



NAR NAR GOON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

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Marygoon Cricket Club

Nar Nar Goon Maryknoll Cricket Club – Juniors Wanted



The Nar Nar Goon Maryknoll Cricket Club is now recruiting junior players for the upcoming season. We're looking for boys and girls aged 5 to 16 to join the Marygoons — a fun, inclusive, and family-friendly local cricket club.

Whether your child is just starting out or already playing, we offer a supportive environment with qualified coaches, weekly training, and Friday afternoon matches right here in Nar Nar Goon.

- Ages 5–16
- All skill levels welcome
- Training and games locally
- Equipment and uniforms available

Come and be a part of the Marygoons – where mateship, fun, and cricket come together!

For more information or to register:

Sukhpal Singh – 0473 868 152

Luke Merrett – 0411 834 974

Email: narnaragoonjuniorcricket@gmail.com

Next History Group Meeting:

- Monday, September 22nd,
2pm at St. John's church

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

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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 28th October

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

All Welcome!

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*Next Deadline for submissions will be the
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**** 🍷 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

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**** 🎉 Function Room:****

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Congratulations to the Coach of the Year!

The Coach of the Year award recognises an individual who has demonstrated exceptional leadership, dedication, and inspiration throughout the season. This honour is awarded to a coach who not only leads their team to success but also exemplifies integrity, mentorship, and a commitment to personal and athletic development. Through unwavering support and strategic guidance, this coach has made a lasting impact on their athletes and the broader community.

Congratulations to the Coach of the Year for 2025 Graham Coombes!

(Article taken from Facebook Page: Female Football Gippsland)

...everyone in the Goon absolutely agrees!

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.

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COMMUNITY CENTRE - SPENCER STREET, NAR NAR GOON
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EVERY THURSDAY!

Community Hall, Nar Nar Goon (opposite primary school)

**SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL
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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
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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 28th October

7pm, NNG Community Centre
(behind the Posh Op-Shop)

All welcome!

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



Nar Nar Goon Footy Club

Congratulations to the Nar Nar Goon Junior Football teams that brought home the 'chocolates' over the weekend. The Under 12 girls lead the march by beating Warragul Industrials 1.2.8 to 1.0.6. The under 14 girls continued the charge by defeating Warragul Blues 4.3.27 to 2.1.13. The under 14 boys secured the third cup for the day by defeating Tooradin 4.5.29 to 2.3.15.

Well done to all our Goon teams. Big effort!

Photo: Goon Cheer Squad



Photo: Under 12s Girls



Photo: Under 14s Girls



Photo: Under 14s Boys



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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
(cnr Dore & Bessie Creek Road)

Enquiries Phone Kaye 0407 343 754

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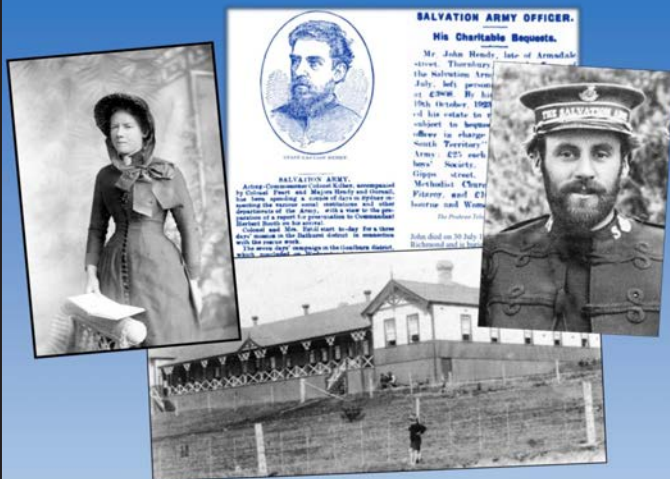
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BOOK LAUNCH



When the Army came to Pakenham : Salvation Army Home Pakenham 1892-1919 Penny Harris-Jennings acknowledges the history, officers and residents of the Salvation Army at Pakenham with over 250 pages of biographies and photographs

11 OCTOBER @ 2.00pm

Pakenham Railway Hotel

153 Main Street, Pakenham

ALL WELCOME RSVP 1.10.2025

Enquiries / Orders pennyharrisjennings@gmail.com

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

Cardinia Shire Council

Agri Connect: cultivating connections



Join us for an insightful session with David Younger, a disaster and community recovery advisor, as he shares practical strategies for managing uncertainty, community challenges, and health impacts.

What to expect:

- Tips on protecting your wellbeing
- Participate in a Q&A with David
- Take home useful tips and ideas
- Connect with others in your community

Date: Wednesday 10 September, dinner from 6pm, followed by a presentation from David Younger at 6:30pm.

Venue: Cora Lynn Recreation Reserve, Corner Nine Mile Road and Bunyip River Road, Cora Lynn (access is off Bunyip River Road)

Cost: This is a free event open for everyone in the farming community to attend. No bookings required and catering is included.

For more information, please email a.groves@cardinia.vic.gov.au or call 5945 3690.

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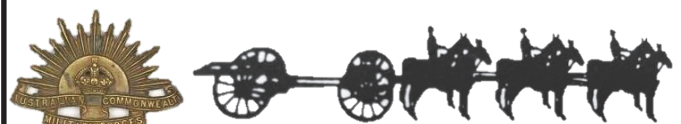
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This event is supported by a Look Over the Farm Gate grant provided by Agriculture Victoria under the Victorian Government's 2025 Drought Support Package. #LookOverTheFarmGate

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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

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NNG History Group

Today 35 people were fortunate to hear Jason Downes share the story of his family and life and business in NNG. He had a list of names including Bill Brown and Brian Kennelly who worked for the trucking business for many years. Stories of truckies driving the Downes trucks and parking them in way out back roadhouses and disappearing into the distance were memories Jason would rather forget. But it did happen!

When asked the question about what's going to happen to the old NNG school now relocated to the Downes land next to his business as you come off the freeway into NNG, Jason's reply was that he bought the building with the community in mind - perhaps to be established as a museum. He is keen for the community to be involved to help develop it further. Over to all of us! Who has ideas for funding sources and purpose for the building renovation? All ideas welcome and will be shared with Jason. Let's hope we can get some action and funding to start restoring the building.

The Downes family story will be in the October Goon News and eventually in the book of family stories we publish next year.

Welcome today to a new faces to the group today including Dennis and Mary Doherty, Julie Crawford, Marie Brown and Geoff Leed.

Swamp trip: Friday 24th October starting from Ambrose Byrnes property at 370 Convent School road, Cora Lynn, leaving at 9.30am to 1.30pm followed by a BBQ at Ambrose's property. Heather Arnold has negotiated with the KWR Museum for the bus trip to stop there on the day. The ladies connected with museum have offered us a cup of tea and scones and jam and cream. That will cost us only \$5 pp so now the cost of the trip per person will be \$20 which includes the BBQ as well. The NNG Progress Association is sponsoring the cost of the bus. Advertising to register to go on the trip will start from 11/10 (when I return from Norfolk Island).

Next Meeting: Monday 22nd Sept at 2pm
Guest speaker: Geoff Dore and his family. The Dore were very early settlers in NNG so the stories will be well worth hearing.

Thanks to you all for such wonderful support.

Sue Rose

Spencer Family History – Nar Nar Goon

Compiled By John Reginald Spencer 2025

William and Martha Spencer both migrated from England to New Zealand, William arrived in 1861. They married in Greymouth NZ in 1863, William was a plumber and glazier. They went on to raise 7 children in New Zealand. A daughter was born to William back in England prior to him migrating in 1860 and there were no records available for Jessie other than a birthdate. All the Spencers remained in New Zealand with the exception of John Robinson Spencer who in his early twenties packed the bags and crossed the ditch to Australia in the 1890's starting our family's Australian history. The remaining NZ family relocated from Hokitika, which is west coast South Island to Hastings on the East Coast, North Island.



Original Nar Nar Goon Hotel and Railway Store 1900's

Unsure of the exact year John Robinson Spencer arrived at NNG somewhere between 1906 and 1910. The Spencer & Oram's store in NNG was initially purchased by John Robinson Spencer and his uncle Ernest Oram in 1918 from the Estate of Michael O'Brien. Prior to this they had rented the shop from Michael O'Brien who had built the store and the original Hotel in 1883.

Spencer and Oram also acquired and opened another store in Tynong and ran the two stores through the 1920's, Ernest Oram operated the Tynong store while John Robinson and son John Henry ran the NNG store.



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The store, however, remained under the ownership of Spencer and Oram until 1928 when it was sold to the Rose family.

Spencer and Oram Railway Store Nar Nar Goon

Paintings By – Liz Bogaart (Circa 1975)



Of the 3 children, Olive and John Henry married, had families and lived their lives in Koo Wee Rup. The youngest child Harry was born in the shop at NNG and lived there until his early twenties. At 23 years of age Harry had struck an interest in a young local Catholic girl, which at the time was not encouraged by his Church of England parents. Unable to end the relationship Harry was sent back to his uncles in Hokitika New Zealand to get him out of town. Harry was not treated well by his uncle and went on to join the NZ Armed Forces to separate from that side of the family. He remained in NZ, married and had twin boys, John and Ken. Harry lived to 100 and regularly returned to visit his Australian family, never forgetting his NNG roots. Harry told Jo and I the name of the girl on one of our NZ visits, but unfortunately we're sworn to secrecy!!

In 1927 my father was also born in the old NNG shop, so at that time in history there were three Johns in the house that were all known as "Jack": John Robinson, John Henry and John Mortimer, the Spencers were never known for their originality...

Mechanics Institute Hall

In 1919 the family purchased the Mechanics' Institute Hall and carried out some refurbishment. The Hall was later re-purchased by the community in 1920 and became the Nar Nar Goon Soldiers' Memorial Hall with a grand opening in 1921.



At the opening of the Soldiers Memorial Hall the chairman, in moving a vote of thanks to the speakers, said he had forgotten to refer to the new piano. This, he said, has been obtained mainly through the energetic work of Mr W. Kenny and Mr J H. Spencer, junior. By collecting and other efforts, they had been able to present the committee with a piano, with crockery, and also with utensils, the whole costing considerably over £100. For their good work they were created life members of the League.

Post War Activities

Some local history found on the internet: Mainly due to the efforts of Jean Chatfield, thanks Jean...

The MC remarks at the opening of the NNG hall: The best thanks are due to the President and committee who had charge of the days arrangements and to the ladies for their valuable assistance. To the hon. sec. (Mr J.R. Spencer J.P.) special thanks are due for his energetic and untiring work.

Vehicle Street Parade

Space will not permit for a description of the various parade vehicles, but it may be said that all were attractive, those of Mr E. Oram, representing 'The Day' and Mr J.R. Spencer, representing 'Peace', being worthy of special mention.

Amongst those with decorated vehicles were :- Messrs A. Harris, M. Dore, J. Mortimer, J. Mulcare, T. Eves, A. Thorn, J. Kenny, J. Gray, S. Collins, T. Garrett, J. Latta, R. Brooke, T. Grigg, E. Oram, J. Spencer, jun., and J. R. Spencer, the last named driving a fine team of four greys in a buggy. There was also a decorated motor, driven by Mr Donald. Some of the riders were

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in fancy costume amongst the number being Miss M. Raftis (Ireland) and Master Wadsley (England).

The NNG Football Club History website notes that John R Spencer was the first recorded President of the club in 1921 when joining the Central Gippsland Football Association, with the first Premiership coming soon after in 1924. He served in that position for five years - 1921, 22, 23, 24 and again in 1931.

Harry and John Mortimer Spencer In Koo Wee Rup football gear (Circa 1930)



The family covered vast lands moving to Koo Wee Rup. John R worked as a local agent for W.H.A. Rodd & Sons Auctioneers. John R Spencer was keenly involved in NNG and district social activities. Unfortunately in 1940 he lost his life at the age of 69 from injuries resulting from a horse-riding accident at the Lia's property down the Seven Mile Rd.

A newspaper article noted: He was riding a very fresh horse and had jumped it over a post and rail fence when he fell braking his hip, he was transported to the Alfred Hospital and passed away shortly after.

Somewhere along the way it is family legend that John Robinson Spencer had a land holding on the southside of the railway east of the Seven Mile Rd. Of

this land, sections were gifted to establish the NNG Football Ground and NNG Church of England. The remaining land holdings held by the family were lost through gambling. This seemed to be a very sore point in the family for many years.

The naming of Spencer St, NNG was to maybe honour the gifting of the land? To be confirmed.

Note: Can't find any recorded history of this period... John Henry Spencer, Annetta Georgina (Mortimer) Spencer (John's Grandparents)

John Henry Spencer was born on September 2, 1900 in Richmond and moved to NNG as a young boy. He was 18 when he enlisted on November 4, 1918, but did not serve due to the end of the War. At the time of his enlistment, he was a store-keeper assistant at Nar Nar Goon, in the store owned by his father, John Robertson Spencer and his uncle Ernest Oram (who later operated the Tynong store).

John Henry married Annetta Georgina Mortimer in 1924 and they continued at the store in Nar Nar Goon until 1928. They moved to Koo Wee Rup to operate the Spencer grocery store at the corner of Station and Moody Streets. This store later closed during the Great Depression after which he went on to work in KWR at the Corner Store, Flax Mills (during WW2) and Permewan Wrights Hardware Store. He died in Koo Wee Rup in 1961 after a long illness, aged 58.

Note: John's wife Annetta's father was John Mortimer and mother Kate (nee Snell).

Both of Annetta's parents and families were well known in NNG.

The Mortimer families were known for their Saw Mills, logging and farming activities. Mortimer Park in the Bunyip State Forest was the site of the families Saw Mill and logging locations before moving to Millgrove. The Millgrove family home still stands today not far from the sawmill which still operates.

Words below are largely taken from an interview my lovely niece Casey Lia (old NNG family) completed in September 1994 with her pop Jack, it was a year 7 school project.

John Mortimer Spencer (Jack) was born at the NNG Shop in 1927 and the oldest of three children born to John Henry and Annetta. He was christened at the NNG Church of England, his parents nicknamed him Jack. He moved to Koo Wee Rup as a six month old baby when his parents opened a new grocery store on the corner of Station and Moody St's in late 1927, at the age of ten the family moved from 10 Charles St into their new house on the corner of Rossiter Rd and Charles St where they lived out their lives.

Starting school at four and a half years old at KWR State School (where the Secondary College is today), at fourteen he attended Caulfield Tech doing Geometry and completing one year. In his school years he

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remembers getting the cane for misbehaving...

At seven years of age Koo Wee Rup had the Great Flood of 1934, Jack can remember his home flooded inside with water. Also, being taken in a boat to higher ground, which there isn't a lot of in KWR...

As a young boy, he was known to have ventured down to the Royal Hotel on a Saturday arvo and slowly wheel many pushbikes back to his Charles street home. When the pub closed there were some pretty annoyed patrons. His father John Henry came home from the pub to find all the missing bikes in the backyard. Little Jackie claimed he was just looking after them.... didn't want anyone stealing them from the pub!!

At the age of 14 Jack's claim to fame was climbing and then walking around to top of the KWR water tower. Not too many did that!!

Jack & Kathleen Spencer (Holloway) 1950 - John's parents



Age 15 Jack started work at the KWR Flax Mill in 1942 remaining there until the end of WW2. After this he purchased his first truck doing local contract work, while still working at the Bayles butter factory.

Jack met his wife Kathleen Mary Holloway (a Caldermeade farming family) at the Bayles Butter Factory ball. Marrying in 1950, his mode of transport then was by motorcycle. It would be a year or so later

before buying his first motorcar, it was around the time their first child Robyn was born.

The family grew through the fifties having three more children Sue, John and Karen. Living at Caldermeade in an old farm house for the first 5 years of marriage before moving into their new home at 13 Gardner St KWR in 1955. It remained the family home until 2001 when Jack and Kath sold and moved a little further down the street to Unit 4, 2 Gardner St.

Over this time Jack worked at Permewan Wrights as a salesman, the State Rivers (and in his words, built every bridge in the swamp) before purchasing the Shell Petrol Depot on the corner of Moody and Gardiner St's KWR. The depot ran for many years before being forced to close because of its location in the middle of the town. Jack returned to the State Rivers for a short time until retirement.

The Snell's were also known in and around the district. They had stores in NNG, Bunyip along with the Robin Hood Hotel in Drouin West over this period.



Three of the Snell children, Clara, Anna and Tom travelled the world as the Gippsland Giants.



Clara went on to purchase the Robin Hood Hotel where many family photos are still on display in the hotel today.

Ridgelea Progress Update

From promise to presence: First Ridgelea residents moving in, park construction underway.

There's plenty happening at Ridgelea Estate right now, with construction milestones transforming the estate from a vision on paper into a vibrant community.

The first residents are preparing to move into their homes from August and September 2025, marking a major milestone. Around the same time, the land sales office will open on Saturday 30 August, with display homes beginning to open their doors later in the year. A larger display village launch is planned for early 2026, giving visitors the opportunity to immerse themselves in what life at Ridgelea will look and feel like.

One of the biggest achievements this winter has been the completion of the new intersection, with lighting and traffic signals due to be switched on shortly. Entry boulevard landscaping, featuring tens of thousands of new plants, has already transformed the look and feel of the estate.

"People aren't just buying a block of land anymore. They can now drive in and see the quality of Ridgelea for themselves," says Tim Jacobs, General Manager at Parklea Developments.

Sales and settlements have been moving quickly in this highly sought after estate. Ultimately Ridgelea is a 3,000-lot community, with over 200 lots now sold and over 100 having settled.

Parklea has invested over \$20 million in infrastructure for Ridgelea so far, setting the foundations for a

connected and thriving community.

"We've always envisioned Ridgelea as more than an estate; it's a future town," explains Jarod Mills, General Manager Corporate at Parklea Developments.

"With retail, childcare, and community spaces on the horizon, we're creating a place people can feel proud to call home."

Perhaps most exciting for families is the construction of the first of Ridgelea's parks, now underway and expected to be completed by December 2025. Designed by Senior Landscape Architect Greg Naylor, the park embraces a mountain-inspired theme that reflects Ridgelea's alpine outlook.

"The park is designed as the 'base of the mountain,'" Mr Naylor says.

"It includes adventurous climbing slopes, a split basketball court, shaded BBQ spaces, and even a rare five-way swing. There aren't many of those around Melbourne, so it's something special for families here."

The park also features three-phase power to host future community events, along with robust materials and repurposed logs to ensure longevity and sustainability.

With five parks planned across Ridgelea over the next eight years, this is just the start of a much bigger vision.

As Mr Mills put it: "The roads are in, the intersection's finished, the landscaping's in, and our first residents are moving in. The community we've imagined for so long is now becoming a reality."

Stay up to date with progress at Ridgelea Estate on social media or at ridgeleaestate.com.au





Join us at Outlook Community Centre for our upcoming programs. Everyone is welcome!

To see our complete program please visit www.outlookaust.org.au or drop into the centre at 24 Toomuc Valley Road, Pakenham.

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Free online graphic design platform

Learn to create professional social media posts, business cards, invitations, flyers. Make the most of this attractive platform to utilise for business and personal needs.

Wednesdays commencing,
 10 September for 2 sessions, 1pm - 4.30pm
 Cost: \$25

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)



Maintaining your Independence after 60

Discover why balance is the one skill you can't afford to lose. Learn how to stay confident on your feet, reduce your risk of falling and keep doing the things you love-for life. This session shares the secrets behind safe, strong movement and what your body truly needs as you age.

Tuesday 7 October, 10.30am - 11.30am

Cost: FREE

Facilitated by: Inez Musgrove - movement specialist

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.

'Joining a support group after my diagnosis has been invaluable' - Matt D

1st Thursday of the month - 2 October, 7pm - 8.30pm

Cost: FREE (Gold coin donation welcome)

Caravanning for Newbies

Interested in getting into caravanning or just bought a van and have a lot of questions?

The topics covered below could save you time, making your holidaying easier and more enjoyable: trying before you buy, types of caravans, buying new vs used, what to look for in a tow vehicle, towing on the open road, essential modifications, accessories and tools and what to take with you, reversing a caravan, packing up and setting up, maintenance, storage, and planning your holidays.

Thursday 25 September, 6pm - 9pm

Cost: FREE

All Together Choir

Are you passionate about singing and looking for a welcoming community?

No prior singing experience is necessary, just bring your enthusiasm. A supportive and inclusive environment. Join in and have some fun!

Thursdays during school term, 11.15am-12.30pm

Cost: \$8 per session (payable on the day)

Senior Safe Driver Program

Topics covered include: how ageing can affect driving, tips to enhance your safety when driving, how to manage driving with a medical condition, planning for the future and where to get information.

Wednesday 24 September

11.30am - 12.30pm OR 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Cost: FREE (Includes refreshments and cakes)

Supported by vic roads Community Road Safety Grants and RoadSafe South East

Midweek Mingle

This group enjoys in-house activities, lunches and visiting local places

The group is open to everyone to attend.

Meetings at Outlook Wednesdays during school term, 10am - 11.30am

Cost: \$6 per session (payable on the day)

(Some weeks the group goes on an outing and will be offsite - cost, dates and times vary)



Provide your feedback on Council's plan for domestic animal management in the shire

With the community's input, Council has developed a draft Domestic Animal Management Plan and invites feedback. Earlier this year, Cardinia Shire Council asked residents and pet owners for feedback on various topics relating to the management of domestic pets, to assist in the development of an updated Domestic Animal Management Plan (DAMP). Based on the survey results received, the Draft DAMP for 2026-2029 has been developed and is now open for feedback. Every Victorian Council is required to produce a DAMP that guides Council's animal management service by promoting animal welfare, the responsible ownership of dogs and cats, and the protection of the environment. To ensure the Draft DAMP reflects the need and expectations of our entire community, community members are invited to share their feedback by completing the Creating Cardinia short online survey or requesting a hardcopy via mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au. This consultation opportunity will be opened until Tuesday 16 September. To learn more, please visit www.creating.cardinia.vic.gov.au/help-shape-our-domestic-animal-management-plan

Building better, smarter, together - Have your say on Cardinia Shire's draft Asset Plan

Cardinia Shire Council is inviting the community to have their say on the draft 2025-2035 Asset Plan. The draft Asset Plan outlines Council's strategic approach to managing over \$2.7 billion in infrastructure assets including: ~ 847km of sealed local roads ~ 822km of unsealed local and rural roads ~ More than 900km of footpath and shared use paths ~ Over 295 bridges ~ Over 300 community buildings including halls, libraries, child and family centres ~ Over 1,000 km of stormwater pipes and 37,000 drainage pits ~ More than 130 playgrounds ~ More than 150 tennis and netball courts and over 40 sporting grounds ~ Street furniture. Aligning with the Council Plan 2025-2029, Community Vision 2040, and the long-term financial plan, the draft plan has been developed through a deliberative engagement process and has been shaped by initial feedback provided by community panel members and volunteers as part of the wider Council Plan consultation process. Community consultation is now open and will close on Tuesday 9 September 2025 at 5pm. Council will then review the community feedback before finalising the plan for consideration at the October 2025 Council meeting. To review Council's proposed Asset Plan and to provide feedback, visit Council's Creating Cardinia website at www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay

Pakenham East naming update

Cardinia Shire Council has lodged its submission to Geographic Names Victoria (GNV) for consideration to adopt the name 'Honora Fields' for the area of Pakenham East. This process will allow anyone who objected to the name to request that GNV review the process undertaken. Council is pleased that the naming of the suburb is progressing, and that existing and future residents will soon have certainty regarding the name of their suburb. The suburb encompasses sections of land between Pakenham, Nar Nar Goon and Nar Nar Goon North and is expected to accommodate 7,000 new homes. The name 'Honora Fields' pays homage to Honora Carney, a Cardinia Shire local whose family has significant ties to land between Pakenham and Nar Nar Goon, dating back to 1869. It is also the land where Honora, together with her husband Michael and their seven children, operated their farming business for many years. Members of the Carney family currently still live within the suburb area. Council will continue to work with GNV throughout the naming process, and looks forward to a final outcome and providing residents with certainty regarding their suburb name.

School holiday fun in Cardinia Shire

Cardinia Shire is the place to be these September school holidays. Families can look forward to a fantastic array of activities and events tailored for all ages, creating the perfect opportunity to have

some fun together. Cardinia Cultural Centre will host an exciting lineup of experiences, including the highly anticipated return of the Victorian State Ballet with their enchanting production of Aladdin. The Cultural Centre will also host 'First Australians: Freedom For Our Lifetime', an impactful free event designed for families with children aged 15 and older. For those with a passion for creativity, the Robert Gordon exhibition, Eighty Years of Earth, Clay & Fire: The Enduring Story of Robert Gordon Pottery, showcases the rich legacy of Robert Gordon Pottery. Beyond the Cultural Centre, the Koo Wee Rup Fun Day Out offers an exciting day for young people and families, featuring skate lessons, games, free food, performances from local young people and more! Families seeking adventure can also join a Fishing Clinic at Emerald Lake Park on Wednesday, 24 September, or participate in the 'Come and Try Day' sports event at James Bathe Reserve on Thursday, 25 September, making it a great time to discover new interests together. The Youth Services Teenage Holiday Program is also jam-packed with exciting activities for 12 to 17-year-olds. To check out all the exciting events and activities happening in Cardinia Shire throughout the September school holidays, visit cardinia.vic.gov.au/septholidays25

From Bushwalks to Bandicoots: Nature comes alive in the shire this Spring!

Step into nature to celebrate Biodiversity Month this September with free and fun activities supported by Cardinia Shire Council. Biodiversity Month promotes the importance of protecting, conserving, and improving biodiversity both within Australia and across the world.

- Join our Bio-Bushwalk. Take a guided walk through RJ Chambers Reserve to explore the native flora and fauna, and enjoy a photography workshop, where you'll learn how to capture the beauty of our local environment. Address: RJ Chambers Flora and Fauna Reserve, Bourkes Creek Rd, Pakenham Upper (entrance Matters Rd intersection). Date: Sunday 21 September 2025. Time: 10am – 11:30am. Register your interest to attend.

- Biodiversity Blitz

For the fifth year, Cardinia Shire Council is partnering with several of our neighbouring councils to hold the Biodiversity Blitz competition. To best understand how to preserve habitats, conserve biodiversity and protect endangered species around the shire, Council is calling on the community to step out into nature to snap photos and record their observations. The competition encourages residents to record local species throughout September using iNaturalist – a free app that helps you identify the plants and animals around you. By participating, you'll be contributing to citizen science and showcasing the incredible biodiversity of Cardinia Shire to the world!

How to participate: Download the free iNaturalist App. Join the Biodiversity Blitz 2025 - Cardinia Shire project. From Monday 1 September start recording your observations.

Please respect our plants and wildlife when taking photos. Spring is nesting season for many birds and flowering time for many orchids and herbs so try not to damage or disturb our plants or animals. If you come across injured wildlife, please contact Wildlife Victoria on 8400 7300.

- Help save the Southern Brown Bandicoot

To protect and track the endangered Southern Brown Bandicoot, Council is launching a new awareness campaign this September.

Footpath stickers and signs will be installed at key locations around the shire to mark bandicoot sightings, which have been reported through the iNaturalist platform. Bandicoots have already been spotted along the Koo Wee Rup Rail Trail and residents around Bayles, Bunyip and Garfield are encouraged to keep a look out for bandicoots in their local area and report any sightings to iNaturalist. The initiative is part of the Biodiversity Conservation Strategy and aims to reduce threats posed by domestic pets through education and engagement. In the areas where bandicoots have been spotted, residents should: - keep their dogs on lead - ensure their cats remain on private property.

For more information on the Southern Brown Bandicoot, visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/bandicoot

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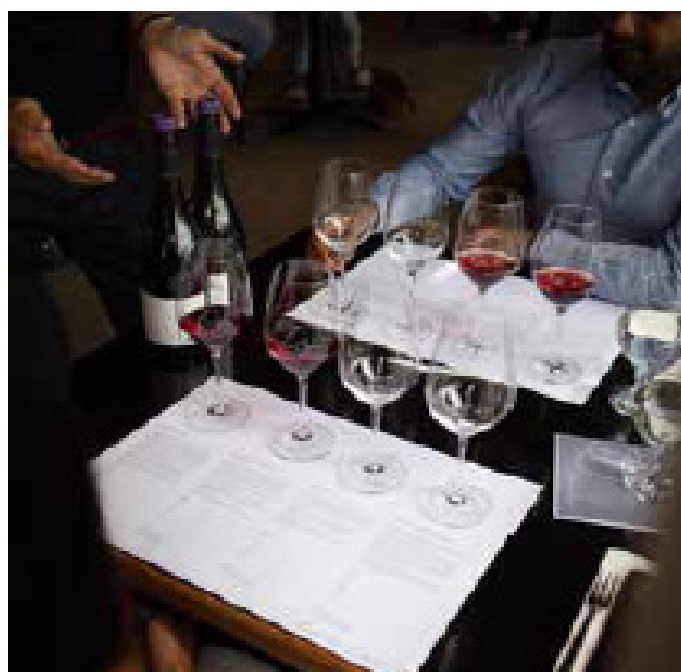
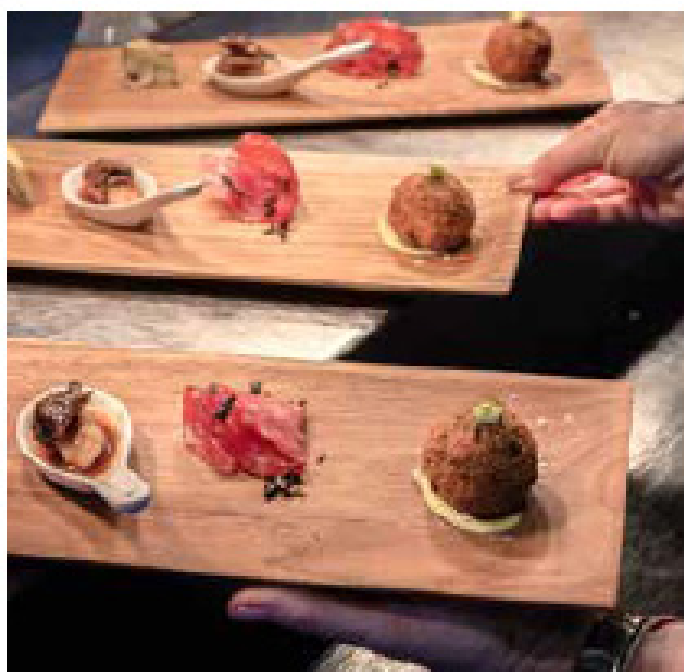


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- Next Meeting: **Sep 22, Oct 24 - Swamp Tour**
- **First Tuesday:** Nar Nar Goon RSL Sub Branch meets monthly at the Community Centre.
- Contact Secretary Samantha O'Sullivan should you want to attend as a guest or member via email: secretary.narnargoonrsl@gmail.com
- Next meeting: **Contact Samantha for confirmed date**
- **Fourth Tuesday:** NNG Progress Association meet bi-monthly at the St John's Community Centre at 7pm
- Next meeting: **Sep 23, Oct 28**
- **Fourth Wednesday:** Pakenham Camera Club meets at the Community Centre of Meadowvale Retirement Village, Eagle Drive, Pakenham at 7.30pm
- Next meeting: **Sept 24, Oct 22, Nov 26, Dec 24**
- **Thursday:** For information on local Scout meetings, please contact Olive Elston, Ph: 0408 390 593.
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Community Contact List

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	Andrew Rose secretary@narnargoonfc.com	
Kindergarten	Brooke Johnson	5942 5287
BC/AC Landcare Group	Kate Holmes	0412 992 850
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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	113.00	91.00	79.20
August	35.00	26.00	16.40	53.60	(53.1)	52.60
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	513.40	415.10	413.40

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)
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