LT Dwayne Crerar 0490 554 298



Thelma from the Posh Op Shop is once again running a Biggest Morning Tea for cancer research.

Monday 3rd June at 10:30am

Save the date and support this great cause!

St John's Community Centre
(behind the Posh Op Shop),
8 Main Street, Nar Nar Goon

For more details contact Thel on 0400 546 676 or visit the St John's POSH Op Shop Facebook page.

Batteries and e-waste do not belong in the bin

Residents are being urged to keep their community safe by not putting batteries or e-waste in their household bins. E-waste is any item with a battery, cord or plug at the end of its useful life. This includes household batteries, battery-operated toys, vapes and e-cigarettes, devices, and appliances. E-waste has been banned from Victorian landfill since 2019, which means it cannot go in any household bins. Residents can correctly dispose of their e-waste for free by:

Booking a hard waste collection or by taking small household items such as batteries, laptops and mobile phones to any Council drop-off locations, major supermarkets, or Officeworks. For drop-off locations, go to www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/ewaste Dropping items off at a local transfer station. For a list of local facilities, visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/transferstations. For more information visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/ewaste. For more information about how to correctly dispose of other common household items, visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/atozwasteguide

NNG HISTORY GROUP

Next History Group Meeting:

Friday 3rd May 2024

Time of 2pm

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

Guest Speaker: Gerard Cunningham

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 30th April

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

The Great Naming Debate

There has been much interest around the naming of the Pakenham East Precinct as well as many suggestions. The area within the Pakenham East PSP is made up of three existing localities with two postcodes.

- Pakenham 3810
- Nar Nar Goon 3812
- Nar Nar Goon North 3812

Council wanted to avoid the naming process meaning that the existing localities and postcodes would remain. GNV did not support this proposal forcing Council to commence this process.

The Nar Nar Goon History Group put forward six local women as a starting point for Council with more suggestions from the community. The Council have released five names for consideration. It is worth noting that four out of the five names Council have registered with GNV are identities from Berwick, Beaconsfield and Officer with only one representing Nar Nar Goon.

The ultimate decision is governed by Geographic Names Victoria (GNV) who are the State Government body which oversees the naming and registration of roads, localities and feature in Victoria.

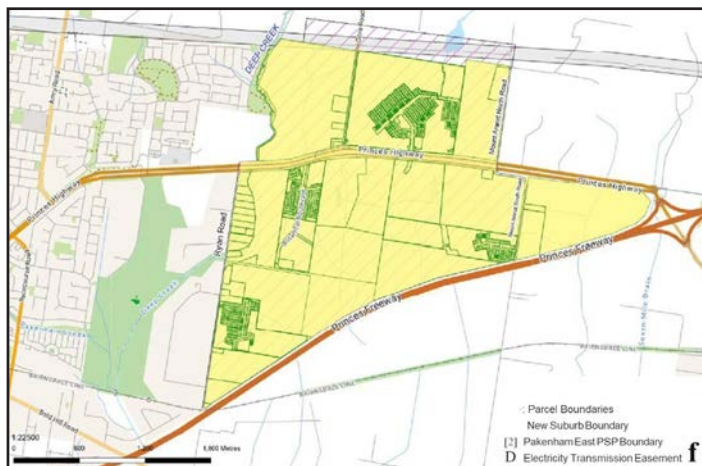


Diagram above: Suburb boundary

There have been many a burning question including those below (Taken from: *Ordinary Council Meeting 15 April 2024, Attachment 6.2.2.3*)

- Why can't Pakenham East or East Pakenham be used? Pakenham East or East Pakenham can not be used because it does not comply with GNV rules where directional names are to be avoided.
- Where can I register a complaint, if I don't agree with Council's decision?

If you do not agree with Council's decision on the suburb name any person, or organisation, can lodge an appeal with GNV. Details on how to lodge a submission to object can be found in Section 8 of the Naming Rules.

- Where will the boundaries of the new suburb fall? The Western boundary will begin from Ryan Road,

Pakenham. This will follow Ryan Road South to the Princes Freeway. The Southern boundary will then be established along the property lines adjacent to the Princess Freeway to where the Princess Freeway and Princess Highway meet. The Eastern boundary will follow the Princess Highway up to Mount Ararat North Road, where the boundary will continue North up Mount Ararat North Road. From the most Northern point of Mount Ararat North Road, the boundary will then follow selected property lines west to Deep Creek Road and follow Deep Creek south to the Princes Highway (*see diagram*).

Council will commence Community Engagement for a period of 5 weeks to seek feedback on the proposed names for the new suburb which are:

- Leila
- Gwyn
- Alice Park
- Beatrice Park
- Debra

The first most popular name following the engagement process be used for the new suburb and the second most popular name used to rename Mount Ararat South Road.

Leila:

Leila Keating was a suggested name from the Berwick Pakenham Historical Society. Leila attended Officer State School and was the first woman to complete a medical degree at Melbourne University. Leila was also the first female doctor to sign on to a cargo steamer travelling the world and became a world-wide and prominent Radio Therapist Specialist.

Alice Park:

Alice Henry was a suggested name from the Berwick Pakenham Historical Society. Alice grew up in Beaconsfield and became a prominent journalist and writer. She was active in the fight for women's equality and wage rights. She wrote for the Argus, an Australasian Newspaper and published two books.

Gwyn:

Gwyn Mapperson was suggested by the Berwick Pakenham Historical Society, Gwyn was from Beaconsfield Upper and was extremely active in the local community. She regularly volunteered at her children's school for stalls, fundraisers and soup days. Gwyn was extremely active at the Upper Beaconsfield RSL along with her husband and was a member for Legacy. Gwyn was passionate about supporting returned soldiers and families who were heavily affected by WWII during that time. In 1999 she was awarded a life membership to the Upper Beaconsfield RSL Subbranch. Gwynneth also worked fulltime during this period of all her

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contributions, raised a family and regularly cared for wildlife.

Beatrice Park:

Beatrice Thomas was suggested by the Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society. Beatrice was the first female Shire Secretary at the Shire of Berwick. Her appointment caused controversy as there were many who thought her role should have been given to a man. The RSL and Pakenham Upper Progress Association protested her appointment which was covered by local papers. Beatrice was also an inaugural member of the Historical Society of the Berwick Shire now known as the Berwick Pakenham Historical Society. The name Beatrice is duplicated and unable to be used. Lendlease have also agreed to the proposal of naming their proposed park in the PSP 'Beatrice Park' in recognition of Beatrice if this were the most popular name. This will then meet Principle C of the naming rules and link the name to place.

Debra:

Debra Bramely was suggested by the Nar Nar Goon Progress Association. Debra was a very active community member. With memberships at the Nar Nar Goon Progress Association as assistant secretary, member of the Pakenham Uniting Church and the newsletters weekly editor. She was part of the Nar

Nar Goon kinder committee and also editor of the Goon News, a community newsletter that is still published today.

The document released by Council can be found on the Cardinia Shire website, item 3:

https://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/meetings/meeting/229/council_meeting

The document also includes information regarding GNV with links explaining the naming rules.

Council is aiming to decide the new suburb name at its July Council Meeting. This will be a public meeting which people can attend in person or online. Following the Council decision, the name will need to be accepted and registered by GNV. It is expected that this will occur during July after the Council Meeting.

Correction:

Regarding "Names out for Paky East" article, Pakenham Gazette 10th April 2024, the proposed name Debra was incorrectly reported as being submitted by the Nar Nar Goon Progress Association. The submission was made by the Nar Nar Goon History Group.

Emergency Management Planning in Cardinia

Apply now to join the Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee for Cardinia Shire

The Cardinia Shire MEMPC is the peak planning body for emergency management within the Cardinia Shire municipal district. It is an official committee of Emergency Management Victoria. It is the forum for government and non-government agencies to develop policies, procedures, strategies and frameworks to support coordinated emergency management planning for the municipality. It's works helps our communities to prepare, response and recovery from emergencies.

Expressions of interest to join the committee as a community representative are now open. People from all backgrounds across the shire are invited apply to.

Visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/mempc to complete and return the Expression of Interest form by 30 April 2024.

Call Council on **1300 787 624** for more information or assistance completing the form.



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COMMUNITY CENTRE

Join us at Outlook Community Centre to learn, make friends, and have fun. Outlook Community Centre offers a wide variety of programs, so there is something for just about everyone. If you haven't already visited the Centre why not give us a try? If we can be any assistance to help you make a choice, please don't hesitate to contact us. The programs below are a small selection of what is available to you.

To view our complete Term 2 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.

HOW TO ENROL IN A PROGRAM

In Person: 24 Toomuc Valley Road, Pakenham

Online: www.outlookaust.org.au/book-online

Telephone: 03 5940 4728

Email: communitycentre@outlookaust.org.au

Payment: Credit Card - online, over the phone or in person
Cash, cheque or EFTPOS, PayPal or PayPal using a credit card for online bookings



Learn How to Save a Life

All ages and abilities are welcome

CPR/AED: Call push shock. Learn how you can save a life with this hands-on presentation from Ambulance Victoria.
Stroke Awareness: Act FAST! Stroke recognition and what to do about it. Learn how you can help someone having a stroke.

Tuesday 30 April, 10.00am – 12.00pm, Cost FREE

Introduction to Ukulele

A very simple instrument to learn - perfect for the lazy potential musician

No need for the ability to read music. A relaxed, happy group where we can sing and strum away, making magical music together. Bring a love of music, a sense of fun and a ukulele.

Fridays commencing 26 April for 9 sessions
12.30pm - 2.00pm, Cost \$58

Scrabble

Do you like a bit of healthy competition?

Join this friendly group and give your brain a good workout.

Every Monday (No session 1 April, 10 June)

1.00pm - 4.00pm, Cost \$5 per session

All Together Choir

Singing can improve health, happiness and confidence

Come and join our fun inclusive choir. If you enjoy singing and want to meet new people, then this is the group for you.

Thursdays commencing 18 April
for 10 sessions (No class 25 April)
10.30am - 12.00pm, Cost \$7 per session

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: 1 May, 5 June, 3 July

7.00pm – 9.30pm

OR

2nd Wednesday of the month: 8 May, 12 June, 10 July

9.15am for a 9.30am start - 12.00pm

Supported by COTA Victoria and OM:NI



Microsoft Office – Beginners

Learn the basics of Microsoft Office to aid in your work and personal life

The digital age is upon us so now is the time to embrace it and gain an understanding of Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Publisher, One Drive and more.

Mondays commencing 29 April for 7 sessions

(No session 27 May and 10 June)

1.00pm - 4.00pm, Cost \$50 (Includes course notes)

Employment Support Session for Women 50 - 70

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Council's free waste drop-off events are back for 2024!

Cardinia Shire Council's free waste events "Detox Your Home" and "DrumMuster" are back for 2024. Detox Your Home provides the community with a safe and easy way to dispose of unwanted common, toxic household chemicals without harming their health or the environment. This includes most chemicals used in the bathroom, laundry, kitchen, shed, garage or garden. Once dropped off, the collected chemicals are safely sorted and transported to a specialist waste treatment facility. Where possible, chemicals are recycled or used for other purposes such as energy recovery. Additionally, DrumMuster provides a recycling alternative for commercial and residential community members for eligible, cleaned AgVet chemical containers. Drummuster containers must be empty and have the Drummuster logo.

- Detox Your Home: Date: Saturday 20 April
Time: 9am - 2pm (You will need to register)
Location: Council Depot (18 Purton Road, Pakenham)
- DrumMuster: Date: Saturday 20 April
Time: 9am - 12pm (midday) (Registration not required)
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Contact Council prior to the event if you have more than 100 containers. Detox your Home events are delivered in partnership with Sustainability Victoria. Drummuster is funded by Agsafe and supported by Council. For more information and to register for Detox Your Home, visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/dropoff

Community invited to provide feedback on draft policy to reduce gambling harm

The community is invited to provide feedback on a draft document aimed at reducing gambling harm in the local community. Input provided will help shape the final version of Cardinia Shire Council's Gambling Harm Prevention and Minimisation Policy. This revised policy will replace the existing Responsible Gaming Policy.

The community is invited to view the policy and provide feedback via an online survey on Council's Creating Cardinia website (www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay) The feedback period opens on Tuesday 2 April 2024 and closes on Tuesday 30 April. Feedback on the draft policy can also be made via letter or email. Once community feedback on the draft policy is considered, the final version of the Gambling Harm Prevention and Minimisation Policy will be produced. The revised policy will take effect when it is adopted by Council at a Council Meeting later this year. If you or someone you know is impacted by gambling harm, contact Gamblers Help Southern for a free and confidential chat on 9575 5353 or visit www.gamblershelpsouthern.org.au Provide feedback on Cardinia Shire Council's draft Gambling Harm Prevention and Minimisation Policy Online: Complete the survey about responsible gambling and reducing gambling harm at www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay You can also send a written submission by email to mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au or by post to:

Responsible Gaming Policy review

Cardinia Shire Council

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This community consultation closes on Tuesday 30 April 2024.

Pakenham Tennis Club scores a new pavilion!

Cardinia Shire Council has today officially opened the new Pakenham Tennis Club Pavilion at Pakenham Regional Tennis Centre. The pavilion extension for the Pakenham Tennis Club, which began and completed construction 2023, includes a small kitchen, unisex toilet and a social space. Pakenham Regional Tennis Centre became home to Pakenham Tennis Club in October 2021, which shares the centre's vision of increasing local participation in tennis and attracting elite players from outside the municipality to train and compete within Cardinia Shire. The \$1 million extension project was fully funded by Council and follows the earlier construction of the Pakenham Regional Tennis Centre, which opened in 2009. Other facilities available at the Centre include 14 plexi-cushion and four synthetic grass, fully lit, tennis courts, a multi-purpose function room, kiosk, bar and change rooms. The entire facility is wheelchair friendly and has accessible bathrooms. Pakenham Regional Tennis Centre is located at 11 Webster Way, Pakenham. For more information about this major project and more across Cardinia Shire, visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/majorprojects. For more information about Pakenham Tennis Club, visit their website online at Tennis Australia's Pakenham Tennis Club website.

Bunyip Soccer Cricket field officially open

Cardinia Shire Council officially opened the Bunyip Soccer Cricket field, located at Bunyip Recreation Reserve. Works at the redeveloped field included:

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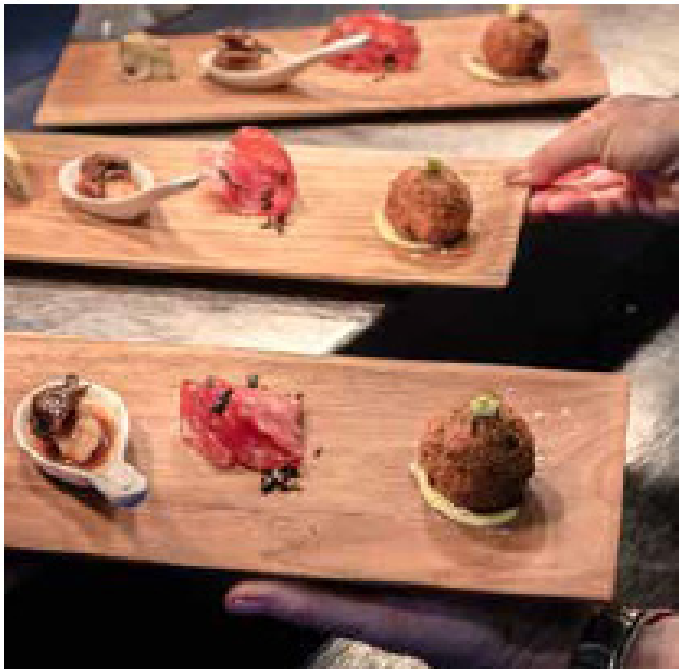


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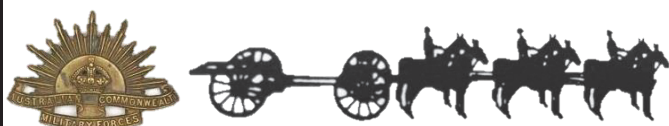
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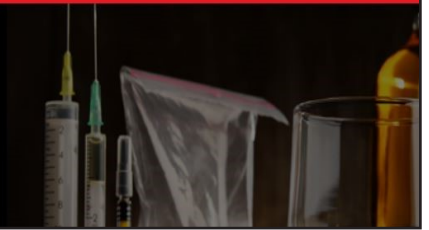
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- **Every Sunday morning:** CFA training
- **Every Monday evening:** CFA training / meetings
- **Third Monday:** Nar Nar Goon RSL Sub Branch meets at the Community Centre at 2pm
- Contact Samantha O'Sullivan on 0419 537 606
- Next meeting: **Apr 15, May 20, Jun 17, Jul 15**
- **Third Tuesday:** Pakenham Camera Club meets at Beaconhills College Senior Lecture Theatre at 7.30pm
- Next meeting: **Apr 16, May 21, Jun 18, Jul 16**
- **Fourth Tuesday:** NNG Progress Association meet bi-monthly at the St John's Community Centre at 7pm
- Next meeting: **Apr 23, Jun 25, Aug 27**
- **Tuesday fortnightly:** Euchre Club at Community Centre, 8pm
- Contact Jim Chatfield on 5942 5263
- Next meeting: **Apr 9, 23, May 7, 21, Jun 4, 18**
- **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.
- **Fourth Friday:** Acoustic Folk Music at St John's, 7.30pm. Contact Michael on 0408 357 669
- Next Meeting: **Apr 26, May 24, Jun 28, Jul 26**
- **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: **Apr 13, May 11, Jun 8 & 29, Jul 13**

CONTACT INDIVIDUAL CLUBS FOR DETAILS

Weekly Church Services:

- **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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Organisations	Contact	Phone No.
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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	Mick Keane	0418 570 176
Kindergarten	Brooke Johnson	5942 5287
BC/AC Landcare Group	Kate Holmes	0412 992 850
Local Councillor	Graeme Moore	0418 179 990
Nar Nar Goon Bingo	Sharon	0417 446 840
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

Rainfall 2024 / 2023

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

Month	Geoff L	Zoe	Geoff B	Geoff L	Zoe	Geoff B
January	154.80	120	144.60	52.60	41	(46.80)
February	25.8	22	26	47.80	44	(45.90)
March	13	7	10	84.60	69	(76.80)
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
October				154.4	98	122
November				96	104	(100)
December				163.4	128	138.8
Total	193.60	149	180.60	1088.2	908	804.90



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