

NAR NAR GOON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

THE GOON * NEWS

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Biggest Morning Tea

The Biggest Morning Tea was held on the 1st June at the NNG Posh Op Shop Community Room. It was a great day which raised \$2,600 for the Cancer Council.

Thel would like to thank all the amazing helpers as well as:

- The Butcher with The Chef
- The Nar Nar Goon Football Club
- Nar Nar Goon Takeaway
- Goon Eatery
- Nar Nar Goon Post Office
- KPL Hair
- Urban Hype Cafe



NNG History Group

Next meeting Monday June 22nd at 2pm.

Informal gathering in the
Community Centre
behind the Op Shop

John Jarrott has volunteered to speak for a short while on his life in NSW and how he got to NNG - and maybe what he has found in his backyard.

Stay for a cuppa.

NNG Progress Association

Next Meeting:
Monday 15th June 2026, 7:00pm,
St John's Community Room,
(Behind Posh Op Shop)
Main St Nar Nar Goon.

Guest Speaker: Oakwood Riding School
All Welcome!



PYJAMA BINGO
Thursday June 25th



Need an excuse to leave the house in your jarmies. NNG Bingo have you covered. Join in on the fun while keeping toasty and comfy in your pyjamas.

And if going out in you jarmies is your thing - wear them every week - we won't judge!

GOON NEWS DEADLINES:

Next Deadline for submissions will be the
30th JUNE

Email: goonnews3812@gmail.com

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NAR NAR GOON SUPPORT LOCAL

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Nar Nar Goon Smokehouse

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TheButcherwithTheChef

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NAR NAR GOON

HOTEL

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**** 📞 Phone: ** 5942 5221**

**** 🌐 Website: ** [www.narnargoonhotel.com.au]**
(http://www.narnargoonhotel.com.au)

**** 🍷 Bottle Shop Hours: ****

- ** 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

- ** Dinner: ** 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

**** Takeaway Available ****

**** 🎉 Function Room: ****

- ** Available for hire **

- Perfect for events, celebrations and gatherings.

**** 📱 Stay Connected: ****

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for the latest updates and promotions!

Thank you to our Duty Groups

Some of our lovely Bingo duty groups doing their thing for the community! Below is the team from NNG Primary School, NNG Football Club and the Marygoon Cricket Club. These are some of our 9 groups who all take a share of the profits from Nar Nar Goon Bingo.

Supporting Nar Nar Goon Bingo supports your local clubs, groups, schools. Come along and play!



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

EVERY THURSDAY!

Community Hall, Nar Nar Goon (opposite primary school)

A Non Profit Organisation where all profits go to local groups/organisations.

**SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY,
COME TO BINGO !!**

EYES DOWN at 7.30pm

Books on sale from 6:45pm for the 1st session
and 8.00pm for the 2nd / 3rd session / flyers

- **1st SESSION - \$2 per game**
\$20 prize wins - \$100 prize win in last game
- **DUCK Flyer - \$1 / \$2 per sheet**
\$80 prize wins or more on a quacking duck
- **2nd SESSION - \$4 per game**
\$40 prize wins - \$100 prize win in last game or more if BINGO is on a lucky number
- **BIG BUCKS Flyer - \$2 per game**
\$300-\$500 in house prize wins or
win \$250-\$30,000 in linked BIG BUCKS game
- **3rd SESSION - \$4 per game**
\$40 prize wins - \$1000 prize win in last game if sufficient books are sold and more if BINGO is under 52 calls
- **RAYS RAFFLES (\$2 tickets)**
\$50 or a Meat Tray from The Butcher with The Chef
- **1st / Last Number (\$1 tickets)**
\$50 prize win

2nd CHANCE DRAWS

- \$10 cash - Rays Raffle ticket - weekly
- \$100 Bingo Bucks - monthly
- \$50 cash - '1st / Last Number' - monthly

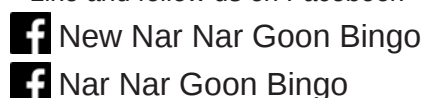
NEW TO BINGO?

Ask for our 'Starter Pack'.
Play all games and raffles for \$30

Complimentary tea/coffee/milo between
2nd & 3rd sessions. Canteen available.
Cooled/heated venue. EFT available on
book sales. Must be 18yrs or older.

(Buy your bestie a BINGO Gift Voucher or mug)

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HOT SPOT - from your friendly fire brigade

On Monday night the Nar Nar Goon fire brigade had a visit from Joanne from the Berwick Op shop. Berwick Op shop kindly donated to Nar Nar Goon Fire brigade as well as many other brigades in the area.

The Berwick Op shop have been donating to many brigades since 1989 and to Nar Nar Goon Brigade since 2015.

This donation plus the donations we also receive from other Op shops, Nar Nar Goon Bingo and other businesses in the area are greatly appreciated by the officers and fire fighters at Nar Nar Goon fire brigade. Money donated enables the brigade to purchase equipment to boost our capability to respond to a variety of incidents.

Nar Nar Goon currently have four vehicles in its fleet, a Pumper which is our primary structural fire fighting vehicle, a Tanker which is used more for grass and scrub fires.

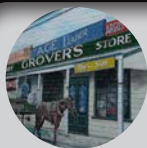
We have the Rescue which responds to a range of incidents including motor vehicle accidents and both

steep angle and high angle rope rescue calls.

Then there is the FCV which stands for forward command vehicle not only used as a rescue support vehicle but also can be called on as a strike team leaders vehicle when there are major fires anywhere in Victoria and interstate.

Nar Nar goon currently have positions available for operational and non-Operational members.

If you are interested or would like more information contact Captain Justin Seddon on 0402 763 663.

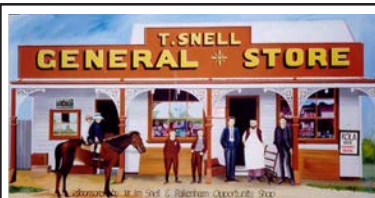


Nar Nar Goon Progress Association

Our first two murals have been upgraded and they look amazing. Thank you to Brigitte Dawson who has worked her magic on renovating them.

We can't wait to see them pride of place in their spots so that they can be admired by all.

Our next mural will be the small free-standing mural 'The Churches'.



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!

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PROJECT POPPY *A great little winter task*

Project Poppy is an ongoing project that the local community including schools, businesses and individuals can be involved in.

The beautiful display of hand crafted poppies draws attention to the memorial park and showcases the poppies as a visual mark of respect and commemoration to fallen soldiers.

The Nar Nar Goon RSL are still accepting poppies to help grow the display each year. If you have spare time on your hands, get crafting. Contact us if you would like a knit or crochet pattern, or get creative and make your own poppy.

Contact:

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NNG History Group

Goon History Buff

As you know I am a bit of a history fanatic, started with family history after I inherited all my Aunts papers & memorabilia, one from each side of my family. One was very much into local history at Welshpool, where she lived all her life, and I grew up. She had a wonderful old scrap book, with no particular order about how the contents were in place. I am a member of the Local History Facebook group at Welshpool & Port Welshpool.

Osteo arthritis has caught up with me causing sciatica and I am not driving at the moment, unless I can manage where I am going to with just my walking stick instead of my wheels.

Ambrose and Jan pick me up as they go past to go to History Group. What a wonderful group that has turned out to be. Rev Cathy Turnbull would be so pleased. Sue Rose is a great leader, her love of The Goon has not faded after all the years she lived and worked away.

The Group has grown from five people who attended the first meeting called by Rev. Cathy in mid 2023 to over sixty this past Monday to hear the Noonan family and the story of the Maryknoll Community. From fourth generation descendants of the original settlers of the 1800's and onwards to those who settled in the town, to the migrant families of the 1950's, we have heard some great stories and memories of happy days in the Goon. Re-unions are plenty ranging from families, school mates, and footballers reliving their glory days. There is always a special feeling when you go back to the place where you spent your childhood.

Jean Chatfield

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Petrol Rationing During World War II

At the start of World War II, Australia was poorly prepared for petrol shortages, relying entirely on imported fuel and only having storage for about three months of normal consumption. The Government tried to avoid formal rationing by encouraging voluntary conservation, and promoting the use of charcoal gas producers on vehicles, to preserve petrol for essential services and the armed forces. Public hoarding and rising demand made rationing inevitable.

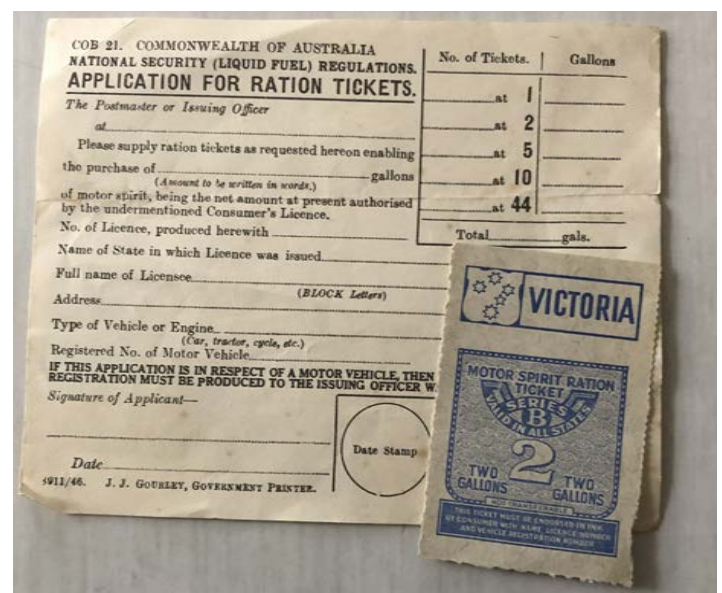
Petrol rationing was officially introduced by the Government in 1940 and strictly enforced in 1942 until gradually phased out by 1950. Drivers were required to apply for a petrol licence and ration tickets were allocated, based on vehicle type. Users were classified into categories such as private cars, delivery vehicles, buses, taxis, trucks, industrial transport, and farm machinery, with priorities set for essential, preferred or ordinary users.

Drivers were required to sign the back of the coupon and include petrol licence number as well as car registration. Car allowance was 20 miles per week. Petrol rationing caused significant opposition from the motor industry, newspapers and commercial enterprises, arguing that it could lead to job losses and economic instability. There were disputes between states over ration allocations, and the system had to be adjusted multiple times to address complaints.

Application for coupons, and allocation was made at Post Offices.

I found this coupon and application form in a box of memorabilia items kept by my late Aunt.

Jean Chatfield.



NNG History Group

The May History Group gathering report is from Greg Templeton who is our President of the Nar Nar Goon Progress Association. The History Group is part of the Progress Association.

History Group meeting this arvo was attended by a small group of around 14 people. Everyone brought something interesting which kept everybody engaged in deep conversations. Sally brought some interesting Netball photo's. Geoff Dore some old school photo's of the classes from the school that was on the corner of 7 Mile and Bald Hill Roads in 1933; the school burnt down in 1936. Ambrose brought along many albums belonging to Jean Chatfield, crammed full of the most amazing photo's. Gerry gave us a wonderful poem. The Group decided to hold another meeting on Monday 22nd June and John Jarrott has volunteered to speak for a short while on his life in NSW and how he got to Nar Nar Goon and maybe what he has found in his backyard. People are also keen to bring more photo's. A small but very successful meeting.

Greg Templeton

Future meetings:

- **Monday 22nd June at 2pm**
Informal gathering in the Community Centre behind the Op Shop. Bring a photo.
Guest Speaker: John Jarrott
- **Monday July 27th 2pm in St Johns Church**
Guest Speaker: Alan Bailey
Alan is nearly 100 years old and lived on Seymour Road, Nar Nar Goon North.
- **Monday August 24th 2pm in St Johns Church**
Guest Speakers: Val & Ron Carroll
Ron played footy for NNG in the early days and Val was the NNG kinder teacher for 26 years.
- **Monday September 28th 2pm St Johns Church**
Guest Speaker: Gwyn Coombs
The Coombs family date back to pre-1940s.
- **Friday October 23rd Swamp Bus Tour with a War theme.** Bookings and more details early October.
- **Monday 16th November, 2pm at St Johns Church**
Guest Speaker: Andrew Walsh with support from his Mum, Martha.
- **Monday 14th December 2pm, St Johns Church**
Guest Speakers: The Abrehart Family

Noonan Family Story

The Noonan family presented their family story. The Church was nearly at capacity with around 60 in attendance.

Kerry and Patrick shared the presentation along with a great collation of photos in a PowerPoint presentation. It was good see their brothers Brendan (who travelled from Benalla) and Greg there to support the family.

Their Dad, Patrick, arrived in Maryknoll as a 19 year old. Originally he lived with Father Pooley who was integral to the start of Maryknoll. He married Cecily in 1952 and 7 children later, spent their lives living and working in and around Maryknoll. Kerry and Patrick have fond memories of growing up in Maryknoll and shared lots of stories with the audience.



The Noonan Family: Greg Kerry, Patrick & Brendan
The Noonan family story will follow (as it appears in the Pakenham Gazette). The full Noonan Story will feature in the Nar Nar Goon History Book.

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All Welcome!

GOON'S GOODS

Free sharing station for fruits and vegetables.
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.

The Noonan Story

(Pakenham Gazette - Wednesday 6 May 2026)

(Please Note: The full Noonan Story will feature in the NNG History Book.)



Noonan siblings Greg, Kerry, Patrick and Brendan.

The Noonans are well known locally, and their history is interwoven with the town of Maryknoll. The little settlement, hidden up Snell Road, began as a collection of families seeking to build a community bound by the Catholic faith. It certainly was not a life of riches and splendour, as the Noonans know, but it was an honest living which created the small town it is today.



By Corey Everitt

On Monday 27 April, the Nar Nar Goon History Group welcomed members of the Noonan family to speak about their history at St John's Church, Nar Nar Goon.

Siblings Kerry van Diemen, Patrick Noonan and Greg Noonan presented the talk, centred on their parents, Patrick and Cecily Noonan, who were among the first families to join the St Mary's settlement started north of Nar Nar Goon and Tynong in 1949.

The community was started by Father Wilfred Pooley, described as an idealistic young priest who left his home in West Footscray for the country.

This was inspired by Melbourne Archbishop Daniel Mannix, who encouraged Catholics, predominantly working-class city dwellers, to pursue their faith in more rural areas.

Father Pooley wanted to build a "City of God" and made the original deposit of 100 pounds for 218 hectares just east of Tynong North, supported by the National Catholic Rural Movement.

The rest of the purchase, 4,400 pounds, was lent by the Handley family of Dandenong.

Cecily Lee Barker was the second youngest of five children. She was born in the city to John and



Kerry Van Diemen and Greg Noonan. (Stewart Chambers: 547506)

Mary Barker, who supported the family by running a series of businesses from Carlton to Melton to Diamond Creek. The children kept "Lee" to carry on their mother's family name.

Patrick Noonan was born and raised in Narraport in the Wimmera region of Victoria. He was the youngest of six children, born to his mother

Bridget four months after the death of his father, Patrick Francis, and was named in his honour.

After school, Patrick moved to Fairfield, where he worked at the Department of Defence on St Kilda Road. Through mutual social circles, he met Cecily, who was living and working in the city.

As a couple, they were interested in start-

ing a family outside the hustle and bustle of city life and, like many Irish, were dedicated to the church.

One day, in the Catholic paper *The Advocate*, they read about the new settlement being established around Tynong North.

They applied to Father Pooley and were accepted, buying shares in the local co-operative.

The initial years saw them apart. Patrick lived in the settlement with Father Pooley, while Cecily remained near the city for work.

In 1952, they married in the local church, becoming one of the first couples to be wed in the settlement.

After their brief honeymoon, they returned to their new lot, which the family recalls their mother describing as "like camping inside", as the initial building took a long time due to post-war shortages.

They had eight children, one of whom sadly died at birth.

At Pakenham Bush Nursing Hospital, Gabrielle, Kerry, Shane, Patrick, Greg, Brendan and Marianne were all born between 1953 and 1965.

The children grew up as the town grew, and they recall cooperation not just through the co-operative being fundamental to daily life.

This was a place where basic needs were not so easily accessible. The greengrocer came weekly, the butcher twice a week and the baker three times a week.

Infant Welfare Sisters, or what today are known as maternal and child health nurses, visited fortnightly for more than twenty years.

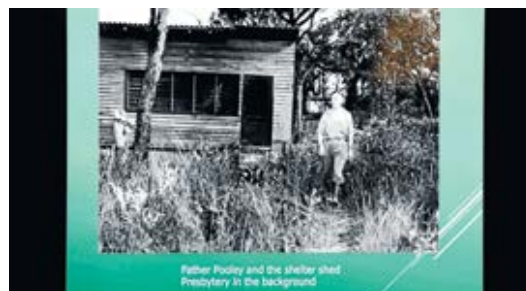
Life revolved around the school and the church, which shared the same building in the early years.



Kerry Van Dieman.



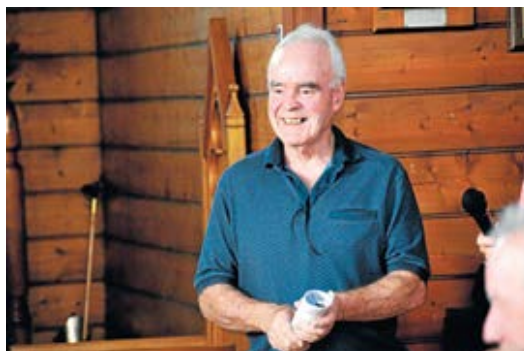
Patrick and Cecily were among the first to be married in Maryknoll.



Founder of Maryknoll, Father Pooley.



Sue Rose and Kerry Van Dieman.



Patrick Noonan.



Patrick Noonan.

In 1955, the post office and co-operative general store were opened by Archbishop Mannix. As there were already too many towns named St Mary, a new name was chosen: Maryknoll.

While the children were in school, the fathers worked in the co-operative. Patrick worked in the building industry and eventually became the building manager in the co-op.

Building was the cornerstone of the co-operative, supported by the hardware store, rail line and old joinery factory in Nar Nar Goon. It kept the men close to home, who otherwise would have had to travel away for work.

The co-operative also ran the Nar Nar Goon butcher shop for a period and operated a small dairy farm.

Money, the Noonans noted, was always tight. Their parents grew fruit and vegetables, kept chickens, made butter and pursued many other

small ventures to supplement their income.

However, for the children, it was an honest upbringing. Holidays were spent visiting family rather than travelling far. The annual Fair and Ball was always a highlight, with parents working hard to make these important fundraisers for the town special.

As few people owned cars during those years, there was limited connection to the wider area. As a result, residents were very close, and each new family was welcomed with a special function.

Patrick and Cecily were both dedicated volunteers for Vinnies and the Maryknoll Progress Association. Patrick was an honorary life member of Pakenham District Hospital after serving on its committee for 34 years.

Life was simple for the children. They went to school, came home to complete chores, then

spent time by the creeks building treehouses, hunting for possums or, as they grew older, kicking the football until sunset.

The boys initially played football for Officer, which had a junior program, before they joined the Nar Nar Goon Football Club, where members of the Noonan family can still be found today.

They would eventually buy land in Maryknoll through the co-operative for as little as \$3,000. Many of the children went on to start families of their own there.

The children of Patrick and Cecily all feel fortunate to have been born and raised in Maryknoll, reflecting on the close-knit community that built the town.

At the presentation, they read an excerpt from a speech by Gabrielle given at the town's 75th anniversary in 2025.

In it, she described the bittersweet feeling when Snell Road was sealed, and how the rumble of the dirt road had been a comforting sign that she was home and the rest of the world was behind her.

"How lucky are we?" Gabrielle said.

In 2002, Patrick and Cecily celebrated their 50th anniversary, surrounded by their children and many grandchildren.

Patrick died in 2003 at the age of 72, and Cecily died in 2020 at the age of 90. All 51 years of their marriage were spent in Maryknoll.

The Noonan family today is very large, with many still living in Maryknoll and others spread across the country.

Special thanks go to Kerry van Diemen and Sue Rose for providing the presentation.

Find 12 differences between the two pictures. (www.myhomeschoolmath.com)



Emergency Preparedness – What We Can Do

(Cardinia Shire Municipal Relief and Recovery Committee)

With Winter almost upon us, it's a great time to revisit our emergency preparedness strategies, no matter where we live. We all have an important role in ensuring that we can respond to and bounce back from events to achieve the best possible outcomes.

Emergency preparedness is about understanding risks and putting in plans and mitigations so that we can recover quickly. This is true for households, businesses and entire communities.

We can do this first by understanding our main risks to where we live and work. For example, consider how you might manage during a prolonged power outage?

The main weather-related risks in Cardinia Shire are Storm, Bushfire and Flood depending upon which part of the shire you live in. Some areas may have 2 or all 3 risks which apply to them.

What You Can Do

Create an emergency plan for your household. 'The First 72 Hours' concept is a good place to start your emergency planning. It refers to the first 72 hours after a natural disaster, when emergency services may be overwhelmed and unable to reach everyone. It encourages self-sufficiency within communities, by gathering supplies of food, water, medicines, first aid, shelter and access to essential information for at least the first 3 days. The following preliminary steps will help you survive after an emergency:

- know your risks;
- think about where you will go;
- consider people you live with or care for;
- how you will get to your alternative destination, or what you will need to stay in your own home.

There are several excellent resources available to assist. You can find 'The First 72 Hours' and other emergency planning templates available here: [Preparing for an emergency - Cardinia Shire Council](#)

What Business Can Do

Create a Business Continuity Plan (BCP) for your business. Consider things like prolonged power outages and what you can do now to lessen the aftereffects. The quicker your business is back up and running, the better for you and your community.

'9 Essential Steps to Prepare for a Natural Disaster' from Business Victoria, provides steps for beginning this process. These steps include:

- securing appropriate insurance;
- maintaining and preparing your business premises;
- building preparedness knowledge and skills;
- completing an emergency management plan;
- enhancing business resilience;
- backing up data;
- pre-packing an emergency kit;
- ensuring effective communication; and
- incorporating mental health support into your planning.

Following these steps, businesses can better adapt to and recover from natural disasters, minimizing disruptions and ensuring safety for all involved. There are a range of BCP planning tools online that may assist or visit: [9 essential steps to prepare for a natural disaster | Business Victoria](#)

What Council Can Do

- Bolster community resilience by providing planning resources, which include 'Emergency Preparedness'

templates and 'Ready Get Go' bags to assist with emergency planning and preparedness. Preparing for an emergency - Cardinia Shire Council

- Engage with community (you may see Council at your local market or street pop up with emergency preparedness brochures and information).
- Coordinate local relief efforts to ensure efficient and effective supports are where they are needed most.
- Open and staff Emergency Relief Centres which are appropriate and safe.
- Provide up to date information about the event and changes to services.

To find out more about Council's emergency responsibilities visit: Municipal Emergency Management Planning - Cardinia Shire Council or see Role statement - Councils | Emergency Management Victoria

Council also facilitates a suite of emergency preparedness sessions for groups upon request. Sessions include:

- 'Get Techy, Get Ready' which helps community download and learn to use Apps such as Vic Emergency.
- 'Ready, Get Go' which runs through items to prepare to take if you need to leave in a hurry.
- 'Person Centred Emergency Preparedness' (P-CEP) which assists people with a vulnerability, their families and or carers to create a person-centred emergency plan. Person-centred emergency preparedness (P-CEP) Workbook

To request any of these free group sessions, please email emergency@cardinia.vic.gov.au

Dinosaurs

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Palliative Care Session - FREE

Join our free presentation on how Palliative Care South-East supports those with life-limiting illnesses. Learn about palliative care, our multidisciplinary team's compassionate approach, advance care planning, and community involvement opportunities. Perfect for residents, community groups, and health providers. Discover how we can make a difference!

Wednesday June 24, 2pm-3pm. Cost: FREE

Aged Care Information Session - FREE

You are invited to attend an informative session hosted by Mentis Assist - Care Finder Program, where you will learn about: how to register for aged care services, the assessment process for aged care services, the various funding options available to help you continue living at home and The Care Finder Program – who is eligible and the support it offers

Friday 26 June, 10.30am - 11.30am

Cost: FREE

Supported by Mentis Assist

Carer's Group - FREE

Supporting those who support others

Offering carers of people with disability, mental illness or elderly people a chance to get together and learn more about news, services and support available to them whilst having a cuppa and a chat.

1st Thursday of the month:

2 July, 6 August & 3 September, 10am - 12pm

Cost: FREE

Forget-Me-Not Café - FREE

This café style program brings together people living with dementia and their loved ones

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

- 16 June, 21 July, 18 August & 15 September

10am - 12pm, Cost: FREE

Laughter Yoga

Laughter is the best medicine

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Recycling drive and drop event – register now!

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If you can't attend, visit our A–Z waste and recycling guide for other year-round options

Cardinia Shire Statement: Outcome of GNV review for Pakenham East renaming

Cardinia Shire Council has received a decision from Geographic Names Victoria (GNV) on the outcome of its proposal to register the name 'Honora Fields' for Pakenham East Precinct.

While discussions with GNV have confirmed the name 'Honora Fields' is a compliant name, and the name has now been reserved as a suburb name, GNV has requested that Council undertake further consultation before Honora Fields can be registered as the suburb name.

GNV's concerns regarding the previous consultation process were related to minor departures from Naming Rules around voting and objections, in particular, technicalities related to sections 7 (consultations) and 8 (submissions and objections).

GNV has acknowledged the process undertaken has enabled Council to obtain important information from the community and determine a suitable name for the renaming proposal. Through previous consultation, Honora Fields was identified as the preferred name out

of the names that were put forward to the community. Council worked closely with GNV throughout the previous process to determine a name for this locality, and will continue to work closely with GNV to ensure the upcoming consultation process is fully compliant with their interpretation of the Naming Rules.

Council is aware that resolution of the suburb renaming is a priority for the residents in this area. Details regarding the next steps and further consultation will be available shortly.

Council approves application for Costco in Pakenham

Cardinia Shire Council has approved a planning permit for a Costco Wholesale store in Pakenham at its meeting on 18 May.

The permit applies to 130 Greenhills Road and allows for the development of a restricted retail premises and a service station, along with associated signage and car parking.

The 6.2-hectare site at the corner of Greenhills Road and Kooweerup Road sits within the Pakenham South Employment Precinct and is identified as state significant industrial land. The development aligns with the precinct structure plan and is considered suitable within an industrial land setting due to its large-scale bulky goods commercial offering.

The development is expected to act as a key anchor for the precinct and create local employment opportunities, in line with the objectives of the Pakenham South Employment Precinct Structure Plan.

The planning permit is subject to a number of conditions to ensure the development is well-designed, sustainable and supported by the necessary infrastructure, including road upgrades, drainage, landscaping and environmental management measures.

Further detailed plans and approvals are required before construction can begin.

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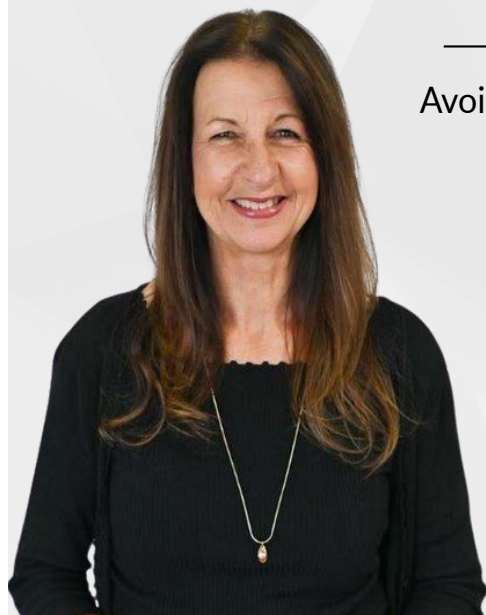
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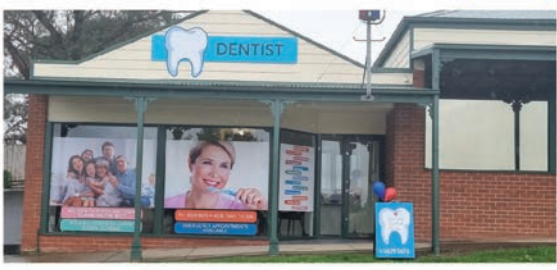
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- Next Meeting: **July 27, Aug 24, Sep 28, Oct 23**
- **Third Monday:** NNG Progress Association meet bi-monthly at the St John's Community Centre at 7pm
- Next meeting: **Aug 17, Oct 19**
- **First Tuesday:** Nar Nar Goon RSL Sub Branch meets monthly at the Community Centre.
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- **Fourth Wednesday:** Pakenham Camera Club meets at the Community Centre of Meadowvale Retirement Village, Eagle Drive, Pakenham at 7.30pm
- Next meeting: **Jun 24, Jul 22, Aug 26, Sep 23, Oct 28**
- **Thursday:** For information on local Scout meetings, please contact Olive Elston, Ph: 0408 390 593.
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Organisations	Contact	Phone No.
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Chairo School	Fiona Clacy	5942 5632
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Cricket Club	Nick Mueller	0437 365 376
Fire Brigade - Captain	Justin Seddon	0402 763 663
Football Club	Andrew Rose secretary@narnargoonfc.com	
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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
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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	64.80	40.00	61.80	36.00	35.00	44.00
May	99.60	84.00	65.00	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	354.40	270.30	291.80	982.40	804.10	861.40



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Defibrillators are located in the following places for use prior to ambulance arriving. In case of an emergency call 000 first.

- 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)
- Graham Farr (NNG Nth resident)
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