

Tynong Tabloid



What's on this month



14 February: Valentine's Day
(don't say we didn't remind you!)



Every Monday: Mobile Library in the Tynong Hall carpark between 3.30 and 5.30



Every Wednesday: Tynong Playgroup, Building behind the hall carpark, 9.30am



Second Wednesday of the month: Tynong Progress Association Meeting, 7.30pm Tynong Fire Station



Third Thursday of the month: Tynong Fire Brigade Support Team Meeting, 7.30pm Tynong Fire Station



COMING UP IN MARCH...
Wayne Farnham MP attending TPA Meeting 11 March



Clean Up Australia Day in Tynong 22 March

Editor's note

Welcome to 2026. After a long hot January, the year is settling into the school, work and community routine. We hope you had a fantastic Christmas and new year, even if it seems like a long time ago. Hopefully some of the joy still remains!

The new look Tabloid is brought to you thanks to Microsoft finally letting Publisher go (probably not a moment too soon), so it was time to explore new options, software and templates. Hope you like it! Feedback is always welcome of course.

This year we're looking for more stories, more advertisers and more community news and activities to spruik in these pages. We know there is lots happening and we want to know everything (well almost everything). Want to review a local eatery? Got a good walk to share? Gardening tips? Your favourite photo? Or just a good meme? All is received with delight.

Happy reading!
Caroline
Editor | Tynong Tabloid

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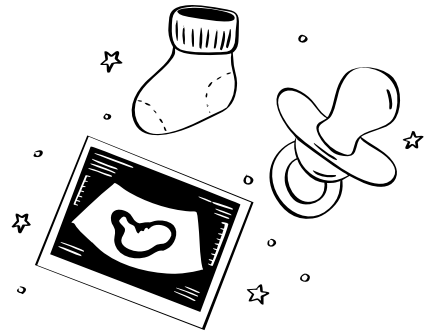
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REST IN PEACE JUDY DORE (STOKES)
1/1/1952 – 29/12/2025



Judy Dore (Stokes), wife of Johnny Dore and member of Nar Nar Goon History Group

6 weeks after being diagnosed with cancer, it's with great sadness to share that Judy passed away on Monday 29/12/25 - just before her 74th birthday.

Deepest sympathy to Johnny and his family and all the extended Dore and Stokes families. Her vibrant personality will be missed by us all.

Judy's funeral was held at Pakenham Racing Club at Tynong at the start of January.

Our sympathies to Judy's family and friends.

*If you would like to share any births, deaths or marriages (and any other celebrations or announcements, we would be honoured to feature your stories.
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Welcome to the new year from the Tynong Progress Association!

On behalf of the members of the Tynong Progress Association, I would like to invite residents of Tynong and Tynong North to join us at our meetings.

We meet monthly on the second Wednesday of the month at the Tynong Fire Brigade meeting rooms, 47 Nar Nar Goon Longwarry Road, Tynong, 7.30pm.

Not only is this an opportunity for residents to have a say on what goes on within the community, but it is a chance to make friends and make yourself known to other Tynong people.

Meetings usually consist of updates on events and happenings that are happening in the town and within the broader area of Tynong North and Cardinia Shire.

The Tynong Tabloid, the Tynong Christmas party, Clean Up Australia Day, Anzac Day service, the naming of the new community rooms and management of the former Maternal Health Centre in Railway Avenue are all projects that we work on.

We were also responsible for making a noise about the conditions on the Princes Highway and succeeded in presenting a petition of 3,500 signatures to the Victorian State Government to highlight the problems we have in using the highway on a day-to-day basis.

2025 was a BIG year!

The Tynong Progress Association is not an exclusive club – we are here for all residents of Tynong and welcome your involvement anytime, whether it is in person or by email or text. If you have any issues that you would like us to work on, feel free to make contact with us at the meetings or by email to

tynongprogressassoc@hotmail.com

Tynong has seen a huge change of the population in the last 6 months or so, welcome to all our new folk, we hope that you make Tynong your very special place to live.

And not only are there new families in the area, we are also experiencing a baby boom with at least 6 new babies being born or due in the next few months!

I am probably biased but I reckon Tynong is the greatest town to live in!

Pauline Preston
President, Tynong Progress Association



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Tales from the Firefront

Roman Kulkewycz

As we are in the middle of the fire season, I fondly recall my days as a member of the Maffra Fire Brigade. Anyone thinking of joining the fire brigade, should do so. The comradeship, the skills learned and the fun involved will give you great satisfaction as well and your contribution to the community will make your decision to join a very positive and rewarding one.

I never contemplated joining the Maffra Fire Brigade as I saw how hard they trained and what hard work it was attending an incident. The required dedication to duty that each fire fighter showed made me certain I wouldn't be able to score highly on either of those two important requisites. I was too busy enjoying the good life! Then when my teenage son David was needing some guidance in his life, I suggested he join the Maffra Fire Brigade. There he would meet and mix with good people and this I hoped would rub off on him and help him to become a better citizen.

The Bennett name was synonymous with the Maffra Fire Brigade and every Bennett that I knew had an active connection to the brigade. The Bennett families were highly regarded and respected in the Maffra community. Another name, which in my estimation gave the brigade an esteemed respect, was that of the late Captain Ron Pitt. The dedication that Ron showed to the captaincy and his leadership qualities brought the brigade a lot of respect, both within brigade circles and in the general community. Ron owned his own plumbing business and this allowed him to conduct a lot of brigade business during working hours. I often wonder how much better off he would have been financially if he hadn't let brigade business interfere with his work. He gave so much of himself for the community through the brigade.

Anyway, here I am telling my son David about how good it would be for him to join the brigade, when he caught me completely off guard and said, 'Hey Dad if the brigade is that good, why aren't you in it?'

I stumbled for an answer, then in desperation turned to my wife Wilma to support me with a plausible reply. But to no avail, she too looked at me in a way that told me that she would like to hear my answer as well. Suddenly it was two against one. The next thing I vividly remember to this day, is sitting at the Pitts' kitchen table with David and myself filling out application forms to become members of the Maffra Fire Brigade. After our names had been submitted, the committee voted us in as members, although I don't know if there were any against votes when our names were read out.

At the time when we joined the brigade, the fire station was in Pearson Street and this was not suitable anymore due to the bigger tankers and equipment that we carried. Our meeting room was an old weatherboard room with a sunken spongy squeaky floor. There were framed photos of brigade achievers holding up their trophies proudly on display. Every inch of wall space was taken up with brigade photographs or award certificates. Walking on the floor was like walking on an old mattress. It was riddled with white ants and was buckling as it was being eaten away. We were elated when the news came through that a new station was to be built in Johnson Street which would be jointly shared by the Ambulance Service that was currently housed in cramped conditions in Queen Street. It was a feeling of joy when we were able to spread our wings out in our new premises. Everything so modern and new with so much space. David relished being a member of the fire brigade and good friendships were formed with his peers.

Nar Nar Goon History Group – What's On



Reminder: The February Meeting on Monday 23 at 2pm meeting is NOT at St John's Church.

It is at Winsome Anderson's property
590 Seven Mile Road NNG
(RHS coming from NNG direction with blue flower pot out the front of driveway)

Go onto the driveway and you'll see parking in the paddock on the right in front of the house.

Winsome and her son Ian will share the stories of their award winning Jersey stud and life at NNG. There is a building stacked with memorabilia of the history of the family and the stud and another building housing the old milking machines.

A cuppa will be served from Winsome's kitchen.
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Sue Rose
History Group Convenor

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Tales from the Firefront (continued)



Now, I will tell you about some of my memories during my time at Maffra Fire Brigade. I can remember when the hotel verandah at the Metropolitan Hotel in the main street collapsed. I think it was during a Maffra Demo Competition long weekend in January. It happened whilst all of the competing brigades were marching through the main street in a torchlight procession. As the procession passed the Metropolitan Hotel, down she came and suddenly there were screaming, traumatised and injured people lying on the footpath everywhere, some buried by the collapsed rubble. It was a chaotic scene. Luckily nobody was killed. I was at home at the time when a police car pulled up in the driveway and David rushed inside telling us about the tragedy and grabbing blankets and fluffy cuddly toys to take down to comfort the injured. The brigade worked hand in hand with the police and ambulance to help and care for those injured.

As with all brigades there is a lot of training which is necessary as part of the fire fighter's role. New recruits have to complete a minimum skills course before they can go out to an incident. This is not only for their safety and benefit, but also to protect the seasoned members from the recruits making costly mistakes and jeopardising the safety of the entire crew. One of the courses that I did with a fellow member was in Traralgon. It was a First Aid Course, which was followed by a written exam. After the test the two of us sat down and verbally compared our answers whilst waiting for the official marks to come through my mate asked me, 'What answer did you write down to the question "What does A.B.C. stand for?"' I replied that it stood for Airway, Breathing and Circulation. 'I thought it stood for, Always Be Careful,' he replied. He got a cross for that answer.

As I was a bit of a mug photo journalist, I was writing a lot of reports for The Gippsland Times and The Maffra Spectator at the time which included writing twice a week on Maffra Football. Quite often I wouldn't go to the away games. I hated getting home in the cold dark winter nights. So after the game or the next day, I would ring a mate who was at the game and ask him all the quarter time scores and any highlights from Maffra's perspective and I would write up the game as if I was actually there. Of all the years that I did this, I was never challenged on anything that I wrote. After I joined the brigade I thought it might be a good idea to start a brigade newsletter. The committee approved the idea and I put up a box for suggestions as to what to name our newsletter. After the expired time, I opened the box to find mine was the only suggestion inside, so the *Fire Break* was born and to this day it still comes out monthly, with a new editor of course.

When I moved to Garfield in West Gippsland, I joined a committee to establish a local newsletter and I was its first editor. To this day it's called *The Garfield Spectator*. I was quite outspoken when hiding behind the pen in those days. They say that the pen is mightier than the sword. One issue of *Fire Break* came out which was critical of something the runners were doing. No one said anything before the issue went to print, although it was proof read. So all the copies were printed and ready for distribution at the following meeting. At the meeting when the newsletter was handed out, there on the front page lots of words had been blotted out with White Out. Obviously someone had taken offence at what I had written and had quietly gone through a whole bottle of White Out censoring 60 individual issues. No one admitted to doing this, but it made me more considerate and less critical when writing future newsletters. I think the change in tempo of my future editions was approved as in the year 2001 the brigade voted me as the Maffra Firefighter of The Year. I am very proud of this award and the trophy holds a pride of place in our home.



I remember attending the West Sale Training facility and how scared I was using the Breathing Apparatus as I crawled through a hot, dark, burning, smoke filled training room. Real fire, real dangerous heat! These training sessions are used to prepare for the real situation. I also experienced real fire fighting when as part of a Group, I was sent on a tanker to fight a forest fire at Golden Beach to protect a pine plantation. It was a twelve hour stint – I thought I'd be gone for only a few hours. We arrived at the fire, the roar of the flames tearing through the trees, the heat and the choking smoke that not only burned our throats, but stung our eyes to the point of despair. If one was standing at the back of a tanker, the front couldn't be seen due to the thick smoke which carried burning embers that descended upon us and burnt our skins and clothing. There were water bombing planes dropping sewerage water from the sewerage pond at Dutson Downs onto the fire, quite often missing their target and covering us on the ground in liquid sewerage. Yet such oppressive conditions brought out in each and every one of us a great spirit of comradeship and strengthened our bonds of friendship.

It's a wonderful community organisation that should be considered no matter what your age – there is always something you can do. Please consider.

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Cardinia Shire News

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Everyone who submits a story, along with the women featured in their stories, will be invited to join our 2026 International Women's Day celebration on Thursday 5 March at the Cardinia Cultural Centre. The event will celebrate the remarkable contributions of women across our shire.

During the event, five stories will be highlighted from each of the following categories:

- Leading the way
- Making a difference
- Using creativity
- Celebrating culture and generations
- Quiet achiever

Submissions are now invited for women who have a strong connection to Cardinia Shire either as a resident or through their meaningful contributions to the local community. Entries may be submitted as a written story, poem or video and will close on Sunday 8 February.

For more information, or to make a submissions, please visit

https://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/news/article/1571/share_her_story_recognising_the_women_who_inspire_our_community



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The event will begin with a Jobseeker Information Sessions, presented by Workforce Australia - Local Jobs, providing attendees with practical tools and tips to navigate the job market, discover in-demand industries, explore training pathways and learn how to stand out with resume and interview skills.

This will be followed by the Jobs and Skills Showcase, where attendees can meet local employers, training providers, trade professionals and support agencies all under one roof!

Key event information:

- Date: Wednesday, 18 March 2026
- Time: 9:15am – 12:00pm
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Connect with the Community

Old Time Dance

Second Saturday of the month

7.30pm till 11:00pm

Nar Nar Goon North Hall

(Cnr Dore & Bessie Creek Road)

\$10.00 admission (includes supper)

Music by Lloyd Poole

All Welcome!

Enquiries

Phone Kaye 0407 343 754

Labertouche Craft Group

Labertouche Community & District

Hall Tuesdays between 10am

& 3pm. Cost \$5.00

Drop in one Tuesday to check them out.



BUNYIP SLIMMERS CLUB

Want to lose weight, become a lot healthier and make new friends?

Come along to the Bunyip Slimmers' Club. We are a very friendly, happy group and welcome your company.

You don't have to live in Bunyip to join.

We meet every Friday 9.30am at the Uniting Church, Cnr. Nash Road & Flett Street, Bunyip. Ring Maree McRae on 0468 411 144 for further information or you are welcome to just turn up.

Cost only \$3.00 per week.

Mobile Library and Internet Access

The Mobile Library visits Tynong every Monday at the Tynong Hall car park at 18 Railway Ave, Tynong from 3:30pm to 5:30pm. Membership is free!

Free Internet access is available at all libraries in Cardinia Shire including Emerald, Pakenham and the Mobile Library service. Many neighbourhood houses and community centres across Cardinia Shire also provide public Internet access, which is funded through a state government program. For your nearest neighbourhood house, contact Council on 1300 787 624.

Cannibal Creek Landcare Group

The Cannibal Creek Land Care Group meets every 3rd Sunday of the month from 9.30am – 12.30pm at various properties.



For more information contact Secretary Pam Cunningham on 0407876935 or email: cannibalcreeklandcare@gmail.com.

Pakenham Camera Club

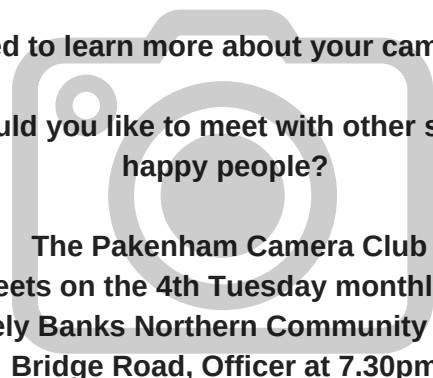
Need to learn more about your camera?

Would you like to meet with other snap-happy people?

The Pakenham Camera Club meets on the 4th Tuesday monthly at Comely Banks Northern Community Room, Bridge Road, Officer at 7.30pm

For more information email

pakenhamcameraclub@hotmail.com



Connect with the Community



EVERY THURSDAY !
Community Hall, Nar Nar Goon
(opposite the primary school)

**Bigger game prize wins!
2 x additional raffle draws
PLUS bonus end of month draws!**

Heated / Cooled venue. Canteen. EFTPOS available.

1st Session - books sales from 6:30pm (\$2 games), or

2nd/3rd Sessions - book sales from 8:00pm (\$4 games)

2 Bingo flyers plus Rays Raffle (win \$50 cash or \$50 meat tray from The Butcher with The Chef, NNG)

NEW 1st Number/Last Number game (win \$50 cash)
\$1,000 in the final Jackpot (if sufficient books sold)

**Not for profit organisation where all profits
go to local clubs / organisations!**

EYES DOWN at 7.30pm

For more information call Sharon ph: 0417 446 840

Tynong North Friday Group

We are a fun and friendly group of people who come together to have a chat and enjoy some amazing planned activities and outings.

We meet every Friday from 10am (except Good Friday) at various locations.

For more information and details contact Kaye Howells on 0435585964

Tynong Hall Committee



To hire the Tynong Hall please contact Denise Davidson on 0415 552 539

Pakenham Multiple Sclerosis Support Group

The Pakenham Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. For more information on the venue and time, please visit our Facebook page.

CEC Community Nursery

The CEC Community Nursery is a voluntary nursery growing indigenous plants for the Westernport Catchment.

Open Fridays from 9am-12pm

62 Cameron Way, Pakenham, 3810

Contact Adele on 0417 373 690 or email: nursery@cecinc.net.au.

www.cecinc.net.au

www.facebook.com/CECCardiniaEnvironmentCoalition

Tynong Tennis Club



The Tynong Tennis Club is located at the Tynong Recreation Reserve on Park Road, Tynong, and is home to six porous courts. Currently the Tynong Tennis Club offers Junior Tennis, Night Tennis and 45s and Over Tennis.

For all enquiries please contact Phil Harrison on 0419 389 346 or email: mor2life@bigpond.net.au

Tennis Racquets Available For Use At Practice.

Bunyip—Garfield Probus

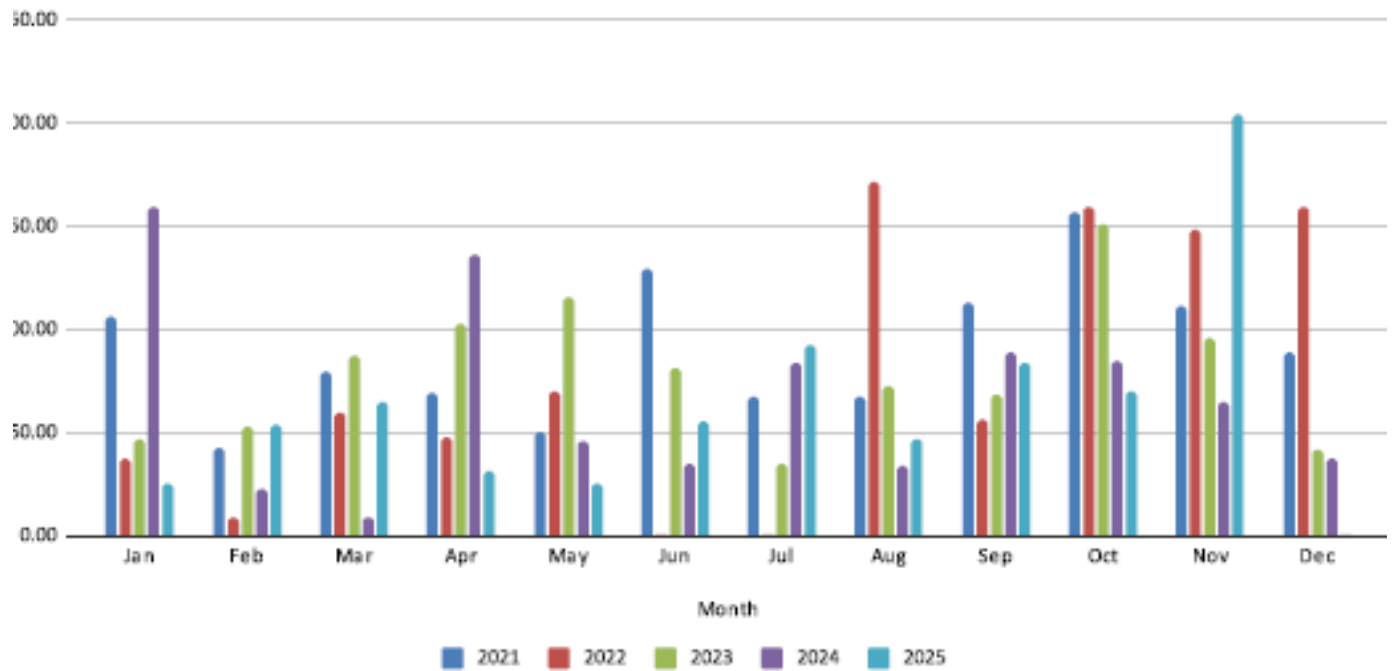
Meetings First Tuesday Monthly @ Garfield Football Reserve Hall

New Members always welcome!

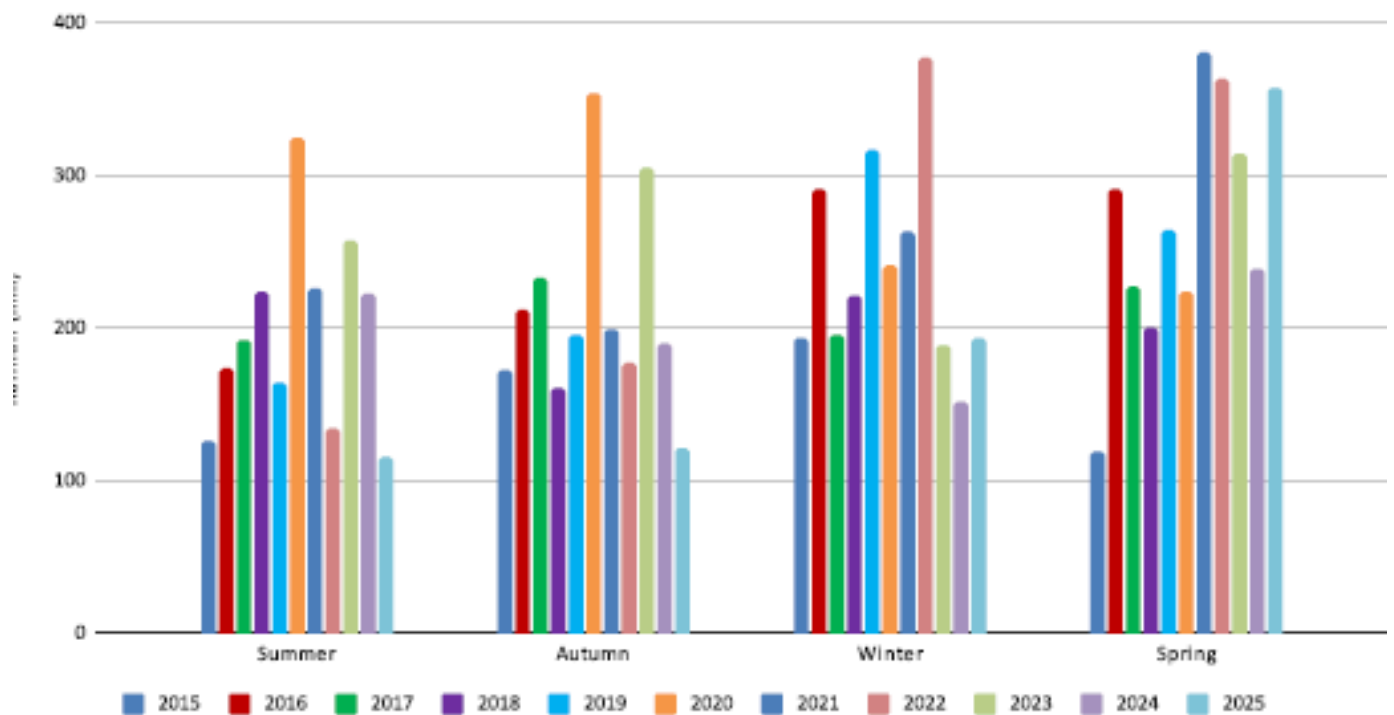
Contact Marie 0468411144

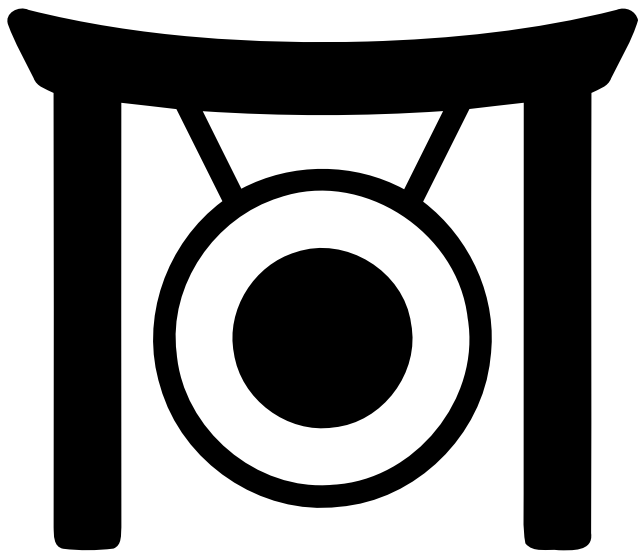
Tynong Rainfall Data

Monthly Rainfall Data.



Seasonal rainfall graph





Bang a Gong for Someone In Tynong

This month's recognition has to go to our amazing Fire Brigade, who sent support teams to the fires in North Eastern Victoria and were involved in all the hot, dirty, dangerous work that entails. Thank you for being there for our neighbours.

Tynong Progress Association

Cleanup Australia
Is coming to Tynong

Cleanup Tynong

Sunday 22nd March
9:00am to 1:00pm

Meeting at the Hall
Railway Ave, Tynong
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The programs featured are commencing soon. Book Now!

HOW TO ENROL IN A PROGRAM

In Person: 24 Toomuc Valley Road, Pakenham

Online: www.outlookaust.org.au/events/

Telephone: 1300 617 649

Email: communitycentre@outlookaust.org.au

Payment: Cash, cheque, EFTPOS, credit card - online, over the phone or in person

Morning Melodies with Marty Rose

Get ready for a truly special morning of music!

Join us to experience this local legend whose daily appearances on the Bert Newton Show made him a household name. With a remarkable resemblance to Paul McCartney and a voice to match, Marty brings Beatles favourites to life, along with his own unforgettable repertoire. After a long-running residency at Crown Casino, he's now in high demand across the state. His talent, warmth and incredible piano skills will absolutely blow you away.

Tuesday 3 March, 11am - 1pm

Cost: \$25

Aged Care Information Session

You are invited to attend an informative session hosted by Care Connect - Care Finder Program, where you will learn about: how to register for aged care services, the assessment process for aged care services, the various funding options available to help you continue living at home and the Care Finder Program - who is eligible and the support it offers

Wednesday 25 February, 1pm - 2pm

Cost: FREE

Facilitated by Care Connect



Three Simple Skills to Protect your Independence for Over 50s

Independence rarely disappears overnight. It slips away through small losses of balance and confidence. In this free one hour talk, movement specialist Inez Musgrove explains why balance matters more than you think and what you can do now to stay steady, active, and independent.

Tuesday 10 March, 10.30am - 11.30am

Cost: FREE

Facilitated by Inez Musgrove from Free to Move

Movement Snapshots for Over 50s

Where you are today is just the beginning, let's explore what's next.

In this complimentary movement check-in, small habits that can quietly limit confidence are explored. Learn how simple, practical changes can protect your balance, mobility, and independence for years ahead.

Tuesday 17 March

Choose 1 session: 1pm - 1.30pm, 1.30pm - 2pm or 2pm - 2.30pm

Cost: FREE

Artificial Intelligence

Artificial intelligence is reshaping our world and is the way of the future. Learn to navigate AI with a balanced approach through real life examples that show how to use it to your advantage, while becoming aware of its flaws and the risks that come with this new emerging technology.

Fridays commencing 6 March for 4 sessions, 9.30am - 12.30pm

Cost: \$25

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Smart Phone Basics

You'll be a whizz in no time! Feel comfortable with your phone and understand its layout and learn how to customise it. Learn how to make, receive calls and texts confidently and how to attach photos. Learn how to build up a contact list and how to recognise and avoid common scams.

Mondays commencing 23 February for 2 sessions, 9.30am - 11.30am

Cost: \$10

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Computer Maintenance and Internet Safety

Keep your PC running smoothly and your data secure. Covers maintenance tools and options, managing your files and folders (including backups), staying safe on the internet, avoiding online scams, managing passwords and much more. BYO USB stick.

Wednesdays commencing 4 March for 4 sessions, 1pm - 4pm

Cost: \$25 (includes course notes)

Supported by Learn Local

Xero Accounting

Accounting software for small business. This simple cloud based accounting system will let you manage your finances and cash flow on the go.

Please bring a working email address and smartphone to the class.

Tuesdays commencing 10 February for 7 sessions, 6pm - 9pm

Cost: \$80 (Includes course notes)

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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 - TynongInfo.au - Garfield.au and BunyipInfo.au - These websites have been set up in conjunction with the local Progress or Community Associations.

Longwarry businesses and locals are welcome to join

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>

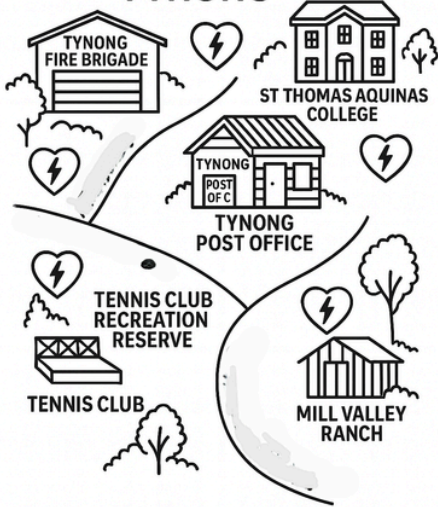
For more information or assistance: admin@westgippslandrailtowns.au



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

Tynong Essentials

DEFIBRILLATOR LOCATIONS TYNONG



Defibrillators are available at the following locations:

- Tynong CFA Fire Station (47 Nar Nar Goon – Longwarry Rd)
- Tynong Post Office (36a Railway Ave)
- St Thomas Aquinas College (1 Tynong Rd)
- Tennis Club Recreation Reserve (Park Rd)
- Mill Valley Ranch (525 Tynong North Rd)

Using a defibrillator is easy - just turn it on and follow the instructions, which it will speak aloud to you. Read more at:
<https://www.heartfoundation.org.au/heart-of-the-nation/aeds>

Useful Contacts

Bunyip Chemist 03 5629 5407

Bunyip and District Community Bank

03 56 296 091

Bunyip Doctors 03 5629 5111

Bunyip Police 03 5629 5205

Email: bunyip-uni-oic@police.vic.gov.au

Non urgent Police contact 13 14 44

Council 24/7 1300 787 624

Councillor Alanna Pomeroy | Phone: 0436 353 194

Email: alanna.pomeroy@cardinia.vic.gov.au

Garfield Chemist 03 5629 2408

Maternal Child Nurse Hotline 24/7 13 22 29

Minister St John's Anglican Church 0400 687 771

Nurse On Call 24/7 1300 606 024

Priory Corpus Christi Church 03 5629 1045

Poisons 24/7 13 11 26

Reptile Removal: Geoff Lockwood 0428 352 203

St Thomas Aquinas College 03 5629 2500

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