

NAR NAR GOON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

THE GOON * NEWS

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SANTA IS COMING TO THE GOON*Monday 23rd December 2024, 4pm onwards*

Ok kids!
Santa called past to say
He checked the forecast
and will be on his way.

Santa's elves can leave personal presents at the Nar Nar Goon Fire Station by no later than 1.30pm on Monday 23rd December 2024. They must be clearly labelled with names and addresses.

This year there will be 3 drop off dates available in December

- Friday 20th Dec, 11am - 2pm
- Sunday 22nd Dec, 11am - 1.30pm
- Monday 23rd Dec, 12pm - 1.30pm
- Or by appointment – Kylie Shanks 0414 633 977

Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for any last-minute possible changes to the visit or drop off dates provided.



Nar Nar Goon Fire Brigade - CFA



Nar Nar Goon Community Christmas Festival

- Congratulations to all the prize winners.
- A huge thank you to all the sponsors who supported our awesome raffle with prize donations.
- Special mention to Tony & Tim at Southern Cross Fireworks for looking after us and putting on an amazing fireworks display.
- A special thank you to all the volunteers that helped put it all together.
- A big thank you to the Nar Nar Goon Fire Brigade for bringing Santa and for putting in some serious hard work on the evening.
- An enormous thank you to all the amazing bands that performed on the evening and for Darryl Lee's precision co-ordination.
- Also a thank you to Cardinia Shire Council for the grant which enabled us to organise our awesome Festival.

Read on for the full list of supporters, sponsors and volunteers and some fantastic photos.

**THE GOON NEWS IS HAVING A
BREAK OVER CHRISTMAS.
(NEXT ISSUE: FEBRUARY)**

GOON NEWS DEADLINES:
*Next Deadline for submissions will be the
30th January*

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**WISHING YOU A SAFE AND HAPPY
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Tue-Sun 12pm-11pm

Meals: Wednesday to Sunday
Lunch 12pm - 2:30pm
Dinner 5:30pm - 8:30pm
Take away available:

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6pm - Late

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during covid restrictions



The Nar Nar Goon Hotel
The Doc Doherty Bar

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

EVERY THURSDAY!

Community Hall, Nar Nar Goon (opposite primary school)

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

EYES DOWN at 7.30pm

EVERY THURSDAY!!!

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

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

(Win \$50 or a meat tray from The Butcher With The Chef)
(Win up to \$1000 JACKPOT in the last game)
(Win up to \$20,000 in linked Big Bucks bingo)
(Win \$100 bingo voucher last Thursday of the month)

Canteen available with complimentary tea/coffee/milo
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BINGO Gift Vouchers

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Christmas Festival Thank you

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Sponsors who donated prizes and products:

- The Butcher with The Chef
- Nar Nar Goon Take away
- Nar Nar Goon Post Office
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- Casey Race
- Shanikas
- Cardinia Shire Council
- Woolworths Market Place
- Coles Cardinia Waters
- Coles Lakeside
- Smiley Brewing
- The Crowley Family
- The Nar Nar Goon Progress Association

Outlets who sold raffle tickets:

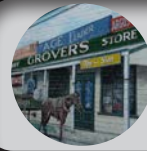
- The Butcher with The Chef
- Nar Nar Goon Hotel
- The Posh Op Shop
- Nar Nar Goon Takeaway
- The Goon Eatery
- Nar Nar Goon Bingo
- Nar Nar Goon Post Office

Volunteers that devoted their time and energy:

- Nar Nar Goon Fire Brigade & Santa & his helpers
- Downes Transport
- Darryl Lee
- St Anthony's Painting & Decorating
- Simone & Wayne Crowley
- Edward Dingle
- Xanthe Parker
- Ray De Reus
- Graeme Moore
- The NNG Progress Association members
- Dandenong Christmas Tree Farm - Neil Cranston

Entertainment:

- Southern Cross Fireworks - Thank you Tony & Tim
- Funkynet Face Paining - Lynette Lia
- True Tones - Darryl Lee, Frankie Brent, Frank Burns, Lloyd Poole
- Backstreet Bandits - Gerard, Felix
- Over It - Andrew, Phil, Steven, Kerry



Nar Nar Goon Progress Association

The Nar Nar Goon Progress Association held it's Annual General Meeting on the 26th November. We'd like to welcome in the new committee members:

- Geoff Bramley - President
- Evan Bramley - Vice President
- Sue Rose - Treasurer
- Joanne Parker - Secretary (interim)
- Joanne Parker - Goon News Editor
- Evan Bramley, Joanne Parker - Social Media Co-ordinator

Thank you to all out-going members including Helen Reid and Travis Parker.

Meetings are usually held bi-monthly and are confirmed in the Goon News, the Nar Nar Goon Progress Association Facebook page and the Nar nar Goon Noticeboard. All are welcome to attend meetings. Thank you to all the new committee members.



Christmas Bingo - 19th December 2024

Grab ya mates and come along and enjoy what will be the biggest BINGO of the year. On top of the usual Bingo shenanigans, there will be loads of great raffles prizes.

From Nar Nar Goon Bingo, thank you to all the duty groups that have helped out throughout the year.

Bingo is 100% voluntary. The Bingo committee devote their time into organising and running Bingo each week. This means that all profits go to the nine community groups in which Bingo supports. Thank you to the duty groups that have helped out throughout the year! We hope the money raised from Bingo has made a difference to your club/group/school.

Bingo will return next year
6th February 2025
See you there!

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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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Nar Nar Goon North

2nd Saturday of the month

8.00 til 11.30

\$8.50 admission
(includes supper)

5th Saturday if applicable

(ladies please bring a
plate of supper to share)



Live Music
3 piece band

All welcome



Nar Nar Goon North Hall
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HOT SPOT - from your friendly fire brigade

Fire Danger Period (FDP) will commence from midnight Monday 9th December 2024

The weather is currently very unpredictable and burn piles can get away extremely quickly.

All private burn offs need a permit from the Country Fire Authority (CFA) and can be done by the following means

- Submission to the local CFA district office located in Dandenong South
- Obtain a permit from Cardinia Shire Council

Always check with Cardinia Shire Council for regulations and to make sure that your property is within the burn off allowable zone or call 1300 787 624

It is a chargeable offence to burn off on private property without a suitable permit during the Fire Danger Period (FDP)



CHRISTMAS IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

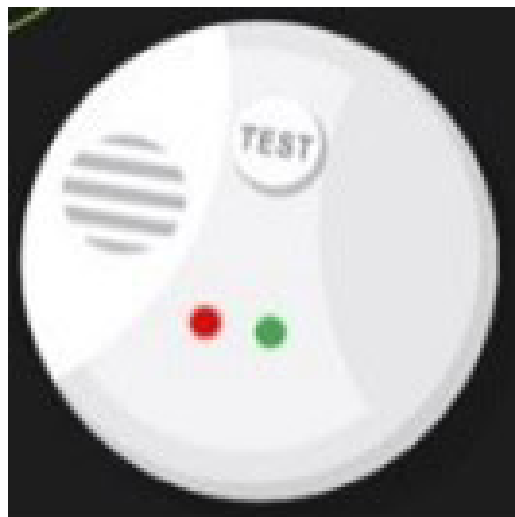
Christmas tree light safety list tips:

- When shopping for Christmas lights make sure you check that they meet Australian Safety Standards.
- Consider using battery-operated LED lights which don't require electricity.
- Inspect your Christmas lights for any sign of damage or wear and tear.
- Don't use light sets with missing globes.
- When decorating the outside of your home, choose lights and fittings designed for external use.
- Make sure you have a safety switch in your meter box or have a qualified electrician install one.
- Use no more than three sets of lights per power board, even if there are four or more outlets on it.



- Make sure electric cords are completely uncoiled and are not placed under rugs or mats.
- Place your tree as far as possible from any heat source, curtains or furnishings. Maintain water in the base of natural Christmas trees to stop them drying out and remove lights once they show signs of drying.

STUCK FOR A CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA.



An easy gift idea, a smoke alarm is relatively cheap and can be purchased from your local hardware store. "We recommend smoke alarms are placed in every living room and bedroom, so you can never have too many".

"If you are seeing elderly relatives or neighbours over the holidays, why not offer to check that their smoke alarm is working while you're visiting?"

"Only a working smoke alarm will save your life and give you early warning if there is a fire"

What about emergency vehicle access to your property?

Can we get to you in an emergency?

- Ensure your property number is clearly visible from the street.
- Gates and driveway entrances must be wide enough to allow emergency services vehicle access.
- Electric gates must be able to be opened manually in the event of power loss.
- When parking in a narrow street, make sure you allow enough clearance for emergency services vehicles.
- Drivers must not park within one metre of a fire hydrant.

We are currently taking EOI for volunteers, if you feel you have a little time to give back to the community and are interested in volunteering, then becoming a volunteer firefighter could be for you.

For all enquires contact 4th Lt Dwayne Crerar on 0490 554 298



Declaration of Fire Danger Period – 09 December 2024

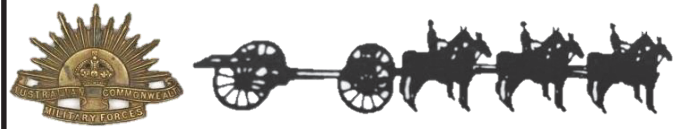
COUNTRY FIRE AUTHORITY ACT 1958

DECLARATION OF FIRE DANGER PERIOD

IN PURSUANCE of the powers conferred by Section 4 of the Country Fire Authority Act 1958, I, Jason Heffernan, Chief Officer of the Country Fire Authority, after consultation with the Secretary to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action, hereby declare the following periods to be the Fire Danger Period in the municipal districts of the municipalities or parts of municipalities specified, commencing on the dates shown and, unless varied by subsequent declaration, ending at 0100 hours on 1 May 2025.

To commence from 0100 hours on
09 December 2024:

- Bass Coast Shire Council
- Cardinia Shire Council
- Casey City Council
- Frankston City Council
- French Island
- Greater Dandenong City Council (those portions not included in the area formerly known as the Metropolitan Fire District as at 30 June 2020)
- Kingston City Council (those portions not included in the area formerly known as the Metropolitan Fire District as at 30 June 2020)
- Mornington Peninsula Shire Council
- Baw Baw Shire Council
- South Gippsland Shire Council
- Wellington Shire Council
- East Gippsland Shire Council
- Latrobe City Council.



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.

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NNG History Group

What does Nar Nar Goon mean?

At a recent NNG History group meeting, Bruce Anderson popped in to share his story on the origin of the meaning of Nar Nar Goon. Ernie Wilson from Wilson Road, Nar Nar Goon North (now passed), told Bruce that his father talked to an Aboriginal man many years ago and in broken English the Aboriginal man said Nar Nar Goon means "no no good".

Jean Chatfield said the name Nar Nar Goon does go back to the very beginning of land subdivision when it was the parish of Nar Nar Goon before it was the town. We have heard of 4 meanings of Nar Nar Goon, 3 of which are on the mural on the toilet block next to the kinder. Other meanings are koala (native bear) and plenty water or many water rats.

If you are visiting the toilet block in the car park next to the NNG kinder you will see the mosaic on the toilet block by students from 2 local schools that explain 3 of the meanings of NNG.

If you can throw more light on the meaning of NNG please share your thoughts, Bruce would be keen to hear.



Photo:

Mosaic on toilet block explains meaning of Nar Nar Goon.

History Group

Guest Speaker: Greg Templeton

Greg gave a very interesting talk about his family story. His parents Rod and Hazel took up the option of a Soldier Settlement property in NNG in 1951. Soldiers from WW2 were offered the opportunity to lease a farm until 1955 when a valuation was done and the soldier would pay for the block at 2% interest over 30 years.

Greg talked about growing up on the farm with his siblings and then gave us an update on all of their

lives until now. The Templeton story with much more detail and photos will be emailed to you over the coming weeks and is featured in this issue of the Goon News.

Today there were 26 people at the meeting. It's so good to see people are interested in all the family stories being shared over the year.

Gerry Cunningham finished the day with a poem from John O'Brien, said Hanrahan, about the pessimism of farmers. Thankyou Gerry - your colourful delivery of poetry is a gift that we all enjoy hearing so much.

Cathy Turnbull has been the Minister at St John's for the last 2 ½ years. We are very sorry to hear she is leaving in early December to find a future role in ministry in Central Victoria which is closer to her home. Cathy was instrumental in starting the NNG history group which grew from the idea of recording oral history stories of the older people in our community. So, thank you Cathy for giving us the starting point to the model we now follow of hearing local people share their family stories to our group. Best wishes go to Cathy for her future endeavours.

Templeton Family in Nar Nar Goon by Greg Templeton

Greg began by apologising for his brothers, Bruce and Frank, who were not able to join him as they are both heavily involved in their family farming businesses in the Western District.

Rod and Hazel Templeton (Mum and Dad) arrived in NNG in July 1951, settling at the corner of Five Mile and Bourke Roads. This property was their newly acquired Soldier Settlement Block, which had previously been part of the Grey's Estate belonging to Jack Grey and his wife, who didn't have any children. The Greys Estate and family situation was a typical scenario of the Soldier Settlement Commission to be able to acquire land. There were a further six other farms carved out of the same Greys Estate under the scheme.

Dad first applied for a Soldier Settlement block while he was dairying at "Waarank Park" near Dandenong in 1947. Dad was born on a third-generation dairy farm at Glenormiston in the Western District. He was the 3rd of 7 children (5 boys) and soon realised he would have to make his own way in the world. So, he took to droving. His mother said she always had his Gladstone bag packed as he was always going somewhere to drive cattle. He would often drive cattle between Adelaide and Melbourne's Newmarket stock selling yards.

With the build-up of the war, he joined the 4th Lighthorse in S.A. The Army, upon realising the Lighthorse would be of little use in this war, transferred the brigade to the 7th Army. Dad, being of Officer rank, became an instructor of heavy arms,

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mainly Brenn Gun and cannon, until it was his turn to serve in New Guinea, in the 2/1st Anti-Tank Attack Regiment. This was a commando unit in the Markum Valley, where they were parachuted along with their cannon in the front of the advancing Japanese tanks and then set up ambushes.

Dad met Mum, while farming at Dandenong, at the Muddy Creek dance near Lysterfield. She was working with her parents on the dairy farm "Whompini" on Lysterfield Road. She had tried to work in the city as a tram conductor but it only lasted a couple of days. Her parents were from a pioneering families from around Morwell and Budgeree in Gippsland. They were married at Dandenong in 1948. After the birth of my older sister Janet in early 1949 they spent a couple years working on Captain Winter-Cookes "Murdral" station near Hamilton as manager while awaiting to be allocated a Soldier Settlement block. Mum recalled how Dad had to line up the station staff under the clock tower first thing every morning so that the staff could be inspected by the Captain.



On the 1st of July 1951 light snow was falling in Nar Nar Goon on their newly acquired Soldier Settlement block, where Dad had started to build a garage which was going to be their home for 12 months while the Settlement Commission built their house. Dad at the same time started to build the milking shed. It was tough going for them. Mum was pregnant with Bruce and conditions were very basic with no electricity or phone and a bricked up stove in the corner with a tin

chimney. The walls were lined the sisalcraft. There was no washing machine, dishwasher, split system heater or flushing toilet, in fact there was no electricity until 1954/55.

The terms of the Settlement Commission was that the soldiers first entered into a lease agreement until 1955 when a valuation was done and from then on the soldier would pay for the block over 30 years at a rate of 2% interest. During the period of the lease the farmers could borrow money from the Commission which was treated like an overdraft but a bit tougher. When dad wanted to purchase a milking plant in November of 1951 for 368 pounds he had to repay the loan at the rate of 25% of his gross monthly milk or cream check until it was paid off. The 2% interest rate stayed with Mum and Dad until they purchased the adjoining property on Bald Hill road in 1961, when the loan reverted to the full commercial interest rate. They were the only settlers to buy extra land and lose the low interest rate.

The land itself was pretty rugged, rough country it had never seen the plough or fertiliser. It was mostly tea tree, tussocks, swamp and snakes. The first thing to workout was how to drain it. This was done using a John Shearer stump jump plough towed by a Fordson tractor. The ground was formed up into lands, trying not to bring up toxic clay that sits just 4 inches or 100 millimetres below the surface. The lands had table drains each end which then fed into a few bigger drains or just straight into the Burke road. Drainage is still a battle today, with some parts of the farm having zero fall in any direction and in winter the land seems to swell blocking the drainage. But the positive is that it is great grass growing country that responds to and hold fertiliser well.



All of the seven Soldier Settlers worked with each other and when extra hands were needed they would gladly help each other out. Together they did things like buy water trough moulds and mix concrete

greg templeton cont...

by hand together, building each other's water troughs. Dad along with Bruce Price, Harry Leach and Jack Murdock, brought all their harvesting equipment together and would go around to each other's farms making hay and silage together. This arrangement lasted until the late 1970s when Harry Leach and Bruce Price sold their farms and Jack Murdock, having sold his farm in the late 60's. Harvest time was always great fun for us kids, going around to the other farms, carting hay or driving tractors. We were also fed lots of cake and lemonade from the other kids Mums.

During the early years, Mum and Dad eased themselves into the local community. Dad started by joining the NNG RSL and Mum, by attending St Johns Church, where she became great friends with Dorothy Mortimer, Mildred Hughes and Gwen Brentnall, and many others. The RSL was great for Dad, as there was not only the other Soldier Settlers involved but many other ex servicemen in the area.

Dad and Harry Leach also joined the Pakenham Show Society, each giving over 30 years of service. Dad was for many years the Show's cattle superintendent. On the opposite corner where we lived was Marlow Farm, owned by Cr Des Moore, the father of Michael Moore. Further along the Five Mile lived Cr Tom Houlihan. These two men convinced Dad in 1957 to become a Shire councillor for the then Berwick Shire. Dad served the Shire for 11 years, including as Shire President in 1961. Dad and Mum became good friends with fellow councillors and their families, Peter Ronald, Dan Cunningham and Dick Wakenshaw. Something we got a bit of stick for was that the bitumen on Bald Hill road and the 7 Mile road stopped just past the two councillors, Cunningham and Templeton front gates.

Dad was for many years, a very active member of the old Farmers and Graziers organisation.

We kids started to become involved more closely in NNG when we were dragged off to Sunday school and church by Mum. Both Frank and I attended the NNG preschool. Bruce started to play football for NNG in the thirds, which brought the family involved with the footy club. Mum helped in the canteen and Dad on the Committee for a period. Later, he and Dave McQualtor quite famously manned the gate together for several years. My first memories of playing footy was at 9 years old, playing on the tiny State school oval under the supervision of Jim Reeves. The teams were divided by which side of the Main street you lived on, East or West.

Janet started playing tennis for the Goon, followed by us boys. I remember Mum taking a car load of kids from out our way, including the Beilbys and Smits from further down the Five Mile, to the tennis

matches all over the district.

Bruce, from about 16, would often take the farm ute into the Goon for footy or tennis practice. When he went for his licence in Pakenham, the policeman, I think his name was Palmer, gave him a lecture about keeping his licence, handing it to him saying, no need for a test as they had been watching him for years.

Frank and I were in our teens when motorbikes were the new rage on farms. I can remember one night when Frank and his mates met up on the swamp back roads, burning around on their bikes. Kevin Adams, the Bunyip policeman, thought he would catch a few of them. When he got among them, bikes and riders took off in all directions. Gerard Byrnes used to recount how he ended up hiding in Des and Dossie Dore's haystack. Dossie thought she heard a noise, shone the torch in that direction, yelling "who's there"? With Gerald piping up saying "It's only me Auntie Dossie, Gerard and I are hiding from the cops". Dossie replied, "Oh well then you'd better come in for a cup of tea".

During the 60's Dad continually pushed for more milk production and better feeding. He put a lot of effort into maintaining and growing his Melbourne milk contract. This probably was the main reason he was financially successful. When he and Mum purchased the farm on the Bald Hill road and built a second dairy, he was able to obtain more milk contract. At the time we employed sharefarmers on the original farm and Dad, Mum and us kids milked on the new farm. By 1970 we were really rocking with great prices for both milk and cattle. They then purchased an 1100 acre grazing property south of Rosedale. This really lifted the work load. Dad, at the time was also the local livestock rep for Gippsland and Northern, and he also had a small livestock cartage business. For us boys the weekends were taken up rounding up cattle, which in turn, got us out of Sunday school.

During this time, Mum took up cake decorating and painting, both of which she became accomplished at. Something that may surprise people, is that Dad had been fighting cancer since 1964. Every 3-6 months he would go into hospital and have cancerous polyps removed from his bladder. Things started to wind down by the late 70's when Dad had to have a cancerous kidney removed. By then Bruce was running original farm and I ran the Bald Hill road farm. Frank, Dad and I spent a lot of time running the Rosedale farm, until it became too much for Dad. It was sold in 1980. We invested closer to home, purchasing the lower part of our neighbours, the Bourke's, farm and also old McQualter's farm on the 7 Mile Road.

Our sister Janet, married Geoff Pursell, an orchardist from Upper Pakenham. They lived there for many years. Janet successfully owned Lazy Frog Gifts in the Pakenham Main St. She passed away in 2016.

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Bruce married Jan, a nurse from Warnambool. Apart from being a local football legend, Bruce was deeply involved in breeding and showing Holstein cattle. He sold the original farm to Vikki and me in 2003. He moved to Meeniyan where he developed a larger farm when his son Matthew came home to work, with or against him - we still haven't worked that out yet. Just recently, they sold that farm and have moved to a bigger farm at Terang in the Western District. Bruce's eldest son, Brett lives in Pakenham and works in Noble Park. A proud, passionate Essendon supporter, who can often be recognised on the TV shouting at the umpires and/or players.

Frank married Marianne Noonan from Maryknoll, and has three daughters, all of whom attended St James NNG school. Frank, Marianne and all three girls and their husbands live in the Western District, with Claire and Mollie working in Frank and Marianne's farming business at Glenormiston. Frank recently sold "Bourke's Farm" here on the Bourke Road to be able to concentrate on their Glenormiston business.

Vikki and I will continue to live on Bald Hill road farm. Vikki is the daughter of Barry and Pauline Marshall. Barry ran a cattle cartage business in the area for 13 years, before taking over the General Store in NNG and milking cows on Legonie's farm next to the pub. Barry and Pauline, passed over the lease of the farm to Barry Scanlon, and sold the shop in 1988, to move to Katunga in Northern Victoria.

We have two sons, Sam and Rory who both attended St James Primary school. Sam teaches music at Haileybury and Beaconsfield's College and lives in Melbourne. Rory lives in Euroa and is a horse farrier. Dad finally succumbed to cancer in 1985 after his 21 year battle. Mum passed away in 2007 after suffering a stroke.



Thankyou for allowing me to tell you our story.

Frank, Janet, Greg and Hazel Templeton



Next Meeting: Friday 13th December 2pm at St John's church. Guest Speakers: John and Mark Carney. Their family were very early settlers in the area and the new suburb at Pakenham East now officially called "Honora Fields", has been developed on the Carney family land.

Farewell Catherine Turnbull

Catherine Turnbull has been the Minister for the NNG St John's Church for the last 2 ½ years. In that short time she has reached out to many of us in the local community. She had 2 communities - her church community and her local community. She paid lots of attention to both.

She became involved in the NNG Progress Association post COVID and worked with this group to offer the St John's outdoor space and Community Centre for a the NNG family Christmas party over a 2 year period. She came up with an idea that NNG was losing town identities to old age without their oral histories being recorded. From that idea the NNG History Group evolved. They meet monthly to hear the family story of locals who have been in the area a long time.

Cathy has enjoyed her time working with all the Op Shop volunteers. She was well aware that Op Shop customers sometimes came simply to have a chat.

Cathy is hoping to find a future role in the ministry in Central Victoria after her last service in NNG on Sunday 8th December. She has touched many in the

farewell cathy cont...

community including the NNG Fire Brigade who sent along a representative to the farewell dinner to thank her for her support and the blessing she gave one of the fire trucks.

All the best Cathy for your next appointment, from the NNG community whose lives crossed with yours.



Goon Christmas Cheer

It's not Christmas until the main street of the Goon has been sprinkled with a bit of Christmas cheer.

Thank you to our awesome local Maree Evans and her family. The trees look amazing and it is always a delight to see the streets dressed up Goon style!



Christmas Festival 2024



The Dandenong Christmas Tree Farm has been supporting the NNG Christmas Festival for years! Thank You Neil Cranston.
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Inviting nominations for local heroes to be commemorated in future place naming in Cardinia Shire

Cardinia Shire locals are encouraged to call upon extraordinary individuals who have left a notable legacy within the community and nominate them in the Victorian Government's Name a Place Campaign.

Over the next three years, the Victorian Government seeks to name over 6,000 new places in the State with the names of people who helped make our communities thriving places. The Name a Place Campaign spotlights local heroes, particularly individuals from under-represented groups including women, First Peoples and multicultural communities, by commemorating them when place naming new streets, parks, community facilities and buildings.

When considering a nomination, an application should include a short biography on the nominee, information on their connections to a certain area, why they are being nominated and documentation of support from the nominee's next of kin or family members.

Cardinia Shire Council Chief Executive Officer, Carol Jeffs encourages Cardinia locals to get behind the campaign and shine a light on many locals deserving of recognition within the shire.

Nominations made on behalf of Cardinia Shire community members will be collated by Geographic Names Victoria (GNV) and provided to Council to store in a name bank to be considered for future use within the municipality.

In line with Council's commitment towards gender equality, there is great emphasis placed on recognising equality in place naming, particularly in ensuring there is balanced gender representation across the Shire.

Nominations for the Name a Place Campaign are open until 16 December 2024.

To learn more about the Name a Place Campaign and submit a nomination please visit Engage Victoria website.

Supporting those in need this Christmas

Christmas can be a wonderful time filled with family, friends, and festive cheer, but for many people, Christmas can be one of the most challenging and stressful times of the year. Cardinia Shire Council is pleased to support Christmas Together 2024, a collaborative effort between The Salvation Army, Bless Collective, ADRA, and the Cardinia Foundation to provide vital support to the local community during the festive season.

Christmas Together provides food, gift hampers, and financial assistance to community members in need. The event will run for two weeks, from Thursday 12 December to Friday 20 December.

Community members can register to receive support by completing the hamper registration form: Hamper Registration. Registered community members can access their hampers from Thursday, 12 December to Friday 20 December (excluding weekends).

More information about Christmas Together can be found at www.bless.org.au/christmas

Cardinia Shire Council encourages the community to help support this initiative by donating non-perishable food and gifts for 0-16 years of age to Council's Civic Centre, 20 Siding Avenue, Officer. Donations will be accepted from Monday 18 November to until Friday 6 December.

Council recognises the importance of coming together as a community to support those in need and is committed to ensuring the success of Christmas Together 2024 to create a meaningful impact in the lives of our residents.

For more information about Christmas Together 2024 and other support available, such as where to enjoy a free Christmas meal this year, call us on 1300 787 624 or head to Council's online community service directory at www.cardiniasupport.com.au

Jingle all the way to the FREE Christmas cardboard drop-off event!

Cardinia Shire residents are invited to drop off their excess cardboard and wrapping paper at the FREE Christmas cardboard drop-off event. Hosted by Cardinia Shire Council, all cardboard and wrapping paper dropped off will be recycled, providing a sustainable solution for excess cardboard during the festive season. Held at Future Recycling Transfer Station in Pakenham, the event accepts unlimited residential loads of cardboard (clean and dry) and paper only.

Dates and times:

- Friday 27 Dec, 8am – 4pm
- Saturday 28 Dec, 8am – 2:30pm
- Monday 30 Dec, 8am – 4pm
- Thursday 9 Jan, 8am – 4pm
- Friday 10 Jan, 8am – 4pm
- Saturday 11 Jan, 8am – 2:30pm

Residents must present photo ID as proof of residence within Cardinia Shire to access the free service.

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

Residents can also take advantage of the free e-waste (any item that has a battery, cord or plug, and is at the end of its useful life) and battery disposal options available at this local transfer station all year round.

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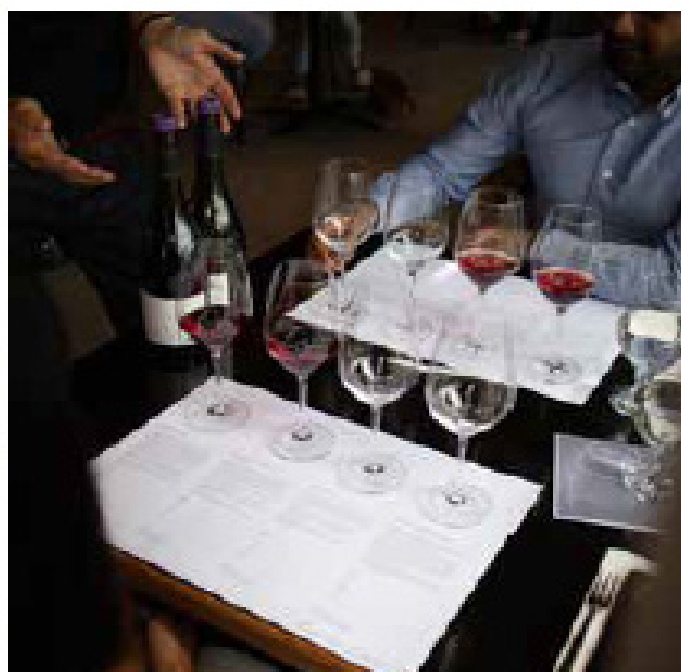
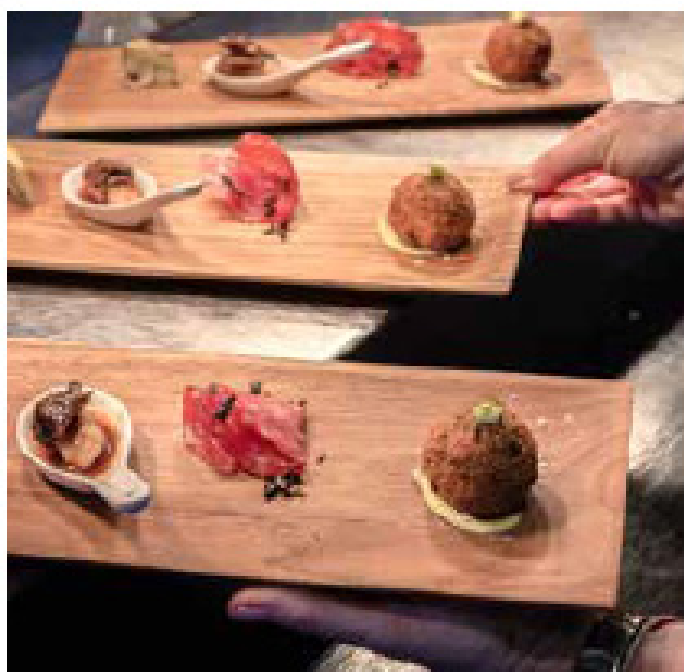
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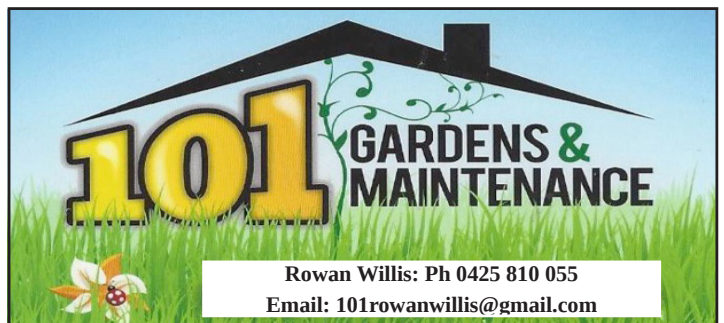
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- Next meeting: **Contact Samantha for confirmed date**
- **Fourth Tuesday:** NNG Progress Association meet bi-monthly at the St John's Community Centre at 7pm
- Next meeting: **Feb 25, Apr 22, Jun 24, Aug 26**
- **Tuesday fortnightly:** Euchre Club at Community Centre, 8pm
- Contact Jim Chatfield on 5942 5263
- Next meeting: **Dec 3, 17, 31, Jan 14, 28, Feb 11, 25**
- **Fourth Wednesday:** Pakenham Camera Club meets at the Community Centre of Meadowvale Retirement Village, Eagle Drive, Pakenham at 7.30pm
- Next meeting: **Dec 25, Jan 22, Feb 26, Mar 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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Rainfall 2024 / 2023

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	57.60	48.80	62.50	96	104	(100)
December				163.4	128	138.8
Total	879.80	655.80	761.90	1088.2	908	804.90

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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