

NAR NAR GOON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

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ILL-LOGICALLY LOGICAL

Along with the Pakenham East Precinct Suburb Naming process there have been other recommendations put forward including a modification and extension to the current suburb boundary. This includes the area between Mount Ararat South Road and the interchange roundabout at Nar Nar Goon.

The planning suggestion raised by Ambulance Victoria (AV) is based on Princes Hwy and Princes Fwy forming a LOGICAL artificial geographical barrier that helps to identify the extent of the new locality. Points raised by AV and supported by Esta (000 call taker) and Geographic Names Victoria (GNV), identifies a public safety risk if the proposed parcel of land was left out of the modified boundary.

Although ill-defined with relation to Mount Ararat North Road and Mount Ararat South Road, the risk is understood to address reducing response times and confusion when receiving call outs as there has been a recorded delay with emergency services.

AV further recommend it beneficial to remove the name of at least one, preferably rename both Mount Ararat Roads. Renaming Mount Ararat South Road to Alice Road (equal second place votes received) would subsequently alleviate any future confusion.

LOGIC would therefore suggest the public safety risk identified above would be resolved, LOGIC restored to the residents of Mount Ararat Roads and the need to absorb this area into the Pakenham East township boundary ILLOGICAL.

Interestingly in the 2011 LOGICAL inclusions advisory committee report which assessed this area for inclusion into the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB), the committee made up of Cardinia Council and other State Government agencies considered Mount Ararat ridge line an important visual and topographical feature and an excellent boundary. Mount Ararat Road forms a LOGICAL end to the urban growth and provides a visual break between the urban and rural areas.

There seems to have been a shift in Council's LOGIC with a willingness to take planning advice from an already over burdened emergency services departments.

Perhaps AV's support for a man made LOGICAL artificial geographical barrier supersede mother nature's mountainous ridgeline supported by the LOGICAL inclusions committee.

As we go to print, this is set for Councillors to vote at the upcoming July 15 Council meeting.



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*Next Deadline for submissions will be the
30th August*

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After lunch the children were paired up to run the games against each other, this really brought out their competitive spirit. The other children cheered them along as they raced, it was a great team building experience for all.



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!

Ladies of the Swamp Charity Quilting Group



The Ladies of the Swamp Charity Quilting Group started in 2019 in response to the Bunyip/Tonimbuk 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.

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NNG HISTORY GROUP

Next History Group Meeting:

Friday 26th July 2024
Time of 2pm

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

Guest Speaker: Graeme Moore

Graeme is a NNG resident over many years
and is coming to the end of his time as a
Councillor in the Shire of Cardinia.

He has many stories to share.

All welcome - just turn up.



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Nar Nar Goon Footy Club

100 Year Premiership Anniversary

2024 marks 100 years since Nar Nar Goon Football Club won its' first Premiership in 1924.

A function will be held at the football clubrooms to celebrate this and all other premierships on 3rd August, Round 16, versus Cora Lynn, commencing around 12 noon.

All living players & officials from premiership teams since, to the present day are invited.

To assist with numbers for the day, we ask anyone intending to go, to email our secretary Scott at secretary@narnargoonfc.com by 27th July.

For anyone interested, a list of all premiership teams and players can be seen via the link below on our website. <https://www.narnargoonfc.com/premierships.html>

1924 Premiership Team

Early Nar Nar Goon premiership teams are well known for the Cunningham family members. Whilst other players are less familiar, many have connections through marriage to well known family names of the district. Some continued to live out their lives in the local area whilst others moved around the country.

Of all the players from the 1924 team, only one player Percy Smith, was unable to be traced. He appears to be around 20 years of age at the time. If any distant family members know of him, please get in touch via email at website@narnargoonfc.com

To learn more about who played in the 1924, a selection of player profiles are provided below.

1924 Senior XVIII Premiers

Back Row (L-R): Fred Chaffell, Percy Smith, Jack Bosset, Jack Moore, Bert Griffiths, Ernie Hilbrick, Bert Watson, Henry Griffiths, Jack Kileen, Percy Grant, Arch Holcombe

Middle Row (seated): George Moore, Jim O'Brien, Jack Cunningham, Gerry Hogan (c), Wally Beckwith, Tom Cunningham

Front Row: Alf Waddell, Joe Cunningham

100 Years Celebrations

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at Yanamoon
18th Oct 1924

President: Jack Spencer
Secretary: Percy Grant
Treasurer: Richard Ralfe

Jack SPENCER age 54, Club President



1924 Premiership Photo

Name: John Robinson Spencer
Born: 1870 Hokitika, New Zealand
Died: 1940 Prahran Vic, age 69, late of KWR.

NGFC: Club President 1921, 22, 23, 24, 31.
League Delegate in 1910 during inaugural year

Land owned by J.R. Spencer was acquired to become the current Nar Nar Goon Recreation Reserve.

Occupation: Local grocery storekeeper at "Spencer and Oram"
Justice of the Peace

Residence: Nar Nar Goon (1910-1931)
Koo Wee Rup (from 1931)

Spouse: May ORAM married in 1896 in Richmond, Vic.

1924 Premiership Team



Arch HOLCOMBE age 25, 5'7"



Name: Archibald Jones Holcombe
Born: 1899 Crumlin, Wales.
Died: 1973 Heidelberg Vic, age 74, late of Blackburn

NGFC: Played 1917-1924 and 1932.

Other Clubs: Pakenham 1920-23
Geelong North Shore 1927-

Occupation: Farmer (1917-1924)

Builder 1925 onwards

Residence: Nar Nar Goon (1917-1924).

Family came to Australia in 1912

Geelong 1925-31, Dandenong 1932, Tatura/Echuca 1940s, 50s

Spouse: Irene NESBITT of Nar Nar Goon, married 1922.

Military service in WW1 1918-1919 and WW2 1941-1944.

1924 Premiership Team



c1940s Military

Jack MOORE age 24, 5'7"



Name: Lawrence John Moore
Born: 1900 Vermont, Vic
Died: 1965 Geelong, Victoria, age 64, late of Barwon Heads.

NGFC: Played 1921-1929

Occupation: Engine Driver (at Nar Nar Goon)
Shop keeper and Pastry Cook (Geelong area)

Residence: Nar Nar Goon (up to 1930)
Geelong / Barwon Heads area from 1930's

Spouse: Elsie NEWNHAM, married 1928

Family: Brother, Ernie Moore, played during 1924, club secretary 1928

Brother, George Moore, 1924 premiership player

Military service in WW2 1942-45 - RAAF

1924 Premiership Team

George MOORE age 26, ~5'8"



Name: Roland George Moore
Born: 1898 Vermont, Vic
Died: 1968 South Melbourne, Vic, late of Mitcham

NGFC: Played 1922-1926.
Club secretary 1929, 32, 33

Occupation: Farmer (at Nar Nar Goon)
Residence: Nar Nar Goon (1924-34)
Geelong area from 1934, then later to Mitcham

Spouse: Elsie WEMBRIDGE, married 1925
Ivy WINDRIDGE, married 1958

Family: Brother, Ernie Moore, played during 1924, club secretary 1928
Brother, Jack Moore, 1924 premiership player

1924 Premiership Team



1933 Premiership Photo Club Secretary

Jack CUNNINGHAM age 19, ~5'4"



Name: John Gerard Cunningham
Born: 1905 Wembee, Vic
Died: 1975, Pakenham, Vic, age 70, late of NNG

NGFC: Played 1923-1935
5 x Premiership player: 1924, 29, 30, 33, 34

Occupation: Farmer
Residence: Nar Nar Goon

Family: Brothers Joe and Tom played in 1924 premiership.
Brother Mathew played during 1924.
Brothers Vince, and Daniel played in later years for NNG.

Spouse: Never married.

1924 Premiership Team



1933 Premiership Photo

Jack BISSET age 23, Ruck, 6'

1924 Premiership Team



Name: John James Bisset
Born: 1900 at Longwarry Victoria
Died: 1966, age 66, Caulfield Victoria

NGFC: Played 1923-1925

Other Clubs: Longwarry (1915-21)
Port Melbourne (1922-23, 37)
Richmond 1928, 1931, 38 games 9 goals.
South Melbourne 1932-36, 90 games 9 goals.
Coach 1933-36 and premiership 1933.
Swans Team of the Century - Coach.
Stawell (1926-27), Nhill (1929-30), Rainbow (1938).

Occupation: Potato farmer in Nar Nar Goon/ Tynong area.
Spouse: Bridget QUIGLEY from Tynong, married 1920.

Military service in WW2 1940-41



Joe CUNNINGHAM age 24, ~5'5"

1924 Premiership Team



Name: Joseph Benedict Cunningham
Born: 1900 Werribee Vic
Died: 1940, Caulfield Vic, age 40, late of NNG

NGFC: Played 1917-1935
5 x Premiership player 1924, 29, 30, 33, 34
Captain 6 years, 1926-30, 32

Occupation: Farmer
Residence: Nar Nar Goon

Spouse: Margaret (Rita) FINNIGAN of Cora Lynn, married 1930
Family: Son Matthew (Matth) Cunningham, played for NNG and Fitzroy.
Brothers Jack and Tom played in 1924 premiership.
Brother Mathew played during 1924.
Brothers Vince, and Daniel played in later years for NNG.



Percy SMITH age ~22, Forward, ~5'5"

1924 Premiership Team



Age: 21-23
Height: about 5' 5"

NGFC: Played 1923-24
Position: Forward

No further details found of Percy in local area

Aif WADDELL age 25, Forward, ~5'5"

1924 Premiership Team



Name: Alfred James Waddell
Born: 1898 South Melbourne, Vic
Died: 1975 Parkville Vic, age 77, resident of NNG

NGFC: Played 1924-1936
5 x Premierships 1924, 29, 30, 33, 34
Kicked 11 goals in a game R18, 1925

Occupation: Truck Driver and Carpenter
Residence: Tynong and Nar Nar Goon

Spouse: Sylvia ANDREWS, married 1936
Family: Brother in law to Cecil Andrews, star forward for NGFC

Military service in WW2 1941-45



Bert WATSON age 24, Half Back, ~5'10"

1924 Premiership Team



Name: Albert Watson
Born: 1900 Northcote, Victoria
Died: 1951, age 51, Heidelberg, Vic, late of Oakleigh

NGFC: Played 1922-27

Occupation: Farmer
Residence: Koo Wee Rup - Bayles area (1924-1942)
Oakleigh (1943-)

Spouse: Jessie CHATFIELD, married 1926.
Jessie was brother of teammate Fred Chatfield.

Wally BECKWITH age 21, 5'7"

1924 Premiership Team



Name: Walter Anthony Beckwith
Born: 1901 Undera, Victoria
Died: 1977 Surrey Hills, Vic, age 76

NGFC: Played 1924-25

Occupation: Blacksmith (at Nar Nar Goon)
Coach Builder, Cabinet Maker (later)
Residence: Nar Nar Goon (1924-27)
Wyuna (pre 1924)
Tatura (1930's), Colac, Pahrnan

Spouse: Never married.
Military service in WW2 1939-45.



Bert GRIFFITHS age 25, ~5'10"

1924 Premiership Team



1924 (photo torn)

Name: Bertram Griffiths
Born: 1899 in Koo Wee Rup, Victoria
Died: 1967, age 68, Yallourn, Victoria

NGFC: Played 1922-1934
3 x Premiership player 1924, 33, 34

Occupation: Farmer
Residence: Koo Wee Rup - Five Mile Rd (up to 1950)
Monwell, Yallourn (1950-)

Spouse: Iris BURGAN, Married 1936
Family: Brother Henry Griffiths, 1924 premiership player



Jim O'BRIEN age 21, ~5'6"

1924 Premiership Team



Name: James Joseph O'Brien
Born: 1902 in Koo Wee Rup, Vic
Died: 1961 Fitzroy, Vic, age 58, resident of Beaumaris.

NGFC: Played 1922-1926

Other Clubs: Pakenham 1920-21

Occupation: Farmer (up to 1927)
Licenced Victualler (1950-54, Kent Hotel, Carlton)
Residence: Pakenham South (up to 1927)

Spouse: Frances DWAN, married 1929
Family: Brother, Peter O'Brien played with NING in early 1920's.

Henry GRIFFITHS age 27, ~5'8"

1924 Premiership Team



Born: 1897 in Koo Wee Rup, Victoria
Died: 1962, age 68, Koo Wee Rup, Victoria

NGFC: Played 1923-1925

Occupation: Farmer
Residence: Koo Wee Rup

Spouse: Rose MOORE, married 1927
Family: Brother Bertram Griffiths, 1924 premiership player

Percy (Lofty) GRANT age 26, Fwd/Ruck, 5'11"

1924 Premiership Team



Name: Percy Alexander GRANT
Born: 1898 at Brighton Victoria
Died: 1930, Burwood Vic, age 31, late of NNG.

NGFC: Played 1921-1930
2 x Premiership player 1924 & 1929.
Vice Captain of 1924 Premier team
Club Secretary 1922, 23, 24, 25.
Club President 1929 (Premiership year)

Occupation: Sawmiller, in North Nar Nar Goon
Worked for uncle Percy AUDAS (club president 1937, 38, 39)
Residence: Nar Nar Goon (1920s)
Windsor (up to 1920)
Spouse: Never married
Military service in WW1 1916-1919

Fred CHATFIELD age 30, 5'4"

1924 Premiership Team



Name: Frederick Norman CHATFIELD
Born: 1894 Bright, Vic.
Died: 1972 Pakenham Vic, age 77, late of NNG.
NNGFC: Played 1921-25
Club boundary umpire for 1924 Grand Final
Occupation: Farmer
Residence: Nar Nar Goon
Spouse: Dorothy STUBINGTON married in 1929.
Family: Sister Jessie Chatfield married to fellow player Bert Watson.
Brother Robert on NNGFC committee in 1924
Military service in WW1, 1916-1920 and also WW2.

Gerry HOGAN Captain, age 33, Centre, 5'9"

1924 Premiership Team



Name: Gerald Michael HOGAN (born as Jeremiah Michael)
Born: 1891 at Bungaree Victoria
Died: 1969 (aged 77) Heidelberg Vic, late of Oakleigh
NNGFC: Played 1921-1925
Captain 1922-1925
Other Clubs: Trafalgar 1907-15 (Premiers 1913).
Richmond 1911-12, 4 games, 4 goals.
Occupation: Handresser
Residence: Nar Nar Goon (1921-1925)
Trafalgar (prior to 1921)
East Malvern (1926-), Oakleigh
Spouse: Eileen SCANLON from Garfield, married 1920.
Military service in WW1, 1915-1919

Ernie HILLBRICK age 29, 5'4½"

1924 Premiership Team



Name: Ernest William Hillbrick (born Hillbrick)
Born: 1895 Lake George (Gunning), NSW
Died: 1950 Smithfield, NSW, age 54
NNGFC: Played 1923-1925
Appears as same player called Kilby
Occupation: Farmer
Residence: Pakenham South, Soldiers Rd (1919-25)
Name Warren/Harkaway (early 1900's)
Smithfield, NSW (from 1930's) as a Milk Carter.
Spouse: Phyllis ELLISS married in 1932 in Melbourne.
Military service in WW1 1915-1919
Served in France and Belgium. Wounded 3 times.



c1940

Tom (Pompey) CUNNINGHAM age 22, 5'7½"

1924 Premiership Team



Name: Thomas Gregory Cunningham
Born: 1901 Werribee, Vic.
Died: 1964, Pakenham, Vic, age 63, late of NNG
NNGFC: Played 1922-1946
Coach 1946
4 x Premiership player 1924, 29, 30, 33
Vice President 1957-60, Committee 1949, 61
Other Clubs: St Kilda 1925 (2 games)
Richmond 1931 (2 games).
Occupation: Farmer
Residence: Nar Nar Goon
Spouse: Winifred O'DONOHUE, married in 1937
Sons: Barry (1970 premiers), Gerard (1970 premiers), Greg (1980 premiers)
John (Jack) played NNG and Hawthorn (1961 premiership)
Family: Brothers Joe and Jack played in 1924 premiership.
Brother Matthew played during 1924.
Brothers Vince, and Daniel played in later years for NNG.



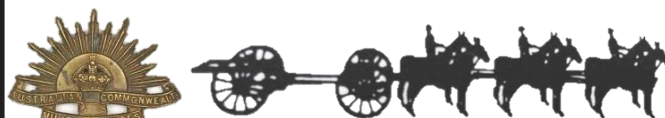
1933 Premiership Photo

Jack KILLEEN age 31, 5'10"

1924 Premiership Team



Name: John Killen
Born: 1893 in Clifton Hill, Victoria.
Died: 1971, age 78, Brisbane, Queensland.
NNGFC: Played 1917 & 1924.
Occupation: Labourer (1920's) and Boxer
Residence: Dalmore East (1920's). Raised in Koo Wee Rup from 1895
Spouse: Not married
Family: Sister, Elizabeth Killeen, married Richard O'Hehir of KWR.
Brother, Matthew Killeen a champion boxer of the Police Force
Boxing Career: Light heavyweight boxer. 8 time Gippisland champion.
Fought in QLD, VIC, NSW during 1915-1930's.
Military enlistment 1917-1918 in New South Wales.



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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:

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- October 17 ~ Crime and Punishment
- November 21 ~ Military Records with a focus on World War Two

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NNG History Group

Gerard Cunningham – History of the Koo wee Rup Swamp

Presented to NNG History Group 28.06.2024

Gerard Cunningham was our guest on Friday 28th June to talk about the History of the KWR swamp.

He did his thesis on this topic and immersed himself in the research of the topic reviewing many old newspapers housed at the State Library. He really enjoyed the research and the discovery of many stories about the people and the authorities involved in the construction of the drainage to make the swamp useful to farm - mainly to grow potatoes.

The KWR swamp was drained between 1889 and 1893 in a depression when jobs needed to be created to get people working. The Main Drain was created, to take the water from the Bunyip River where it joined the swamp south of Bunyip to enter Western Port Bay 25 kms away. The drain was dug by hand.

Many thanks to Gerard for the presentation and the poem to finish. See the summary of Gerard's talk in the Goon News.

Thanks to Danny Kennelly who introduced Gerard. Their lives overlapped in past years - Danny was a student teacher in Gerard's classroom at Pakenham High School where he apparently had the pleasure (not) of delivering a very boring topic to a history class. Thanks Danny for the light hearted introduction.

Bus trip to explore KWR swamp history.

Friday October 25th, 4 hour bus trip

The trip begins at 9.30 am from the NNG Recreation Reserve, returning at 1.30pm.

Members of the NNG History Group and NNG Progress Association will be offered first option for seats on the bus at a cost of \$15pp which includes morning tea.

The bus hire has been generously subsidised by the NNG Progress Association.

Any excess seats will be advertised in the October Goon News to allow other local people to sign up for the trip.

Next meeting Friday 26th July, 2pm.

Guest Speaker will be Graeme Moore.

Graeme is a NNG resident over many years and is coming to the end of his time as a Councillor in the Shire of Cardinia. He has many stories to share.

Meetings held at St Johns Church, Main St, NNG.
All welcome - just turn up.

Gerard's family grew up on the swamp on the 8 Mile Road, Nar Nar Goon. A Sunday drive with the family was a ride around the swamp to see the wonderful scenery! Gerard believed that no one really knew the full story of the swamp so it was his opportunity to go to the primary sources to research what letters and newspaper reports of the day talked about how the KWR swamp evolved into farmland. He found the really good information in the archives of the State of Victoria Library in papers such as the Cranbourne County Herald or the South Gippsland Express. It was a gold mine of information about the draining and the settlement of the swamp. There was also the Pakenham Gazette which regularly did articles about the swamp with one man known as Bumper Gee who had had plenty to contribute.

The KWR swamp was 150,000 acres of swampland.

From the 1870s people from Cranbourne around to Garfield took up land in 200 to 300 acre blocks. Around NNG it was the Fortune family that took up land. John Dore and partner Mr Hennessy took up Mt Ararat run in 1844. These original settlers wanted to do something about the swamp – get land, grow spuds, do well but get the thing drained!

There was pressure on the government for around 30 years.

In 1884 the Government took enough notice to actually legislate that the swamp should be drained. They had no idea about how to go about it.



Clearing the Swamp, Dalmore. This was on E. Simpson Hill's farm and is much later than 1886, but it does give an idea of the efforts it would have taken to clear the scrub.

Image: Gunson, Neil *The Good Country: Cranbourne Shire* (Cheshire; 1968)

Thwaites did a survey but that was extremely difficult because he was up to his waist in water and it was

history of the swamp cont...

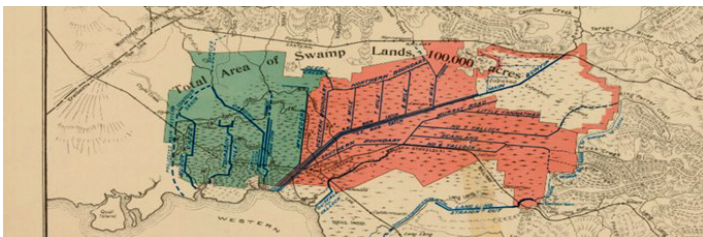
covered in what we all call Tea Tree but the correct name is *Melaleuca Ericafolia* (Swamp Paper Bark.) We all grew up calling it Tea Tree. It grows very densely and re succours every year with the old ones dying and the new ones coming up forming an enormous thicket that's very difficult to get through.

In 1888 the government decided to go ahead with the draining of the swamp. The main drain was dug by railway contractors. Kierney and Randall were the first 2 contractors who took it for 11 miles and then Bloomfield took it through to where it connected with the Bunyip River. There were large groups – often referred to as “Navvies” all doing it by hand with shovels and picks and wheel barrows, leaving an open bit before they dumped the dirt so they could possibly extend the width in the future. Many of them were Irish and were famous for their strength, hard work and hard drinking!

Bloomfield charged the Public Works Dept so much per yard but the workers were being underpaid so they went on strike for about 6 months until he gave them a rise. Bloomfield lost money and went broke.

The plan in draining the swamp was to have drains to go in a herringbone pattern into the side of the main drain, known as subsidiary drains. The 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13 and 14 Mile Roads were named because there is a measurement on the main drain of the distance from the mouth of the drain to where the subsidiary drain went through. Those were the drains dug by hand by the settlers from Melbourne. So, the 5 Mile Road is 5 miles from the mouth of the Main drain.

< Carlo Catani: An engineering star over Victoria



Melbourne was a boom town to the 1880s. By 1892 there was enormous unemployment with a quoted 28% unemployed. This included tradesmen – no such thing as the dole at this stage.

Unemployed Melbourne workers were set up on 20 acre blocks at the 14 Mile point in Bunyip South (now Iona) and at the Five Mile Point. 15,000 people signed up with the government to get work. They came up with the idea of work at Koo Wee Rup swamp to get all these people employed. The idea was to offer the unemployed a shovel and to work for 2 weeks on the drains and then work for 2 weeks on a 20 acre block that had been surveyed which will be their farm – but as to whether they owned the farm was vague and remained an issue for another 20 years. You

had to clear your block for 2 weeks and then work for 2 pound ten shillings on the drain. Overseers and Inspectors checked if you'd done the right amount of work on the drain. This meant the wives needed to work on clearing as well as looking after all the kids.

The paper bark grew with a fairly loose root but grew with root on top of root on top of root. There would be 3 or 4 layers of tea tree roots. Once the roots were out they needed to be burnt but there was a danger once they were burning on the peat soil (centuries of rotted reeds and tea tree) the peat would catch fire and begin to burn and go on forever. Several of the 20 acre lots were virtually destroyed by the burning of the peat they could not put out.

The man in charge of it all was Carlo Catani. He died quite young at 66 years of age. There is a statue of him in the St. Kilda Gardens.

The KWR swamp development was very controversial and those with land on the vicinity of the swamp were very much against unemployed people from Melbourne coming to work on the project. The Cranbourne and County Herald was significant in taking a position on topics such as this. It was the mouth piece of the farming community down the Cranbourne end of the swamp. They didn't hold back in saying how terrible it was describing in 1896 “The scheme as a monstrous failure, a time wasting, money wasting blunder and the sooner the bottom is knocked out of the empty mockery the better for all. The paper said cows developed such a remarkable aptitude for taking fences that a bovine steeple chase ought to be included in the next sports program down on the KWR settlement.”

Alternatively the Govt sent down their bureaucrats saying everything was great. The Age and The Leader newspapers sent experts down who found that there were no cows producing any milk and no spud crops worth having and the settlers were very discontented as they were not making enough money.

There were cases of diphtheria and TB. The huts they lived in were very rustic. The settlers were accused of getting into too much trouble, too much drink and got into trouble with the courts.

In 1894 in Victoria there was the Village Settlement Movement. Around Pakenham and Bunyip you'll find Settlement roads. They are connected with this movement, inspired by an Anglican Minister who wanted to set up landed labourers on small acreages of land – very idealistic. It was stymied from the beginning because there was no farmable land left by 1894. Upper House of the Vic Govt was controlled by the Conservatives – the Squatter type who didn't want to see good land being squandered in this way so they refused to pass the bill, instead of taking hold of good land to set these settlements up. That didn't stop them setting up 80 Village Settlements around the colony of Victoria all of which failed dismally in 5 years. The nearest one to here is at Tonimbuk. 10 acres out there is not enough.

HISTORY OF THE SWAMP to continue next month...

Pakenham East - Naming Results

https://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/meetings/meeting/239/council_meeting

The Pakenham East Precinct Suburb Naming results have been released. This has been outlined in a 73 page document which can be found on the Cardinia Shire Council website. The full link above.

Below are some excerpts from the above document.

Ordinary Council Meeting 15 July 2024, Attachment 7.2.1.6

Raw Data – First Preference

First choice raw numbers	Live or own in the suburb	Live in Nar Nar Goon or Pakenham	Lives elsewhere in Cardinia	Lives outside Cardinia Shire	Total
Honora	53	200	202	181	636
Alice Park	96	131	103	69	399
Debra	13	72	71	243	399
Beatrice Park	15	51	33	26	126
Lella	16	43	42	16	117
Gwyn	10	28	39	37	114

Raw Data – Second preference

First choice raw numbers	Live or own in the suburb	Live in Nar Nar Goon or Pakenham	Lives elsewhere in Cardinia	Lives outside Cardinia Shire	Total
No preference	69	165	167	289	690
Beatrice Park	50	98	88	85	321
Alice Park	35	93	92	62	282
Honora	26	65	45	44	180
Lella	19	57	54	45	175
Gwyn	7	32	37	41	117
Debra	8	29	25	12	74

'No preference' was selected for the second choice by high proportions of those who selected Honora or Deborah as first choice. This may indicate those respondents were visiting the survey specifically to just vote for Honora or Deborah.

7.2.1 Pakenham East PSP suburb naming

Responsible GM: Debbie Tyson

Author: Doug Evans

Recommendation(s)

That Council,

1. following community consultation regarding a name for the new suburb created by the Pakenham East Precinct Structure Plan, resolves, subject to Geographic Names Victoria approval, to adopt the officer recommendation as follows;

- The new suburb be named Honora and if a suffix is required by Geographic Names Victoria, works with the family members and Geographic Names Victoria to select a suitable extension to the name, and

- Mount Ararat South Road be renamed Alice Road,

Mount Ararat North Road be renamed Mount Ararat Road, and

- The boundary of the new suburb be as detailed in the plan attached which includes the wedge of land between Princes Highway and Princes Freeway on the eastern edge of the suburb, and

- All other suggested names, from the voting list that accompanied the community engagement, be retained for naming of future road, places and features in the new suburb, and

- All suggested names from the community engagement process and submissions, including Hannah, be investigated to identify which names can be approved for use as part of the subdivision process.

2. Forward the above resolution to the Office of Geographic Names (GNV) for formal approval and Gazettal

Attachments

1. Our Equal State - Commemorative naming requirements for naming authorities [7.2.1.1 - 1 page]
2. Submission from Carney Family - Honora [7.2.1.2 - 4 pages]
3. Submissions for Hannah [7.2.1.3 - 7 pages]
4. Map New Boundary [7.2.1.4 - 1 page]
5. Ambulance Victoria Response Comments to GNV [7.2.1.5 - 3 pages]
6. VOTING Summary Report [7.2.1.6 - 4 pages]
7. VOTING Comments per theme [7.2.1.7 - 40 pages]
8. VOTING Boundary comments [7.2.1.8 - 6 pages]

Executive Summary

Council at its meeting held on 15 April 2024 resolved to commence community engagement on a list of six names proposed for the new suburb to be created comprising the land within the Pakenham East Precinct Structure Plan.

It was proposed that the preferred name resulting from this consultation would be used for the suburb name and the second most preferred name would be used to rename 'Mount Ararat South Road'.

This report provides the outcome of the consultation and recommends that 'Honora' becomes the name of the new suburb and 'Alice' is used to rename 'Mount Ararat South Road'.

The document also contains the submissions and votes put forward by members of the community.

Media release

Wednesday, 8 May 2024



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ESCAPED BURN OFFS A TIMELY REMINDER FOR LANDOWNERS

Following a year that saw CFA volunteers respond to 815 incidents caused by escaped burn-offs, fire crews are urging landowners to take extra precautions before lighting up.

With fire restrictions now lifted across the state, private residents are taking the opportunity to burn off grass, stubble, weeds, and undergrowth to maintain their properties.

While encouraged, CFA reminds Victorians to monitor local weather forecasts in the lead up to ignition.

In 2023, over 22,500 volunteer hours were utilised responding to incidents involving escaped private burn-offs. Most call outs were during April and May and later in spring from September to November.

CFA Acting Chief Officer Garry Cook said the findings from these statistics are a timely reminder for private landowners to make sure they have enough people and water on hand to monitor, contain and extinguish their burn-off safely.

"The incidents in 2023 resulted in over 12,100 volunteers jumping on the truck to respond. This year, we would love to see that number decline significantly," Garry said.

"We know burn-offs can flare-up several days afterwards, so it is important residents are consistently monitoring wind conditions before and after their burning day, while also notifying their neighbours to be mindful of smoke.

"The overarching message is clear – please don't leave your burn-off unattended."

Victorians are urged to register their burn-offs online through the Fire Permits Victoria website to provide agencies with important information to manage fire risk effectively and to allow Triple Zero call takers to focus on emergency calls.

"Of the 815 escaped burn offs, 69 per cent of them had no record of being registered and 113 required more than five CFA vehicles," Garry said.

"If you light a fire to burn-off, you own it. Registering it is important and may avoid unnecessary responses from CFA brigades, but it does not remove your responsibility."

Before burning off, ensure:

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Tynong Market Brings Cheer

By Roman Kulkewycz

The small township of Tynong was abuzz on Saturday, 15th June with many people visiting the Tynong market.

Despite the chilly weather, the sun came out as browsers mingled in a friendly country style atmosphere to view the many craft stalls and feast on a variety of foods on offer from the food vans.

Market organiser, Tina Forte said that the huge auditorium space was very popular with craft stallholders as it provided indoor protection all year round from wind and rain. Other stalls and food vans were located on the spacious, neatly manicured outdoor area. Ms Forte said that the market area was well off the road and provided a safe space for children.



Photo (left): Checking out the variety of handmade greeting cards is Catherine Smit and children Raphael (7) and Siena (10) from Pakenham. Card maker Summer Gribble (13) and her mum Brigid display their cards.

Photo (right): Margaret and Noel Beattie of Tynong North admire this portrait of a German Shepherd.



Photo (left): Rachel Cochrane of Hill End with her variety of handmade "Tickled Pink" earring jewellery.

Photo (right): Alex Solopov of Brooklyn, had a huge variety of gourmet sausages.



Photo (left): The spacious indoor area was able to accommodate many craft stalls.

Photo (right): Manning their bric a brac stall was Krzysztof Bielecki (left) and Miroslaw Sikorzak (right) from Tynong.



Photo (left): Gabrielle (14) and Chiara (15) Salay of Tynong with Banjo.

Photo (right): Rachel Scanlon (left) and her niece Georgie Pomeroy (10) from Tynong show off their craft designs.



Photo: Linda Harrington, Drouin from "Bee-Delighted Handcrafts" showing her handmade Sublimation creation which has become a very popular choice of gift ware.

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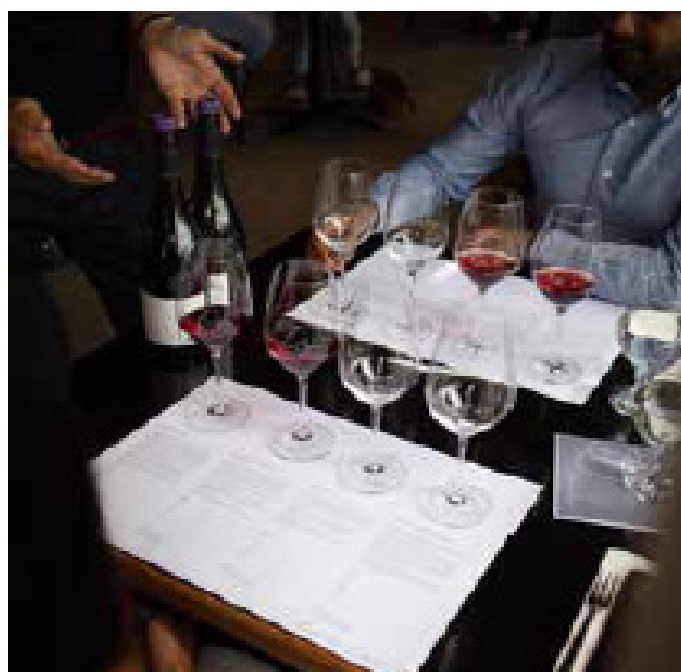
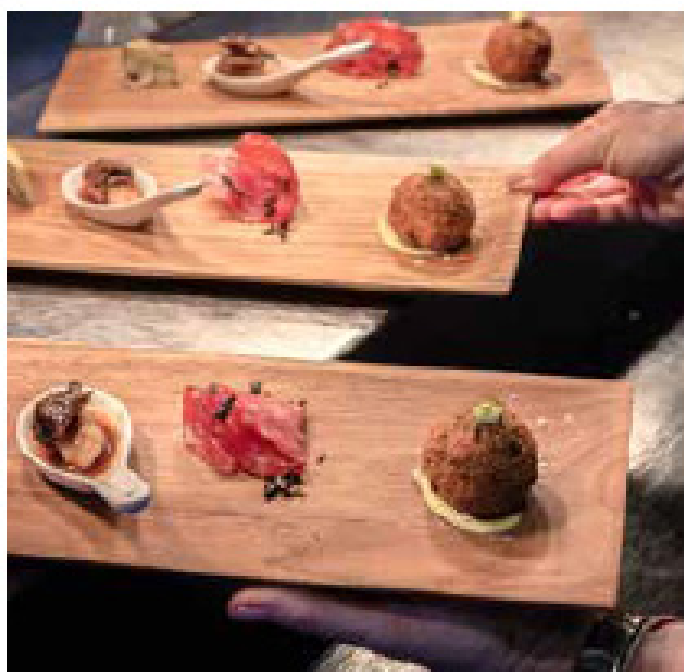
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- **Every Sunday morning:** CFA training
- **Every Monday evening:** CFA training / meetings
- **Third Monday:** Nar Nar Goon RSL Sub Branch meets at the Community Centre at 2pm
- Contact Samantha O'Sullivan on 0419 537 606
- Next meeting: **Jul 15, Aug 19, Sept 16, Oct 21**
- **Third Tuesday:** Pakenham Camera Club meets at Beaconhills College Senior Lecture Theatre at 7.30pm
- Next meeting: **Jul 16, Aug 20, Sept 17, Oct 15**
- **Fourth Tuesday:** NNG Progress Association meet bi-monthly at the St John's Community Centre at 7pm
- Next meeting: **Aug 27, Oct 22**
- **Tuesday fortnightly:** Euchre Club at Community Centre, 8pm
- Contact Jim Chatfield on 5942 5263
- Next meeting: **Jul 16, 30, Aug 13, 27, Sept 10, 24**
- **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: **Jul 26, Aug 23, Sept 27, Oct 25**
- **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: **Jul 13, Aug 10 & 31, Sept 14, Oct 12**

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.
Adult Riding Club	Kate Holmes	0412 992 850
Chairo School	Fiona Clacy	5942 5632
Community Hall	Cardinia Shire	1300 787 624
Cricket Club	Nick Mueller	0437 365 376
Fire Brigade - Captain	Justin Seddon	0402 763 663
Football Club	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	(41.5)	44	109.60	90	100.40
June	56.2	79	38	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	433	360	388.60	1088.2	908	804.90



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