

NAR NAR GOON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

# THE GOON \* NEWS

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## *The Times They Are Changing*

Our tiny Nar Nar Goon Post Office is growing with the times. Who would believe we have a Parcel Locker recently installed?

A shout out to our local post office who do an amazing job! Thank you Nadera and Sachini!



## *Successful Grants for the Goon*

The Goon have been lucky enough to snag a couple of grants for our town. A very important grant is for our annual Community Christmas Festival which will be held on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November. Lock it into your calander.

Another grant we have secured is the Wellbeing Grant which will allow us to jazz up our town with some magnificent hand crafted Christmas decorations.

Thank you to the people that put the effort in to help secure the grant and thank you to the Cardinia Shire Council for the grant funding.

## *NNG History Group*

Next meeting:

Monday August 24<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.

St John's Church, Nar Nar Goon  
With a cuppa to follow in the  
community room behind the Op Shop

**Guest: Val & Ron Carroll.**

Ron played footy for NNG in the  
early days and Val was the NNG  
Kinder teacher for 26 years.

Everyone welcome!

## *NNG Progress Association*

Next Meeting:

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2026, 7:00pm,

St John's Community Room,  
(Behind Posh Op Shop)  
Main St Nar Nar Goon.

All Welcome!

## **GOON NEWS DEADLINES:**

*Next Deadline for submissions will be the  
30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER*

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# NAR NAR GOON

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## John Wood

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**NAR NAR GOON**

# BINGO

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Every Thursday Night • Eyes Down 7.30pm • [www.narnargoongbingo.org.au](http://www.narnargoongbingo.org.au)

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*Community Hall, Nar Nar Goon (opposite primary school)*

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

## EYES DOWN at 7.30pm

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

- **1<sup>st</sup> SESSION - \$2 per game**  
\$20 prize wins - \$100 prize win in last game
- **DUCK Flyer - \$1 / \$2 per sheet**  
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- **RAYS RAFFLES (\$2 tickets)**  
\$50 or a Meat Tray from The Butcher with The Chef
- **1<sup>st</sup> / Last Number (\$1 tickets)**  
\$50 prize win

**2<sup>nd</sup> CHANCE DRAWS**

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

**NEW TO BINGO?**  
Ask for our 'Starter Pack'.  
Play all games and raffles for \$30

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

(Buy your bestie a BINGO Gift Voucher or mug)

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 New Nar Nar Goon Bingo

 Nar Nar Goon Bingo



## HOT SPOT - from your friendly fire brigade

The Nar Nar Goon Fire Brigade hosted the CFA South East Women's Network with Ambulance Victoria.

It was chance for women from different brigades to come and experience Road Accident Rescue, Rope Rescue, using hand tools for Industrial Rescue and how to assist ambulance crews at motor vehicle collisions.

A fantastic day enjoyed by all those that were involved leaning new skills.

Thank you to Olivia for the amazing photos and for organising the day and the CFA Specialist Response Officer ACFO Owen for his assistance and tools.

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



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## NNG History Group

Last month our guest speaker was Allan Bailey who lived on Seymour Road in Nar Nar Goon North. Allan turned 100 in May this year and was chuffed to receive a message and card from King Charles and Queen Camilla. He started life in Glen Waverley and eventually moved to Seymour Road where he and the neighbours including Michael and Mary O'Brien and Helen Tibballs would regularly catch up and were there to support each other.

Val and Ron Carroll are our guest speakers on Monday August 24<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at St. John's Church, Nar Nar Goon.

Chris Cullinan (ex Maryknoll) will interview Val and Ron who both have connections with Nar Nar Goon. Ron arrived to teach at Pakenham Consolidated School in 1965 and played footy for NNG the next year.

Many of you will know Val because she possibly taught you or your children at NNG Kinder where she was the teacher for 23 years!

Chris and I recently met with Val and Ron, now both in their 90s, to plan the interview. There's a lot of wonderful memories to be shared, so come along to

Nar Nar Goon History Group on 24<sup>th</sup> August to hear the stories.

Bring any others who might be interested in the Nar Nar Goon family stories.

Gerry Cunningham is planning to recite one of his many entertaining poems at the completion of the talk.

A cuppa will follow in the Op Shop Community Centre.

All welcome.

*Sue Rose*

*Co ordinator NNG History Group*

### *Future meetings:*

- Monday September 28<sup>th</sup> 2pm St Johns Church  
Guest Speaker: Gwyn Coombs  
The Coombs family date back to pre-1940s.
- Friday October 23<sup>rd</sup> Swamp Bus Tour with a War theme. Bookings and more details early October.
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2pm at St Johns Church  
Guest Speaker: Andrew Walsh with support from his Mum, Martha.
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2pm, St Johns Church  
Guest Speakers: The Abrehart Family

## John Jarrott Story

*Presented 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2026*

John moved to live in Nar Nar Goon five years ago in 2021 to the property of his grand daughter in Home Road. He was born in December, 1933 which makes him 93 years of age this year. When the Nar Nar Goon History Group was formed in 2023, John was one of first eight people to get involved. Over the months of listening to all the long term Nar Nar Goon residents share their family stories, John quietly attended many of the meetings, enjoying their stories and the interaction afterwards over a cuppa.

Fast forward to one of the less formal gatherings of the NNG History group in June 2026, John offered to share his story of life before Nar Nar Goon. We all have a story and his is a very interesting one with many challenges which reaped unexpected career and lifestyle rewards.



His paternal grandfather was a farmer from Aylesbury in Buckinghamshire. His paternal grandmother came from northern London. His maternal grandparents came from Scotland with his grandfather from Stirling and grandmother from Perth in the north. They all came to Australia between 1850 and 1874.

His paternal grandparents went to Brisbane because they had to work in a sugar mill for 2 years and then they were free to do what they wanted. They moved from Brisbane to King Valley in Victoria to live near Whitfield. That was part of 56,000 acre Red Camp Station which encompassed most of the King Valley and the Boggy Creek Valley which was next door.

His father and his elder brother both went to World War 1. His Dad came home but his Uncle did not. His Dad lost most of his toes to trench feet which was always a problem. He worked for the Post Masters General (PMG) as a linesman. He eventually got sent

to Culcairn in NSW and married John's Mum in 1933. John was born just outside the town of Culcairn between Albury and Wagga.

Unfortunately his Dad died in 1939 from war injuries and other complications. Up until then the family lived on a small hobby farm but after his Dad died they moved into town to a rented house. By then John had 3 younger brothers. His Mum moved to town with her 4 children and had a pretty hard life with no husband.

They lived on rabbits. His grandparents lived on a farm 8 miles away out in Walla Sub which was originally Walla Station which became a subdivision. John got to Year 9 at school because that's as far as the local school went. He says his education was lacking in mathematics, particularly trigonometry, algebra and advanced maths. At 14 years of age he started to work after school and on weekends at the local diesel powerhouse. This job set him up for an engineering course. He'd always loved aeroplanes as a kid along with kites and model aeroplanes. In 1950 when he was 16, his Mum applied with his consent to join the Airforce for a five year apprenticeship, followed by another 10 years of service. This was followed by further service totalling 33 years. With no advanced maths he believed this was a problem but found out it was just common sense.

At the completion of the first year John needed to specialise and became an Instrument Fitter. This turned out to be a very good choice as this role presented many other opportunities. He graduated to the Airforce base at Richmond, outside Sydney. He was posted as an Airman, in an aircraft depot. He decided to take the opportunity privately while he was there to learn to fly and got his pilots license.

He was only there for 8 months when he was posted to a squadron 1BFTS (1 Basic Flying Training School) just south of Wagga called Uranquinty where they had Tiger Moths. The planes were old at the time and used for basic training. He worked on these planes for 2 years. At the completion of his 5 year apprenticeship he successfully applied through the Airforce to go to Melbourne Technical College now known as RMIT University. He lived in the Stores Depot out at Tottenham, travelling to RMIT by bus each day.

John overcame his Maths problem and after 12 months at the end of 1956, he was posted to Williamtown outside Newcastle. Williamtown airbase had just acquired its' first flight simulator, The Sabre. John was appointed as one of the first flight simulator mechanics even though he was still called an Instrument Fitter. Every morning he had to fly the simulator because it had to be tested every day. It's like flying a real aeroplane. It was on a fixed base - the more modern simulators pitch and roll.

*john jarrott story cont...*



*Photo: Sabre Aircraft*



*Photo: Barbara & John Jarrott in Salvation Army Uniform*

John met his future wife Barbara at church in Williamtown. He thought he was a chance to go to Butterworth in Malaysia with the second Sabre flight simulator so they married in September 1957, anticipating that he would win the job in Malaysia. As it turned out he wasn't posted to Malaysia. In 1962 he was sent to Point Cook in Victoria to do a French Language course which he failed – in fact

the only course he ever failed! In late 1963 he was sent to France for 51/2 months to organise to buy two flight simulators. They wanted the first Mirage flight simulator urgently as possible because they had single seat fighter planes that they wanted to train pilots to fly as soon as possible. Unfortunately his family could not go to France with him because you could only be accompanied overseas if you went for more than 12 months.

By now they had 2 children, a boy and a girl. The boy is Jessie's father - the grand daughter he lives with in Nar Nar Goon. His daughter Allyson, lives at Sale with her family.

On his return from France, John rejoined the Simulator staff at Williamtown. He was one of the few left from the original course, so he became an instructor. In the meantime back in France, the Manager of the company who manufactured the flight simulator - Le Material Telephonique said he wanted John Jarrott to be on the team. John didn't discover this until a few years later when he returned to France for a second time. By 1966, the French had finally sorted out the different navigation and radar systems on Australian aeroplanes. John returned as a Sergeant with 3 other colleagues.

This time in France he was able to bring his family who were happily ensconced in a flat in Boulevard Perifique which is the road that runs around Paris. His job had 2 shifts a day filling the hours 5am to 10pm which the 4 employees shared with 2 on each shift. Any conversations with the boss were impossible at the factory because the place was bugged. The best alternative for a work related conversation was to meet at John's accommodation.

They started the testing of the equipment and after 2 hours logged so many differences and faults that they stopped. Two of the team went on holidays and then they'd swap to keep two of the team on the job. 17 months later (instead of 13 months originally planned), the simulator was finally suitable to send to Australia. Initially the NAV system didn't work properly, the weapon system didn't work at all and the radar system worked most of the time.

Back in Australia, John was promoted to Flight Sargent as an instructor, this time instructing on the radar parts of the simulator even though it didn't run the radar properly. They'd made what they called a radar simulation device consisting of photographic plates from various parts of the world including south east Asia. It was highly classified information albeit one of the team being a White Russian who could not be given a secret clearance. He was not allowed in the trailer when it was operating but he was a good mechanic.

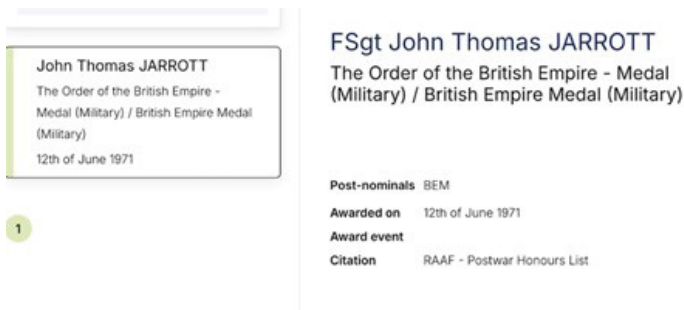
Later on John went to Malaysia in 1968 with a team who took two simulators, two trailers - a radar trailer and a simulator trailer connected by cables.

*john jarrott story cont...*

Amazingly the places were ready for this package with 2 shelters at right angles and an airconditioned hut alongside.

1968 was the time of the Vietnam war. John was a Flight Sergeant. They had very few NCOs of John's category which was in the instrumentation field so he used to get "stolen" at night from the simulator team to work on aircraft they were bringing back from Vietnam, flying them back to Malaysia over night and back to Vietnam the next morning. This was all very hush hush.

In the 1971 Queen's Birthday Honours, John was awarded the British Empire Medal for his work during his posting to Malaysia. His wife Barbara, on being told of the award responded, BEM, Barbara's Efforts Mainly!"



In September 1971 he came back to Australia and was promoted to Warrant Officer. There was no position in the simulators for a Warrant Officer. If you lost your flight you lost your Warrant Officer status, but the powers above must have thought about this and he was commissioned as a supernumerary Engineering Officer. He was sent to Point Cook to learn to be an Officer after 21 years in the Air Force. He then spent 3 years in Melbourne at Victoria Barracks on St Kilda Road. In the 4<sup>th</sup> year he was posted overseas as the Engineer for the C 130H aircraft as Officer in Charge of the Engineering team of 6 to Marietta in Georgia, USA.

After 2½ years away he came home with two teenagers Peter was 18 and Alison was 15. Back home in Australia he became an acting squadron leader looking after Instrument Engineering for the whole Air Force. He was the deputy to the Wing Commander, looking after all of the instrumentation in the aircraft. He retired from the Air Force 10<sup>th</sup> July 1981.

In fact, he thought he'd retired when after 10 months he was invited back to work part time. When you retire from the military you have to go onto the reserve where if they need you, they can call you back. He got a call asking him to work 2 days a week which became 5 days a week to take charge of a big investigation from Melbourne. There had been a fire in an aircraft which started from oxygen

bottles, stored underneath the pilot's seat. One of the mechanics decided to take one of the cylinders out when it was already full which in turn immediately started a fire with the grease from the slide rails of the seat.

The problem became obvious that a mechanic had loosened a line under high pressure oxygen of 400 psi which immediately caught fire. He stayed on for a further 2 years but getting more and more disgruntled with what was an office job. He joined the public service in a position as a Quality Assurance Engineer because of his simulator experience. He was stationed at the Phillips factory in South Oakleigh and would regularly go to Moorabbin where the army were fitting out their aircraft with weather radar, checking the installation and to make sure it was working properly.

Next thing John and his wife are asked to go to Washington, USA for 3 years working on the FA-18 flight simulators. This was his first travel in 3 years as he was no longer in the Airforce. Frustratingly for John, the requirements of the radar were changed mid stream as the pilot's, who were treated like Gods, requested some changes. One of the 2 flight simulators from the USA went to Tindal in the NT. John in turn was posted to Tindal for 2 months in 1988 where the flight simulator was installed and signed off.

Soon after he was sent to Toronto in Canada for 3 years to work on the simulators for the Black Hawk and Sea Hawk helicopters. Finally, back in Australia he was in an office job in Canberra working 7am to 6pm each day. By now he is 64 and wanted to retire which he did on April 1<sup>st</sup> 1998 and relocated to be closer to family in Victoria. They built a house in Ferntree Gully and John ended up working for the builder for 2 years and then retired - again!

Eventually Jessie got married and bought a property in Pakenham so John and his wife moved to Pakenham too. Unfortunately, 5 years ago his wife became unwell, passing away in August, 2021. Later that year Jessie bought 22 Home Road, in Nar Nar Goon which had a granny flat. She offered the granny flat to John and this is his home today where at 93 years old, he lives independently.

Thankyou John for the great insight into your life story.



*Photo:  
John presenting  
to Nar Nar Goon  
History Group  
members*

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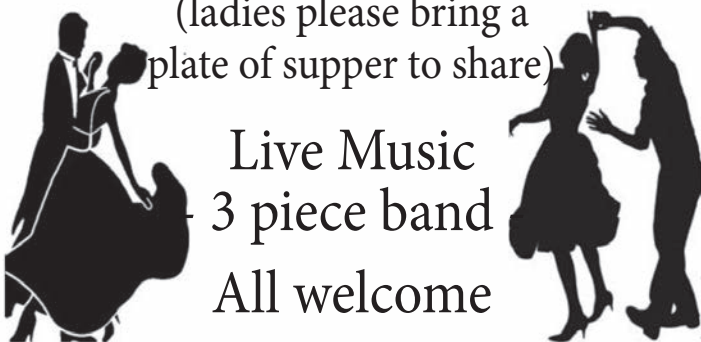
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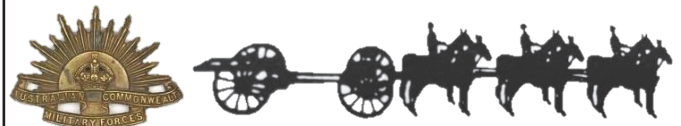
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#### Third Monday:

- NNG Progress Association meet bi-monthly at the St John's Community Centre at 7pm  
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#### First Tuesday:

- Nar Goon RSL Sub Branch meets monthly at the Community Centre. Contact Secretary Samantha O'Sullivan should you want to attend as a guest or member via email: secretary.narnaragoonrsl@gmail.com  
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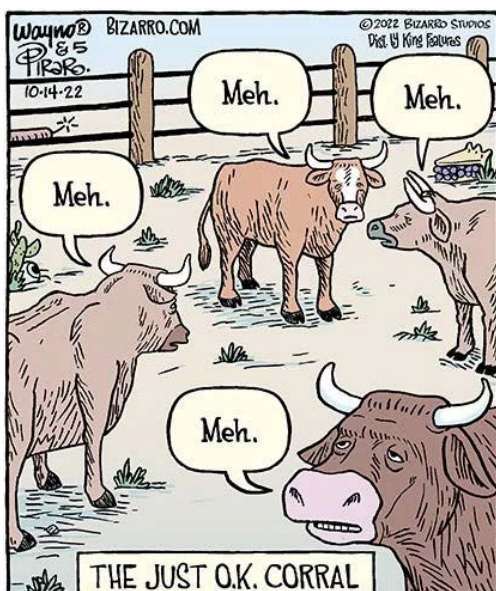
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| May          | 99.60         | 84.00         | 65.00         | 36.40         | 31.00         | 20.00         |
| June         | 76.80         | (78.00)       | 79.20         | 74.00         | 55.00         | 50.20         |
| July         | 86.80         | 82.00         | 101.60        | 113.00        | 91.00         | 79.20         |
| August       |               |               |               | 53.60         | (53.1)        | 52.60         |
| September    |               |               |               | 76.20         | 55.00         | 55.80         |
| October      |               |               |               | 112.80        | 99.00         | 100.20        |
| November     |               |               |               | 227.20        | 209.00        | 242.60        |
| December     |               |               |               | 52.80         | 26.00         | 49.40         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>518.00</b> | <b>430.30</b> | <b>472.60</b> | <b>982.40</b> | <b>804.10</b> | <b>861.40</b> |



## 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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