

NAR NAR GOON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

THE GOON * NEWS

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Nar Nar Goon RSL Sub Branch

August is a significant month for the following veterans observances:

On Friday 15, 2025, Nar Nar Goon RSL representatives will be observing the 80th anniversary of Victory in the Pacific (VP) Day, marking the end of war with Japan.

A small wreath laying service will be held at the Nar Nar Goon RSL Memorial Park at 11:00am

All are welcome to lay flowers and pay respects to the fallen, or your own family members who may have served.

On Monday 18 August, Nar Nar Goon RSL representatives will commemorate the 59th anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan and honor the service and sacrifice of all Vietnam War veterans. This day also marks the 50th anniversary of the last Australian troop withdrawal from Vietnam.

A small wreath laying service will be held at the Nar Nar Goon RSL Memorial Park at 11:00am

All are welcome to lay flowers and pay respects to the fallen, and veterans, especially Vietnam Veterans and their descendants who served in the campaign.

Help us continue to represent and recognise those who fought so gallantly, but were not welcomed home as they should have been.

LEST WE FORGET

Next History Group Meeting:

- Monday 18th August at 2pm at St John's church

Guest speaker: Jason Downes

The Downes family have been part of the fabric of NNG for many years. Come along and hear the family story from Jason. All welcome

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Guest Speaker/s: The Geoff Dore Family

The Dore family were among the early settlers of NNG. The Dore story will help us all connect the pieces of history to NNG

- Friday, 24th October, 9am - SWAMP TOUR

If you'd like to join the History Group just turn up at one of the meetings where you'll be added to the mailing list. There is no cost to be a member and you are sure to know some or many of the faces attending.

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 AUGUST*

Email: goonnews3812@gmail.com

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Nar Nar Goon

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KPLhairstudio



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NAR NAR GOON HOTEL

**** 📞 The Nar Nar Goon Hotel ****

**** 📞 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!



Project Poppy

If you're looking for a great 'winter sport' that can be enjoyed anywhere, anytime, then have a go at crocheting or knitting some poppies so that the Nar Nar Goon RSL can grow this wonderful display.

Project Poppy began in 2022 in an effort to put the town on display around Remembrance Day & ANZAC Day of each year. The display showcases the poppies as a visual mark of respect and commemoration to fallen soldiers.

You can't deny that the centotaph and town look incredible when it is dressed up with the poppies. Members of the community including schools, groups and local businesses are encouraged to participate in building up a cache of crocheted or felt flowers, garlands and other displays.

Get in contact with the NNG RSL for more information. Message the Nar Nar Goon RSL Facebook page facebook.com/NNGoonRSL or email secretary.narnargoonsrsl@gmail.com



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.



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

EVERY THURSDAY!

Community Hall, Nar Nar Goon (opposite primary school)

**SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL
COMMUNITY, COME AND HAVE
A PLAY AND WIN !!**

EYES DOWN at 7.30pm

EVERY THURSDAY!!!

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

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

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

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

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

(Win \$100 bingo voucher last Thursday of the month)

*Canteen available with complimentary tea/coffee/milo
before last session. Cooled/heated venue. EFT available.
Must be 18yrs or older. A Non Profit Organisation here all
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

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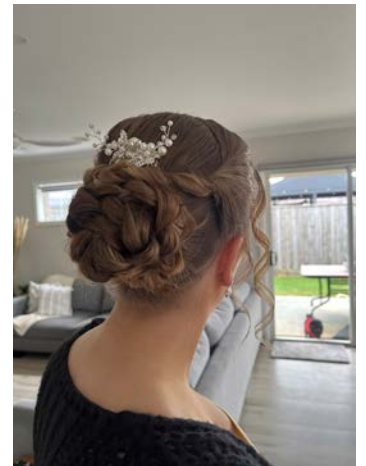


Home Salon in Nar Nar Goon

By appointment only

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 KPLhairstudio



Hi,

I'm Kelly – the heart behind KPL Hairstudio. With 18 years of experience in the hair industry, I've built a space where creativity, connection, and good vibes come together.

Whether it's a fresh cut, a bold new colour, or a gorgeous hair-up for a special occasion, I love helping people feel confident and completely themselves.

I'm lucky to have a loyal bunch of clients who've become more like friends. My salon is a relaxed, welcoming space – and yes, my dog Milo is usually around for cuddles and moral support.

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OLD TIME DANCE

Nar Nar Goon North

2nd Saturday of the month

8.00 til 11.30

\$8.50 admission
(includes supper)

5th Saturday if applicable

(ladies please bring a
plate of supper to share)



Live Music

3 piece band

All welcome



Nar Nar Goon North Hall
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Nar Nar Goon Netball Club

After a strong season, we are coming to the pointy end of the season and the club is well placed as we head into finals. Our run home sees us coming up against Inverloch-Kongwak, Korumburra-Bena, Tooradin-Dalmore & Cora Lyn.

Current ladder positions:

A Grade - 2 nd	11&U - 6 th
B Grade - 2 nd	13&U - 2 nd
C Grade - 6 th	15&U - 2 nd
D Grade - 1 st	17&U - 2 nd

• Road Safety Matters! •

BE THE DIFFERENCE - SHOW UP FOR YOUR TEAM, SLOW DOWN ON THE ROAD.

The Nar Nar Goon Netball Club is proud to be part of the TAC Club Rewards Program for Season 2025. The program provides an opportunity for clubs to participate in the mission to eliminate fatalities and serious injuries on our roads. This year, the priority road safety focus for the season is speeding.

We are looking for support from our club and community! Keep an eye out, and like, share, & help spread important road safety messages on social media.

- When it comes to road safety – we're all on the same team.
- Please like and share to help us – it's such an important message that is relevant to everyone in our community

#ShowUpForYourTeam
#SlowDownOnTheRoad
#TACClubRewards
#TACBeTheDifference
#TACBandTogether #TACVictoria

Prefer to have your copy of the
Goon News emailed to you?
Send us your email address to
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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



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

www.lighthorsemuseum.com.au

Ph: 0419 400 306

NNG History Group



John Spencer supported by his wife Jo was the guest speaker at the last NNG History Group. He presented a very polished story and power point about the Spencer family's legacy to NNG. His grandfather, John Robinson Spencer, arrived in NNG in the first decade of the twentieth century. He purchased the local store with his uncle Ernest Oram in 1918 from the estate of Michael O'Brien who built the store in 1883.

John Robinson Spencer purchased the Mechanics Institute Hall in 1919 which a year later was repurchased by the community. He was the first recorded President of NNG Football Club in 1921, serving over 5 years. Family legend has it that he gifted land to establish NNG Football Ground and NNG Church of England.

Is that why the road to the footy ground is called Spencer Street?

The longer version of the Spencer family story will be published in the September Goon News.

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Please feel free to bring along guests with you.

- October Meeting is the Swamp Bus trip on Friday 24th October meeting at 9am leaving from Ambrose Byrnes property at 370 Convent School Road (at the old Convent School). The NNG Progress Association has kindly funded the bus. Your cost will be \$15 for the BBQ afterwards at Ambrose's property when we return around 1pm.

Heather Arnold - local historian and Gerry Cunningham who did his thesis on the KWR swamp will lead the bus trip which will be to different locations in the swamp to last years trip.

Bookings for the bus trip will open on Saturday 11th October. Members of the History Group will receive a reminder on that date to book in by text or email. People not part of the History Group will be invited to join the trip but only after History Group members get offered the chance first.

If you'd like to join the History Group just turn up at one of the meetings where you'll be added to the mailing list. There is no cost to be a member and you are sure to know some or many of the faces attending.

Sue Rose
History Group Convenor
Ph: 0421 514 607
suerose08@gmail.com

Thank you Sue!

A huge THANK YOU to Sue Rose for getting the Nar Nar Goon History Group off the ground. She has been such a powerhouse and it is wonderful to see the group gathering momentum. We appreciate all you do and we thank all the many guests who have participated and embraced the History Group by sharing all your amazing family stories.

NNG History Group

Red Gem Growers & Packers

Presented by Robert Cerchiaro

– owner of the business

23rd June 2025



Potatoes

Red Gem Growers and Packers moved to Nar Nar Goon from Gembrook in 1987. The Cerchiaro family became involved in the business in 1982. The brand of Red Gem started in 1954 with a celebration of 70 years last year, a very good milestone. The business has been fortunate with the legacy of employees such as Billie Riley and Russell Quigley who have stayed on with them for a long, long time.

Robert has been there 33 years and it's a business that the family is passionate about. The Cerchiaro family are 4th generation. On his Mum's side his grandfather moved to Australia and ended up growing potatoes in Gembrook in the early 1960s. When Robert's father Guido came to Australia on his own, he ended up picking asparagus in Koo Wee Rup then found his way to Gembrook where he met Robert's Mum.

After Guido and his wife married, Robert came along. Today in the business they have Robert's son and his nephew involved so now it is 4th generation.

They want to continue to evolve as a fresh potato and fresh produce business. Potatoes are against current farming trends because most of the production has gone to broad acre farming in Northern Victoria, South Australia and NSW. NNG is the gateway to Gippsland so the business is very well located. As well as brushed potatoes, they do washed potatoes which are 40% of the business. They endeavor to affirm their position in the fresh industry, doing more washed potatoes. Unfortunately the requirement for brushed potatoes is on the decline due to decreased consumption.

They are focusing on what they know best which is potatoes. Consumers want to see less plastic so they are packaging export quality gourmet potato packs with Dutch Creme potatoes with skin on in cardboard packaging. This style of packaging tells the story of the landscape and the heritage the family and what's best in season. However, the family is not sure that consumers want to pay for sustainability which results in the more expensive packaging.

From 1984, Robert's Dad, Guido, had a number of different partners in the business. In 2017, they bought out the remaining two partners. Since then they have focused on the pack house at NNG and farming in the Riverina in NSW. Robert's son has now come into the business and they are focusing on production in Gippsland. They sold some of the land they had in NNG and bought a property in Mt. Ararat North Road – apparently it was first home in NNG and originally belonged to the Dore family. On the mural on the factory you can see the house, the first truck and the NNG business. The mural was already on the factory before they realized the Dore house they had purchased was also on the mural. The heritage home wasn't well looked after. It was built in 1842 and part of a 16,000 acre run. It was one of the first stops for Cobb and Co coming out of Melbourne. The house is currently rented but one day the family hope a future renovation could potentially turn it into a tourist spot and call it Guido's paddock.

Guido got involved in the business in 1982 in Gembrook when it was in the main street. Then they built the next factory just down the road in 1985 and then purchased the NNG site in 1987. They decided

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to bring the business to NNG where there was great access to Melbourne being right on the Princess Hwy, leaving the winding hills of Gembrook behind.

Photo: Robert and his Dad, Guido



The potato growing in the Riverina is in Hillston which is 110 kms north west of Griffith. The soil is very red, off the flood plains of the Lachlan River. The property is about 15kms away from the river where the further away from the river, the soil gets redder in colour. In Hillston there are two different plantings - the first planting starts from Australia Day to sometime in February and then the second planting is in July. The reason for growing potatoes in Hillston is that it gives the company a potato supply in June and July, then supply in autumn comes from Gippsland. In Hillston, they don't use the river water, they use bore water which is actually pumping out of the Lachlan aquifer. In spring the earliest potato crop comes from the Atherton Tablelands in Far North QLD, which bridges the gap for 4 to 6 weeks and then they start with a crop out of Adelaide Plains around Virginia and Gawler. This carries through until they can start at Hillston again which is around the first of December.



Their biggest customer is Coles, followed by Aldi and then Hello Fresh. Hello Fresh is a very big customer for Red Gem due to Home Delivery. Red Gem is the

first packer/supplier to Hello Fresh which has been very good for the business.

Potatoes are grown all year round and onions are brought in from independent growers. Over the last two years the company has been growing onions in Tasmania. The reason for growing the onions in Tasmania is that the Red Gem Agronomy team is based in Tasmania, which is a good fit. The main Agronomist had contact with families wanting to do some different things so they decided to do a joint venture with a grower there. That source supplies them with onions from February through to October each year and in the months in between they stay out of the onion market.

Red Gem is the only business in the potato industry that are washing fresh potatoes on the current scale and selling to retail. Red Gem is one of handful of suppliers left doing brushed potatoes. If you buy a washed red potato in Coles, it possibly came from Red Gem - one of 3 suppliers to this business.

They do have contracted crops where Red Gem provides the seed along with any advice and a fixed price. Last year there was hail storm which stopped the potatoes from growing. This was a disaster. This year has been the best year for crops that they've ever dug.

There are 58 employees on the books with about 30 people in the pack house. Every day they are dispatching to Adelaide, Brisbane and Sydney.

Most of the potatoes coming into the business are their own potatoes that they own the rights to. They are grown as mini tubers in Robinvale that then go to Wakerie in South Australia. The mini tubers then go to Kangaroo Island in South Australia. Kangaroo Island is a nursery for disease free potato seed. Kangaroo Island rarely gets a northerly wind that brings aphids and insects and disease from the mainland because most of the time the wind is a southerly. They don't get many frosts. The seed from Kangaroo Island comes to the mainland and then goes to areas such as Portland in Victoria, the Mallee of South Australia and to growers around the states and to the farm in Hillston.

Red Gem red potato is called Mozart and the white potato is called Sifra or Siena. They also have Dutch Creams, Kipfler and a lot of other whites that they use as long as they meet the company's cooking and utility criteria. There's been a lot of changes in the industry. Typically in Thorpdale 98% of volume grown was for fresh and would go to both wholesale and retail markets. In the last couple of years a company called Lamb Weston who are a big American processor and

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French Fry company moved into Thorpdale and offered most of the growers contracts to grow chipping potatoes. All of a sudden the industry turned from Fresh to processing to frozen. This change in availability of stock changed the varieties grown. The type of potatoes grown for chipping does not meet the need for cooking potatoes in the home because they are very starchy and floury. They cook beautiful chips but don't work for mashing or for salads.

In the finishing discussion about Red Gem and the employees over the years, long term employees names such as Billie Riley, Russell Quigley, Joe Lenders, Bill Doherty, Anne Gardiner and Michelle Granieri were mentioned. Bill Doherty was a well known identity around town and comments from the audience such as he'd give you a job if you signed up to play with NNG Footy Club were heard from the audience. Dan Cunningham was mentioned as he owned a transport business carrying potatoes.

Thanks very much to Robert for his presentation and the potato and onion give aways that he shared with all present.



HOT SPOT - from your friendly fire brigade

Our Monday evening training session focused on Road Crash Rescue techniques in collaboration with our Road Rescue partners from Pakenham SES. We emphasized the crucial role of adequate supplemental lighting for scene illumination and the importance of effective tool selection and utilisation for efficient patient extrication.



NAR NAR GOON BINGO IS TURNING 34 !

**34**

THURSDAY 28th AUGUST

Come help us celebrate our Birthday.

Huge free birthday cake to share.

Great prize money with last session

**Jackpot \$1,000 guaranteed
(or \$2,000 in 52 calls or less)**

**FREE TICKETS FOR EVERY PLAYER
IN OUR RAFFLE**

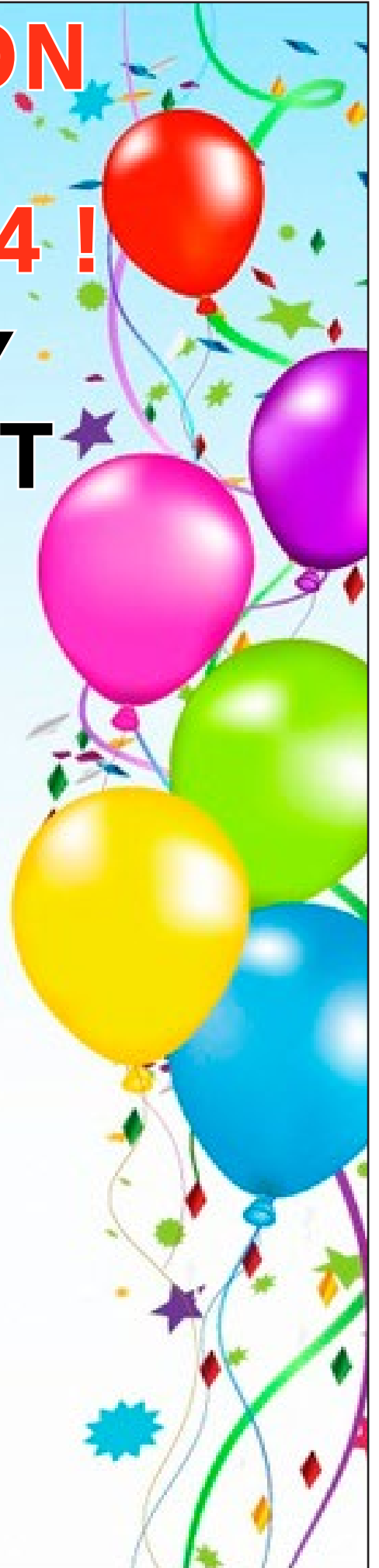
**plus tickets to buy in our
huge Monster Raffle.**

Great prizes!

**Big Bucks Jackpots of \$1,000,
\$5,000 or \$20,000.**

Come join in the fun.

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Morning Melodies

Join us for a sing along to popular songs
 Featuring Frankie Stevens and Linda Reid. A light lunch is included.

Tuesday 12 August, 10.30am – 1pm

Cost: \$25 booking essential

Carer's Morning Tea

Do you care for someone elderly, disabled or with a mental illness?

Join us for a morning tea celebration of the amazing job you do. A morning to relax and enjoy. There will be refreshments and entertainment.

Wednesday 15 October 10am – 1pm

Cost: FREE



Senior Safe Driver Expo

NO TEST INVOLVED

- Free confidential vehicle check of your car
- Health and driving
- Medicines and driving
- Road laws
- Free confidential driving assessment
- Free confidential VicRoads road worthy check on your car
- Tyre maintenance presentation
- Highway patrol Q & A session

Tuesday 9 September, 9.45am - 2.30pm

Cost: FREE (Includes BBQ lunch and refreshments)

Supported by RoadSafe South East and Vic Roads Community Road Safety Grants

Metro Community Education Session

Metro's Community Education Team's insightful and informative information session brings to life the Metro Tunnel Project, the largest rail project in Melbourne since the City Loop was built more than 40 years ago! The Metro Tunnel will provide people with more choice and better

connections to parts of Melbourne not previously serviced by trains. The presentation will focus on the Metro Tunnel Project – including the new stations, trains, systems, and technological innovations.

Wednesday 3 September. 11am - 12pm

Cost: FREE

Supported by METRO

Prostate Cancer Support Group

Support when you need it most

If you have been impacted by prostate cancer, this group will connect you with others who have been through a similar experience. A safe space to share experiences with diagnosis, treatments and managing side effects. You will learn evidence-based information in a friendly environment.
 1st Thursday of the month: 4 September & 2 October, 7pm - 8.30pm

Cost: FREE (Gold coin donation welcome)

Cardinia Dementia Connections

Nobody can do it alone

To coincide with Dementia Action week, Care Connect - Care Finder Program is hosting an event in conjunction with local community organisations, to raise awareness of dementia.

Learn about services and supports available to people living with dementia and their carers, in the Cardinia Shire.

Tuesday 16 September, 10am - 12pm

Cost: FREE (a light morning tea will be provided)

Supported by Australian Multicultural Community Services, care connect, Carer Gateway, Forget-Me-Not Café, Alfred Health and Services Australia

Artificial Intelligence

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Join us to explore the fascinating world of AI and embrace its potential to enhance your daily life safely and effectively. This course will provide you with the skills and hands on experience you need to confidently navigate and use AI in society. Suitable for Windows and iPad 8th Gen and above
 Mondays commencing 11 August for 6 sessions,

10am - 12pm

Cost: \$30



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Tuesdays commencing 26 August for 3 sessions.

9am - 1pm

Cost: \$25

(includes course notes)





Nar Nar Goon Footy Club

The Nar Nar Goon Youth Girls have finished the season on top of the ladder and are about to embark on their finals journey. Congratulations Youth Girls. Get around them!

The Nar Nar Goon Veterans have finished their season with the Grand Final cup! Undefeated for two years and now back to back premiers! Well done, Goon Vets!



Pakenham East naming update

Council will lodge its request with Geographic Names Victoria (GNV) to name Pakenham East 'Honora Fields' following advice from the Local Government Inspectorate that Council's decision was lawful. The Inspectorate contacted Council late last week advising that its investigations into the suburb renaming were complete, with no further investigation required and clearing Council of any wrongdoing. The Inspectorate has advised that the alleged conduct by Council staff and Councillors does not amount to a conflict of interest under the Local Government Act. In the interests of integrity and Cardinia Shire's commitment to transparency, Council referred the process used during the Pakenham East suburb naming to the Local Government Inspectorate for review in September last year after the following motion was put at its 16 September 2024 Council Meeting: That Council refer the process used during the Pakenham East suburb naming to the Local

matrix for the consultation data in full view of the data which compromised the integrity of the consultation and,

c) that undisclosed potential perceived conflicts of interests by Councillors and Officers are relevant. Council will now lodge its submission to GNV to formally adopt the name 'Honora Fields'. The lodgement will provide anyone who objected to the name to request GNV to review the process undertaken. Council will also write to those who submitted objections and residents within the proposed suburb boundary to advise of the Inspectorate's decision on this matter.

Festival and Events Grants Program

Cardinia Shire Council is committed to enhancing the annual calendar of events and programs which celebrate our local identity, diverse communities and the broader arts and culture appeal. The 2025-2026 Festival and Events grant program is for events which will be held between July 2025 and June 2026. As of July 2025, the Festival and Events Grant program will reopen on a rolling basis until 30 June 2026, or until all funds are exhausted. A total of \$193,162 in grant funding will be allocated to this reopened round and assessed continuously until the funds are allocated.

IONA-MARYKNOLL & KOO WEE RUP CATHOLIC PARISHES IN PARTNERSHIP

Weekend Mass Times

St James Church,
60 Nar Nar Goon Road, Nar Nar Goon,
Mass every Saturday evening at 5pm



St John the Baptist,
Station St, Koo Wee Rup
Mass - Every Sunday 9.30am

St Joseph's
Bunyip River Road, Iona
Mass - Every Sunday 11am

St Mary's Lang Lang & Holy Family Maryknoll
Please refer to the Parish Bulletin which is available at the
parish office 60 Nar Nar Goon Road, Nar Nar Goon
Office hours: Tuesday 10:30am to 3:30pm and Friday
9.00am - 1pm
Phone 0456 000 990 Email ionaparish@dcsi.net.au

Parish Administrator: Fr Avinash George
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Sunday sung eucharist 9:15am

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St John's POSH Op Shop

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in good condition and not too heavy to
handle. Volunteers are most welcome.

**Supporting the Nar Nar Goon &
Tynong CFA.**

ENCOMPASS GROUP

For people with disabilities and their carers.

We meet once a month on the 1st Sunday at
St John's Community Room @ 12:15 - 2pm
for lunch and a time of fun, laughter and to
support one another.

Bring a plate to share.

Contact Genevieve 0404 696 333 for dates
(usually 3rd Sunday)



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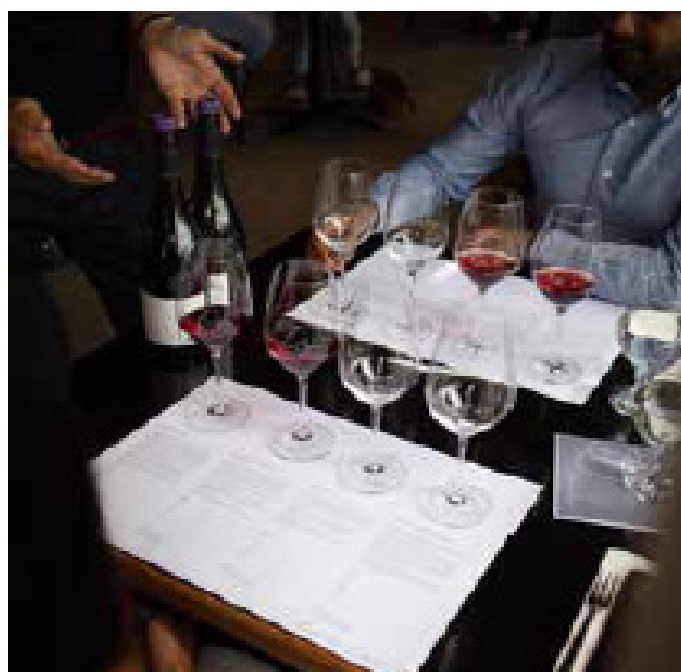
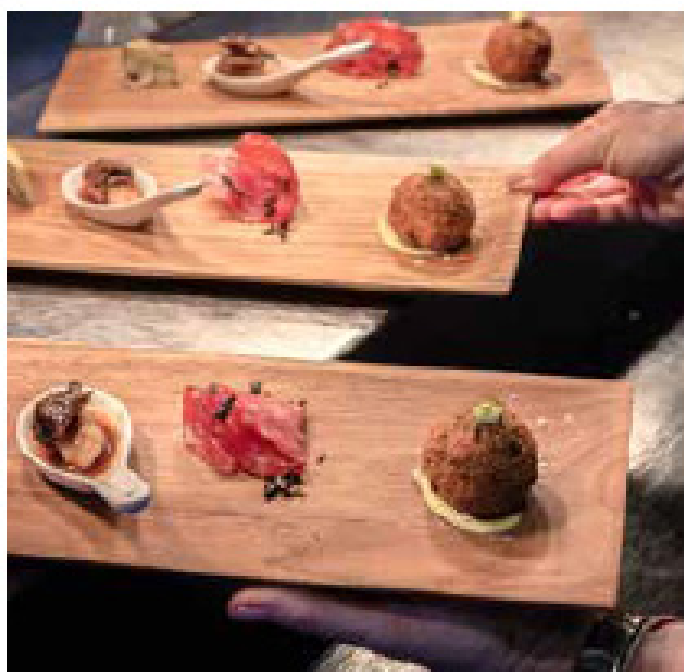
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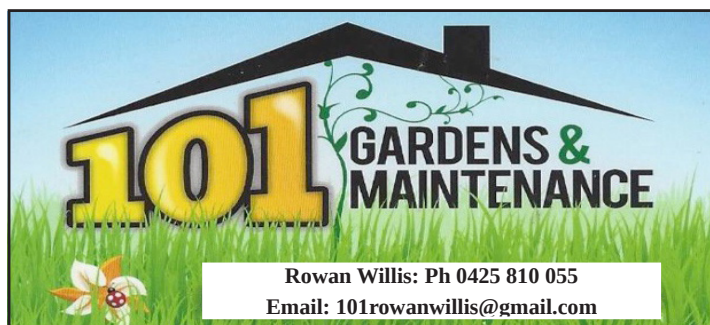
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- Next meeting: **Contact Samantha for confirmed date**
- **Monthly Monday:** Nar Nar Goon History Group meet 2pm in St John's Church or Op Shop (behind).
Contact Sue Rose on 0421 514 607
- Next Meeting: **Aug 18, Sep 22, Oct 24 - Swamp Tour**
- **Fourth 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
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- **Fourth Wednesday:** Pakenham Camera Club meets at the Community Centre of Meadowvale Retirement Village, Eagle Drive, Pakenham at 7.30pm
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- **Thursday:** For information on local Scout meetings, please contact Olive Elston, Ph: 0408 390 593.
- **Every Thursday night:** BINGO! at the Community Centre. Eyes down 7.30pm/8.00pm. Book sales 6:45pm
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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	113.00	91.00	79.20
August	35.00	26.00	16.40			
September	114.00	85.00	91.20			
October	84.80	(75.00)	65.20			
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