

# **GARFIELD** **ISSUE 176** *spectator*

PO BOX 147, GARFIELD, 3814 | INCORPORATION NO: A0053615E | ABN: 59 328 075 826 | ISSUE 176 FEBRUARY FREE



Proudly supported By  
Community Bank  
Bunyip & District



Supported by



**Cardinia**

Cardinia Shire Council

# GARFIELD SPECTATOR ADMINISTRATIVE NEWS

DEADLINE IS THE 20th OF THE MONTH

Issue out the first week of every month EXCEPT JANUARY

## TO SUBMIT ARTICLES

*To submit via email write the following in the email headings:*

To: garfieldspectator@gmail.com

Subject line: Editor, subject or name of article with author's name (and photographer's name) to be published

Body of email: Your article/photos attached

*To submit via mail, write to:*

PO BOX 147, GARFIELD, 3814

*The Garfield Spectator is a community publication and as such, the views, comments or details published are not necessarily that of the committee. Every effort is made to ensure what is printed is factual and correct. All advertising material is the responsibility of the provider and inclusion in this publication is not an endorsement of any service or product.*

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we work, live and learn the Wurundjeri and Boonwurrung people of the Kulin Nation. We acknowledge their continued connection to land, water and community, and we pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

**Check out The Garfield Spectator in colour on our website... [garfieldspectator.com.au](http://garfieldspectator.com.au)**

*Front cover photo by John Graham*

## TO SUBMIT ADVERTISEMENTS

*To submit via email write the following in the email headings:*

To: garfieldspectator@gmail.com

Subject line: Advertiser, size of article and layout wanted (see below), name of business

Body of email: Your article/photos attached

*To submit via mail, write to:*

PO BOX 147, GARFIELD, 3814

To cover expenses, community notices will be subject to availability.

Payment is required with copy by deadline for all advertisements, see table below for prices. Garfield and District Non-For-Profit Community groups and clubs are not charged for advertising (conditions apply). All advertising in the printed copy will also appear on our website [www.garfieldspectator.com.au](http://www.garfieldspectator.com.au), in the downloaded versions of the current and previous editions.

Note: All page references will relate to A4 size paper.

Discount is offered for 11 continuous issues for the following sizes only:

ADVERT TYPE	COST PER ISSUE	DIMENSIONS (h x w)
Business card	\$15	8.5cm x 5cm
1/4 page	\$20	12.5cm x 9.5cm
1/2 page	\$35	14cm x 9cm
Full page	\$70	27cm x 19cm

# Brewsters Foodstore

## ♥ Valentine's Day ♥

### Saturday

### 14<sup>th</sup> February 2026

3 Course Dinner

\$55 .00 per head

Fully Licensed

Bookings Essential

From 6.30 p.m.



## FEBRUARY SPECIALS

OUR AWARD-WINNING CORNED SILVER SIDE  
\$11.89KG

9 VARIETIES OF KABANAS, PLUS 11 OTHER ASSORTED PRODUCTS FROM OUR SMOKEHOUSE

BEEF BURRITOS

MADE HERE FRESH DAILY, NEW IMPROVED RECIPE, 20 MINS IN OVEN @ 180  
4 FOR \$23

VALENTINES ROAST NIGHT

WEDNESDAY 11 FEB

TENDER ROAST BEEF, ROAST CHAT SPUDS, ROAST PUMPKIN, STEAMED VEGGIES, ROAST CARROTS, RICH GRAVY WITH  
PORK CRACKLING. FEEDS MIN. OF 4 PEOPLE

BOOK IN A PICK-UP TIME FROM 4:30PM TO 6:30PM  
\$65

MONTH OF FEB: COME AND TRY OUR SMOKED LAMB, SLICED OR WHOLE, READY TO EAT, GREAT ON A SANDWICH OR ON A  
PLATTER

NEW LINE: TWIGGY BEER STICKS  
READY TO EAT, GREAT FOR A SNACK ON THE GO

## GARFIELD BUTCHER

89 MAIN STREET, GARFIELD. PH: 5629 2593

Trading Hours: Monday to Friday 7am-6.30pm. Saturday 7am-1pm.

HOME DELIVERY CAN BE ORGANISED FOR THE SELF-ISOLATED OR THOSE UNABLE TO GET TO THE SHOP

## TREES BY RICK

Qualified Arborist

Free Quotes - Contact Rick

Tree Trimming  
Tree Removal  
Tree Pruning  
Chipping

treesbyrick@gmail.com

0413 886 999

Trees by Rick

treesbyrick.wixsite.com/arborist-work



BUNYIP DISTRICT UNITING CHURCH

'Linking God and Community'.

BUNYIP - GARFIELD - LONGWARRY  
WORSHIP SERVICES

Date	Time	Location
Sunday February 1	9:00am	Bunyip Uniting Church
Sunday February 8	9:00am	Garfield Uniting Church
Sunday February 15	9:00am	Bunyip Uniting Church
Thursday February 19	11:00am	Hillview Aged Care
Sunday February 22	9:00am	Garfield Uniting Church
Sunday March 1	9:00am	Bunyip Uniting Church
Sunday March 8	9:00am	Garfield Uniting Church
Sunday March 15	9:00am	Bunyip Uniting Church

Website: <https://bunypdistrictunitingchurch.wordpress.com/home>  
For further information please phone: 0414 716 521

### SERVICE LOCATIONS:

Bunyip - 9 Nash Road. Garfield - 13 Garfield Road. Hillview Aged Care - 22  
A Beckett Road, Bunyip.

### SPECIAL EVENTS:

Ecumenical Prayer Group. Monday 8:00am at 'The Crossing' 134a Princes Way  
Drouin. Phone 5625 2655.

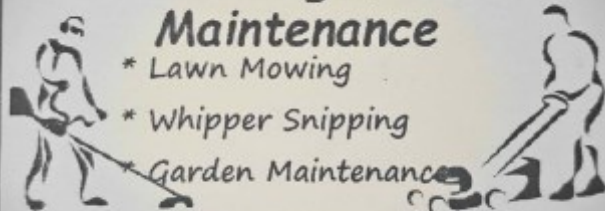
Welcome to the Well. First and third Monday 7:00pm at Drouin. Phone Stuart 5625  
3202.

Craft and Friendship Group. Tuesday 10:00am at the Garfield Church Hall (not  
during school holidays). Phone Robyn 5629 5541.

Adult Fellowship (UCAF). Second Thursday 6:00pm at the Bunyip Church Hall.  
Phone Margaret on 5629 2318.

## Lawn Mowing & Garden Maintenance

- \* Lawn Mowing
- \* Whipper Snipping
- \* Garden Maintenance



Richie 0431 415 761



# GARFIELD COMMUNITY GARDEN

Hearty thanks to all who generously supported the Garfield Community Garden's recent Christmas veg, herb and ornamental plant's stall and raffle.

The raffle was very popular, raising \$70, so we added a second prize of more delicious organic vegetables grown locally by Mal Boyd.

The winner was Roberta from Garfield, in second place was Debbie from Warragul.

All monies raised will help us grow even more organic fruit and vegetables.

While I have your attention, please support our compost heaps with your kitchen waste. We're making (well, the worms are doing most of the work) cubic metres of fantastic compost from your donations! No meat or bread please. If you haven't been for a little while the compost bins have moved a little further down the concrete path, the first on the right (with the Community Compost Hub sign) loves your donations! And fear not, our worms are not smelly!

Hopefully more updates will appear here from time to time. Meanwhile, do come say hello! We meet Saturdays 10-12 midday, a cuppa for all at around 11:15 should be available. Or 6-7pm on Wednesdays until the end of March. Or come visit anytime, the garden is always open.



*Plant stall Garfield Main St 22 Dec 2025*



*Heart beat of the garden - the compost heaps! Worm heaven!*



*Roberta very happy with her prize! Note extravagant wrapping!*

# CARDINA SHIRE CORNER

## Share her story: recognising the women who inspire our community

Do you know an inspiring woman who is making a difference in the local community? If the answer is yes, we want to hear her story!

[Read more in the full release online.](#)

## Wellbeing Support Grants now open

Applications are now open for Cardinia Shire Council's 2026-27 Wellbeing Support Grants program.

[Read more in the full release online.](#)

## Enrol to attend Council's free Volunteer Training sessions - February – April calendar is out now!

**Council offers a range of free or subsidised training for volunteers to support our volunteer community organisations such as sporting clubs, neighbourhood houses, community asset committees and many more.**

Upcoming sessions:

### Grant Writing

**When:** Wednesday 18th February

**Time:** 6:30- 8:30pm

**Location:** Council Chambers, Cardinia Shire Council Civic Centre, 20 Siding Ave, Officer

Join us for a FREE grant writing workshop for local organisations and community groups whose work directly benefits those in Cardinia Shire. This workshop will provide the tools, strategies and confidence necessary for writing successful grant applications.

The workshop will also provide an opportunity to connect with other grant writers to discuss common challenges and share helpful strategies for success.

Book your place by clicking on this link: [Volunteer Training Workshop: Grant Writing Workshop – Fill out form](#)

### Governance Training for Community Groups

**When:** Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March

**Time:** 6.30- 9.00pm

**Location:** Council Chambers, Cardinia Shire Council Civic Centre, 20 Siding Ave, Officer.

*Online option available, but in-person attendance strongly recommended.*

Good governance is the foundation of a strong not-for-profit organisation, providing the checks and balances needed to guide leadership and support long-term sustainability. For community groups run by volunteers, understanding this can be challenging within a complex legal and regulatory environment.

Book your place by clicking on this link: [Volunteer Training Workshop: Governance for Community Groups – Fill out form](#)

### Recruitment and Management of Volunteers

**When:** Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April

**Time:** 6.30-9pm

**Location:** Council Chambers, Cardinia Shire Council Civic Centre, 20 Siding Ave, Officer

*Online option available, but in-person attendance strongly recommended.*

Volunteers are often the heart of a community group, but keeping them motivated, supported, and aligned with the organisation's purpose takes thoughtful planning and good communication. This session gives participants the tools to manage volunteers effectively and build a strong, engaged team.

Book your place by clicking on this link: [Volunteer Training Workshop: Recruitment and Management of Volunteers – Fill out form](#)

*On behalf of our readers, we thank the Cardinia Shire for their contribution to the cost of publishing this community newsletter*





## WEST GIPPSLAND RAIL TOWNS



[www.westgippslandrailtowns.au](http://www.westgippslandrailtowns.au)

Nar Nar Goon • Tynong  
Garfield • Bunyip • Longwarry

## New West Gippsland Rail Towns Website Launches to Support Local Business and Community

The Garfield Community Website Inc is proud to announce the official launch of the *West Gippsland Rail Towns* website - a vibrant new online hub created to promote local businesses, trades, and community events across the region's historic rail towns.

Thanks to the generous support of our sponsors **Southside Racing, Community Bank Bunyip & District** and **Community Shop Garfield** - the website is now live and open for business listings and event submissions.

Each township now also has its own dedicated website. [NarNarGoonInfo.au](http://NarNarGoonInfo.au) - [TynongInfo.au](http://TynongInfo.au) - [Garfield.au](http://Garfield.au) and [BunyipInfo.au](http://BunyipInfo.au) - Some have already been proudly adopted by their local Progress or Community Associations, while others we hope will be adopted in the near future.

**Longwarry businesses and locals are most welcome to join us.**

Designed specifically for the communities along the West Gippsland railway corridor, the site provides a dedicated space where local businesses and tradespeople can connect with residents and visitors alike. Listings are **free for the first 12 months**, with a modest **annual fee of \$25 thereafter**, which goes directly toward site maintenance, with any surplus going back into the community. (*Offer ends 30 April 2026*)

Businesses and trades located within the Rail Towns area are encouraged to take advantage of this exclusive promotional opportunity. In addition to standard listings, participants can include **Special Deals**, contribute **blogs**, and receive **assistance setting up their initial profiles**.

"We want this platform to reflect the heart of our local economy," said a spokesperson for Garfield Community Website Inc. "It's more than a directory — it's a space for connection, growth, and storytelling."

The new website also features a **comprehensive Event Calendar**, open to the public. Community members can promote any local event simply by creating a free account with a valid email address.

Whether you're a business owner looking to reach a wider audience or a local organiser promoting an upcoming event, the *West Gippsland Rail Towns* website is your one-stop destination for connection and visibility in the region.

**Visit:** <https://westgippslandrailtowns.au> or simply <https://wgrt.au>

**For more information or assistance:** [admin@westgippslandrailtowns.au](mailto:admin@westgippslandrailtowns.au)



Hop on board now and  
help us make this website  
a success for everyone

# WHAT HAPPENED IN GARFIELD IN 1926

Heather Arnold [harnold@dcsl.net.au](mailto:harnold@dcsl.net.au)

This is a look at what happened in Garfield and surrounds 100 years ago in 1926

**January** - A bushfire, caused by campers who were 'smoking out' rabbits, had started in the area on December 31, 1925, but was under control three days later. *The Herald* had this comprehensive report on the fire -

*Bush Fire Dies. Breaks and Rain Defeat It*

*The dangers of the fire between Tynong and Garfield, has passed. The townships of Tynong and Garfield have been saved by the fire breaks cut in the scrub, and by the rain that fell on Sunday and early this morning. Mrs W. Johnson's home was twice threatened on Saturday, but after 30 hours' continuous work cutting firebreaks, the fighters turned the flames. But for the work of Mrs Johnson, two girls, and several neighbors, the fire would have reached the outbuildings in which were stored farm implements.*

*The flames rose 100 feet, and devoured gums and undergrowth. The outbreak, which began in Mr Wilkins' property, swept through Mrs Johnson's, then through dense scrub on to Mr Berry's land. It was checked there, and about 500 tons of firewood ready for trucking were saved. After a strenuous battle near Wallace's Creek, Weatherhead's timber mills were saved. On Berry's Hill a break of one mile long by about 30 chains wide was cut. Early on Sunday morning the fire was travelling towards the old Sale road. Here the property of Mr A. Megas was threatened. He worked all through Saturday night, clearing a break.*

*Fires were burning in many places at the same time, and men were rushed from one front to another when things began to get serious. Some of the fighters had been on the scene for 48 hours, and many were suffering from slight burns. About 450 acres of grass have been destroyed, with firewood and fencing. The total damage will amount to about £1000. The chief sufferers are Messrs. H. Wilkins (50 tons of firewood and fencing), W. Johnson (grass and fencing), C. Sinclair and W. Berry (grass and fencing). Several other farmers have lost firewood and fencing. (*The Herald*, January 4, 1926)*

**January** - An interesting report from Cora Lynn -  
*A calf a day for three days is a record established by a cow owned by Mr. A. Wakenshaw at Cora Lynn. The calves were born on 4th, 5th and 6th January respectively, and they are all normal and thriving. The mother is recovering from an attack of milk fever. (*The Age*, January 14, 1926)*

**March** - Complaints about the town water supply in Garfield -  
*Local residents, for many months, have been endeavoring to impress upon the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission the urgency of a town water supply scheme, and have had indifferent replies. At the present time people of the town have to pay 2d per gallon for water for domestic purposes, drawn from the main drain, Iona. This water is contaminated by herds of cattle and scores of bathers. Fortunately it is a swift-running stream; otherwise public health would be menaced. During a season like the present many towns in West Gippsland depend on this source for their water supply. (*The Age*, March 3, 1926)*

**April** - Martin O'Donohue, who built the Garfield Picture Theatre, left the town for Warragul -

*Mr. M. O'Donohue, who has conducted the Garfield Hotel for the past five or six years, has purchased the freehold of the Royal Hotel, Warragul. Mr. O'Donohue's departure from Garfield parish and community will be a severe loss to the district. Last year he built a commodious picture theatre there, together with several shops and private dwellings. (*The Advocate*, April 1, 1926, see here)*

**April** - Also in April the following meeting was held in Garfield -  
*At a meeting of Bunyip and District Teachers' Union the following elections took place: - President, Mr. Noonan (Longwarry); vice-presidents. Messrs. P. Scouller (Iona), W. Waugh (Garfield); secretary and treasurer, A. Mackay (Bunyip); auditor, I. McAlpine (Bunyip). It was decided to donate £2 2/ to the testimonial to Mr.*

*David Black, ex-president of the Teachers' Union, which is to be given by the latter body for services rendered. Mr. Black raised the members' roll from 700 to over 8000. (*The Age*, April 1, 1926)*

**June** - the following statistics were published in regards to potato loadings at local railway stations -

*It was estimated that the potato crop in the Koo-wee-rup area would reach £500,000, and by the record of truckings on railway this is not far short. The output of 29,403 tons from the nine stations was distributed as follow: - Koo-wee-rup, 6,952 tons; Garfield, 6,451; Bayles, 5,591; Dalmore, 3,346; Tynong, 2,580; Bunyip, 2,057; Nar-nar-goon, 1,814; Lang Lang, 443; Warragul, 169. At £10 a ton this would realise £294,030. From December 1, 1925, to April 31, 1926, 498 trucks (6,945 tons) left Garfield, and during April 600 tons. From January 1 to May 30, 1926, 156,929 bags of potatoes left the Koo-wee-rup station. There are still many thousand bags in storage and on farms. The season so far promises to be excellent. (*The Argus*, June 11, 1926)*

**July** - These figures, above, show the importance of the potato industry to this region and in July it was reported that -  
*The largest meeting of potato growers ever seen at Iona assembled on Monday evening to protest against the importation of New Zealand potatoes, the reported introduction of corky scab, and against the abolition of 10-ton railway trucks. Cr. J. Dowd, who was chairman, said that if once the scab got into the district it would never be wiped out. He knew that a sample of imported potatoes had turned black after being boiled. It was strange if New South Wales inspectors were passing such produce as sound. The menace was serious to farmers, and they should be active. Several speakers spoke against the importation of potatoes, especially if diseased, and urged that drastic action be taken at once. The local market was being glutted, and Victorian farmers could not compete against the low prices ruling at Sydney, £10 a ton, while it was reported that new Zealand potatoes were down to £9 10/ in Albury.*

A number of motions were moved at the meeting - a recommendation of a protective duty of £4 a ton be placed on all potatoes entering the Commonwealth; the Agricultural Department take drastic steps to prevent corky scab from entering Victoria and the 10-ton railway truck should not be abolished. The Iona District Potato Growers Association was enthusiastically formed with the aim of State-wide organisation and communicating with all potato districts. (*The Age*, July 14, 1926)

**July** - This unusual legal case with a Garfield connection was reported -

*Not Abduction. Twins Were Taken Back to Aunt's Care*  
*At Alexandra Court this morning charges against two men for alleged abduction were dismissed, as it was proved the girls were over 16 years of age. The defendants were Alfred Vincent and Charles Poylor Marshall. Mr M. Devine, who appeared for the defendants, said it was a pity more care had not been exercised in bringing the men up on such a charge. The girls' aunt had reared them, and they had lived with her until they were 15. The girls, who were twins, wrote and told her that they wanted to go back to her, and made an appointment. They were taken from Thornton straight to their aunt's place near Garfield. The girls' names are Nellie and Millie Taylor, and their parents live at Thornton. (*The Herald*, July 8, 1926)*

**August** - Good news that a missing girl, Olive Bassett, was discovered unharmed -  
*It was reported to the police that a girl named Olive Bassett, aged 11 years, was lost in the bush, and search parties scoured the locality for some hours, when a telephone message was received that she had been found at Nar-nar-goon, having walked nine miles from her home at North Garfield. The child was little the worse for her adventure. (*The Age*, August 6, 1926)*



In 1926, there was agitation to have a High School established in the area. The closest High Schools were either Warragul or Dandenong and a more central location was desired. It took another 30 years before there was any progress on this front - Drouin High School opened in 1956, Koo Wee Rup in 1957 and Pakenham in 1967. Here are three articles relating to the issue -

**August** - The following article explains the travel difficulties faced by local children to attend High School -

*Garfield - Parents of children attending the Dandenong and Warragul High schools are agitating to have a railway motor bus service established between the intermediate towns for the convenience of pupils attending both schools. The Warragul school has a road service, which terminates at Bunyip, but the children attending the Dandenong school have to depend on a very inconvenient train service, which necessitates leaving home at 6.30 a.m. and returning after 7 p.m. It is understood that the Commissioners are giving the proposal favorable consideration, and that the service will be established during the summer. A public meeting was held at Cora Lynn, which lies in the centre of the Koo-weerup Swamp area, to urge upon the Government the necessity of erecting a high school in the district, as children living at any distance from the rail and motor service - such as they are - are debarred from attending either Warragul or Dandenong schools. (The Age, August 26, 1926)*

**August** - The Argus reported on a local meeting to support the establishment of a High School -

*One of the largest meetings ever held in the district was convened by the Iona women's section of the Farmers' Union, to consider the establishing of a high school for the swamp area. Councillor P. Walsh (Berwick Shire) presided and Mr Wrigley, assistant chief Inspector of secondary schools, was present. Figures were given showing that on this side of the swamp there were 1,400 scholars on the rolls at the various schools and that 140 to 150 would be available for higher education. On the Koo wee rup side there were 450 children attending. Mr Wrigley promised to put the case before the Minister. A strong committee representing 22 school centres was formed to go into the matter with the branches of the women's sections, Councillor McCulloch to represent Cranbourne Shire, and Councillor Dowd Berwick Shire. A motion was agreed to that it was desirable to establish a higher elementary school in a central position in the swamp. (The Argus, August 27, 1926)*

**September** - A later report suggested that a High School could be built at Cora Lynn or Bayles

*At a meeting of district representatives at Cora Lynn the high school proposal was further considered. Sites at Cora Lynn and Bayles were reviewed, and it was unanimously decided to recommend an area of Crown land at Bayles, which is above flood level and large enough for all requirements. It was resolved to ask the Education department for an early inspection of the site. An active canvass for subscriptions and guarantees from parents is to be undertaken. Mrs. Shreeves was elected president and Mrs. Terrill secretary. (The Age, September 17, 1926)*

**September** - We have two stories connected to the Railways - Milk by Rail. Complaint From Garfield.

*Replying to a paragraph in "The Age" of Wednesday, 8th September, in which it was stated at Garfield that at certain stations in the Gippsland district cans of milk were being loaded in the vans of passenger and goods trains along with hides, skins, calf carcasses, crates of fowls, the Railway Commissioners said that such action was contrary to regulations. Definite instructions had been issued that milk must not be loaded with such goods as fish, rabbits, meat, hides, and the inquiries that had been made into the complaint under notice failed to disclose any disregard of these instructions. The Commissioners added that if a specific instance were given of milk being transported in such a manner they would have immediate inquiries made. (The Age, September 16, 1926)*

**September** - Garfield was (almost) the location of a feature film, *The Northbound Limited*, being shot by a talented and ambitious 17-year-old, George Palmer. George Frederick Thomas Palmer (1909-1994) founded radio station 3AK in 1931 and bought out radio 7UL in Ulverstone, Tasmania in 1933. George married twice and had four children the youngest being well known politician and business man, Clive Palmer.

*When a goods train was travelling about 30 miles an hour between Garfield and Pakenham on Friday countryside spectators were amazed to see a fight in progress on the tender of the engine, shots being exchanged, and two men in deadly conflict, while from a position on the train a cinematograph operator was busily engaged. One of the final scenes in *The North-bound Limited* was being filmed by the 17-year-old Australian actor producer George Palmer. The Sydney express was also the venue for some of the film story, including a dash by Palmer's motor car in front of the express travelling at 60 miles per hour. Scenes in Sydney, Melbourne, Ringwood and Powelltown will also be shown in the film, which will be released in a few weeks. (The Age, September 21, 1926)*

**September** - Also in September, the folks at Iona got a new telephone exchange -

*A new telephone exchange has been established at Iona, with a trunk connection with Melbourne, and over 30 subscribers are already paid up. This has done away with the costly service proposed whereby subscribers were to be charged as high as £10 or over to connect with Garfield. This was the proposal of an officer who upset a previous plan of another officer whereby local needs could be met at a reasonable cost. There was not any likelihood of the farmers undertaking such a costly telephone service, so that the department, instead of losing revenue by reason of its non-acceptance, will gain by the new exchange, which has given great local satisfaction. (South Bourke & Mornington Journal, September 23, 1926)*

**October** - In October it was reported that feral Deer are doing considerable damage to orchards in Tonimbuk district. These animals are stripping the trees, and as it is almost impossible to fence them out, farmers are at a loss to cope with them. (The Age, October 27, 1926)

**November** - It wasn't just milk that was badly handled by the Victorian Railways, it was also potatoes -

*Railway Delays. Potato Trucks Go Astray.*

*Garfield - Indignation is expressed by potato growers regarding the Railway department's haphazard methods of handling the new season's consignments. Out of three trucks consigned from this district last week, two were lost on a journey of under 50 miles, and were only discovered after diligent inquiries extending over two days. The trucks had been left at wayside stations between here and Melbourne, with the result that it is doubtful if they will be salable. At the present market rates this means the loss of upwards of £100 to the consignors. At a meeting of the Gippsland Potato Growers' Association the matter was discussed, and the Railway Commissioners and their methods were severely criticised. Mr. J. Dowd, president of the association, was delegated to visit Melbourne and interview the Commissioners. (The Age, November 29, 1926)*

**December** - The year started badly with the bush fires and in December ended badly with a severe frost -

*A severe frost. Potato and Maize Crops Ruined. Monday night's frost was worse than anticipated. With the exception of odd potato crops the whole of the Koo-weerup area of 75,000 acres is devastated. Maize crops share the same fate. Growers hoped for rain on Tuesday, to help to recover the tubers, but an east wind and a hot sun completed the destruction. (The Age, December 16, 1926)*

MONDAY ONLY  
George Palmer's Production—

## "The Northbound Limited"

Produced in Australia by a 17-years old Australian, who will appear in person on Monday night with his Picture.

Advertisement for George Palmer's *The Northbound Limited*. From: St George Call (Kogarah), January 13, 1928

# Garfield Picture Theatre

## ROD STEWART & DIVA'S SHOW



FEATURING  
MICHAEL  
ZAMMIT  
SINGING ALL  
OF ROD'S  
FAVOURITES

TEQUILA  
  
BROTHERS

**Saturday 14th March**

### ***Rest in Peace***

*To the families and friends of those who have lost loved ones in Garfield and surrounds in December and January, we offer our sympathy and support at this sad time..*





# BRAG February 2026

Reducing Bunyip and Districts carbon footprint

## It's not hard. Residents rock at recycling soft plastics

BRAG volunteers have been busy visiting Bendigo Bank Bunyip to collect your soft plastics to be recycled. We've seen an increase in boxes to be collected. From one box every 2-3 weeks in July last year to almost one box a week! Well done everyone.

Want to contribute? It's not too late. Pop into the bank and drop your soft plastics off at the TerraCycle collection box. Thanks to Bendigo Bank Bunyip for funding this initiative. BRAG is looking into other funding sources to keep this program going.

BRAG loves recycling initiatives but it's even better when waste is avoided or refused in the first place.

**What's the best way to manage waste?** Let's look at the waste management hierarchy.

The hierarchy is an order of preference for managing waste. Disposal of waste to landfill is the least preferred option.

It's better to avoid generating waste than to manage its consequences. Use the hierarchy to consider ways to avoid or minimise creating waste before you look at other options.

Before sending waste to landfill, consider opportunities higher up the hierarchy. Avoiding landfill can have financial as well as environmental benefits.



### EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



**BRAG on the BBQ at Bunyip Market**  
Sunday 25 January

Funds from the BBQ at the market raised \$400 for BRAG! Thanks Bunyip Market for giving back to community groups like us. Cheers to all the BBQ lovers who bought food from the stall.

### CONTACT US

BragBunyip@gmail.com

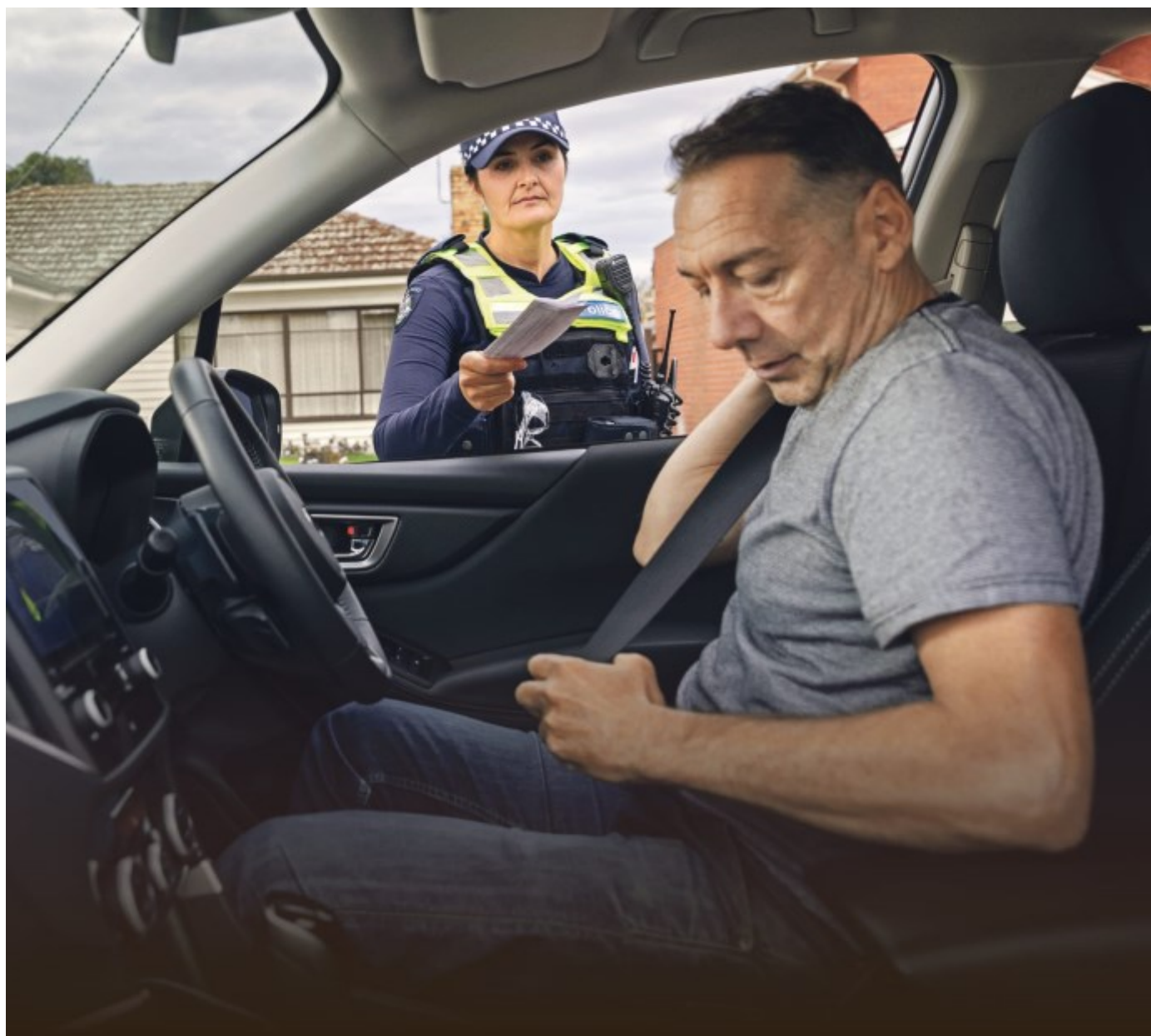
### ABOUT US

Bunyip Renewables Action Group is a not-for-profit community group that aims to reduce the carbon footprint of the Bunyip district by facilitating the town's switch to renewable energy.

### DONATE

To BRAG via Container Deposit Scheme code: C2000010517





# Seatbelts save lives.

Driving unbuckled? If you or your passengers drive without a fastened seatbelt, you could each receive a \$407 fine. The driver will also face 3 demerit points.

If you take risks while driving, chances are you will be caught.

**Anywhere. Anytime. Anyone.**

**TAC**

**VICTORIA**  
State  
Government





# **YOU CAN'T CONTROL FIRE. BUT YOU CAN CONTROL WHEN YOU LEAVE.**

When the Fire Danger Rating is Extreme or Catastrophic, leaving early is your safest option.



Download the VicEmergency app  
or go to **[emergency.vic.gov.au](https://emergency.vic.gov.au)**

## **HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW FIRE?**

Authorised by the Victorian Government, 1 Treasury Place, Melbourne





# SLIDING DOOR REPAIRS

Are your doors sticking, catching or just not sliding properly?

- > Timber & Aluminium Sliding Doors
  - > Bi Fold Door
  - > Cavity Door
  - > Wardrobe Doors
  - > Security Doors
  - > Track & Roller Replacements
  - > Screen Replacements
  - > New Locks Fitted
- And Much More**

## We fix Your Sliding Doors!



ALL  
*Sliding Door*  
REPAIRS MELBOURNE

Ph 0438 538 244

info@asdrm.com.au

www.allslidingdoorrepairsmelbourne.com.au



## Love Your Numbers This February

Your local, Reliable Bookkeeper. Here to take the stress out of your finances.

### Our Services:

- ✓ GENERAL & STRATEGIC BOOKKEEPING
- ✓ CATCH-UP & RECTIFICATION
- ✓ PAYROLL SERVICES
- ✓ SOFTWARE TRAINING

**CONTACT CHRIS**

CC Sorts Numbers - Taking care of your business like it's our own.



☎ 0412-390-797  
✉ chris@ccsortsnumber.com.au

Scan the QR to  
see our website:





**NOSTALGIA** 1195 BUNYIP RIVER RD  
GARFIELD VICTORIA 3814  
**Highway**  
WHERE YOUR DREAM  
GARAGE BEGINS

P: 0356292676  
F: 0356292674

E: [admin@nostalgiahighway.com.au](mailto:admin@nostalgiahighway.com.au)  
W: [www.nostalgiahighway.com.au](http://www.nostalgiahighway.com.au)



Call Andrew **0448-877-029**

Specialising in:

- Retaining walls
- Gravel driveways
- Site levelling
- Trenching
- Footings and post pole digging (350mm-600mm)
- Small space Excavation and earthmoving
- Other landscaping projects to suit your needs

Give us call or find us on Facebook @WESTGIPPSLANDMINIDIGGERS and let us know how we can make your outdoor project come to life with an obligation free quote!



**BUNYIP**  
**SKIP BINS**

0437 505 069  
[bunyipskipbinsvic@gmail.com](mailto:bunyipskipbinsvic@gmail.com)

- Yard and Landscaping Waste
- Builders Waste
- Green Waste
- General Household Waste
- Mixed Waste
- Recyclable Waste
- Scrap Metal

- Walk-In skip bins and hook bins from 2m<sup>3</sup> to 30m<sup>3</sup>
- Also offering onsite rubbish removals, demolitions and site cleans with plant and labour

[www.bunyipskipbinsvic.com.au](http://www.bunyipskipbinsvic.com.au)

Find us on Facebook and Instagram  

JW'S MUSIC SCHOOL  
**GUITAR LESSONS**

TEACHING BY JAY WHELAN  
FIRST LESSON FREE. 30+ YEARS  
EXPERIENCE IN MELB MUSIC SCENE.  
FRIENDLY CREATIVE ENVIRONMENT. ALL  
AGES AND LEVELS.

**BOOK NOW**

[www.jwmusicschool.com.au](http://www.jwmusicschool.com.au)  
mob: 0435 720 853  
email: [wiggs28@gmail.com](mailto:wiggs28@gmail.com)



## It's all about Travel

We are a family owned and operated business and are passionate about travel and want to provide all of our clients with the best possible experience. We specialize in all types of leisure travel including, flights, car hire, tours, rail journeys, river cruises, ocean cruises and more. We can also help you with independent travel and itinerary planning. We have travel insurance and a range of travel products including suitcases, adaptors, bags, totes and more.

A: 123 Princes Way Drouin  
E: [info@itsallabouttravel.com.au](mailto:info@itsallabouttravel.com.au)  
P: 0356441333  
M: 0413233540  
W: [itsallabouttravel.com.au](http://itsallabouttravel.com.au)

Like our Facebook page for up to date specials



**It's all about Travel**



*On behalf of our readers, we thank the Pakenham Racing Club for their contribution to the cost of publishing this community newsletter*

[WWW.PAKENHAMRACING.COM.AU](http://WWW.PAKENHAMRACING.COM.AU)

# HERE COMES THE RAIN (MLS)

Thanks "rain collector" Keith Wilkinson



2025	2026
January: 66.00	January: 3.50
February: 25.50	
March: 59.75	
April: 22.75	
May: 22.00	
June: 43.75	
July: 81.00	
August: 36.50	
September: 61.25	
October: 104.00	
November: 197.00	
December: 42.00	

# David W Bull Family Funerals

... the little things make a big difference

**Pakenham**  
190 Princes Highway  
5941 4888

*Since 1979, assuring personal  
attention and care at all times  
for our local community for 45 years*

**0436 414 300**  
**www.davidwbull.com.au**



# KING LEGAL GROUP

ABN 63 619 468 263

*Do you require legal advice?*

- + Property Law
- + Wills and Estates
- + Commercial Law
- + Litigation (including debt recovery, building disputes and insolvency)



Contact our professional legal team  
on 03 5617 8251 or email  
stephen@kinglegallgroup.com.au.

03 5617 8251 29 Main Street  
BUNYIP VIC 3815

**www.kinglegallgroup.com.au**

# BUNYIP DENTAL CLINIC

7 Main st, Bunyip, 3815  
Phone: 5629 5676  
Mobile: 0401 710 990



Our consistent vision is to ensure providing the highest standards of **DENTAL CARE** in a friendly, welcoming environment and affordable treatment options.

# SERVICES

- Check up and Clean
- Filling
- Extraction
- Root Canal Treatment
- Crowns and Bridges
- Cosmetic Veneers
- Dentures/Plates
- Dental Implant
- Braces-invisalign

TV  
in the ceiling  
for your  
entertainment

Online booking  
available on  
bunyipdental.com.au

**Bulk billing for children  
who are covered by medicare dental scheme**

*Garfield Spectator is proudly supported by*



Proudly supported by customers and shareholders of Bunyip & District **Community Bank®** Branch



## Precision Maintenance Melbourne

### Home Renovation & Building Services



Helping Home Owners & Landlords For Over 10 years.

- \* All Carpentry *inc.* Pergolas, Decking, Weatherboards.
- \* Lock up and Finishing.
- \* Renovations *inc.* Bathrooms and Kitchens.
- \* Window Installations. Window Sill Restorations.
- \* Tiling & Silicone Work.
- \* New Colourbond & Wood Paling Fences.
- \* Fence Repairs/Straightening.
- \* Gutter Cleaning & Maintenance.
- \* Select Painting.
- \* Fence, Weatherboard & Internal Spraying.
- \* Timber Decking Staining & Oiling.
- \* Select Garden Work *inc.*
  - Lawn Mowing & Vegetation Removal.
- \* Trailer Work.                      \* Chainsaw Work.
- \* Demolition Work.   \* Odd Jobs.
- \* Real Estate Work.

High-Level Problem Solving.  
High End Finishing.  
Free Quotes!

Facebook Page: Precision Maintenance Melbourne.  
Local To Garfield.                      Liability Insured.  
Call Darren   Mob: 0436 472 478

## GARFIELD PHARMACY

"We proudly support local community"

**Services:** Prescriptions, Webster Packs, Flu-Vaccination, NDSS. TAC/WorkCover.

**Mon-Fri: 9am-5pm, Sat: 9am-1pm**

**73-75 Main Street GARFIELD**

**PH: 03 5629 2408**

**Follow us on facebook**



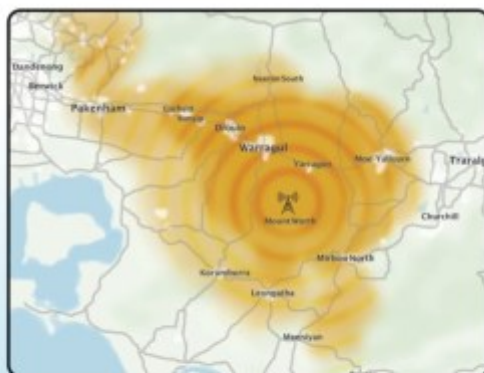
## WEST GIPPSLAND COMMUNITY RADIO

## 103.1FM

3bbrfm.org.au

3BBR-FM broadcasts a variety of music, local news and interviews to Baw Baw Shire in the West Gippsland region of Victoria, Australia on 103.1 FM and streaming online.

West Gippsland Community Radio Inc. is a not-for-profit organisation run entirely by volunteers to serve its local community. We offer opportunities for people to learn radio production and public speaking skills in a supportive environment.



LISTEN LIVE



LISTEN AGAIN



## Sterling Carpet Care Garfield



### SPECIALISING IN

- ✓ Carpet/Upholstery Cleaning
- ✓ Water Damage
- ✓ Emergency Flood Restoration
- ✓ Vinyl Floor Strip & Seal
- ✓ Tile & Grout Cleaning
- ✓ Leather Cleaning

Houses, Bond exit clean, Offices,  
Schools/Kindergartens, Aged Care &  
High-rise Apartments.

**Melbourne to Moe**  
**Phone: 0409 010 106**

**sterlingcc@bigpond.com.au**

Working with Children Check  
Police Checked  
Fully Insured



*For Quality Carpet Care!*

## Improve Your Internet

- Licenced Starlink Installer
- WiFi and Internet
- Wireless Bridges /Access Points
- Data Cabling
- Digital TV Antennas
- TV Mounting
- Local Technician
- Free Quotes and Advice



**Call Mark on**  
**0413 233 536**



**Gippcom  
Solutions**

Antennas WIFI Data

ABN: 35 618 396 955

## AIRCONS R US

**Gary Robinson**

PIC Lic No. 52262 RTA No. AU24465

**Mob:**  
**0448 803 499**

Email: [airconrus@hotmail.net.au](mailto:airconrus@hotmail.net.au)

**Specialists in : Commercial,  
Industrial &  
Domestic Air Conditioning  
Sales, Service & Repairs  
Refrigeration Service and Repairs**

**Personalised travel**  
with the expertise of your  
*local travel advisor*



**PLUS \$200 off** your 1st booking\*

\*minimum spend \$1000



**TRAVELWITHPRIDE**

It takes a village

Mobile Travel Advisor

[jdbourke@mtatravel.com.au](mailto:jdbourke@mtatravel.com.au)

0434 517 550







# COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

**BUNYIP AND DISTRICT WOMEN'S SHED INC.**

10A Volunteers Dve Bunyip  
Contact Judy: 0427 148 292

**BUNYIP SLIMMERS CLUB**

Meets Friday morning 9.30am Bunyip Uniting Church.  
Maree McRae – 0468 411 144.

**CANNIBAL CREEK FUNERAL CELEBRANCY**

Bryan Sharp—PH: 0421 617 275  
EMAIL: [bryan.sharp1@bigpond.com](mailto:bryan.sharp1@bigpond.com)

**CEC-CARDINIA ENVIRONMENT COALITION**

62 Cameron Way, Pakenham 3810  
PH: Adele 0417 373 690

**GARFIELD ANGLING CLUB**

Meet 1st Monday of the month at the  
Garfield Golf Club. P.O. Box 145, Garfield.  
Contact Tony 0409 189 989.

**GARFIELD BOWLING CLUB**

P.O. Box 85, Garfield. Club House PH: 5629 2384  
For information regarding barefoot bowls and tournaments,  
phone Trevor on 03 5629 2384

**GARFIELD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

Meet on the second Tuesday of the month (excluding  
January) at Brewster's Foodstore, 5.30pm. Phone  
Brewster's on 0407 151 202

**GARFIELD COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Social & garden maintenance meetup every Saturday  
(weather permitting) 10-12noon.  
Natter & nibble at 11.15am \*\*Also some  
Wednesdays. Contact Meg 0466496107

**GARFIELD COMMUNITY HALL**

For bookings PH: Lara Canty 0421 015 855

**GARFIELD COMMUNITY OP SHOP**

71 Main St Garfield. Monday to Friday 9.30am-4.30pm,  
Saturday 9.30am-12.30pm PH:0459 982 338

**COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF GARFIELD & BUNYIP**

Meet 1st Tuesday of month at Community Centre,  
Garfield. [bunyipgarfieldprobus@gmail.com](mailto:bunyipgarfieldprobus@gmail.com)

**GARFIELD FOOTBALL CLUB**

P.O. Box 92, Garfield.  
Contact Chris Greenhall 0458 410 592

**GARFIELD GOLF CLUB**

180 Thirteen Mile Road, Garfield.  
Phone: 5629 2794  
Email: [info@garfieldgolf.com.au](mailto:info@garfieldgolf.com.au)

**GARFIELD NETBALL ASSOCIATION**

P.O.Box 39, Garfield. PH: Marg 0419 895 123

**GARFIELD PHARMACY MEDICAL CLINIC**

PH: 5629 2408 - 73-75 Main St, Garfield.  
Clinic OPEN EVERY WEEKDAY.

**GARFIELD PLAYGROUP**

Meets every Friday 9.30am - 12pm at Garfield Community  
Centre. P.O. Box 47, Garfield.  
PH: Lara 0421 150 855, Erin 0422 544 771

**GARFIELD PRESCHOOL KINDER**

P.O.Box 24, 29-31 Garfield Rd, Garfield. PH: 5629 2208

**GARFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL**

84 Railway Ave, Garfield. PH: 5629 2274

**GARFIELD RECREATION RESERVE**

P.O.Box 28, Garfield. Mark PH: 0402259780

**GARFIELD & BUNYIP ROTARY CLUB**

P.O. Box 19, Garfield.  
Meet every Wednesday at Garfield Bowling Club, Contact:  
Graeme Squires: 0417 105 598

**GARFIELD SWIMMING POOL**

PH: 5629 2780

**GARFIELD TENNIS CLUB**

PH: Michelle 5629 2979 OR 0409 142 318

**GARFIELD - TYNONG CRICKET CLUB**

Titans P.O. Box 108, Garfield.  
Glen PH: 0425 883 568 Jason PH: 0422 309 933.  
Beswick St, Garfield. PH: 5629 4423

**GARFIELD UNITING CHURCH**

Margaret PH: 5629 2318

**GARFIELD VICTORIA**

Website: [www.garfield.au](http://www.garfield.au)  
Email: [admin@garfield.org.au](mailto:admin@garfield.org.au)  
Contact: 0495 386 953

**JUSTICE OF THE PEACE**

Mrs Dale White JP for Victoria #8942  
0407093622 - Garfield  
Mr Martin Sayers OAM JP  
0411074468

**MT CANNIBAL RESERVE**

Garfield. PH: 1300 787 624

**MT CANNIBAL ADULT RIDING CLUB INC**

Meet 2nd Wednesday & 4th Saturday of the month.  
Contact president PH: 5942 8314

**WALFORD ELECTRICS**

PH: 04033 759 423  
EMAIL: [info@walfordelectrics.com.au](mailto:info@walfordelectrics.com.au)