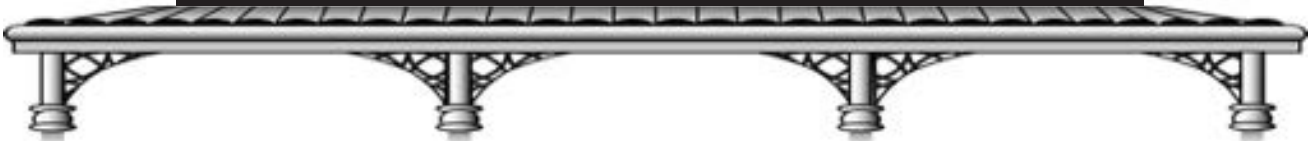


NAR NAR GOON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION
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Murals Restoration

Below are the first of the murals to undergo renovation. They've seen better days. Local mural artist Brigitte Dawson will be taking care of our beloved murals. They will then be re-instated in their original locations for all to enjoy.

If you would like to make a donation to the restoration of these murals, then please get in touch. Your name will be honored on a plaque in recognition of your sponsorship.

We are looking forward to seeing these murals come back to life.

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Next History Group Meeting:

Monday 23rd March at 2pm

This meeting will be at:
St John's Community Centre
 (behind the Posh Op Shop)

Guest Speaker:

Michael O'Brien
 (remember the NNG milk bar owner - that's him!)

All welcome.

**** NOTE: NEW TIME & DAY****

NNG Progress Association

Next Meeting:

Monday 20th April 2026
 7:00pm,

St John's Community Room,
 (Behind Posh Op Shop)
 Main St Nar Nar Goon.

All Welcome!

GOON NEWS DEADLINES:

Next Deadline for submissions will be the
30th MARCH

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5. "NAR NAR GOON NORTH" FREESTANDING MURAL

Featuring the saw milling industry and the North NNG School.

The School was situated on the corner of Bessie Creek Road and Moore Road. Opened in 1889 and closed in 1951 with the formation of the Pakenham Consolidated School with the building being moved to Pakenham. Sawmills were established in the North NNG area in the 1880's and the milled timber and firewood was transported to the railway at NNG by horse-drawn tram. The truck featured was owned by P C. Audas, a mill owner who had a timber yard in Carney Street.



6. "TOM SNELL'S STORE" FREESTANDING MURAL



This mural stands on approximately the original site of Tom Snell's General Store.

Three of the the twelve children born to William and his wife Sophia were known as "The Gippsland Giants" and toured the world as entertainers with their father. Tom Snell weighed 19 stone at

the age of 19, his older sister Clara stood 5ft. 10 inches tall and was 37 stones at 23 years of age, while younger sister Anna at 18 years weighed 25 stone 5lb. Clara was a classical pianist. A garage also operated at this site, run by Mr. Lancaster, who built his own car. The building was transferred to the football ground and used as a pavilion until 1962.



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MEAT DOWN IN NAR NAR GOON

SONG of the Year (Thanks ChatGPT)

The Butcher with The Chef
5 Carney Street, NNG

Sun comes up on the Goon main street,
Boots hit gravel, smell of fresh-cut meat.
Smoke from smallgoods heavy, knives sing tunes,
There's only one place — Nar Nar Goon.

Apron on, steel in hand,
Best damn butcher in the land.
From porterhouse steaks cut thick to sausages long,
You can taste the pride in every song.

From Pakenham through to Longwarry way,
They line up early every day...

We got meat down in Nar Nar Goon,
Hot coals burning by the afternoon.
Steaks so thick make your heart go boom,
There ain't no love like meat in the Goon.

Wagyu shining, lamb on the bone,
Take it home and make it your own.
Friday night, firelight, full moon —
We live on meat down in Nar Nar Goon.

Footy boys roll in loud,
Talkin' up specials to the weekend crowd.
Two-kilo chops? Throw 'em on.
Thin BBQ snags? Gone by dawn.

From the farms where the cattle roam,
To the counter that feels like home.
Marble score six, fat cap clean,
Prettiest steak you've ever seen.

You can taste Gippsland in every bite,
Salt, smoke, fire and Friday night...

We got meat down in Nar Nar Goon,
Smoke in the air like sweet perfume.
Hear that sizzle, feel that tune,
There ain't no love like meat in the Goon.

Ribs slow-cooked, burgers stacked high,
Sauce on your chin, don't even try.
Small-town pride under Southern moon —
We live on meat down in Nar Nar Goon.

When the siren blows and the week is done,
We light that fire and we have some fun.
No city lights, no silver spoon —
Just good red meat in Nar Nar Goon.

We got meat down in Nar Nar Goon,
Sizzle hits like a country tune.
Raise your tongs and howl at the moon —
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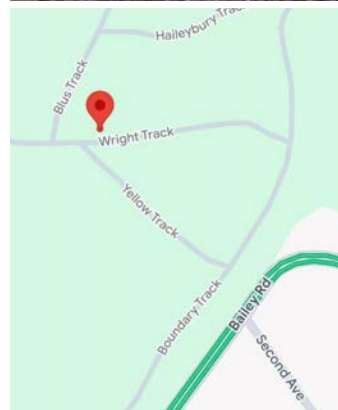
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- People have lost their homes due to simple things like embers landing on their doormat. Before you leave, move anything that can burn away from your house.

Eddie's Seat

Eddie's Seat, has been a 3 year project of the brigade to remember Osborne Edward John Lowen who was tragically killed in the Ash Wednesday Fires 1983. Eddie's seat is now in position in Wrights Forrest Cockatoo where he was tragically taken. The seat is a place for remembering, reflecting and also resting. The brigade would like to thank Parks Victoria in particular Jack for allowing us to have the seat to remember Eddie but also their support to make it happen.

We would also like to acknowledge the hard work of Cardinia Engineering who designed, made and helped install the seat today.

The Brigade will hold a memorial ceremony on Monday night at 19:30 at the location of Eddie's seat - and everyone is welcome to attend.



NNG History Group

The Anderson Family

"One Family's Journey with the Jersey Cow since 1886"

Presented by: Winsome and her sons Lindsay & Ian on 23rd March 2026 at Winsome's property at Seven Mile Road, Nar Nar Goon

Enormous thanks to Winsome Anderson and her 2 sons Lindsay and Ian for their presentation to the History Group today. Around 35 of us were welcomed into Winsome's home to hear the story of:

"One Family's Journey with the Jersey Cow since 1886".

Joseph Anderson established a Jersey Stud at Lyndhurst in 1886. Many dissolved partnerships and farms all these years later, has resulted in Winsome's 3 sons individually owning Jersey studs at Athlone, Nar Nar Goon and Drouin West.

They have enjoyed lots of success with their Jersey cattle at Melbourne show for over 100 years. The many ribbons and certificates displayed in a special building near the main house are a tribute to the huge success of the family's Jersey breeding program.

Winsome has relocated the original milking machines to a shed she's had erected to house this equipment. It's a Jersey museum on her farm at Nar Nar Goon. Winsome put many hours into sorting all the memorabilia and displaying it during the COVID years. The full story to follow.



Photo: Winsome & Ian Anderson

Thanks to Ian Chatfield for bringing the PA system and microphone and to Jan and Carmel for a delicious afternoon tea.

Our next NNG History Group Meeting will be on: Monday 23rd March at 2pm.

Guest Speaker: Michael O'Brien (remember the NNG milk bar owner - that's him!).

Thanks to everyone for such great support of our group. Sallyann who is the Minister at St John's church where we usually meet, invited members of her congregation to join us today. And others new to the group today were Helen Tibballs and Marlene Dalziel. So a big welcome to you all. Thoughts are with those who are unwell and were unable to join us on this occasion.

A note for your diaries:

Swamp tour with a War theme is planned for Friday 23rd October, starting from Ambrose's place at 370 Convent School Road, Cora Lynn (same starting place as last year).

On that note, hope to see you in a month on 23 March at St John's church to hear Michael O'Brien speak.

Sue Rose

Convenor NNG History Group

Ph: 0421 514 607

Winsome was supported today by her eldest son Lindsay and her second son Ian and his partner Cathryn. Her youngest son Robert was unable to join the presentation but did contribute towards the preparation of it. Unfortunately her daughter Christine who was going to support Winsome in setting up for the day was unwell. To give readers an understanding of Winsome's ability to organise today's presentation, readers need to be aware that she is now in her 90th year!

Starting at the very beginning of the Anderson story, John and Margaret Anderson arrived in Melbourne on 2nd May, 1851. They created a small market garden and dairy farm at Caulfield. They arrived on a ship with very few belongings, which meant they did it hard, most likely living in a tent with very few facilities. After the land boom of the 1880s, John bought 3 farms in the Lyndhurst area for his 3 sons – one farm each for William, Joseph and Richard.

Lyndhurst is now known by a few different names including Cranbourne North, Hampton Park, Lynbrook and Narre Warren South. Joseph established the "Kings Vale" Jersey Stud at Lyndhurst from 1886 to 1937 when he died. The farm then passed onto his son John Sime who continued to carry on the farm until 1947. John Sime's 2 sons, John Charles and Bert Richard (Winsome's late husband) nurtured the herd

the anderson family cont...

and were the most successful exhibitors at the Melbourne Royal Agricultural show 9 times in the following 10 years after the war.

Bert had the record of exhibiting for 41 years consecutively at the Royal Melbourne Show.

In 1961, the brothers dissolved the partnership, split the property and the herd, pick for pick. John, known as Jock, retained the original site and the "Kings Vale" prefix while Bert and Winsome developed the Hallam Road side "New Everything" and chose the "Kings View" prefix. Bert passed away in 1987 and Jock passed away in 1988. The brother in the middle passed away a week after Winsome's husband Bert died in 1987. Very sadly, the Anderson family lost 3 of their own over 2 years.

After Jock passed away in 1988, "Kings Vale" was managed by his son David at Ripplebrook, until 2019 when he retired from farming and dispersed the herd. Lindsay established "Kings Vista" at Athlone in 1989. Lindsay and his wife Jacinta's son Patrick has "Kings Veldt" Jersey Stud. Their daughter Melissa has established "Westella" Jerseys. Melissa's son Austin, who is nearly 11 has his own Jersey Stud "King Starella".

Ian retained "Kings View" prefix at Nar Nar Goon where he still is today. He moved to Nar Nar Goon in 1989, with his brother Robert, to the property known as the Reich farm. They farmed in partnership until the year 2000 when Robert bought a farm and moved to Drouin West and carried on his "Kings Ville".

Robert has been awarded champions at IDW (International Dairy week) and has accepted international judging appointments. He is a very successful breeder of many bulls in AI (Artificial Insemination).

Robert with his wife Kerrie own "Kings Ville" stud, which was established in 1986, now based at Drouin West.

Their daughter Holly has "Empire" Jersey stud also at Drouin West. She made headlines in the Pakenham Gazette as the youngest breeder of a bull in AI.

Ian explained that their journey as a family has always revolved around the Jersey cow. He still has descendants DNA of early Jerseys in his herd today. It's one of Ian's proudest successes today that the Anderson family has been able to establish cow families and continue them on for multiple generations. These cow families have been going for 35 generations. He is so passionate he could recognise the last 10 generations of his cows. At the age of 10, Ian could remember cows and where they belonged in the Jersey family. All the cows had an official name and a number and they also had nicknames for them. The cow in the Western Star butter advert was known to Winsome as Eulalie because her mother was reserve champion, Melbourne and she was known

as Eunice, so you had to think of something starting with or sounded like U.

Ian said that the Anderson family starting exhibiting at the Royal Melbourne Show in 1896. For every Melbourne show there ever was, (excluding War years when there were no shows) there was always an Anderson exhibiting Jerseys. In Winsome's Museum is the President's Medal awarded to the family in 1996, their Centenary year of showing at the RAS (Royal Agricultural Show).



Photo: Bert's Aunties in 1897 with one a milkmaid and the other just holding the halter.

The cows have been always been part of Winsome's life. She is very proud to pass the cows onto her 3 sons who all do an excellent job. She said she could not live without her Jerseys, and still has her own "Kayvee Jerseys", established in 1993 and now domiciled with Ian's herd at Nar Nar Goon.



Photo: Joseph Anderson's prize winners 1904. He is holding 2 bulls, the little boy John Sime Anderson at the back has the dry cow and the 2 girls at the front are the same 2 girls as in the photo above.

From 1972 to 2018 Winsome travelled numerous times with WJCB (World Jersey Cattle Bureau), visiting farms in different parts of the world. It is just amazing where the Jersey cow has spread from, originally coming from a little island called Jersey in the English Channel.

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Winsome has great pleasure seeing her great grand children Austin, Talia, Ashlyn and Henry and grand daughter Hanna leading calves in the Junior Handlers classes at the local shows.

Jersey Cows and Advertisements and National television

Lindsay spoke about the advertising campaign “Don’t Forget Your Toothbrush”. They took a group of cows into Melbourne so contestants in a competition could milk a Jersey cow. The curtain opened to display all the Jersey cows and people were cheering. There were people who had never been near a cow and most of them had never milked a cow. What the viewer didn’t see was that Lindsay and a couple of workers were actually on the other side of the curtain milking the cow.

The second example was an ABC series where Jersey cows were taken into Melbourne for the program.

The third example was the Grand Prix advert about 10 years ago when a Nissan Xtrail was driving through the cows in a corn field with cows. The cows belonged to Lindsay who they approached because the organisers knew he had provided cows before for advertising.

could have 200 cows on the road. This looked much more realistic than the 5 or 6 cows at Lardner Park that the production team had originally envisaged. Lindsay told the Director to keep the camera rolling and do not stop! The Director thought he had enough footage and had stopped filming. Next thing a cow sticks it’s head in through the car window, which resulted his kids had spilling ice cream in the car. The Director asked if the action could be repeated for filming. No way – it was an unlikely outcome never to be repeated.

Winsome’s late husband Bert was on IMT (In Melbourne Tonight) twice. Bert Newton (the TV host) dressed up as the milkmaid. They heard afterwards that Bert Newton was very scared of cows!

Another filming opportunity with the Jersey cows was the Western Star butter advert. The cow in the Western Star butter ad was the same milking cow used for Bert Newton. The setting in the photo to the right was erected in one of their sheds at Hampton Park. It’s all a façade.

Ian has also been involved in various promotions in Melbourne requiring Jersey cows. Dairy Week has utilised Ian’s cattle in the heart of Melbourne. Going back into the 1990s he took cattle to the St Kilda foreshore to promote the Royal Melbourne Show.

The Yakerboo festival at Pakenham requested the local VFF (Victorian Farmers Federation) enter a float in the parade. Ian’s cows were involved in that parade. More recently, about 4 years ago he took a cow and a calf down to Yarra Park to the MCG for the 2022 Football season where they wanted to promote Country Round.

As a family they have always wanted to promote the Jersey cow where ever they can.

Winsome bought the property on the Seven Mile Road where she lives today in 2014. This big house had a garage on the far end and another little garage in the same area. It occurred to her that it was somewhere to put all her “stuff”.

The gallery collection includes herd books, sale catalogues, family successes at the RAS and local shows as well as International Dairy week. Winsome has photo albums of all the farm visits around the world from 1972 to 2018.

Winsome moved the antique cow bails and the milking machines (see photo below) from the Clyde property to a specially built shed on her property now. She is very grateful to the people who had the patience to move the equipment, now set up as a display only. Other people have since donated items of antique machinery along with other items.

In 2014, the Royal Melbourne show closed down the dairy cattle section and tried to revive it in 2019. International Dairy Week which is now 36 years old has taken over from the Royal Melbourne show which is held at Tatura in the third week of January covering all breeds of cattle and runs for a week. It starts with



In another advertising situation, Lindsay was asked to take 6 cows to Lardner Park. He offered a better solution, which was to use the road near his place (which looked identical to Lardner Park) where you

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Youth competitions, with teams coming from as far away as New Zealand.



Photos: The antique dairy retained from the Clyde property where Winsome farmed Angus cattle for 23 years.

At International Dairy week they surprised Winsome with a trophy acknowledging her and the Power of Women in dairying. Winsome was in absolute shock to be awarded this recognition but is very proud to be honoured in this way. This year the Power of Women celebrated 10 years and has produced a cookery book. The Jersey breed has changed substantially over the last 100 years. The Jersey breed was “ordinary” in the early years. Around 1910/20 there might be one standout cow. As the decades progressed there were more cows of caliber as people started to breed more selectively. There were studs that progressed, if they had 2 or 3 good bulls. There was no AI (Artificial Insemination). The Anderson stud did very well in the early 80s.

Today the breeders are using genetics from all around the world. Today as you travel around the world you can see daughters by the same bulls. It didn't happen 60 to 80 years ago. Today there's more consistency with the Jersey cows. The best of the cattle 30 or 40 years ago would rank with what Ian has today. Today there are more breeding tools available than what our descendants had 50 years ago. The best all round Jerseys in the world are here in Australia, which is a great tribute. Ian has been traveling the world for 30 years to places like Denmark, UK, Canada and USA. He said we've been able to blend genetics from around the world with our own to do what we want to do. He uses embryo transfer. Interestingly the human IVF program today began with its genesis in the animal family. The research was first done with animals and then that knowledge was transferred to humans.

In the very old days, prior to 1900, the Andersons used to supply butter to Parliament House with their own

butter stamp. Their great grandfather had 2 sisters who were champion butter makers. At Parliament House there were a number of different butters from different suppliers, each with their own stamp.



Photo: Winsome inside the Museum

At the completion of the talk everyone wandered over to the crème shed or better known as The Museum, The Gallery, Archive or Research Centre (take your pick) housing all the Jersey memorabilia and the display in the second shed of all the old milking machines.

Thanks to the Andersons for sharing their very insightful Jersey story with us.

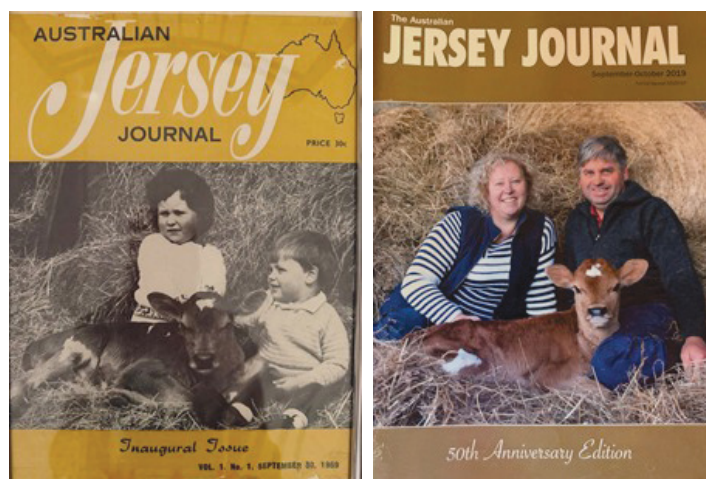
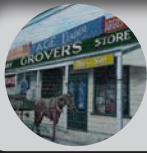


Photo: Christine & Ian on the front cover of the Australian Jersey Journal in 1969 and 2019 – a 50 year gap.



Nar Nar Goon Progress Association

Minutes from Meeting 24th February 2026

(minutes edited. For full minutes please contact the Progress Association E: nngprogress3812@gmail.com)

Present: Greg Templeton, Sue Rose, Jan Williamson, Joanne Parker, Ambrose Byrne, Sunny Reeve, Vicki Templeton, Cheryl Edyvane, Ashlea James

Apologies: Travis Parker, Iona McKinnon

Moved Jan Williamson, 2nd Cheryl Edyvane

Greg Templeton – President

Welcomed everyone and clarified the positions on the 2026 NNG Progress Association Executive:

President: Greg Templeton, Vice Prersident: Travis Parker

Secretary was Jan Williamson who has rescinded the position for personal reasons. New Secretary now: Sue Rose, Moved. Jan Williamson, 2nd Ambrose Byrne. Treasurer: Sue Rose. History Group coordinator: Sue Rose. Goon News Editor: Joanne Parker, Facebook Administrator: Joanne Parker and one other

•Correspondence – Emails – available upon request if anyone would like to read
Moved Cheryl, 2nd Sunny

Reports:

•President – Greg

Christmas break up a good night at Garfield Hotel. Christmas festival went off very well.

•Finance Report – Sue, Treasurer

As at 31st January \$38,568.81 in trading account. Term Deposit account \$14,430.86. Christmas Festival income \$4061 with expenses (including insurance and fireworks) totaling \$6213. This event was supported by a grant of \$5000 from Cardinia Shire.

Moved Sunny 2nd Vicki

•General Business

1. NNG Bingo Duty. If people can assist it would help enormously. Next BINGO duty 23/4 with the plan to do a pre set up with the tables, kitchen, drinks etc. Brings in \$1000s of dollars for the Progress Association, through regular donations to the Progress Assoc. for our assistance on the duty roster. See roster attached. Please contact: Joanne Parker Ph: 0448 533 511 to offer your help on the BINGO roster on the following dates: April 23, June 25, August 27, October 29

2. Shire of Cardinia Township Survey about Nar Nar Goon. Greg suggested we open up the discussion for comment here tonight.

PA Member1 - Has concerns about the township strategy and believes a lot of it will not happen.

It appears to be aspirational but without much commitment. This serves to distract from the core intent of the strategy. The core intent of the strategy is the doubling of the homes in the town footprint (Ashlea has counted all the homes in the town to in turn ascertain the strategy wants to double the existing number as the Council wouldn't or couldn't tell him how many homes were existing). There is no commitment to fixing the drainage or anything other than building a bicycle track (Rail Trail) from Beaconsfield to Bunyip along the railway line. It's a Trojan horse to create a precinct and that we accept town house and unit development, that paves the way for the expansion of 5000 homes. Feels Council has not been up front with strategy. Believes strategy was pushing him in the direction of the responses that Council wanted. Decided not to complete the survey because of the persuasive nature of it.

Biggest issue is drainage which needs to be addressed. He's very worried about houses going under. 200 more dwellings in the town on a drainage system not being maintained points to how Council has missed the boat with the real possibility of the town being flooded – particularly with 200 more homes before the drainage is done. Council has an opportunity to get the drainage fixed because they are not paying for it. Council should be driving it and pursuing Vic Roads to fix the drainage problem. Ashlea got Solicitor advice – Councils are being railroaded by State Govt. Look up Smart sub divisions and Applications and very little public consultation.

PA Member2 – Council has pushed the issue away by putting it onto Melbourne Water. Council appears to be saying they've done the best they can with what they've got.

PA Member1 - Council should be driving other bodies to make sure the issue is addressed. No commitment to the issues that are important. The things Council addressed do not particularly affect the development of the community. He objects to the survey in general as it does not address the reality of NNG needs. Difficult to respond to this without writing a book. Trucks and general traffic comes thundering through NNG to get on the freeway. Sitting outside the coffee shop is not a pleasure as it's so noisy. B doubles turning at the T intersection very dangerous with parked cars outside the shops. Turning NNG into a destination from 3 states away is nonsense.

PA Member3 – there is no traffic study in the strategy. The current footpath out to St Josephs is hardly used because of the disrepair and issues like stagnant water. The long grass traps the water on the footpath.

•**3. Contact point for Council** and community to get in touch with NNG Progress Assoc. Agreed that we give Secretary and email address for contact

4. Christmas Festival Acquittal. Jo to work with Sue to sort out the acquittal.

5. Grants. Jo pointed out there are a range of grants for funding that we can apply for. She is considering

applying for a \$1000 small grant to help with Christmas decorations for the town. Sue spoke to Pakenham Racing club who open a Community Grants program on 1st March (open for a month) for Minor grants under \$2500 and major grants over \$2500. This is potentially a good source of funding for the mural restoration program. Sue is in the process of applying for a Tiny Towns Grant for towns under population of 5000 (through the State Govt) for funding towards the publication of the Family History book being generated from the History Group presentations.

6. Mural Restoration. We have around 20 murals in the town which were set up around the year 2000. We have asked an artist – Brigitte Dawson for quotes on the 3 free standing murals in Memorial Park, another in the entrance to the Railway car park and the St Johns Church mural. The original quote \$3000 for 3 mural restorations, but on closer inspection, the artist said we need to repaint the 3 murals at a quote of \$4510. We would also like to see information boards around the town, and information on the murals.

Suggestion to contact the families who originally sponsored the murals to ask if they would like to sponsor the updated murals alongside a contribution from the Progress Association. The sponsors names would be on a small plaque near the mural. Greg thought we could get funding from Cardinia Shire Council as the murals are mentioned in the Strategy plan...

General consensus is that everyone at the meeting is keen to see the murals rejuvenated. Discussion was that some of the income from BINGO \$ be used towards mural restoration. On the issue of asking people to sponsor the murals it was agreed we need a sub committee who would organize to find sponsors and organise plaques with names of sponsors etc. under the murals.

Agreed to get the free-standing murals done first and then promote the mural project to the community demonstrating what the upgrade of the murals would look like. Originally the Schembri's who owned the milk bar came up with the mural idea. Greg recalls Bernie Byrnes visiting his family asking for mural sponsorship.

BINGO Income: \$9500 BINGO income since 2024

We use BINGO money in the Progress Association account to sponsor the first 3 mural restorations.

Moved: Sue Rose 2nd Joanne Parker

6. Val Carroll Gardens behind kinder. Courtney Foura from the Council rang Sue (as a member of the NNG Progress Assoc) to ask about who is responsible for this garden which is on Council land at the back of the kinder? Turns out its confirmed that yes it is definitely Council land but it can't be used by the kinder because it's so over grown. Jo and Cheryl filled us in on the history of the land. A boat was donated to the site and vegie boxes were installed. The kinder cttee fund raised for the site, relied on grants and parent volunteer help at the time to develop the gardens about 12 years ago.

A former kinder teacher into Landcare, after this time, planted gum trees through the garden which was not the right thing to do as gum trees which are now dangerous in the wind and stopped the vegie boxes from growing. Now it's all too big and dangerous for kinder students to use. Travis Parker has pin pointed the dangerous trees and advised council but nothing has happened. The Council had an arborist come through the garden but nothing was done...

7.CFA Dinner & Awards night. Invite from NNG Fire Brigade for 2 Progress Assoc reps to attend Brigade Dinner on 2nd May, 2026 6pm Pakenham Racecourse.

8. Funding for Swamp Bus Tour 23.10.26. Quote from Berwick Buslines is \$506. Meeting agreed to fund the bus for 2026. Ambrose is continually repairing the St Josephs school (that he owns on his land) back to its original which is very labour intensive. He shared some of the progress including new plaster, the strapping and the rose moulds. He will share this progress story with everyone when we are there for the Swamp tour this year in October. Heather Arnold and Gerry Cunningham are the backbone to the trip as they are the historians who plan and deliver the commentary on the trip.

9. West Gippsland Railway Towns –website including NNG WRTG rail towns. John Henderson from Garfield has set up a website for the railtowns including Nar Nar Goon, Tynong, Garfield, Longwarry and Bunyip. He is introducing advertising to pay for the website. Has invited us to be part of it all at no cost. In it is the Goon News, About the Town, Progress Assoc Face Book page. He will look after any content we want on the site. John will look after any content we would like on there. We need to read what's on the NNG site – check out the Longwarry and Tynong links as an example of what we can include. Not for profit groups can advertise for free.

10.History Group. Jo is using her editorial skills to set up the family story pages in preparation for publishing. The response to the numbers joining the History Group has been beyond expectations. So far we have about 20 family stories for the first book. The costing of the book for 100 books is about \$4600. We will get orders prior to printing to get an idea of sales and size of the print run we need.

11. Thankyou Letters. Greg suggested that a letter of thanks be sent to Geoff Bramley for his great service to the Progress Association with many of those years as President. Graeme Moore also to be thanked for his MC work at the Christmas festival. Greg to write both letters

12. Dates for future meetings to fit in with Op Shop so they don't need to pack up for us
 Agreed to make it the third Monday of every second month so it's not on the same day as the History Group.
 Next meeting Monday 20th April at 7pm
 Meeting closed at 9.03pm



Nominate a legendary local volunteer for the 2026 Stan Henwood Award

Nominations are now open for Cardinia Shire Council's annual volunteer award, that shines a light on locals who dedicate their time towards improving and enriching the community. The Stan Henwood Award celebrates outstanding community contribution and honours the legacy of Stan Henwood OAM, whose dedication and service to Cardinia Shire has had a lasting impact across the shire.

Preparing a nomination: We encourage you to familiarise yourself with the eligibility criteria prior to submitting a nomination. Nominations should consider the person's achievement, background and reasons for the nomination, include any relevant documentation and supported by at least one other referee. Nominations are to be submitted via an online link: <https://cardinia.smartygrants.com.au/henwood2026>

Nominations for the Stan Henwood Award close on Sunday 29 March 2026. For eligibility criteria and to submit a nomination, visit <https://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/StanHenwoodAward>. The awards will be announced at the Mayor's volunteer reception dinner held during National Volunteer Week.

Council welcomes boost to local emergency relief services

Cardinia Shire Council has welcomed funding from the Australian Government to expand emergency relief support for residents experiencing financial hardship during the ongoing cost of living crisis. Emergency Relief (ER) is an Australian Government funded program that provides immediate, short-term assistance to people facing financial stress or crisis and who have limited means to meet essential needs.

Cardinia Shire Mayor Councillor Brett Owen said the additional support was a positive outcome for the community. To access emergency relief in Cardinia Shire, please visit: <https://serviceproviders.dss.gov.au/?ppp=20&programme=Emergency%20Relief®ion=Cardinia&state=Victoria>

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Council calls for more time on new bin rollout and unveils long-term waste strategy

Cardinia Shire Council has voted to delay the rollout of glass only bins for all households, calling on the Victorian Government for more time, information and support for councils.

At the Council meeting on 16 February, Council decided to delay implementation of the Victorian Government's proposed fourth household bin until the government has endorsed Service Standards that will provide certainty for councils in planning for future services.

Council will write to the relevant Victorian Government Ministers, Members of Parliament and Mayors to outline Cardinia Shire's concerns about the service's cost and

inefficiency and its preference to deliver services that better meet local needs.

Council is also calling on the Victorian Government to share its business case regarding kerbside glass recycling to provide councils with clarity on the need for the service. Cardinia Shire Council is one of 36 Victorian councils to join the glass advocacy group established in 2024 and led by the City of Maroondah. The group commissioned independent research to explore the impact that implementing this service may have on households and the environment.

The research found that it would cost a typical council about \$4 million dollars to implement the service, followed by an additional \$1.4 million dollars per year to operate, which on average is an additional \$28 per Cardinia Shire household, per year. This would be one of the largest increases to a waste charge Council and the community has seen.

The introduction of a glass-only bin is part of the Victorian Government's kerbside reform to standardise household waste and recycling services across the state, which includes all households having a glass only service by July 2027.

Cardinia Shire Council has developed a draft Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2026-36, which is now available for community feedback. This strategy is Council's long-term vision for waste management, recycling, and resource recovery. It aligns with national and state requirements and aims to deliver financially and environmentally sustainable services while responding to local needs.

To view the strategy and provide feedback, please visit [Shape our future waste services | Creating Cardinia](#)



Applications are now open for the 2026 Cardinia Community Leadership Program!

This annual program supports community members to build their leadership capabilities, deepen their understanding of local issues and provides opportunities to connect with other local leaders.

Running from May to November, the program includes workshops, case study discussions, presentations and collaborative group activities. Sessions are held at various locations across Cardinia Shire, with in-person participation required.

The program is funded by Council and is open to Cardinia Shire residents.

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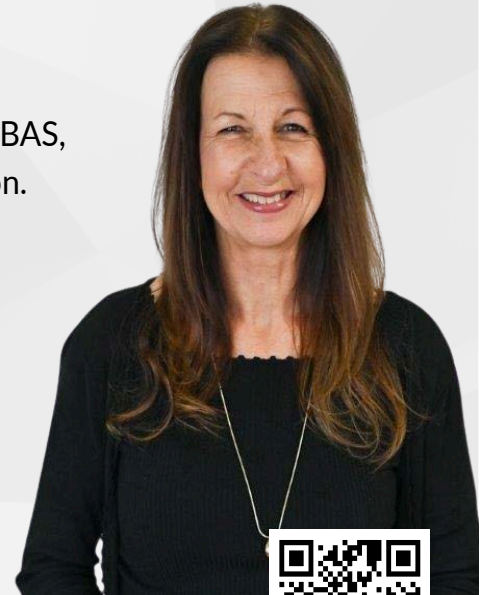
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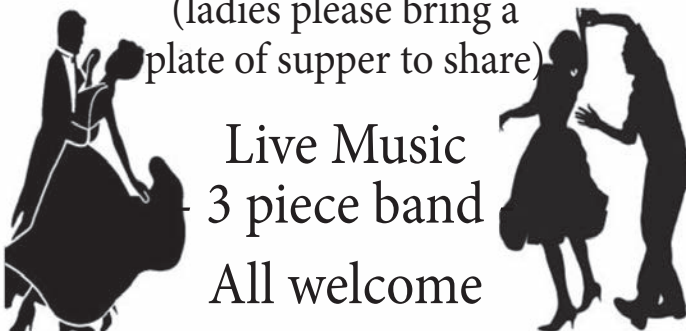
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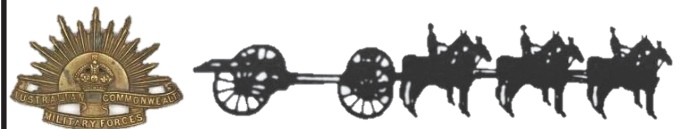
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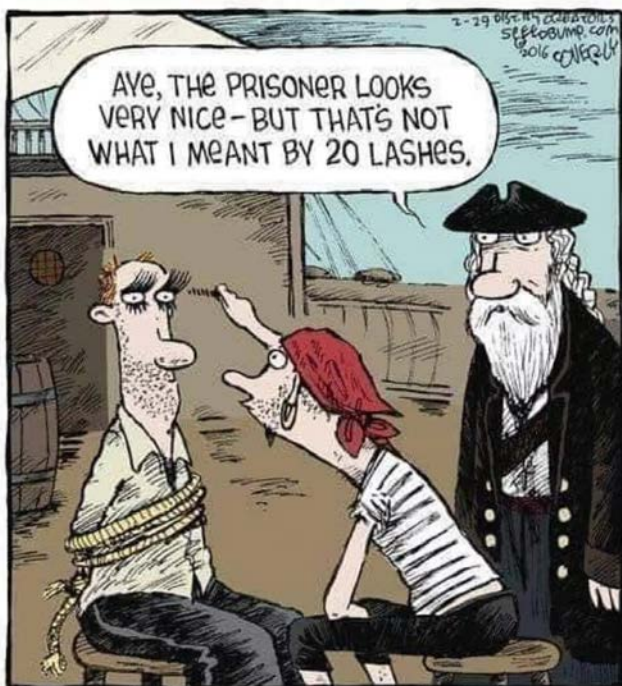
Community Diary

- **Every Sunday morning:** CFA training
- **Every Monday evening:** CFA training / meetings
- **Monthly Monday:** Nar Nar Goon History Group meet 2pm in St John's Church or Op Shop (behind). Contact Sue Rose on 0421 514 607
- Next Meeting: **Mar 23**
- **Third Monday:** NNG Progress Association meet bi-monthly at the St John's Community Centre at 7pm
- Next meeting: **Apr 20, Jun 15, Aug 17, Oct 19**
- **First Tuesday:** Nar Nar Goon RSL Sub Branch meets monthly at the Community Centre.
- Contact Secretary Samantha O'Sullivan should you want to attend as a guest or member via email: secretary.narnargoonrsl@gmail.com
- Next meeting: **Contact Samantha for confirmed date**
- **Fourth Wednesday:** Pakenham Camera Club meets at the Community Centre of Meadowvale Retirement Village, Eagle Drive, Pakenham at 7.30pm
- Next meeting: **Mar 25, Apr 22, May 27, Jun 24**
- **Thursday:** For information on local Scout meetings, please contact Olive Elston, Ph: 0408 390 593.
- **Every Thursday night:** BINGO! at the Community Centre. Eyes down 7.30pm/8.00pm. Book sales 6:45pm
- **Second Saturday of month & 5th Saturday (if applicable):** Old Time Dance at Nar Nar Goon North Hall
- Contact Kaye on 5942 5411, Fred, Beryl on 5942 8246
- Next dance: **Mar 8 & 29, Apr 11, May 9 & 30**

CONTACT INDIVIDUAL CLUBS FOR DETAILS

Weekly Church Services:

- **Sunday:** St John's Holy Eucharist - 10am
St John the Baptist - 9:30am
St Joseph's - 11am
- **Saturday:** Mass at St. James - 5pm



Thursday
Nar Nar Goon Primary School
11.00am - 12.00pm

**Hours might differ on
public holidays &
special days.**

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Community Contact List

Organisations	Contact	Phone No.
Adult Riding Club	Kate Holmes	0412 992 850
Chairo School	Fiona Clacy	5942 5632
Community Hall	Cardinia Shire	1300 787 624
Cricket Club	Nick Mueller	0437 365 376
Fire Brigade - Captain	Justin Seddon	0402 763 663
Football Club	Andrew Rose secretary@narnargoonfc.com	
Kindergarten	Brooke Johnson	5942 1599
BC/AC Landcare Group	Kate Holmes	0412 992 850
Local Councillor	Alanna Pomeroy	0436 353 194
Nar Nar Goon Bingo	Sharon	0417 446 840
NNG History Group	Sue Rose	0421 514 607
Nar Nar Goon North Hall	Kaye Willis	5942 5411
Netball Club	Hanna Smith	0403 969 779
Pony Club	Kerry Harley	0407 646 092
Primary School	Jacqui Cutler	5942 5311
Recreation Reserve	Cardinia Shire	1300 787 624
R.S.L. - Secretary	Samantha O'Sullivan	0419 537 606
St. James School	Rebecca Roche	5942 5404
Scouts/Cubs	Olive Elston	0408 390 593
Vinnies Welfare Assistance Line	www.vinnies.org.au	1800 305 330

Please Note: Rainfall in parentheses are an average of the recorded amounts as recordings for these months were unable to be taken.

Month	Rainfall 2026			Rainfall 2025		
	Geoff L	Zoe	Geoff B	Geoff L	Zoe	Geoff B
January	8.80	(7.30)	5.80	60.60	41.00	36.00
February	79.60	65.00	76.00	67.60	54.00	77.40
March				72.20	55.00	54.00
April				36.00	35.00	44.00
May				36.40	31.00	20.00
June				74.00	55.00	50.20
July				113.00	91.00	79.20
August				53.60	(53.1)	52.60
September				76.20	55.00	55.80
October				112.80	99.00	100.20
November				227.20	209.00	242.60
December				52.80	26.00	49.40
Total	88.40	72.30	81.80	982.40	804.10	861.40

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- 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)
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