

NAR NAR GOON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

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Thel's Biggest Morning Tea Raises \$2,200

Monday June 3rd at the St. John's Community Centre, Thelma and her very willing band of helpers organised a very successful Biggest Morning Tea raising \$2,200. Thel's tireless work organising the amazing Op Shop volunteers (her words) and gaining the support of so many people who donated food made the day so successful.

Local businesses who deserve great recognition for their generosity include the NNG butcher known as The Butcher with The Chef and also Sarah the new owner of the NNG Takeaway Shop. Sarah was up very early in the day to make many rounds of delicious sandwiches which she donated to the day.

Thelma put together many hampers of goodies which were raffle prizes. Door prizes, jelly bean in the jar guessing comp and a delicious meat tray donated by The Butcher with The Chef were included in the prizes.

Thel was really pleased with the attendance of over 50 people some of whom travelled a long distance to support the cancer fund raiser. As well as raising \$2,200 for cancer research, the fantastic community support for this event is a great outcome.

Thel's final comment on the success of the day is echoed through her words:

"Fun, food and lots of laughter!"



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

Email: goonnews3812@gmail.com

Next Deadline will be the 30th July

HELP! - Bingo Duty:

29th August, 31st October

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We'd appreciate the help.

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



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Graham 'G Train' Coombes

(Article from AFL Gippsland Facebook Page May 23)



This morning's Volunteer Thank You goes to @nngfc3812 Graham "G Train" Coombes.

G Train is the heart and soul of the Nar Nar Goon Coaching team. Graham was an integral part of the beginning of girls footy at NNG 3 years ago.

Graham has began with running the Auskick Centre, then moved to coaching at NNG for around the last 5 years. Graham is currently coaching the Under 10's, 14's mixed team in the @westgippslandjfc and the Youth Girls this season. Graham also works closely with our G&G Football insights that are in place at NNG to support our coaches.

He is passionate about training and making it inclusive and most of all fun. He is a fan favourite with all parents and players!

Thank you G Train!

NNG Progress Association Meeting:

7pm, Tuesday 27th August

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

All Welcome!



NNG Bingo - Helping the Community!

Nar Nar Goon Bingo gives back to the community. All proceeds of our 100% voluntary organisation goes to support various groups in our small town.

Nar Nar Goon Pony club is using their donation to provide new experiences for the kids, such as days out team penning (working cattle) going to mosquito creek in Loch for a unique training experience and purchasing some obstacles for the pony club.

Nar Nar Goon Primary School is using their donation to revamp outdoor spaces for the students.

Nar Nar Goon Kinder are putting the donation towards incursions for the year and a new mud kitchen.

Nar Nar Goon Football club is using their donation to upgrade the scoreboard at the ground - great for all to keep up to date and celebrate their on field success.

St James Catholic School is using their donation from Bingo to upgrade their basketball backboard and nets for the students to enjoy.

Nar Nar Goon Netball Club used their donation to buy an eftpos machine for their club - so important for maintaining payments to the Club.

The Fire Brigade has spent the money on new ropes for the rope rescue gear and some new branches for the end of the hoses.

The Progress Association are using the donations from Bingo for many projects including the Eddie Lowen Park Memorial Garden and financially assisting the Nar Nar Goon History Group.

The Cricket club plan to use the funds towards developing their junior program. This will include equipment and training clinics.

See you at Bingo this week to support our groups.



HOT SPOT - from your friendly fire brigade

Our days have cooled down Our homes are heating up

Winter is the peak time for heater fires, we at the beginning of winter and the days have started to get really cold and nights frosty and with people and children indoors during this time, it's more important than ever to follow some basic fire safety tips.

- Never leave portable heaters and fireplaces unattended; turn off heaters and make sure fireplace embers are extinguished before leaving the room.
- Turn off all heating and extinguish open fires before going to sleep.
- Drying clothes and other items must be kept at least one metre away from all heating.
- Children must be supervised near all types of heating. Ensure a safe distance is maintained between children and heating.
- Always use a fire screen in front of an open fire.
- Keep wood and other combustibles at least one metre from a fire.

All residents should also have gas heaters inspected and serviced every two years to ensure the safety of loved ones from carbon monoxide poisoning or fire.

To reduce the risk of fire starting from your fireplace or wood heater you should:

- Use a torch to check for creosote build-up or obstructions.
- Have your chimney professionally cleaned annually
- Only burn dry, clean wood
- Extinguish your fire before going to bed or leaving the house

Over time there could be a build-up of creosote, a black tar-like residue, which is highly flammable and could clog up chimneys.

Creosote is not only caused by general use, but it can also build up quicker if you are using incorrect fuels, such as green wood or treated timbers.

Each year CFA sees an increase in the number of chimney fires from both fireplaces and wood heaters. Let's all do our part in keeping our homes safe over the cooler months.

Other heating methods

Electric blankets are a great way to make our beds toasty and warm on those cold winter nights, turn electric blankets on 30 minutes before getting into bed and turn off as you get into bed. Keep electric blankets flat with controls at the side of the bed and regularly check for broken or exposed wiring. Finally, never consume liquid in bed whilst the electric blanket is on as this could lead to electrocution.

Heat bags are widely available to purchase and are filled with a variety of different things from wheat, rice, millet, lavender etc and are used to ease sore muscles and for warming us up on those cold days and nights. Only use the heat bag to the manufacturer's directions, especial if purchased in a child's teddy and never use a bed warmer as they can over heat and cause a fire.

Kindly reminder – Smoke alarms save lives and need to be in good working order. Batteries should have been replaced at the end of daylight savings.

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(ladies please bring a
plate of supper to share)



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Nar Nar Goon North Hall
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Enquiries Phone Kaye 0407 343 754

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 accomodation 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 History Group

The Cunninghams of NNG and District

Written by Gerard Cunningham after presenting to the NNG History group in May 2024

Images of Gerry Cunningham over the years.

The Kennelly Family presented on Friday 31st May. This meeting on the last day of May was another "corker" with 28 people attending.

Welcome to the new faces including:

Ros Kennelly, Veronica Quigley, Martina Kooloos, Isabelle Dean, Lorraine McArthur, Leo Kennelly, Dan Kennelly and Leslie Southon.

Many thanks to Carmel, Bet, Dan and Leo for the great presentation about the Kennelly family history. Also thanks to Rita and Ros who both married into the Kennelly family and came along to support the family.

The Kennellys were all very well researched each taking a section of the family story. There were some very funny moments in the delivery which hopefully might come through in the write up for a future Goon News.

It was so good to hear about their years growing up in the Goon and all the family connections - many of whom were present at the meeting. The lasting message coming from the presentation was that "community" is so valuable and so many of the stories shared were about the strength and support of the Nar Nar Goon community.

Thanks again to Cathy for the use of the Church.

NNG HISTORY GROUP

Next History Group Meeting:

Friday 28th June 2024

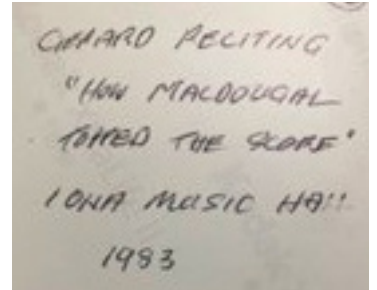
Time of 2pm

**St John's Church, Main St, NNG
(In the main Church)**

Guest Speaker: Gerard Cunningham

Topic: The Koo Wee Rup swamp - Gerard did his thesis on the Swamp. No doubt there will be many gems of information in his delivery.

All welcome - just turn up.



Thomas Cunningham emigrated from County Clare, Ireland in 1856. On arrival in Australia, Thomas worked in Gold Mining at Invermay on the outskirts of Ballarat. In 1861, Thomas married Margaret Burke who was 19 years old. The couple were to have 12 children - 6 girls and 6 boys. They set up a farm of 60 acres in Ormond, (Springbank), on the outskirts of Ballarat. They grew potatoes and oaten hay which was made into chaff. The two eldest sons, Matt and Ned took up tenant farms on land owned by the Chirnside family at Werribee South.

From 1892 onwards, the Public Works Department from Melbourne set up an elaborate plan to drain and settle the Koo Wee Rup swamp. There was a severe economic depression in Melbourne and many unemployed working class people were offered 20 acre blocks on the swamp which they had to clear. They were kept alive by working on digging the drains by hand which in turn connected to the main drain. After 10 years of this very ambitious plan to settle people on 20 acres of drained swamp, the engineer in charge, Carlo Catani, eventually accepted that 20 acres was not enough to make a living.

The area of the swamp as yet uncleared was opened up for selection and purchase of blocks in 1901, ranging from 60 to 120 acres. Paddy Cunningham,

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younger brother of Matt and Ned took up one of these blocks in 1903 on the corner of the 11 Mile and 9 Mile drains. Paddy had previously been working as a farm labourer in the Springbowe area. Paddy's older brother Tom who had been gold mining in WA, took up another 120 acres next to Paddy on the Nine Mile Road. The brothers worked together on clearing their blocks.

About 1907, Paddy and Tom took up another block on Daly Road, just off the 9 Mile Road, in the name of their father Thomas. The family had been living at Werribee where Tom (Senior) had the job of being Caretaker of the Werribee Racecourse. Tom (Senior's) wife Margaret had come to Daly Road with their 3 younger daughters, Julia, Kit (Catherine) and Ellen (Nell) and their youngest son James (Jim). An elder daughter Margaret who was a widow with one daughter had come to NNG with her parents at the same time.

One of the Bunyip South (Iona) settlers, Michael Scanlon, had left his block at Iona and was now running a Butcher shop from Tynong. He teamed up with Margaret McCarthy (Cunningham) in 1912 and they went onto have 6 children.

When my brother Barry and I compiled the list of descendants of Mathew and Margaret in 2002, the Scanlon line had the greatest number of descendants. About 1915, Tom junior who now had 10 children swapped his block on the 9 Mile Road for a block next door to his parents on Daly Road. His original block on the 9 Mile was taken over by Michael and Margaret Scanlon.

Meanwhile eldest son Mathew who had been tenant farming for the Chirnsides' at Werribee decided to join the family in the NNG district in 1913 by purchasing a property of 120 acres on the 8 Mile Road. They came with 10 children – Mary, Julia, Joseph, Agnes, Thomas, Mathew, John, Vince, Daniel and Bridget. They called the property "Iona Vale". The property had been pioneered by the Stribling family who had the store in NNG. The original homestead still remains having been beautifully restored by its present owner Trevor Parker.

A further 3 blocks were added to the original purchase by Mathew and Margaret. "Fergusons" on the southern corner of the Convent School Road, "Denman's" on the northern corner of the 8 Mile Road and Convent Road and the "Costellos" on the eastern side of the 8 Mile Road.

With so many children belonging to the Cunningham and related families around the 8 and 9 Mile Roads, a Convent Catholic School was required. Under the leadership of Matt Cunningham and Michael Scanlon, a Catholic school – St Josephs, Cora Lynn was opened in 1918 in Convent school Road. The building still

stands and is now owned and occupied by Ambrose Byrne, the son of the famous Goon residents Bernie and Phyllis Byrne of "Creekside", Nar Nar Goon South.

From this point, I shall concentrate on the family of Matt and Margaret. "Iona Vale" on the 8 Mile Road and their children and grand children. Of the 10 children, only 3 of the boys married.

Two of the daughters of Matt and Margaret – Julie and Bridget - became Nuns with the Sisters of St Joseph. They spent the next 50 plus years teaching in Catholic schools all over Victoria.

Joe married Rita Finnigan from Cora Lynn. They had 2 children, Matt and Veronica. Joe died very young in 1941.

Tom "Pompey" Cunningham married Winnie O'Donoghue from Dunnstown near Ballarat. They had 6 children – Maureen, Barry, John (Jack), Gerard, Patricia and Gregory.

Dan Cunningham married Bridie McGrath from Nar Nar Goon. They had nine children: Phonse, Bryan, Peter, Maree, Dan, John, Carmel, Pauline and Bernard. Dan was the businessman of the family. In the 1940s, he and Bridie set up a carrying business based in NNG. Milk cartage in cans to the Bayles factory was the mainstay of the business plus the cartage of potatoes and other farm supplies around the Nar Nar Goon district.

Dan employed Bob McKenna. Bob was an orphan who came to the Cunningham family on a holiday from the orphanage at age 14 and never left the family. Bob married Edna Thorn from NNG. Dan also employed Edna's brother Ted and Bridie's brother in law, Bill Doherty. As well as the carrying business, Dan also farmed at first on the 8 Mile Road and then on a bigger farm "Melrose" on the 7 Mile Road. As well as all of the above, Dan acted as the selling agent for many of the potato farmers on the swamp.

For the male members of the family, football was the sport of choice. All 6 sons of Matt and Margaret played for the Nar Nar Goon and the Nar Nar Goon/Iona successful teams during the 1920s and 30s.

Joe and Dan were both captains of a couple of those teams.

Pompey was one of the star players. He continued to play with Nar Nar Goon until he was 44 years old!!!

At the time, good players of country football would be recruited by VFL teams to bolster their numbers. As a consequence Pompey played a couple of games for Richmond in the early 30s and a couple of games for St Kilda a few years later. Dan played a couple of games for Melbourne. One would have to ask why they didn't go on? Perhaps they weren't good enough!!!

The next generation produced a couple of VFL players. Of Matt and Margaret's 10 children, their son Joe was the father of Matt the third, who was a

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star player for Nar Nar Goon in the early 1950s. In 1954 he won the Clancy medal for the Best and Fairest in the Gippsland League. He was recruited by Fitzroy in the VFL in 1956 and played 3 seasons there before returning to play with Cora Lynn. Pompey's eldest Barry, was on the list at Collingwood as a 16 year old but returned to play for the Goon. As a 21 year old he was appointed playing/coach of Nar Nar Goon and led them to be runners up, losing the Grand Final to Pakenham.

Phonse Cunningham (Dan's eldest) played in the 1965 Nar Nar Goon premiership coached by Billy Drake from Pakenham.

Tom (Pompey's) second son John (Jack) was part of Hawthorn's 1961 first VFL Premiership team.

Barry also coached at Lang Lang and Cora Lynn before returning to the Goon to play for them in the 1970 Premiership team. Four Cunninghams – Barry, John, Dan and Gerard played in the 1970 premiership team at Nar Nar Goon.

1970 NNG Premiership Footy Photo with four Cunninghams in the Team.



Back Row (LtoR): Frank Handley, Vic McGrath, Jim Dore, John Cunningham, Ron McQualter, Danny Cunningham, John Stratton, Wayne Page.

Second Row: Jack O'Toole (selector), Gerard Haddrick, Robert Harrop, Pat Dore, Geoff Dore, Des McGrath, Bruce Templeton, John Byrne, Jack Bentley (selector).

Third Row: Les Fleming, Les North (assistant secretary), Ray Christie (captain coach), Wally Cowell (president), Barry Cunningham (vice captain), George McGrath (treasurer), Mick Russo.

Front Row: Cecil Andrews, Gerard Cunningham, Ray McGrath, Phil Harrop.

Inset: Charlie Abrehart (secretary).

On the girls side, netball featured strongly. Pompey's second daughter Patricia (Patsy) had a long and successful career playing NNG. Dan's wife Bridie one of the original organisers of the West Gippsland Basketball (Netball) Association in the early 1950s. Political involvement at both a Local and a Federal level was a feature of the family over the years. Matt from "Iona Vale" was a Councilor for the Berwick Shire from 1918 to 1932. His son Dan, took up that role at the Berwick Shire 1960 to 1980. Pompey's eldest son Barry was elected to the Federal seat of McMillan (now Monash) in 1980. It was most unusual for a famer to be elected for the Labor Party. Barry had inherited his support for Labor from his father who stuck with Labor when most of his religious connections and relations had gone over to the DLP and eventually finished up with the Liberals. He also had loyalty to Ned Hogan, a cousin on his mother's side who was Labor Premier of Victoria in the 1930s. Barry was a great supporter and friend of Bob Hawke and ended up Chief Government Whip in the Hawke Government. Barry held the seat for 13 years until he was defeated in 2013.

Thanks so much to Gerard Cunningham for sharing his family story with the NNG History Group on Friday May 3rd 2024. He then took the time to hand write this story. It's been typed to avoid any mis interpretation of the cursive hand written word.

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



MEDIA RELEASE - 14 May 2024

Community insight helps protect against bushfire injury and loss of life

Residents affected by the 2019 Bunyip Complex bushfire highlighted the importance of bushfire maps showing users their location in relation to a fire risk, while clearly communicating critical information such as direction of fire spread to ensure emergency information is easily understood and followed by communities under threat.

Findings from this project will be presented to researchers and emergency service representatives at the Natural Hazards Research Forum 2024 in Adelaide this week.

The research, conducted by Natural Hazards Research Australia, RMIT University, the Country Fire Authority (CFA) and the Victorian Department of Education, collated feedback from residents impacted in the 2019 Bunyip Complex bushfire, covering the Bunyip, Bunyip North, Maryknoll, Gembrook, Garfield, Garfield North, Nar Nar-Goon, Tonimbuk and surrounding areas. Similar studies took place in the Australian Capital Territory (southern Canberra and southern ACT), New South Wales (Snowy Monaro region) and Tasmania (Huon Valley) to better understand how bushfire maps can better communicate risk during active bushfires.

"When bushfire maps help people understand their location in relation to the bushfire risk, as well as other important information including direction of the fire spread and the location of the fire front, they are empowered to make the best protective action decisions for themselves and their loved ones," Dr Kuligowski says.

Bushfire and other real time weather and hazard tracking maps, including those created by local fire and emergency management agencies, the Bureau of Meteorology, Google or third-party weather or hazard mapping platforms, are a critical tool in communicating life-saving emergency information to people in the path of a bushfire.

Most participants from Cardinia accessed maps through the VicEmergency app or CFA website on their computer or phone.

Supported by the CFA and Cardinia Shire Council, as well as Tasmania Fire Service, ACT Rural Fire Service and the NSW Rural Fire Service, the research found that community members in areas of risk generally wanted bushfire maps regardless of type to provide information that enables them to evacuate if safe to do so and routes are available; stay and defend; or follow actions specified in their household bushfire plan.

"Participants indicated the importance of maps communicating the direction of fire spread, as well as locations of fire activity so that they can understand the uncertainty and immediate and subsequent risk, enabling them to make informed decisions about when and how to avoid

bushfire," Dr Kuligowski says.

This information could also help residents understand fires' behaviour and even identify possible routes out of the area.

Findings highlighted the strong use of bushfire maps by residents in bushfire-affected areas as part of their overall emergency information sourcing, accessing maps up to 20- to 50-times per day during bushfires. They also stressed the importance of timely and date-stamped information.

"Participants found the inconsistencies between information sources due to different maps updating at different times, confusing - especially when the time of last update wasn't included," Dr Kuligowski says.

"This made it extremely challenging for participants who experienced these fires to clearly understand the risk being faced and act safely in a rapidly changing situation."

The study also found that participants were more likely to trust the information expressed in bushfire maps if fire agency experts explained them in detail, such as at community meetings or face-to-face.

"Direct explanation of bushfire maps can improve residents' understanding of and confidence in the information - helping reduce the possibility they will fill the gaps with their own knowledge and experience, which may not always lead to accurate conclusions," says Dr Kuligowski.

The research identified challenges that people face in comprehending bushfire maps, including ways to correctly interpret locations of highest risk.

"The meaning of warning polygons, the triangle symbols and the meaning of their location, and the risks associated with certain areas of maps - the burnt areas or the areas of potential fire spread - could be barriers to correct interpretation of bushfire maps."

"We also found that it was difficult for participants to identify the location of highest risk of harm, meaning additional work is required to ensure universal understanding of both incident and predictive maps," Dr Kuligowski says.

"It is important to note that any bushfire map is 'one tool in the box' for community members at risk - sourcing information from multiple sources, such as community meetings and official warnings, is critical to gaining as detailed understanding of the risk as possible."

These findings will inform further research now underway into the ways fire spread prediction maps can clearly communicate risk and uncertainty.

MEDIA ENQUIRIES - Dr Erica Kuligowski is available for interview, please contact Nathan Maddock at Natural Hazards Research Australia - 0410 998 600 or nathan.maddock@naturalhazards.com.au

June's amazing milestone

June Reidy celebrated an incredible 50 years of service at Nar Nar Goon on Saturday.

By David Nagel (Pakenham Gazette 05th June 2024)

Photo: Stewart Chambers



Nar Nar Goon Netball Club appropriately made a big deal of June Reidy's 50 years of service at Spencer Street on Saturday; and it was even more appropriate that it happened on June 1.

June has been number-one in the eyes of Nar Nar Goon netballers since she walked into the club with her eyes wide open in 1974, and it's been that way ever since.

The club even rebadged itself on Saturday; being named 'Nar Nar June' in her honour.

June first fell in love with netball when she was an eight-year-old, going to school at Smithton on the north-west coast of Tasmania.

"My grade-four teacher Louise Ablett gave me my love of netball," June recalled.

"We moved to Nar Nar Goon to work on Bob Rose's dairy farm, and I just went down to the club one night and got involved from there.

"It's one of the things I like to do most, so I keep doing it while I can."

June has had many roles at Nar Nar Goon, being a player, committee-member, coach, and umpires coordinator along the way.

But it's her umpiring that has been her greatest love on a long and lasting journey.

"When I was younger I used to umpire everything, from Under 13s through to A Grade; but I'm 74 now," June says with a laugh.

"Now I do juniors, 11s, 13s or 15s; just two games per week.

"As long as I'm doing a good enough job, I'll keep doing it.

"I only gave up playing 11 years ago."

June still gets a kick out of watching junior players emerge, and falling in love with the sport, just as she did 66 years ago.

"I get the enjoyment of watching the young girls play

when they first start, because I umpire those younger girls," she said.

"I try to impart a bit of my knowledge on how to play the game; what to do and where to do it, that type of thing.

"And trying to get them to love the game too.

"The people you meet; the friends I have made through the club, that's what makes it so special.

"I've spent three quarters of my life at the netball club, so they become like another family; that's the way I look at it anyway."

Speaking of families; June's own flesh and blood was part of a surprise celebration on Saturday, which far exceeded her expectations.

"I knew a little bit was going on, because Erin (NNG President Erin Butler) had asked me to be available for the whole day," she said.

"I thought it would be a small presentation, a cake cutting, that type of thing.

"But then people started turning up, and they had a 'June Award' that I had to present after each match.

"Then my family turned up, which made it more emotional because I didn't expect them to.

"It was overwhelming to be honest, to feel the love that I got from the club and it really did make me emotional.

"I do it for the love of it and to help out where I can, but to be recognised the way I was is just overwhelming; that's the only way I can describe it.

"I didn't expect that much fuss to be made....I felt like I was walking on air."

June's daughters Deanne and Belinda both played in premierships at Nar Nar Goon, which June rates as one of her career highlights.

Deanne currently coaches her daughter at Vermont South, so couldn't make it on the day, but Deanne, and sons Jeff and Mark were both there to witness the big occasion, along with June's grandson Lachie.

And the vibrant 74-year-old has no plans on packing away the whistle any time soon.

"As long as the body lets me, I'll keep going," she said.

"I've just had a full medical done and the doctor said I can go for another 10 years.

"I don't think I will, but as long as the body is holding up and I'm capable of keeping up, then I'll keep doing it.

"When I can't get to the right position to make decisions I'll give it away; unless they tap me on the shoulder first.

"To me every game I get to watch or umpire is a bonus."

An already incredible day for June was capped off when she received a personal message from Melbourne Vixens and Australian Diamonds star Jo Weston.



Nar Nar Goon Pony Club

Nar Nar Goon Pony Club have an exciting March Rally! We got to try our hand at team penning at Koo Wee Rup, a big thanks to Jaala for having us and helping the girls to develop knowledge and enthusiasm for team penning. Team Penning is a thrilling equestrian sport that combines horsemanship, teamwork, and strategic thinking.

We split into groups of 3 and had to work together to separate the cows with our number on them, then chase them up into the holding pen. The girls had to communicate and work together, all while steering their horse to push the cow up.

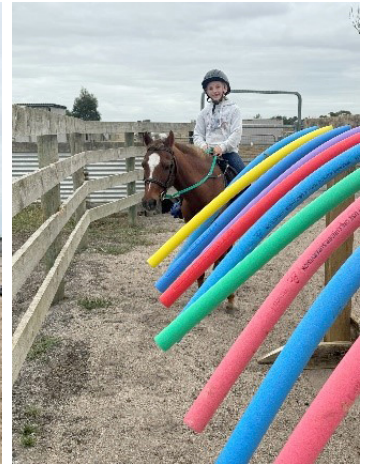
The girls had a great time, lots of laughing while chasing the cows around!!



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Thursday 20 June, 1.30pm - 2.30pm, 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.



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 to enjoy activities, entertainment and refreshments.

Tuesdays once per month, next café 18 June.

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Cardinia Youth Hub update

Cardinia Shire Council is considering the future of the Youth Hub project in Pakenham.

Following the liquidation of Allmore Constructions Pty Ltd in October 2023, Council engaged relevant technical experts to undertake independent investigations of the site. The investigation found that the structural defects made the building unsafe.

At last night's Council Meeting, Council Resolved to delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer Carol Jeffs to proceed with demolition of the building. When required, Council will go out to tender to appoint a demolition contractor and it is expected that this process, including the demolition, will take approximately 12 weeks.

Ms Jeffs said that Council's priority was to continue to support the sectors to deliver services and support, while working through options.

"We are continuing to have discussions with key stakeholders, including governments and youth services as part of this process," she said.

"These conversations will assist Council in considering options and next steps for this project."

Cardinia Shire Mayor Councillor Jack Kowarzik said youth services would continue to be provided from My Place in Main Street, Pakenham, and that Council would continue to work closely with services that provide important programs and support to young people.

"Council is absolutely committed to supporting a range of services locally that assist our young people," Mayor Kowarzik said.

"The continued discussions Council staff are having with service providers are critical to inform the next steps in this project and I would like to thank local service providers for their continued support of our young people."

"Council will pursue appropriate legal action on behalf of Council and the community who have been left bitterly disappointed by this project."

Cardinia Shire pet registration door knock campaign kicking off soon

Door knock ambassadors will soon be visiting properties in Cardinia Shire on behalf of Council to help residents with pet registrations.

For 2 weeks from Saturday 8 June, trained and licensed Regi-Check ambassadors will be visiting homes to deliver an education campaign on the importance of registering pets, and the benefits of having a registered pet.

All cats and dogs over 3 months old must be registered with Council and microchipped, as required by State Government regulations. Pet registration must be renewed by 10 April each year.

The ambassadors will be carrying official identification and will not be asking residents for money or issuing fines, and signage will be placed in areas where the door knocking is being carried out.

It's important that pets are wearing their registration tags, and that you ensure registration details are kept updated with current contact information, including your phone number and address, so that Council can reach you as soon as possible if your pet is found roaming.

While the door knocking campaign encourages cooperation from pet owners, owners who do not register their cats and dogs may face fines of \$395 per animal, with even higher penalties if the animals are impounded. Properties identified with animals by door knock ambassadors during the campaign will be followed up by Council's Compliance Officers at a later date.

For more information or to register your pet, including information on eligibility criteria for a range of discounts on pet registrations, visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/petregistration

Toy Library membership giveaway!

Community members have the chance to win a FREE 3-month membership to either Pakenham & District Toy Library or Puffing Billy Toy Library.

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This giveaway is supported by Cardinia Shire Council and delivered in partnership with Pakenham & District Toy Library and Puffing Billy Toy Library.

Works start on Koo Wee Rup Bowling Club and Community Pavilion

Cardinia Shire Council is breaking ground on the exciting Koo Wee Rup Bowling Club and Community Pavilion project.

Cardinia Shire Mayor Councillor Jack Kowarzik turned the sod at the site in Rossiter Road, Koo Wee Rup, with Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale and Westernport Ward Councillor Kaye Cameron.

The Koo Wee Rup Bowling Club and Community Pavilion project is supported and funded by Council, the Victorian Government's Growing Suburbs Fund and the Federal Government's Building Better Regions Fund.

The existing pavilion will be replaced with a new facility that features:

- Two social rooms
- Three community meeting rooms
- Kitchen and bar servery
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For more information on the Koo Wee Rup Bowling and Community Pavilion project, please visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/majorprojects

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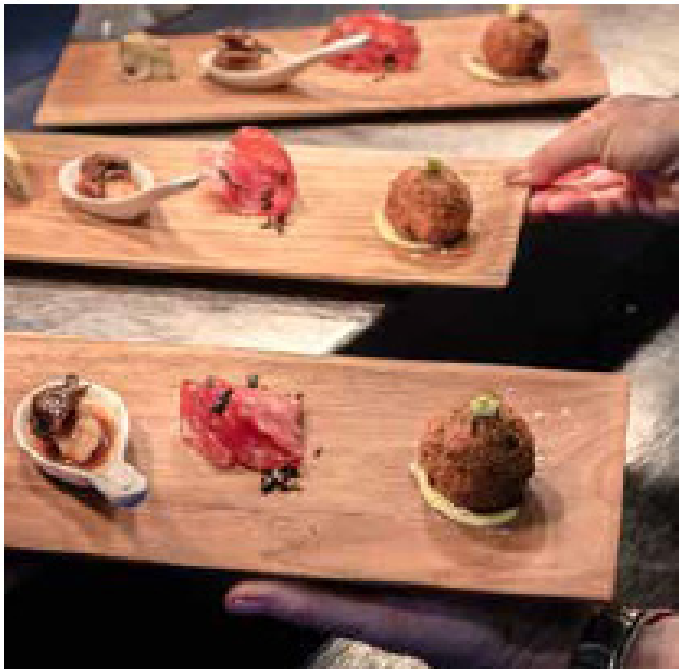


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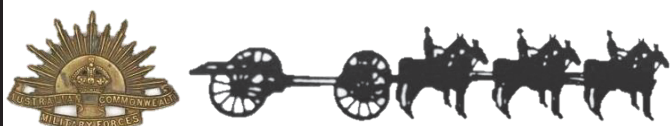
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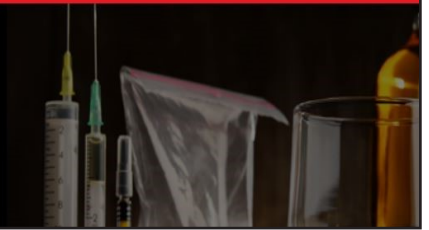
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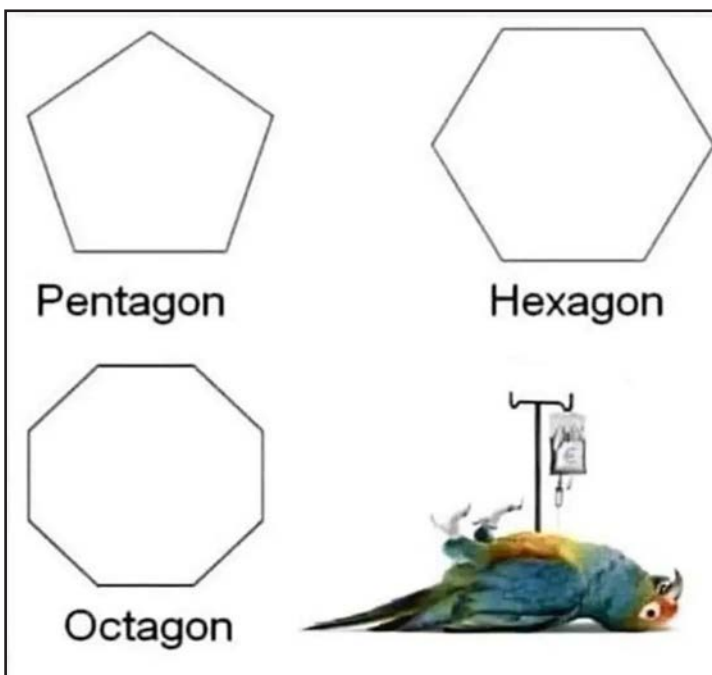
Community Diary

- **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: **Jun 17, Jul 15, Aug 19, Sept 16**
- **Third Tuesday:** Pakenham Camera Club meets at Beaconhills College Senior Lecture Theatre at 7.30pm
- Next meeting: **Jun 18, Jul 16, Aug 20, Sept 17**
- **Fourth Tuesday:** NNG Progress Association meet bi-monthly at the St John's Community Centre at 7pm
- Next meeting: **Jun 25, Aug 27, Oct 22**
- **Tuesday fortnightly:** Euchre Club at Community Centre, 8pm
- Contact Jim Chatfield on 5942 5263
- Next meeting: **Jun 4, 18, Jul 2, 16, 30, Aug 13, 27**
- **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: **Jun 28, Jul 26, Aug 23, Sept 27**
- **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: **Jun 8 & 29, Jul 13, Aug 10 & 31, Sept 14**

CONTACT INDIVIDUAL CLUBS FOR DETAILS

Weekly Church Services:

- **Sunday:** St John's Holy Eucharist - 10am
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- **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
NNG History Group	Sue Rose	0411 241 849
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	144.2	132	126	104.20	88	(96.10)
May	39		44	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
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