

NAR NAR GOON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

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NAR NAR GOON COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

24th November from 4pm

It's back at the Recreation Reserve!
Come and relax with friends and family at the Nar Nar Goon Recreation Reserve, Spencer Street, Nar Nar Goon.

Enjoy an evening of fun with raffle prizes, live entertainment, face painting, free kids crafts & activities, NNG Fire Brigade with activities for kids, Captain Koala & advice for preparing for the Summer season, visit from Santa with presents and lollies, fireworks and food to purchase (sausages, burgers, Devonshire teas, soft drink, zooper doopers)

It's a busy time of the year! Please help out Santa by dropping off gifts to the Posh Op Shop during business hours. Wrap and clearly label gift with child's full name.

For further information, please check the NNG Progress Association Facebook page or email: goonnews3812@gmail.com

NNG Progress Association AGM Tuesday 26th November 7pm, NNG Community Op Shop

You don't need a special degree to be part of the Progress Association. Just a love for your community and town that you live in.

We welcome anyone who would like to join us at the Progress Association or simply come along and see if it could be something for you. Meet new people and make a difference.

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*Next Deadline for submissions will be the
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EYES DOWN at 7.30pm

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Eddie Lowen Park

February 2020, the NNG Progress Association met and on the agenda was a discussion on the naming of the playground in the main street of Nar Nar Goon.

It was unanimously agreed that the playground be named 'Eddie Lowen Park' after Osborne Edward Lowen (Eddie), a dedicated Nar Nar Goon Fireman who paid the ultimate price for protecting the community fighting fires at Cockatoo on Ash Wednesday 1983. Eddie was 37 years old when he died. Eddie's family have welcomed this significant township dedication.

In June 2020 the request to name the park was approved by the Cardinia Shire Council.

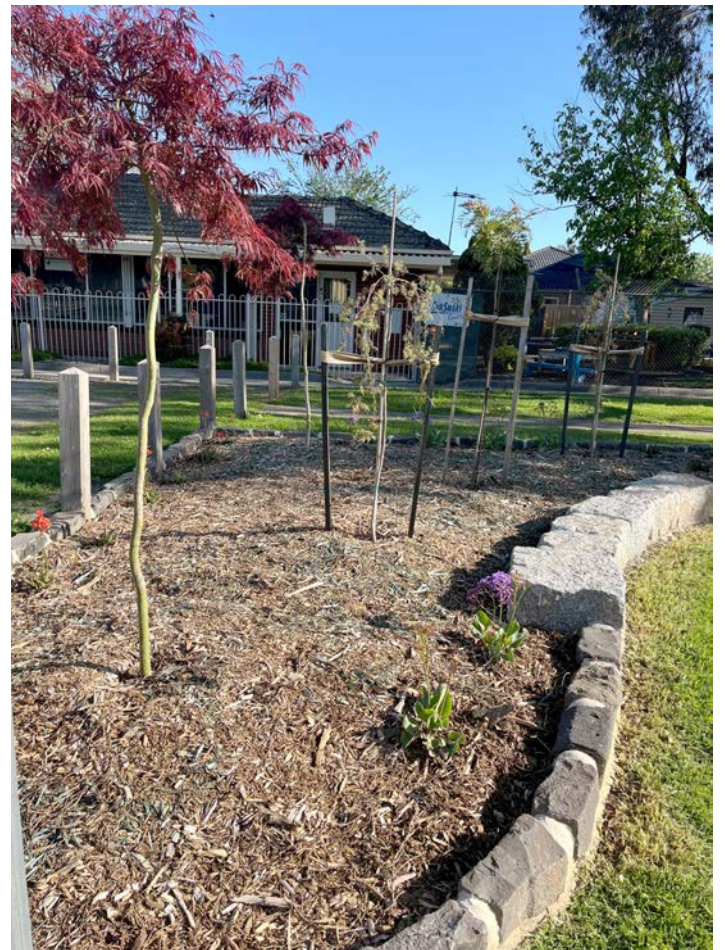
With the installation of the BBQ Pavillion completed in 2020, the Progress Association applied for permission from Cardinia Shire Council to install a commemorative garden to compliment the area. Partial funding from both the Garfield Community Op Shop and the Bunyip Community Op Shop have allowed the Progress Association the opportunity to install this garden.

For all the plant enthusiasts, the garden contains standard Japanese Maples, standard weeping Grevilleas and a collection of dwarf Aloes and Statice.

The grant funding from the Community Op Shops in Garfield and Bunyip, some donated materials from Pakenham Sand & Soil and some very handy volunteers makes for this great addition to Nar Nar Goon.

Special thanks once again to the Garfield Community Op Shop, the Bunyip Community Op Shop and the Nar Nar Goon Progress Association.

All that is waiting is for a sign, which will be followed up with Cardinia Shire Council in time to come.



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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. Over 100 quilts were donated to the fire relief for those in need of some comfort. The group have also donated many quilts to the East Gippsland bushfire relief, Batemans Bay bushfire relief, a women's accomodation project in Morwell and also to the Koo Wee Rup nursing home.

The self-funded group rely on donations of fabric and quilts (both tops and fully completed) to help continue our work. If you would like to join us, everyone is welcome.

For more information, please contact:
Lynne 0417 318 290 or Diane 0417 332 767

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NNG History Group

The Magical History Tour

A total of 40 local people joined the bus tour today to hear about the history of the Koo Wee Rup swamp from Heather Arnold and Gerry Cunningham.

We didn't travel very far but we learnt a lot and shared plenty of memories. To summarise the tour the bus left from NNG Recreation Reserve with the first stop being Sherwood Park Bakery Cafe on the Princes Freeway at Bunyip. Tara and Ross at Sherwood Park did a great job in preparation for the arrival of the bus, serving lots of delicious slices and lovely hot cuppas.



Travelling onto Iona Church along 14 Mile Road (dirt road and usually very quiet) was a challenge for David our bus driver from Berwick Buslines. He had to negotiate passing a grader and 4 tractors! Iona church and hall and school were opened specially for our group. Maree Wright and Donna Handley both taught at the school over the years. Their stories were most entertaining, particularly about Maree's student who chose to hide under the stage of the hall with the rats and possums for 4 hours rather than be in her classroom! The church is very well maintained and a beautiful building.



Heather and Gerry took us out the back of Cora

Lynn and as 13 Mile Road turns into being called Pitt Road, we turned right into Murray Road - a dirt road. What a surprise to see all the agricultural production along this road where there was plenty of asparagus growing. Turning down Toner road back towards Cora Lynn we passed strawberry farms alive with pickers under their conical hats. Apparently the strawberry farms have relocated from the Silvan area. We heard about the footy ground and the cheese factory and the now closed Dillons store in Cora Lynn who used to do home deliveries. We passed Gerry Cunningham's family farm on the 8 Mile Road. Next stop was the old Convent School on Convent School Road. Ambrose Byrne purchased this property many years ago and still lives there today with Jan. Thanks to Ambrose for allowing us to explore the classroom and to watch an old movie at the Byrne family farm when health and safety and duty of care for children meant something very different to today.



The final leg of the trip was past the Chatfield and Rose properties with stories about both properties. It was a great group of people on board. Thanks for supporting the Swamp tour. Unfortunately Bet Kennelly got caught up in the traffic jam on the Monash freeway and was unable to get to the tour. Ian Chatfield had photos of Cora Lynn in flood which he has misplaced on the bus trip. If you remember seeing them after we left the Convent school please let us know.

Thanks so much to Heather and Gerry for their great commentary. Their contribution to the day is really appreciated by us all.

I don't have Maree Wright, John and Judy Dore, Jenny Pickering, John and Jo Spencer or Michael Scanlon's email so please if you do, pass this email onto them. Heather Arnold is keen for another bus trip so she's coming up with ideas for a new route in October next year. Will keep you posted.

Thanks to NNG Progress Association for funding the bus hire.

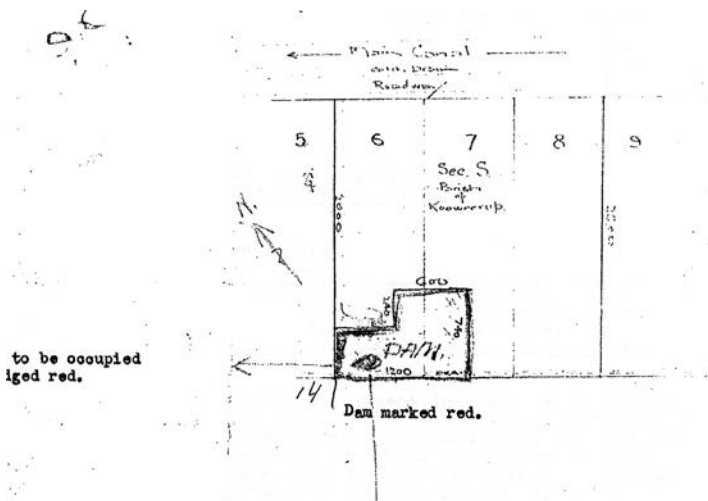
The Prisoner of War Camp at Koo Wee Rup

By Heather Arnold,
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The Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society has copies of Commonwealth Government Hirings Service documents relating to the World War Two Italian Prisoner of War Camp at Koo Wee Rup or Bayles - the documents use both names to describe the location of the Camp.

The Society has had a few enquiries about this Camp, mostly relating to the names of prisoners, however no names are included in the documents and as you might expect from a War bureaucracy much of the material relates to administration and officialdom. However, more about the names of the prisoners later in this article. The Society does not have any photographs of the Camp, though would be keen to see some.

To establish the Camp, on August 7, 1944 the Commonwealth Government took possession of 58 acres of land, consisting of Parts 6, 7 & 8, Section S, Parish of Koo Wee Rup, which is on the south side of the Main Drain Road, between Backhouses Road and Ballarto Road. The land was owned by the Estate of Ardolph Edward Mosig and Frederick Leonard Smith who were leasing it to Leslie Einsiedel, who used it for grazing. It was described on the inspection report dated July 27, 1944 as "Flat Swamp land, all cleared." The actual Camp was only 7¼ acres and Mr Einsiedel could still run his cattle on the remaining land. There were no buildings on the block but there was a dam, which would be used by the Camp and so a trough was provided for Mr Einsiedel's cattle. He was also paid 30 shillings per acre per annum, which is £10/17/6 per annum, for the use of the land.



POW camp

The Camp was scheduled to open October 21, 1944. There would be one officer and ten 'other ranks' and

88 POWs, including one who was a medical orderly. The camp would consist of 'P' type huts from the Rowville Army Camp, and there was a one ton van and two 30cwt trucks to transport prisoners to and from work. The Prisoners were employed by the Department of Commerce and Agriculture and they were paid 1/3d per day, plus they were provided with all equipment, blankets, clothing, food etc. The prisoners came from the Murchison Camp and had a medical and dental examination before they were 'allotted' to local farmers to provide labour. Local contractors would provide perishable foodstuffs and appropriate arrangements were made with the local church authorities for the spiritual welfare of prisoners. Most other arrangements e.g. financial appear to have been dealt with at Murchison.

The next lot of material we have at the Historical Society comes from February 1946 when the camp was being dismantled; the hire of land was terminated on February 22, 1946. There is a list of buildings that were sold which gives us some idea as to what the Camp would have looked like. All buildings were made of CGI, which I assume is corrugated galvanised iron, though some were made from asbestos cement sheeting.

Buildings No.1, No. 2, and No. 3 all described as Sleeping Huts and all were 60 feet 8 inches by 18 feet 8 inches in size. They were sold to Melbourne University for £370.00.

Building No.4 - Kitchen and Mess 93 ft 4 inches by 18 feet 8 inches – sold to Toora R.S.L for £250.00.

Building No.5 - Kitchen, Mess, Recreation and Sleeping – 78 feet 8 inches by 18 feet 8 inches – sold to the Athlone Presbyterian Church for £210.00.

Buildings 8 & 9 - Latrines, each 12 feet by 12 feet. Sold to Frankston Fire Brigade for £51.00.

Building No.12 - Kitchen Store, 60 feet 8 inches by 18 feet 8 inches, and the Drying Room, 23 feet 4 inches by 18 feet. Sold to Loreto Convent, Toorak for £175.00 Mess and a Provision Hut - 57 feet by 18 feet, sold for £144.00 through Melgaard & Co.

It appears that all buildings were removed by April 1947 and the Army then paid the owners just over £53.00 for damage, removal of concrete foundations etc.

So that's what we know from the official documents. I asked my father, Frank Rouse, many years ago if he knew anything about the Camp (he would have been eleven at the time the camp was operating) and he also spoke to two other local identities, Bill Giles and Ian Clark. Bill and Ian agree there was no strong security at the Camp and there was no security at weekends, but the prisoners had to wear orange overalls. Bill remembers seeing prisoners walking along the road at night when he was riding his bike home, and they

POW camp cont...

could walk along the drain bank into Koo Wee Rup and to the Bay.

The POWs worked at selected farms including Roxburgh's Asparagus farm, Cheriton Park, at Vervale. This was on the south side of Fallon Road, from Dessent Road, through to Simpson Road. Dad remembers truckloads of the prisoners driving down Dessent Road to Cheriton Park in the morning, one guard on each truck. At lunch time a food van with a portable cooker would go to the farm to feed them. Another truck load of prisoners would go to Dalmore. Bill said they also worked on the Kinsella Brothers farm (Dan, Norman and Arthur) which grew a lot of potatoes and asparagus during the War. The Kinsellas were on the north side of the Main Drain, around Eight Mile Road. Dad said his brother Jim (who would have been thirteen at the time) remembers three Italian POWs digging potatoes with forks on the Rouse farm (Joe & Eva Rouse). Jim also remembered, as did Bill and Ian, that the prisoners had their own especially printed money and coins, but we are unsure how this was used. Gerry Cunningham has told me that the Italians also worked on the Cunningham farm on Eight mile Road, Nar Nar Goon South.

I wrote this piece originally in 2011 and since then an interesting book called *No Regard for the Truth: Friendship and Kindness. Tragedy and Injustice. Rowvilles's Italian Prisoners of War* by Darren Arnott was published in 2019. In December 1944, a camp was opened in Rowville, on the site of the old Army Camp, to house Italian Prisoners of War. It was under the supervision of the Murchison camp and initially housed 100 inmates. The camp was located on the south west corner of Stud and Wellington Road, when Rowville was still very much a country town. It was very low security and the men worked on the neighbouring farms, the engineers depot at the Oakleigh rail yards or the salvage depot at Fisherman's Bend. In June 1945, Rowville became a relocation camp for prisoners who were to be relocated to other areas. A prisoner, Rodolfo Bartoli, was shot dead by the camp commandant, Captain Waterston, allegedly because he was trying to escape. Rodolfo and another prisoner, Eduardo Pizzi, had spent a short time at Koo Wee Rup, so now we know two of the inmates. It's a great book by Darren and you can buy it through his website <https://darrenarnott.com/>

I also recently discovered that the National Archives of Australia has a Series A7919 -Prisoners of War files, 1939-1945 and also has two digitised files connected to these Italian Prisoners - 'Service and Casualty Form' (Series MP1103/1), which is generally one page, but may run to two pages and lists where they were captured, date of birth, occupation, next of kin and

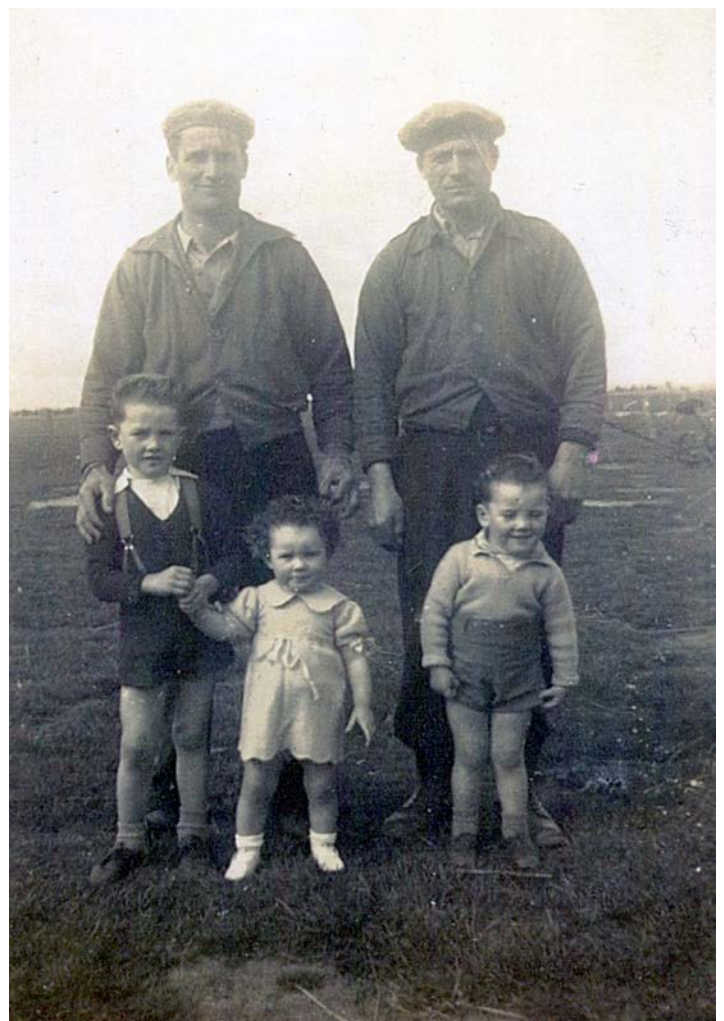
the locations of their internment in Australia. The other file is the 'Report on POW' (Series MP1103/2), which is generally two pages and lists date of birth, occupation, next of kin, height, weight and complexion, place of capture and entry to Australia. From the information contained in these files we know the following Italians were at one time inmates at Koo Wee Rup -

Allevato, Salvatore; Bandini, Gino; Colliva, Ivan; De Angelis, Angelo; De Filippo, also as Defilippo, Mario; Delfino, Giacomo; De Libero, also as Delibero, Giacomo; Dormizzi, Ugo; Duranti, Argentino; Ferrante, Ludovico; Franco, Giuseppe; Franco, Michele;

Iannitto, Luigi; Maffei, Adolfo; Mancini, Giuseppe; Michetti, Gabriele; Pagnanelli, Giuseppe; Pasquero, Dario; Perrone, Angelo; Raggazzini also as Ragazzini, Antonio;

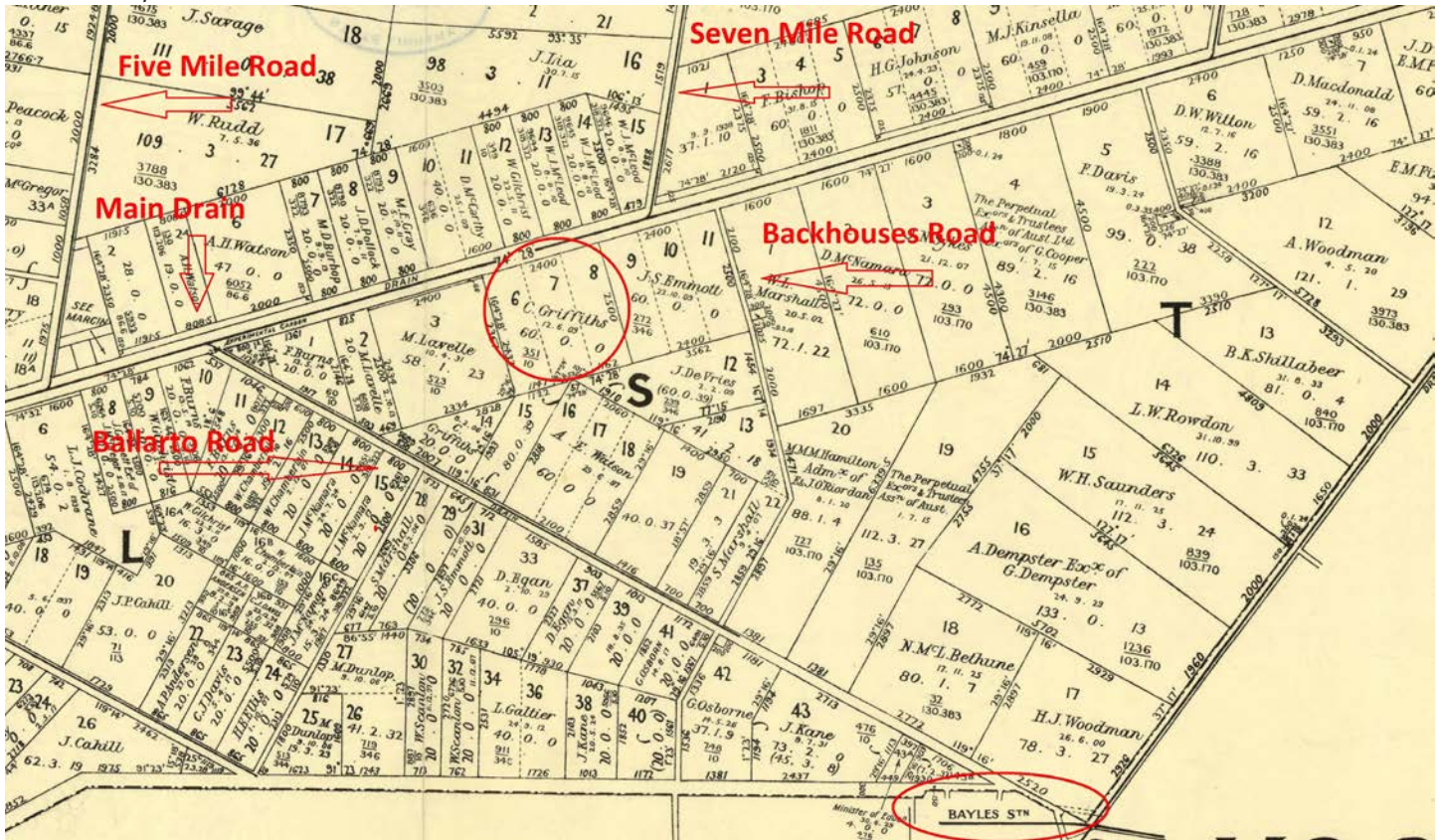
Sciammarelia also as Sciammarella, Mario; Spurio, Umberto; Valerio, Carmine; Venturato, Albino; Zerbini, Nello; Zuzzaro, Romeo.

The original of this story can be read here - <https://kooweerupswamphistory.blogspot.com/2022/02/italian-prisoner-of-war-camp-at-koo-wee.html> and more details on the Italian POWs listed is here <https://kooweerupswamphistory.blogspot.com/2023/12/italian-prisoners-from-koo-wee-rup.html>



POW's at Cunninghams

POW camp cont...



POW camp on KWR Parish Plan

Garfield Local Legends Acknowledged

By Roman Kulkewycz

Photos by Roman Kulkewycz

Last Tuesday the 29th October, about 30 Garfield and District volunteers were thanked and acknowledged for the work they do within their local communities at a lunch at the Iona Hotel, Garfield, which was sponsored by the Garfield Community Op Shop. John Preston and Greg Howson, who were part of the organising committee hosted the afternoon introductions by calling on some of the "Legends" to speak about their involvement with local district organisations.

The afternoon concluded with a poem by acclaimed local poet Gerard Cunningham reciting "My Country," a poem by Dorothea Mackellar, an

Australian poet best known for her patriotic poem which vividly captures the beauty and harshness of the Australian landscape.



Photo: (L-R) Tony and Carmelina Arrigo and Annetta Wilkinson.



Photo (left): Popular local poet, Gerard Cunningham recited "My Country"

Photo (middle): Host John Preston shares a laugh with the audience.

Photo (right): Event organisers (L-R) John Preston, Helen Davey and Greg Howson.



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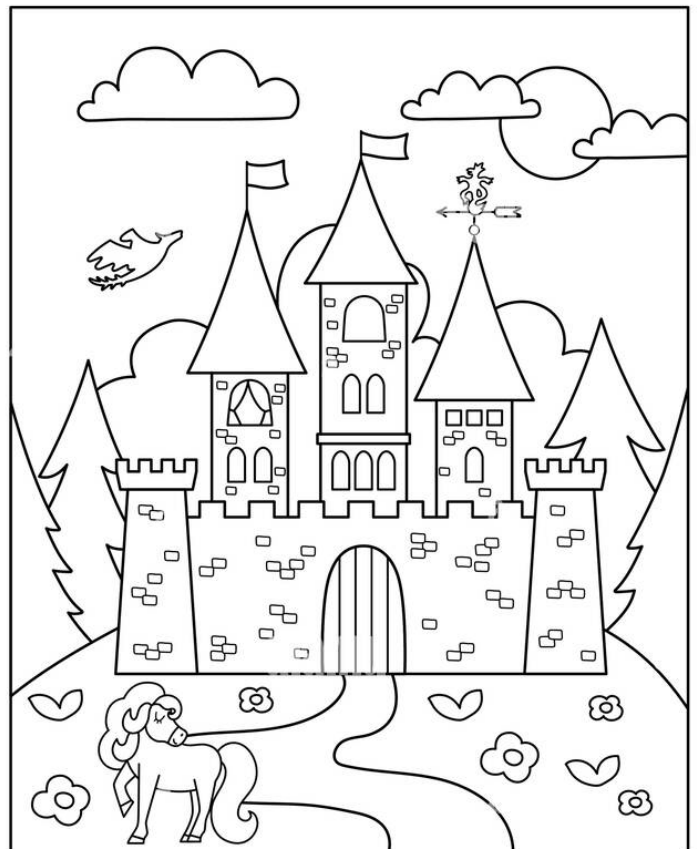
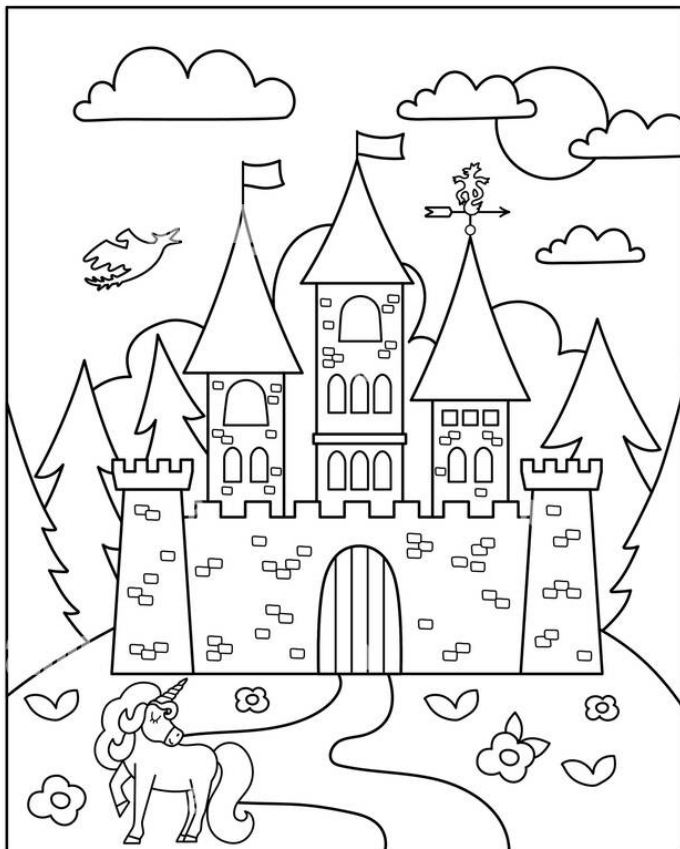
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Spot 10 differences



Festival of Scarves, Hats and Rugs

By Roman Kulkewycz

Preparing for the Festival of Scarves, Hats and Rugs which will be held in May next year is a group of knitters that gets together every Tuesday morning in the Garfield Uniting Church Hall. This group was first established 35 years ago by Margaret Dobson and averages about 16 enthusiastic knitters and conversationalists. "Whilst we sit here and work, we are able to solve about 90 percent of the world's problems", says Nellie Marsh with a cheeky grin.

Infused with a spirit of generosity, the warm welcoming environment attracts knitters from near and far. Their knitting skills produce so many needy items such as the knitted Anzac Poppies for the RSL, Beanies to put on babies being transported by ambulance, Chemotherapy Bags for patient's medication bottles and personal items, Octopus toys to occupy baby fingers in hospital so they won't pull on tubing, special jumpers for Penguins and a host of other knitted necessities.

The Festival next May will showcase the variety and quality of local knitters. There will be prizes for best judged entries as well as a People's Choice Award. Entries can be submitted by anyone which can be sold or donated to a worthy cause after the show.

If anyone wishes to join this knitting group or wants to know more about the upcoming show then contact Margaret Dobson on 5629 2318. Email margaret.dobson71@outlook.com



Photo (left): Solving 90 percent of the world's problems is Nellie Marsh from Garfield.



Photo (right): Margaret Dobson from Garfield with a decorative bag made by the group.



Photo: Members when the group began 35 years ago Heather Sartori (left) and her mother Margaret Dobson both from Garfield.



Photo (left): Jan McNeil of Yarragon shows a wall hanging and a knitted tea cosy.

Photo (right): (L-R) Beryl Campbell, Nellie Marsh and Margaret Dobson all from Garfield hard at work.



Photo (left): Marlene Sherburn from Garfield.

Photo (right): Mary Sayers from Bunyip busy with wool and needles.

Getting to know your Family History:

a series of talks on the third Thursday of the month, 2024.

Presented by

Jane Rivett-Carnac, President of the Narre Warren & District Family History Group and Heather Arnold, President of the Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society.

Venue: Berwick Pakenham Historical Society Museum
85 Princes Highway, Pakenham (enter via Service Road at James Street)

Talks run from 11.00am to 12 noon.

• **November 21**

~ Military Records with a focus on World War Two

Gold coin donation appreciated. No bookings required.
More information - Jane 0412 084 671 or Heather 0407 521 637





Nar Nar Goon RSL Sub Branch

Remembrance Day

Members of the Nar Nar Goon RSL placed hundreds of handcrafted poppies around the Memorial Park at Nar Nar Goon. The town looked beautiful while reminding us of those who served and made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy today. Remembrance Day commemorates the armistice signed between the Allies and Germany at Compiègne, France, to mark the end of the war on the Western Front, after four years of bitter fighting. This took effect at 11:00am—the “eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.” RSL members and the local community came to pay respects, laying wreaths and observing a minute’s silence at 11:00am.



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Prenatal Nutrition

It is important for a woman

to focus on eating well during preconception, throughout pregnancy, and postpartum. Hormonal changes are happening and the body is nurturing a growing baby which is why being informed about how to support your pregnancy journey and your growing baby's health with nutrition is essential. Join accredited practising dietitian Joanna Aaron as she guides you through a checklist of essential tips and practical advice on food and nutrition during pregnancy. (Handouts supplied)
 Monday 11 November, 6pm - 7pm. Cost: \$30

Care Finder Program

This federally funded program provides free intensive support for vulnerable older members of our community in their endeavour to navigate and access the aged care system and support services. Supported by Carers VIC Australia

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To be eligible to attend a person must be eligible for government funded aged care and have no carer or support person who can help or assist.



Forget-Me-Not Café

This café style program brings together people living with dementia and their loved ones. The café is a nurturing space that offers enrichment, support and understanding, where you can share experiences with others living with the challenges of dementia. Come along to enjoy activities, entertainment and refreshments.

Tuesdays once per month: 19 November & 17 December, 10am - 12pm. Cost: FREE



Spring clean with our Textiles Drop-off event

Residents can drop off their 'end of life' textiles including clothing, bed linen, tablecloths and scrap fabric for free at the upcoming Textiles Drop-off event!

All the textiles from the day will be sorted and either reused, repurposed or recycled, saving them from landfill.

Cardinia Shire Council in partnership with SCRgroup aims to reduce landfill by providing a convenient and sustainable option for disposing of old textiles and clothing unsuitable for donation.

Whilst good quality textiles and clothing can be donated or gifted, taking 'end of life' textiles to a dedicated drop-off point helps ensure they can be reused or turned into something new, instead of ending up in landfill.

Event details:

Date: Sunday 24 November, Time: 9am-1pm

Location: IYU Recreation Reserve carpark (165 Henry Road, Pakenham). Registration is not essential, but preferred.

Textiles will only be accepted from residential vehicles and trailers; commercial business operators cannot use this service.

For more information about the Textiles Drop-off event and to register, go to www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/dropoff

Get ready for a fantastic summer at Cardinia Shire's outdoor pools

Cardinia Shire's outdoor pools are set to reopen in November, welcoming community members to cool off and have some fun in the sun. The Garfield, Koo Wee Rup, and Pakenham pools will open their gates on Saturday, 9 November, while the Emerald Lake Park Precinct wading pool will reopen on Saturday, 23 November. This season, the pools will open when the temperature reaches 25 degrees, as forecast by the Bureau of Meteorology at 4pm the day prior. Residents can check the opening status of their local pool by visiting the Cardinia Leisure website or the Cardinia Outdoor Pools Facebook page from 4pm the day before their planned visit. Our pools will be looking fresh following maintenance, cleaning, and upgrade works at all outdoor pools to enhance the facilities.

In addition to enjoying the pools, residents can look forward to various events and activities hosted by Cardinia Leisure throughout the summer.

For information on outdoor pool season dates, operating hours, and entry fees, please visit the Outdoor Pool Season 2024-25 page on the Cardinia Leisure website www.cardinialeisure.com.au.

Calling all young voices: participate in Cardinia Shire's youth survey to help shape the future

Cardinia Shire Council is excited to launch the 2024 youth survey and invites all young people aged 12-24 who live, work, study, or play in Cardinia Shire to participate. The survey aims

to gather valuable insights into the needs and priorities of our young residents, helping us better plan services, advocacy and support for young people in our community. Young people aged 12-24 can participate in the consultation by completing the survey online or by speaking with a Youth Action Committee member. The Youth Action Committee will be in the community throughout November and December, engaging with young people and gathering feedback to ensure the voices of our young residents are heard. Make sure your voice is heard, feedback on the 2024 youth survey closes on Monday, 23 December 2024.

Participating in the 2024 youth survey will help make Cardinia Shire an even better place for our young people now and into the future. For more information and to access the survey, visit Qre.host/Youth24

Join the Mt Shamrock Quarry Environment Review Committee

Cardinia Shire Council is seeking expressions of interest from enthusiastic local residents to join the Mt Shamrock Environment Review Committee for the Holcim Mt Shamrock Quarry in Pakenham. The Mt Shamrock Environment Review Committee was established as part of the quarry's approval process in 2006 by the Minister for Planning. The committee provides a platform for information sharing and discussion on environmental issues and environment management arising from the operation of the quarry. Council is seeking to appoint three passionate community representatives to the Environment Review Committee eager to contribute to discussions about important environmental issues related to the quarry's operations. Applicants wishing to join the committee should meet the following criteria:

A genuine interest in activities at the quarry site.

A willingness to gain an understanding of quarry operations and processes.

The ability to contribute constructively to committee meetings.

A commitment to represent community interests and to provide feedback to the community.

An openness to consider the broader community's needs and look beyond personal interests.

A collaborative spirit.

The committee roles are voluntary and unpaid. Benefits include contributing to the oversight of environmental compliance within your community and the opportunity to build strong local community connections. Selected community representatives will be required to attend quarterly meetings over a three-year term.

Interested community members can submit their expressions of interest via email, detailing their contact information and addressing the above criteria. Submissions should be addressed to Marcelle Bell, Coordinator of Planning Strategy and Urban Design at Cardinia Shire Council and sent to mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au

Expressions of interest will close on Friday 22 November 2024.

For additional information about the Mt Shamrock Environment Review Committee, please contact Marcelle Bell, Coordinator of Planning Strategy and Urban Design on 1300 787 624.

More information about the committee is available at <https://www.allpossibilities.com.au/holcim> and [HOLCIM https://www.holcim.com.au/mt-shamrock](https://www.holcim.com.au/mt-shamrock)

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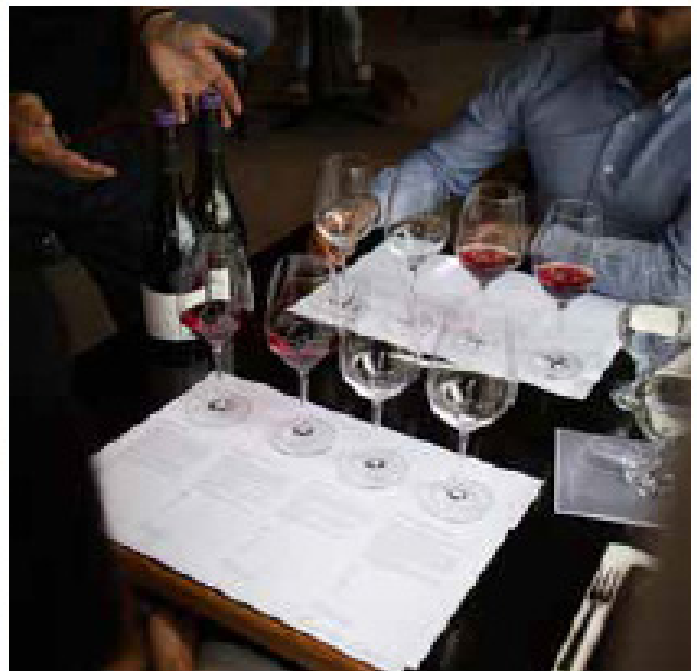
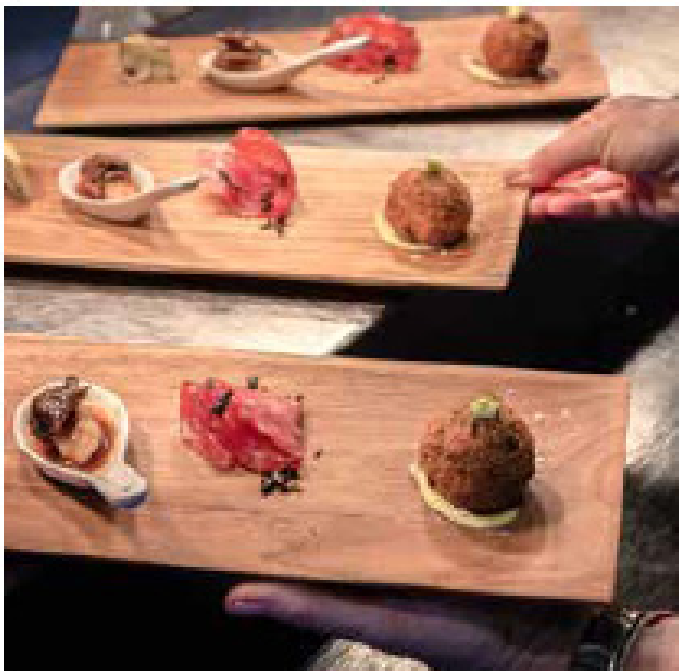
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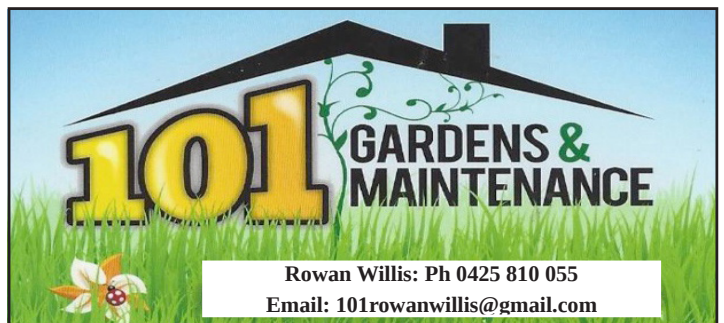
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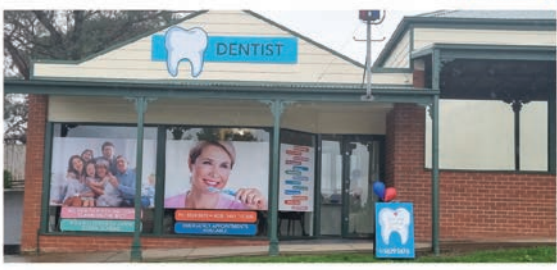
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- Next meeting: **Contact Samantha for confirmed date**
- **Fourth Tuesday:** NNG Progress Association meet bi-monthly at the St John's Community Centre at 7pm
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- **Tuesday fortnightly:** Euchre Club at Community Centre, 8pm
- Contact Jim Chatfield on 5942 5263
- Next meeting: **Nov 5, 19, Dec 3, 17, 31, Jan 14, 28**
- **Fourth Wednesday:** Pakenham Camera Club meets at the Community Centre of Meadowvale Retirement Village, Eagle Drive, Pakenham at 7.30pm
- Next meeting: **Nov 27, Dec 25, Jan 22, Feb 26**
- **Every Thursday:** Scouts meet at the Scout Hall in Spencer St, 7pm - 9pm & Joeys meet 5.30pm - 6.30pm.
- **Every Thursday night:** Bingo at the Community Centre. Eyes down 7.30pm / 8.00pm.
- **Fourth Friday:** Acoustic Folk Music at St John's, 7.30pm. Contact Michael on 0408 357 669
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Please Note: Rainfall in parentheses are an average of the recorded amounts as recordings for these months were unable to be taken.

Month	Geoff L	Zoe	Geoff B	Geoff L	Zoe	Geoff B
January	154.80	120	144.60	52.60	41	(46.80)
February	25.80	22	26	47.80	44	(45.90)
March	13	7	10	84.60	69	(76.80)
April	144.20	132	126	104.20	88	(96.10)
May	39	(41.50)	44	109.60	90	100.40
June	56.20	79	38	93.40	80	81
July	155.40	136	138	44.80	50	33.20
August	35	26	16.40	62.80	60	50.50
September	114	85	91.2	74.60	56	52.20
October	84.80	(75)	65.20	154.4	98	122
November				96	104	(100)
December				163.4	128	138.8
Total	822.20	607	699.40	1088.2	908	804.90



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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