

NAR NAR GOON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

THE GOON * NEWS

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Go Goon Girls

It might be cold and dark and in the depths of winter but the Goon Girls Under 14s and Under 16s teams are turning up the heat. With training on a Wednesday night and game play on Friday night and Sunday afternoon, the girls are showing great team work and a love for the sport. Our Under 14s are currently 2nd on the ladder and the Under 16s are 4th on the ladder. With four weeks to go (plus finals) the girls are showing true grit and determination. Go Goon Girls!

Photo: (top) Under 14's team, (below) Under 16's team



NNG RSL EVENTS:

• Monday 18 August 2025 at 11:00am

We will be observing Vietnam Veterans Day with a service. Further details closer to the date.

NNG HISTORY GROUP

Next History Group Meeting:

Monday 21st July, 2pm,

St John's Church and afterwards in the Op Shop Community Centre for a cuppa.

Guest speakers: John Spencer.

Ever wondered why the road to the footy ground is called Spencer St? Well, John Spencer will talk about the Spencer family story and the naming of Spencer Street. As an added bonus to John's presentation, he is going to share stories and footage about his motor cycle riding in Australia and overseas.

Not to be missed.

NNG Progress Association Meeting:

7pm, Tuesday 26th August

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

All Welcome!

GOON NEWS DEADLINES:

Next Deadline for submissions will be the
30th JULY

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- ** Monday to Tuesday: ** 2 PM - 9 PM

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Nar Nar Goon RSL Sub Branch

A reminder that we will be observing Vietnam Veterans Day with a service on Monday 18 August at 11:00am. Further details closer to the date.

Lest We Forget
NAR NAR GOON RSL



The Nar Nar Goon Progress Association proudly acknowledges and appreciates the support of Nar Nar Goon Bingo.

With the assistance of donations raised from Bingo, the Nar Nar Goon Association are able to bring to the community a number of beneficial projects including the BBQ/Shelters in the Main Street playground, the annual NNG Community Christmas Festival, the History Group Swamp Tour and The Goon News to name a few.

In the pipeline, the Nar Nar Goon Progress Association will be working slowly to upgrade murals as well as publishing a book featuring the the many loved identities of the town that have supported the local History Group by coming to share their stories.

It's easy to get involved in your local community. Come along to a meeting, join a community group or sporting club or just come to Bingo which runs every Thursday. Just by coming to Bingo and playing, you automatically support 9 local clubs, schools and community groups all at the same time.

Thank you Nar Nar Goon Bingo!



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)

**SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL
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EYES DOWN at 7.30pm

EVERY THURSDAY!!!

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

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

(Win \$50 or a meat tray from The Butcher With The Chef)

(Win up to \$1000 JACKPOT in the last game)

(Win up to \$20,000 in linked Big Bucks bingo)

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*Canteen available with complimentary tea/coffee/milo
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Must be 18yrs or older. A Non Profit Organisation here all
profits go to local clubs/organisations.*

Any Questions call Sharon ph: 0417 446 840

BINGO Gift Vouchers

NNG Progress Association MEETING

Tuesday 24th June

7pm, NNG Community Centre

(behind the Posh Op-Shop)

All welcome!

Contact the NNG Progress Association via email:
nngprogress3812@gmail.com



Nar Nar Goon Pony Club

Pony club adventures

2025 has been an exciting year so far with some more members joining the Nar Nar Goon Pony club community, our rallies are filled with fun in a relaxed supportive environment. Our March Rally was held at Urban trails in Nar Nar Goon, where the children got to experience some fun obstacles for their ponies. Firstly, the children took their ponies over the obstacles in hand, this allows the ponies to be guided over the obstacles while being supported by the rider on the ground. After some lunch we went back to the obstacles this time riding our ponies, it was a full day with lots of fun and hard work done by the children and their ponies.



Obstacles are a great way to desensitise the ponies and encourage them to problem solve, each time the ponies come across an obstacle the pony and rider needs to think about how to solve the challenge and get through the obstacle. This activity provides the ponies with mental stimulation, and builds a connection of trust and communication between the rider and their best 4-legged friend.



Our May Rally was held at our home grounds, there was a fun day full of poles, dressage, games and a scavenger hunt. Each group spent a lesson following clues that lead all around the pony club grounds, before they received the next clue, they had to answer questions relating to horse care. The children named the parts of the saddle and bridle; at the end the children had a bit of extra fun using chalk to draw the parts of the horse on the horse. We had some very pretty decorated ponies at the end.



The day finished off with one group making their own jumping course and then riding the course, the other group practiced their skills weaving through poles at a trot and at a canter. The children also practiced their balancing skills by placing a bean bag on the helmet and riding around trying to keep straight so they don't lose their bean bag.



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2nd Saturday of the month

8.00 til 11.30

\$8.50 admission
(includes supper)

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(ladies please bring a
plate of supper to share)



Live Music
3 piece band

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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 with over 100 quilts being donated for those in need of some comfort.



The group now support many charity groups including Wombat's Wish, Backpacks4VicKids, local nursing homes and aged care organisations as well as community group fundraisers and relief efforts just to name a few.

Donations of sewing supplies, fabric and quilts (both tops and fully completed) are more than welcome.

The group meet up on "Comfort Quilt Fridays" every 2nd and 4th Friday each month. Everyone is welcome (including hand sewers).

For more information, contact:

Lynne 0417 318 290 or lynne.smythe@gmail.com or join us on Facebook:



Ladies of the Swamp Charity Quilting Group



SPARK
ILLUMINATING STORIES OF E-WASTE
6 AUGUST - 3 SEPTEMBER 2025

CARDINIA CULTURAL CENTRE

Invitation: Opening Night

Date: Thursday, 7 August
Time: 6:00 - 8:00pm
Location: Cardinia Cultural Centre
Address: 40 Lakeside Boulevard, Pakenham
RSVP: Thursday, 31 July

You are warmly invited to the opening night of Spark: Illuminating Stories of E-Waste at Cardinia Cultural Centre on Thursday, 7 August.

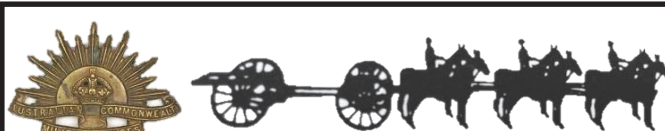
This exhibition explores the impact of increasing fires from incorrect disposal of e-waste on our front-line workers, local community and the environment.

Immerse yourself in compelling stories from a local waste truck driver, Ross and a CFA Beaconsfield volunteer, Andrew among others. These will be showcased alongside an innovative sculptural piece, creating a thought-provoking artistic display of how we all play a role in managing e-waste.

This exhibition is a collaboration between the Cardinia Cultural Centre and Cardinia Shire Council's Waste Team, brought to life through commissioned local and outstanding creatives.

Please join us for opening night refreshments, speeches and media opportunities.

For any enquiries or accessibility needs please contact the Cardinia Cultural Centre customer service team via ccc@cardinia.vic.gov.au or 1300 887 624.



Light Horse & Field Artillery Museum Needs You!

Remember with gratitude the men and women who served for us. Purchase a brick inscribed with your own personal message of remembrance and help re-open the museum. Lest We Forget.

The museum has been an icon for many years and the Dingle family have worked hard to maintain the true character of its time. They are seeking our support with their fund-raiser "Brick Appeal". If you can help in any way with this appeal please contact Edward Dingle.

Edward Dingle
Asset Protection/Project Manager
Light Horse & Field Artillery Museum
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NNG History Group



At this meeting Robert Cerchiaro from Red Gem Growers was our guest speaker. He shared the story of his family taking over the business in 1982. The brand of Red Gem started in 1954 in Gembrook. The company celebrated 70 years of existence last year. They are very fortunate that they have the legacy of people who have worked for them for many years such as Billie Riley and Russell Quigley, both of whom were in the audience. The Cerchiaro family is now up to 4th generation in the business - something they are very proud to share. The Red Gem story shared by Robert will be in the August Goon News.

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THE VAN DIEMEN STORY

by Nic Van Diemen

THE 40'S

The Van Diemen story started in the 1940s when Willem van Diemen (one of 13 children) met Naantje de Graaf (one of 12 children). Willem was a market gardener from the mainland and Naantje a Domestic Engineer (House Maid) from Texel a small island off the north-west tip of the Netherlands. They married 21st of April 1941.



During the 40s they had six of their seven children. I made it by two days. After the war ended in 1945 times were tough. Shortage of food and fuel made life difficult for the young van Diemen family. The hard times and the uncertainty of the political landscape I am sure contributed to the decision to immigrate to Australia.

Photo: Willem & Naantje Van Diemen June 1941

THE 50'S

It was during this time, around 1953 that the decision to leave the Netherlands was made. This decision needs to be put into perspective, Willem and Naantje had both lived through the First World War as children and lived through the Second World War as adults beginning a family. Peter and Martin were both born during the War and Lia was born as the War ended. Holland was occupied by the Germans and life was tough. Two stories stand out of the hardship that was endured during this time.

Willem had just purchased a brand new truck when the occupation started in 1940. He was told by the German soldiers to drive the truck to their depot. When he got there he was sent on his way. He never saw the truck again. Naantje worked for a German Officer's family and used to steal used tea leaves and coffee grounds, which would have been thrown out otherwise, so the family could have a cup of tea/coffee. Had she been caught she would have been shot. Desperate times. Willem also traded on the black market, including smuggling wheat in to the country. This activity was punishable by death if caught.

On the 17th of October 1954 Willem and Naantje and their seven children boarded the ocean liner The S S Zuiderkruis for the four and a half week journey to Australia. We were assisted by Father Maas, a Dutch Catholic priest living in Australia who found a job for Willem on a farm in Launching Place. On the November 18, 1954 Willem (now Bill) and Naantje

(now Nancy) arrived in Australia with their seven
the van diemen story cont...

children. Peter 12 (on the boat) Martin 10, Lia 9, Henry 7, John 6, Nic 4 and Bill junior 1.



Photo: (L to R): Lia, Peter, John, Nancy with Bill jnr, Nic, Bill snr, Henry & Martin

Bill Snr. went to work in Don Valley, about 2 Kilometres from Launching Place and Nancy and the seven children like many other migrant families went to Bonegilla migrant camp in Albury by train, for a two week stay.

The house in Don Valley was very basic and I can remember having to light a fire under the copper to get some hot water for baths. Communication was a problem, and Peter helped as an interpreter wherever possible. All the children except Bill attended Don Valley Primary School. Things took a turn for the better when Mr Douglas, the local postmaster, offered us a house he owned in Lilydale, as well as finding Bill senior a job at the local quarry in Coldstream

called Black Quarry, now Boral. This was a relatively calm time for the van Diemen's steady income due to the fact that Bill worked hard and always filled many more skips than his quota. This meant lots of extra pay. Dad holds the record of filling 32 skips in a day. You were required to fill 8 for the basic wage. Peter left school in September 1955 to work on a farm in Coldstream and Martin soon followed in December 1956 also working on the same farm.

The pull of the land soon got to Bill and in 1958 we moved to the West Gippsland area and started share farming for the Kozaris family on the corner of the Princes Highway and the Tynong Road. Where we milked cows, grew potatoes and strawberries and also had some pigs. Lia attended Lady of Sion School and Henry went to the Marist Brothers, both in Warragul, by train. John, Nic and Bill went to Joseph's School, by bus, in Convent School Road Cora Lynn. Here we began our along association to the West Gippsland area. At school there were, well known local families such as the Cunninghams, Byrnes, Dillons, Dineens, Kennellys and Scanlons. In my grade I had John Cunningham, Terry Kennelly, Roslyn Byrne and Lorraine Marchant. Education was never a priority as far as my Dad was concerned and by the end of the 1950s Lia also left school to help Mum with household chores.

THE 60'S

Some of the most memorable things at Tynong were going to Church, at Nar Nar Goon, in the truck. Mum, Dad and Lia in the front and all the boys on the back. We also bought our first car while we were Tynong, a 1948 Ford Mercury, from Tony Janssen the local garage owner. I would hang out at the garage on my way to Haddrick's shop in the town. Little did I know that the Janssens and my future in-laws, Pat and Cec Noonan, were besties with the Janssens and that Jo and Tony would be at my wedding. It was around this time that Peter and Martin went to Nar Nar Goon to play football but couldn't get a game. Someone suggested they speak to Mick Egan at Cora-Lynn because Cora-Lynn were short of players, the rest is history. More later.

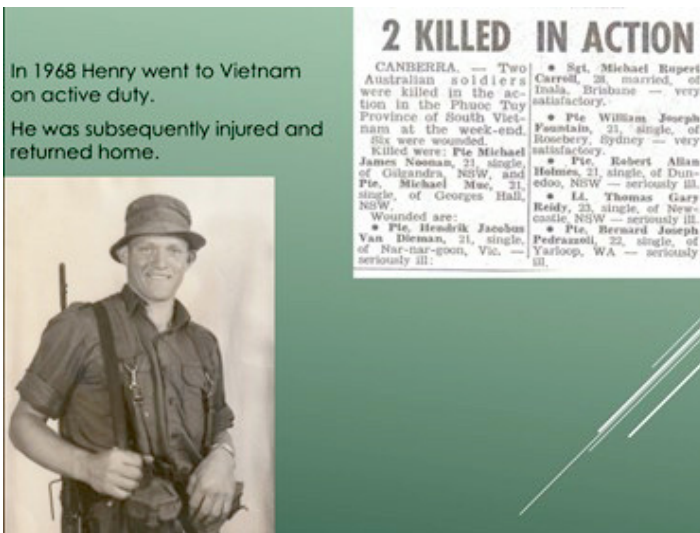
In 1961 we left Tynong and moved to the Five Mile road in North Koo Wee Rup. By this stage only John, Nic and Bill were still going to school. We attended St. John's School in Koo Wee Rup. Dad and the other boys did seasonal work including going to Kinglake to pick potatoes. Lia worked at the Koo Wee Rup phone exchange. John also left school at 14 in July 1962. In 1963 we moved one road over to the Seven Mile and started to share farm for Gabby Reich, milking cows and growing potatoes. This was a prosperous time for the van Diemens. Gabby was tough but once you agreed to a contract he kept it. We worked hard and we did well financially.

the van diemen story cont...

1964 was a good year for the van Diemens. We got citizenship at Pakenham Public Hall, bought our first new cars - an EH Holden and a Ford Falcon, as well as a new television and toaster. Melbourne won the VFL premiership!

In 1966 Dad, along with his good friend Peter Duiker, decided it would be a good idea to buy our own farm. So in 1967 we moved one road further over to the Eight Mile. Our neighbours were Matt and Marie Cunningham, the van den Burgs and the Duikers. Here we milked cows, grew potatoes, strawberries cabbages and cauliflowers.

Also during 1967 Henry was conscripted into the army. He subsequently did active service in Vietnam. Bill and Nancy had firsthand experience of war and the atrocities that occurred. He returned home after being injured. A very worrying and stressful time for the family. Henry was the push-up king of his Regiment and during training you could stop doing push-ups when you did as many as Private van Diemen.



By the end of the decade we were all playing football for Cora Lynn and one Saturday all six boys played for Cora Lynn reserves in the same game against Catani. We were surprised when we made it into the Sun Newspaper on the following Monday.



During the late 60s and the early 70s there were many

good times going to the local youth club dances at Iona, Pakenham and Warragul and of course the Pakenham and Longwarry Saturday night dances. In 1969 Bill started his carpentry apprenticeship with Gene Drosseart.

THE 70'S

In the early 70s it became obvious that the family farm could no longer support all of us. By this time there was only Peter and Nic left working on the farm. So the decision was made to sell the farm and in September 1972 we moved from the farm to 28 Ahern Road in Pakenham.

By this time Martin was driving trucks for Pakenham Concrete, Henry was a Maintenance Fitter at Tip Top and Peter purchased Goldsack Produce, later Pakenham Produce. John started working as a Duct Fitter in Melbourne, thanks to a connection with local footballer Neil Gray. Nic worked at Hendrix Concrete for 12 months and in 1973 started working as a Landscape Gardener. During this decade Nancy and Bill became Nana and Pop to all the family.

Bill worked for the Shire of Berwick and later the Shire of Pakenham until 1979 when he retired. We continued to play football for Cora Lynn as well as being involved on the football and social committees. Peter was Vice President for a period time and John was Treasurer. Dad was also a committeeman and selector for many years. Nic was Secretary of the social committee. We enjoyed the involvement of many social activities such as the raft race down the Bunyip River, the wheelbarrow race from Koo Wee Rup to Cora Lynn and variety nights at the Cora Lynn hall, car rallies and especially the Cora Lynn Corroborree. This was an initiative of John, Nic and Bill van Diemen, due to their attendance at the Palaris Inn in Carlton where the Bush bands played weekly. The Cora Lynn Corroborree was a bush dance held in George Richardson's Potato Shed. A large area in front of the shed was cordoned off by building a wall of potato bins stacked three high and gathered from all around Cora Lynn. The bands that played were The Bushwackers and the Cobbers. It lasted three years and made many thousands of dollars for the Cora Lynn Football Club.

THE 80'S

On the 19th of November 1983 Willem, who had suddenly become ill with lung cancer and emphysema, died at the Pakenham Bush Nursing Hospital. 8 grandchildren were born and the last of Bill and Nancy's grandchildren Melanie was born in 1987. However it was not long before great grandchildren started to arrive. Shannon McFerran arrived in 1990. In 1985 Nancy realised she could no longer cope with living so far out of town as she had never driven. So she sold the house and moved into a Unit at 55 Main

the van diemen story cont...

Street Pakenham. It was affectionately known as "The Oonit". Nancy loved living so close to the town and it was great to have everything within walking distance. Nancy would walk to the shops and do shopping every day just for some social contact. While still devastated about the loss of her husband she had a good circle of friends especially the card playing ladies. Corrie Kooloos, Tinnie Berkhout and Ali Duiker. They were all by now widowed and lived within walking distance. They were known as "The Merry Widows Card Club" and when it was Mum's turn to host, you were forbidden to visit. If you did they didn't talk to you.

Nancy also took great pride in scanning the Pakenham Gazette every week to see if any of her children or grandchildren featured. If they did she would cut out the article and over the years she had a large collection of newspaper clippings. In the 80s Bill played his last game of football for Cora Lynn but soon after David, Ryan, William and Thomas started playing. By the time the van Diemens finished playing at Cora Lynn they had played a total of 1883 games across all grades including 857 senior games. Bill held the club record of 319 games until three weeks ago. John, Nic, Bill and Margaret are life members of the Cora Lynn Football Club.

THE 90'S

During the 90s, 55 Main Street was a halfway house for many of the grandchildren. Either waiting to get picked up after school or dropping in for a snack and or a sleep before work at Macca's or Subway. Of course they were spoiled rotten. In 1993 David Van Diemen was selected in the under 16s Victorian basketball team. During the 90s there were 6 great- grandchildren born.

THE 00's (THE NAUGHTIES)

Peter married Helen Impey on the Georgina McAffie, we were supposed to be celebrating Helens 50th birthday.

In 2006 Nana's health started to deteriorate in particular her mobility. So it was decided that it may be time for her to go somewhere where she could be supported 24/7. In 2006 Nana, reluctantly, moved into McGregor Gardens. In August 2008 Nana passed away peacefully in the presence of the family at Casey Hospital. Seven days shy of her 97th birthday.

THE 10'S (THE TEENS)

In the teens more great-grandchildren arrived. The extended family was growing every year. In September 2011 the family was devastated when Jacinta (daughter of Kerry and Nic) suddenly became ill and died from sepsis four days later. Jacinta

touched so many people during her life. Then Covid hit.

THE 20'S

During Covid we saw very little of family, lots of Zooms and staying at home. The van Diemens, however, made a contribution to the management of the Covid pandemic. Annaliese who was then the Deputy Chief Health Officer of Victoria appeared frequently on TV with Premier Dan Andrews for Covid updates. She was also heavily involved in contact tracing.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW

Peter lives with Helen in Upper Pakenham. They have three daughters and three grandchildren. Martin lives with Corry in Berwick they have two sons and one daughter and five grandchildren. Lia lives in Anglesea she has three daughters and six grandchildren. Henry lives with Gayle in Pakenham they have two sons and one daughter and five grandchildren. John lives with Marilyn in Berwick they have two sons and three grandchildren. Nic lives in Maryknoll with Kerry they have three daughters, one deceased, and four grandchildren. Bill lives with Margaret in Nar Nar Goon North they have two sons and one daughter and 10 grandchildren.

THANK YOU WILLEM AND NAANTJE

As a family, and I think I speak for everyone, we are forever grateful for the decision that our parents made back in 1954 to come to this wonderful land. A country of opportunity and fairness in regards to employment, politics, social welfare, health and education. While we are a lucky to have come to this wonderful land, I believe that Australia is also lucky to have had families like the van Diemens come to their country.



Photo: Van Diemen Family and their Mum (around 2016)

Nic van Diemen

Lithium-ion Battery Safety Awareness

Many preventable house fires occur in Cardinia Shire every year and lithium-ion battery failure as a cause, is becoming more common. Lithium-ion batteries are a type of rechargeable battery which are available in different sizes. Most laptops, mobile phones, e-bikes, e-scooters, power banks and power tools contain them. Risks and injuries from product - Lithium-ion batteries can be highly flammable, can be very difficult to extinguish and may reignite. The ACCC saw a 92% increase in reported lithium-ion battery incidents including swelling, overheating and fires in 2022 compared to 2020. If a lithium-ion battery is not correctly manufactured, handled, stored, charged or disposed of, it can catch fire, explode or vent toxic gas. Things to look for when buying - There isn't a mandatory safety standard for lithium-ion batteries or products containing them. Ensure you buy products that contain lithium-ion batteries from a reputable supplier and always follow the manufacturer's instructions for use.

Handling and storing a lithium-ion battery product

What to do: Store lithium-ion batteries and products in cool, dry places and out of direct sunlight. Allow the lithium-ion battery to cool after use and before recharging. Buy replacement batteries from the original supplier or a reputable supplier where possible. Keep lithium-ion batteries separate from each other when removed from products. Consider installing a smoke alarm in your garage if batteries are to be stored.

What not to do: Never use lithium-ion batteries, products or chargers that show signs of failure such as:

- denting, crushing or other damage
- overheating
- swelling
- leaking
- venting gas.

Don't leave lithium-ion batteries or products in hot places such as in parked vehicles. Don't modify a lithium-ion battery or use it in the incorrect product. Never use batteries designed for one product in another product.

Charging a lithium-ion battery

What to do: Monitor device charging times and disconnect products from chargers when fully charged. Consider setting timers as a reminder to unplug devices. Charge lithium-ion batteries or products on non-flammable surfaces such as concrete, ceramic or steel.

What not to do: Never charge lithium-ion batteries or products on flammable materials such as beds, sofas or carpet. Never use damaged chargers or charging cables.

Disposing of a lithium-ion battery product

What to do: Check safe disposal options at Recycle Mate or B-Cycle to safely get rid of lithium-ion batteries or products.

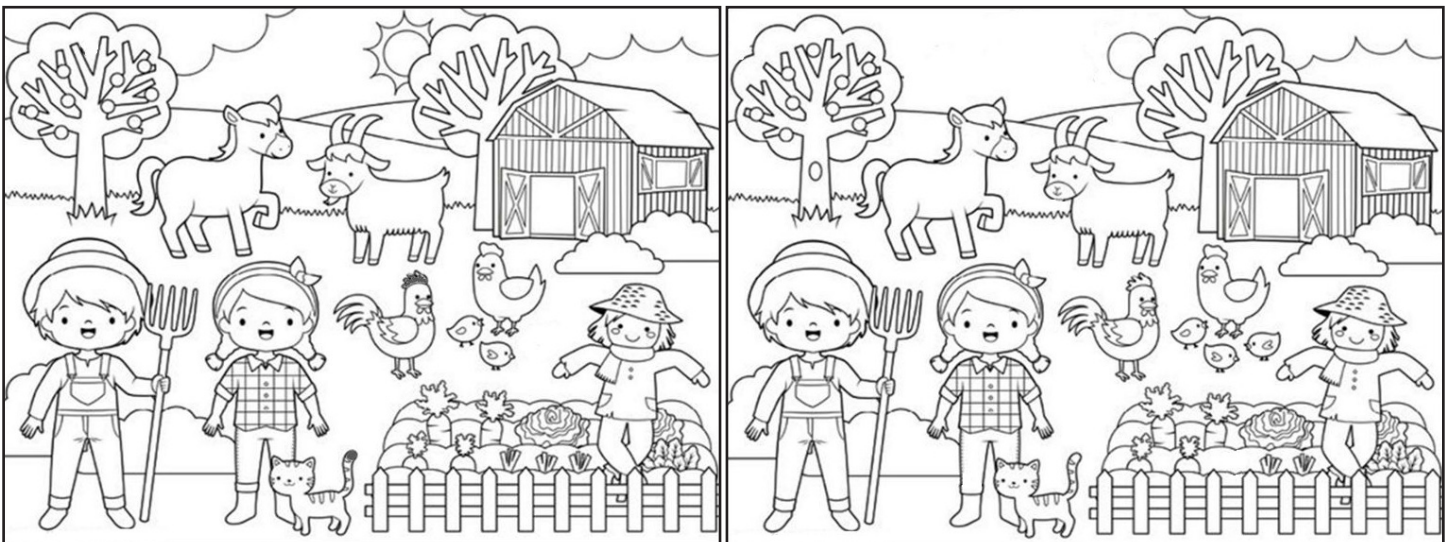
What not to do: Don't throw away lithium-ion batteries or products in household rubbish, recycling bins or hard waste collections. This can cause fires in bins, garbage trucks and waste facilities.

For safe, lithium-ion battery disposal points within Cardinia shire go to: E-waste (disposing of electrical and battery-operated items) - Cardinia Shire Council
For more information see: Lithium-ion battery safety | Energy Safe Victoria | Charging and battery safety | CFA (Country Fire Authority)

Stewart Matulis

Coordinator – Emergency Management
Cardinia Shire Council

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Thursdays commencing 24 July for 8 sessions (No session 28 August), 9.30am - 12.30pm

Cost: \$50 (Includes course notes)

A Learn Local Course



Carers Group

Supporting those who support others

Offering carers of people with a 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: 7 August, 4 September, 2 October

10am - 12pm Cost: FREE (Gold coin donation welcome)



Laughter Yoga

'Laughter is the best medicine'

Laughter Yoga is a fun and effective program that is beneficial for your wellbeing. It is not traditional yoga but involves deep breathing exercises, which turn into laughter which can reduce stress, anxiety, depression and strengthens the immune system. We all feel better when we laugh.

Tuesdays commencing 15 July for 11 sessions, 6pm - 7pm

Cost: \$22 (Join any time)

Chit Chat Tuesdays (Women Over 60)

Enjoy a coffee, a chat and want to make friends?

This friendly group comes together for activities and occasional outings.

Tuesdays commencing 22 July for 9 sessions, 10am - 12pm

Cost: \$6 per session (Join any time)

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Planning scheme amendment progressed by Council to reimagine iconic pottery site in Officer

Council has supported a recommendation to progress the consideration of Planning Scheme Amendment C282card and associated planning permit proposal, for the James Hicks pottery site in Officer. Planning Scheme Amendment C282card to the Cardinia Planning Scheme is proposed by Nobeliuss Land Surveyors on behalf of James Hicks Pottery Site Pty Ltd and seeks to permit an office space at the James Hicks pottery site in Officer, also known as the Officer Kiln site. The amendment, if authorised by the Minister for Planning, forms part of a proposed development plan for the site that includes the transformation of an unused space with an existing heritage building, into a commercial hub featuring an office, cafe, restaurant/wine bar, and car park. The proposal seeks to create a space with greater social, economic, and sustainable benefits for the region, while paying homage to the site's heritage. Historically this location has been associated with the manufacturing of terracotta building materials as part of James Hicks Pty Ltd Pipe and Bricks Works. The notable brick kiln, chimney structures and disused clay pit, identifiable from the highway, are elements proposed to be incorporated in the future development. Council will now seek authorisation from the Minister for Planning to prepare and exhibit proposed Planning Scheme Amendment C282card, and if supported, will exhibit the planning permit application and proposed amendment together. During the exhibition period, community will be invited to provide submissions on both the proposed amendment and the planning permit for the proposed development. Council would then consider any submissions before finalising the amendment or referring the submissions to an independent Planning Panel if the submissions are unresolved. If a Planning Panel is appointed, the submitters will have further opportunity to be heard, and an independent report will be provided to both Council and Minister for Planning. Based on the report, Council will make a decision on the proposed Planning Scheme Amendment, before the Minister for Planning makes the final decision on the proposal.

Youth Basketball Program inspires students to socialise and shine on the court

Cardinia Shire Council teamed up with Standout Basketball to host a basketball program, offering students a positive way to connect with peers and build meaningful relationships. The 8-week program was held after school and helped students from Edenbrook Secondary College develop their ball handling and shooting skills, team decision making and game

planning. The program also supported students to connect with broader social supports including Council's Youth Services and Aligned Leisure.

The youth basketball program is delivered by Council as part of an early intervention and prevention model of engagement that encourages physical activity whilst building positive social networks, both of which are critical protective factors for young people. To learn more about Cardinia Shire's Community Safety engagement activities, please visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/communitysafety

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Nominate a young person for Cardinia Shire's Good Choice Awards

Nominations are now open for the Cardinia Shire Council's annual Good Choice Awards.

The Good Choice Awards recognise and celebrate young people aged 12-24 who demonstrate resilience, kindness, and strength in their decision-making throughout 2024.

This might include prioritising study, applying for a job, making informed choices about their health and safety, accessing support networks, prioritising life goals and aspirations, choosing to spend time with positive influences, and engaging in school or returning to study with confidence. Nominations for the Good Choice Awards close on Monday, 4 August. Council will hold a celebratory event in September to recognise all the young people nominated for a Good Choice Award. To nominate a young person, go to <https://forms.office.com/r/ywEBsdfmMN>

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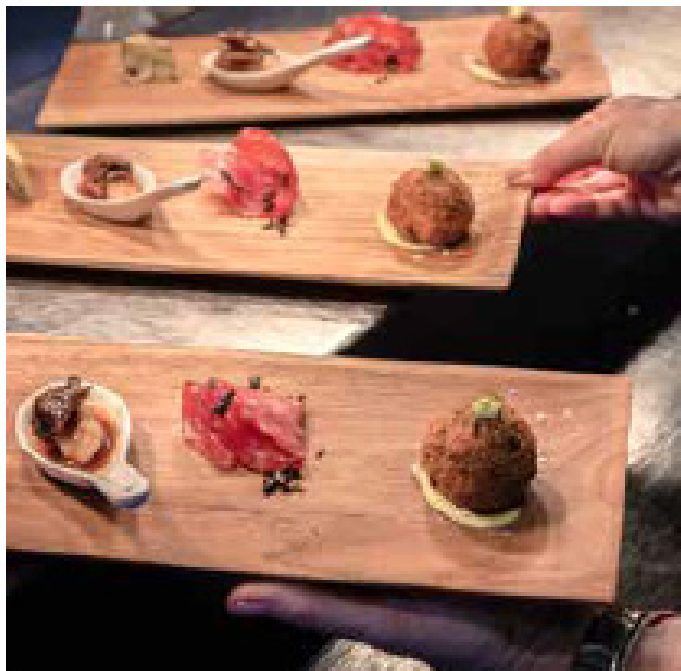
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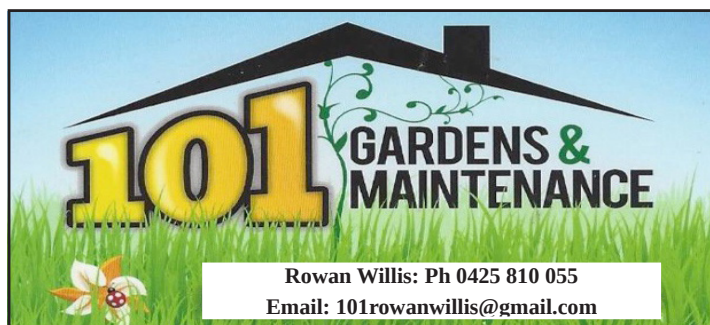
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- Next meeting: **Contact Samantha for confirmed date**
- **Monthly Monday:** Nar Nar Goon History Group meet 2pm in St John's Church or Op Shop (behind).
Contact Sue Rose on 0421 514 607
- Next Meeting: **July, 21, Aug 18, Sep 22**
- **Fourth Tuesday:** NNG Progress Association meet bi-monthly at the St John's Community Centre at 7pm
- Next meeting: **Aug 26, Sep 23, Oct 28**
- **Tuesday fortnightly:** Euchre Club at Community Centre, 8pm
- Contact Jim Chatfield on 5942 5263
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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: **Jul 23, Aug 27, Sept 24, Oct 22**
- **Thursday:** For information on local Scout meetings, please contact Olive Elston, Ph: 0408 390 593.
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Kindergarten	Brooke Johnson	5942 5287
BC/AC Landcare Group	Kate Holmes	0412 992 850
Local Councillor	Alanna Pomeroy	0436 353 194
Nar Nar Goon Bingo	Sharon	0417 446 840
NNG History Group	Sue Rose	0421 514 607
Nar Nar Goon North Hall	Kaye Willis	5942 5411
Netball Club	Hanna Smith	0403 969 779
Pony Club	Kerry Harley	0407 646 092
Primary School	Jacqui Cutler	5942 5311
Recreation Reserve	Cardinia Shire	1300 787 624
R.S.L. - Secretary	Samantha O'Sullivan	0419 537 606
St. James School	Rebecca Roche	5942 5404
Scouts/Cubs	Olive Elston	0408 390 593
Vinnies Welfare Assistance Line	www.vinnies.org.au	1800 305 330

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

Month	Rainfall 2024			Rainfall 2025		
	Geoff L	Zoe	Geoff B	Geoff L	Zoe	Geoff B
January	154.80	120.00	144.60	60.60	41.00	36.00
February	25.80	22.00	26.00	67.60	54.00	77.40
March	13.00	7.00	10.00	72.20	55.00	54.00
April	144.20	132	126.00	36.00	35.00	44.00
May	39.00	(41.50)	44.00	36.40	31.00	20.00
June	56.20	79.00	38.00	74.00	55.00	50.20
July	155.40	136.00	138.00			
August	35.00	26.00	16.40			
September	114.00	85.00	91.20			
October	84.80	(75.00)	65.20			
November	57.60	48.80	62.50			
December	44.80	45.60	42.60			
Total	924.60	701.40	804.50	346.80	271.00	281.60

24 Hour AED + Defibrillators:

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)
(registered with Ambulance Victoria and available with contact by phone: 0468 815 211)

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