



BUNYIP & DISTRICT COMMUNITY NEWS



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Bunyip football club U16s remain undefeated in the EDFNL. The team will be playing in the Grand Final on Saturday 12th September at Trafalgar recreation reserve



BUNYIP FOOTBALL CLUB UNDER 16 - 2026



Back Row: Rob Hughes (Football Manager), Lachlan Hughes, Jack McComb, Cameron Kingdom, Aiden Kane, Travis Schultz, Noah McCaughey, Jack Carboneau, Tim Blackley (Team Manager)

Middle Row: Cass Hackett (President), Tracey Cooke (Trainer), Harry Sheehan, Coby Hoult, Xavier Cooke, Sam Blackley, Max Wouters, Jack Alexander, Noah Carthy-Gill, Archie Whelan, Matt Wouters (Runner)

Front Row: George Millis, Frank Millis, Ronan Pepping, Tyler Sutton (Vice Captain), Ben Simpson (Asst Coach), Ben Cunningham (Coach), Clancy Cunningham (Vice Captain), Chase Opteynde, Callum Pepping

Absent: Lenny Clark (Captain)

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H5 bird flu is present in wild birds in Victoria. If you see sick or dead birds or other wildlife: avoid contact, record the exact location and what you observed, and report it using the current Agriculture Victoria reporting process.

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- Prevent contact between domestic poultry and wild birds where possible.
- Maintain good hygiene practices.
- Monitor birds for signs of illness.

Report unexplained illness or deaths immediately

Bunyip Rainfall Totals



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
2020	92.6	138.15	35.75	145.5	100.5	46	43.5	122	58.5	98	60	44	984.5
2021	67	37	35.75	61	54	76	93	44	100	113	93	22	833.0
2022	37	6	49	76	42	96	52.0	146	49	169	102	74	898.0
2023	30	29.5	66	77.0	75.0	75.0	31	55	49	147	88	124	846.5
2024	154	35	10	121	36	36	111	33	77	76	62	39	790.0
2025	82	30	48	31	25	45	76	46	63.5	70	152	42	710.5
2026	6	61	63	46	76	41	71	65					

TALKIN' ...FISHIN'PRETTY IN PINK

The world of fly fishing has been open to women for many years however the 'old boys' clubs has been reluctant to open their doors to females for whatever reason however they are missing the point to it all.

*Value is added to all with their inclusion, and no! Not just to take over the clubs kitchen duties, that's for all to share along with the special events the clubs hold, scheduled casting, fishing and social outings alike. Delicate casting techniques with timing and attention to detail make women highly competitive as casting competitors, maybe that's what the guys are afraid of! The soft touch and grip of the rod is a plus for fish strikes and capture. A special course **Casting for Recovery** has been introduced over the years for women dealing with breast cancer teaching the delicious ways of fly casting, fly fishing and all its side dishes. In recent years it has been introduced as a therapy and well-being program helping women recovering from breast cancer, the calming effects and motion skills all beneficial in their recovery. Fly tying also has meditation benefits in theory and practise for us all. This part of fly fishing can take years to master, but I would rather a fly tied by those delicate lady fingers and the patience that goes with it than the sausage fingers and rough hands of a 'Tradie' or 'Truckie' than claims to know it all but is not willing to learn or teach others. Women are a pleasure to teach also because many are willing to learn, will listen to instruction and ask unusual but relevant questions too. For more information go to:-*

Castingforrecovery.org.au

Many clubs now see its benefits for the women and enthusiastically support its program thoroughly. Good on you guys! And thanks for the help with fly gift packs lovingly tied at their desks for the women to use and keep, the companies that supply the gear to use and the staff for their time and efforts. The web site is fairly comprehensive so go through it carefully and read the well wishes from the participating women, and many follow on and take it on as a full time sport such is the positive impression it leaves on them.



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SCAN ME FOR BOOKING



Memorable meeting with Jobe Watson

By Roman Kulkewycz

This being the Finals month in football prompted me to recall meeting Essendon champion Jobe Watson thirty eight years ago at Waverley Park.

At the time when I was reporting on the Maffra Football Club for the Gippsland Times newspaper in Sale, I was lucky enough to be an invited guest of former three time Essendon premiership champion ruckman and then Essendon Board member, Don McKenzie, to an Essendon v's Hawthorn match at Waverley Park.

My six year old son Mathew was also an invited guest. The invitation included admission to the ground, lunch with the Essendon champion and entrance to the Essendon change rooms before and after the game to meet the players. Tickets were available for a limited number of supporters to get in to the change rooms after the game where there was always a large media throng and Essendon personnel to jostle with to gain an audience with your favourite Essendon champion – after the game the change rooms were crawling with people.

To be able to get in to the change rooms prior to a game was a definite “no no”. However being a guest of Don McKenzie that day, the red tape was cut and Mathew and I were granted exclusive permission to go into the Essendon change rooms before the game.

We were led through many corridors and down into the underground ‘Bombers’ change rooms. The place was eerily empty when we arrived, but gradually stars such as Paul Salmon, Tim Watson, Garry O'Donnel, Alan Ezard, Mark Harvey, Darren Bewick, Derrick Kicket and Simon Madden pushed their way through the swing doors of the change rooms to be met by Mathew with his autograph book asking for their signatures.

Tim Watson walked in with his six year old son, Jobe. Mathew asked Tim for his autograph, and after Tim had signed it, Jobe looked up at his father, “Dad, I want to sign the book too.” But Tim said that it was only for footballer's autographs. I said to Tim that it would be fine for Jobe to give Mathew his autograph. Usually when footballers sign an autograph, they put their jumper number under their signature. As Jobe was not a footballer, he wrote the number ‘6’ under his name, which represented his age.

Many years later, young Jobe grew into a very fine and talented champion footballer. He was drafted by Essendon under the father-son rule in the 2002 AFL Draft and went on to become one of the greatest midfielders of the modern era.

He was the Captain and champion at Essendon for many years and this meeting with him and his father, Tim brought back many happy memories of that day in those Essendon Change Rooms at Waverley Park.



New AML Checks in Victorian Property and Conveyancing Transactions

Buying or selling a home is already a process involving contracts, finance, inspections and settlement. Victorian clients may now notice another important step when engaging a lawyer or conveyancer: more detailed checks about who they are, who they are acting for, and in some circumstances, where transaction funds have come from.

From 1 July 2026, Australia's expanded anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing (AML/CTF) regime began applying to a range of newly regulated professional services, including lawyers and conveyancers providing specified "designated services". The reforms are designed to make it harder for criminals to use legitimate businesses and property transactions to move or disguise criminal financial activities.

For Victorian law firms undertaking relevant property and conveyancing work, this means that client identification and verification are now an important part of compliance. Law practices providing designated services must have an AML/CTF program, carry out client identification and verification, keep appropriate records and report certain suspicious matters where required.

What does this mean for local clients?

When you instruct a lawyer or conveyancer to buy or sell property, you may be asked to provide identification documents and information confirming your identity and the purpose of the transaction. Depending on the circumstances and the level of risk, further information may be required.

For example, additional checks may be appropriate where a transaction involves unusual payment arrangements, large or unexplained amounts of money, complex company or trust structures, third-party involvement or other circumstances that raise money-laundering concerns. AUSTRAC specifically identifies enhanced checks, verification of beneficial ownership and scrutiny of unusual property transactions as potential controls for lawyers and conveyancers.

These requirements are not necessarily a sign that your lawyer suspects you of wrongdoing. In most cases, they are simply part of the firm's legal and professional obligations. They are intended to protect clients, law practices and the wider community from fraud and financial crime.

Clients should therefore expect to provide accurate information promptly and understand that a law firm may need to complete its checks before carrying out certain work. Existing professional obligations also continue to apply to Victorian lawyers and conveyancers, including acting honestly and professionally and maintaining appropriate records of client instructions and advice.

The new AML/CTF requirements represent a significant change for the Victorian legal and property sectors. For local property buyers and sellers, the practical message is simple: allow extra time for client checks, keep your identification documents available, and answer your lawyer's questions openly and accurately.

These checks are another safeguard designed to help ensure that Victoria's property market remains a safe and trusted place to buy, sell and invest.

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Reducing Bunyip and Districts carbon footprint

Hearing about BESS?

As Victoria's ageing coal-fired power stations approach retirement, batteries are becoming an important part of keeping our electricity reliable, affordable and secure. Here's a quick guide to why **Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS)** matter for our energy future.

What is a BESS? A Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) stores electricity so it can be used later when demand is high or supply is low. Batteries can store energy from many sources, including brown coal, gas, hydro, solar and wind power. They are not renewable energy generators themselves; they are energy storage systems.¹

Why do we need batteries? Victoria's electricity system is changing. Several ageing brown coal power stations are nearing the end of their operating lives, and delays in replacing that generation increase the risk of electricity shortfalls and blackouts.

Batteries help by:

- Responding within milliseconds to sudden changes in the grid.
- Providing emergency support when generators trip or fail.
- Storing surplus electricity and releasing it when demand peaks.
- Supporting a reliable transition as older power stations retire.²

How will BESS benefit you? Batteries can help reduce electricity costs. This is how:

- They store cheaper electricity when demand is low and release it when demand is high.
- They reduce pressure on the transmission network.
- They can reduce the need for expensive network upgrades and additional power lines.
- They improve reliability and help avoid costly outages.

We are fortunate Victoria has consistently recorded some of the lowest wholesale electricity prices among mainland states. In 2023, Victorian wholesale electricity prices were approximately 39% lower than those in New South Wales on average, supported by growing renewable generation and storage.³



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

HEAR HOW YOUNG PEOPLE CAN DRIVE CLIMATE ACTION WITH ANJALI SHARMA

7pm Saturday 3 October 2026
Bunyip Hall, Main Street, Bunyip

Join us to hear Anjali's inspiring story and join a live Q&A to discover how you can take climate action. Anjali is a passionate climate activist and 2026 Young Australian of the Year nominee.

Refreshments provided. All welcome. No RSVPs required

Where are BESS built?

A viable BESS needs:

- Close proximity to major transmission infrastructure.
- Sufficient capacity at that point in the network.
- Enough land to safely accommodate the battery.
- Appropriate setbacks from nearby homes, particularly to meet noise requirements.

While industrial areas are preferable and may be suitable in some cases, BESS is limited to locations where it can connect effectively to the electricity network.

Can batteries reduce the need for new power lines?

Yes. Batteries can store electricity closer to where it is needed, reducing pressure on transmission networks. The Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) has reported that increasing battery storage can reduce the amount of new transmission infrastructure required, helping lower overall system costs for consumers.⁴

What does the future look like?

Batteries will play a key role in supporting reliability, integrating renewable energy and keeping power affordable. Victoria has legislated energy storage targets of at least **2.6 GW by 2030** and **6.3 GW by 2035**.⁵



⁴Victorian Big Battery at Moorabool – 300 Megawatt can store enough energy to power more than 1 million homes for 30 minutes.

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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.

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Community Bank Bunyip & District Celebrates Our Community

There was plenty to celebrate at our Community Investment Presentation Evening, held in July and generously hosted by our friends at the Bunyip Football Club.

It was wonderful to bring together so many local volunteers, clubs and community groups who work tirelessly to make Bunyip and the surrounding districts such a great place to live.

This year, Community Bank Bunyip & District was proud to approve \$157,946 in grants and sponsorships for 22 local organisations and projects. The funding will support a wide range of community initiatives, including sporting equipment and facilities, technology for local students, road safety and wellbeing programs, emergency service equipment, Christmas events and support for volunteer-led community organisations.

Recipients included local schools, sporting clubs, community groups and emergency services from across Bunyip, Garfield, Nar Nar Goon, Iona and the surrounding district.

The evening was also a lovely opportunity for everyone to catch up, share their stories and learn more about the projects being delivered throughout the community. A big thank you to John from Countryside Meats for serving up a delicious dinner, which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

Our Community Company is a franchisee of Bendigo Bank, operating six Community Bank sites, including Community Bank Bunyip & District. Since 1998, we have reinvested more than \$15 million back into communities across Casey and Cardinia.

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Thank you to everyone who joined us for such a warm and enjoyable evening, and congratulations to all this year's funding recipients.

We look forward to seeing these fantastic projects come to life.



A Life of Music

Story & Photo By Roman Kulkewycz

MYERS (Tottenham) - Dorothy Madge

14.11.1926 – 26.07.26

Passed away peacefully, in her 100th year, at Hillview Aged Care, Bunyip.

Dorothy Madge Tottenham was born at Swan Hill on the 14/11/1926. She was educated at Swan Hill Primary School, Swan Hill High School and Donnington Girl's Grammar School. After leaving School she became a Student teacher at Swan Hill Primary School.

Dorothy won a scholarship to study for her Diploma of Music at the Melbourne Conservatory and afterwards finished her teacher training course at Bendigo Teacher's college.

Dorothy was appointed as a qualified trained primary school teacher to a teaching position on the specialist music branch of the Victoria Education Department.

This involved giving demonstration lessons for class room teachers, teachers in training, visiting college students and overseas visitors as well as advising all schools in the Waverley Inspectorate as to the best music program to develop in their own schools.



Retirement from teaching was in 1987. Looking for a nice quiet town to retire in, Dorothy and her husband Don moved to a “wonderful small country town by the name of Bunyip” Dorothy immediately joined local community committees such as meals on wheels.

At this time there was a small CWA choir under the leadership of a local CWA member called Olive Healey. Olive invited Dorothy to an audition as to her ability to play the piano as accompanist for the choir. Olive retired from choir work in the 1990's and Dorothy became both Choir Master and accompanist.

Olive led the choir into competitions in the annual CWA choral festivals which were held in different country towns throughout Victoria. The choir won many certificates in competition. She was invited to become the accompanist for the CWA Victorian State Choir to play whenever needed. Monthly practices were held at Guide House in Toorak.

As the Bunyip choir became a smaller group there was a name change and it became the Bunyip Singers which was a small community group performing mainly at Bunyip community functions such as Australia Day, Anzac Day, special days and special programs for local Hostels.

The choir enjoy performing and the socialisation at the regular Monday morning weekly practices.

A Service to celebrate the life of Dorothy Madge Myers was held at the Nielsen Funeral Chapel, on FRIDAY August 7th.

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BUNYIP- GARFIELD PROBUS CLUB

We are hearing something about AI (Artificial Intelligence) each day so to help us understand it Dr Joanne Blannin who is an Associate Professor and an internationally recognised expert in digital education spoke at our last meeting.

We are surrounded by it and if possible we need to learn as much as we can about it to keep us safe in many ways not only banking but life in general. How do we know what is Real or Not, that will be the big challenge for us all navigating our way in this Technology world. Joanne was able to answer a lot of our members questions before she was thanked for her very insight into Artificial Intelligence.

Fabulous Film Group enjoyed The Wrong Box starring John Mills, Michael Caine, Peter Cook and Tony Hancock.

The Walkers meet at Labertouche for their walk along Jacksons Track and after went to the Robin Hood Hotel for lunch.

We travelled to Sale to see The Museum of Timeless Memories which is a collection of many treasures of thousands of heritage items from the 20th century and earlier that showcases a collection of domestic, industrial and array of many other interesting things. Because of the early start we welcomed a hot drink on arrival before wandering around to see the many treasures that we remembered from our childhood . The Toy shop has a working model train along with toys and in another section dolls, prams and baby furniture along with kitchen household goods. We could hear music so we went out to see in a shed was A Crusade Fairgrounds Organ playing old music to entertain us. Later we had lunch before looking at more treasures. As there was so much to see we felt that you could visit there again sometime. We thanked Peter and Rose for the opportunity to share their collection of historical things and for the lovely lunch .

Helen

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Developing players on and off the field



Established in 1995, Iona Cricket Club, located at 940 Murray Road, Iona, is a family friendly club, with a focus on participation and enjoyment.

Our club motto is **"Developing players on and off the field"**, reflecting our broader vision that cricket is about more than just the result of the game; it's about helping our players build confidence, teamwork, skills, resilience and friendships, while enjoying being part of a supportive local club.

Iona Cricket Club has **three senior teams**, an **Over 60s team**, and this year we are hoping to field two junior teams – an **Under 11s** and an **Under 13s**.

SENIORS

Senior training is held on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, with games being played on Saturdays. Our seniors have three teams, ensuring anyone of any ability can play.

JUNIORS

Our junior teams are open to boys and girls of all abilities, whether they've played cricket before or are picking up a bat for the very first time.

Junior training is held on Thursday afternoons, with games being played on Monday or Wednesday afternoons, making it a great way for kids to get involved in a team sport, make new friends, build their confidence and skills and, most importantly, enjoy playing the game.



COMMUNITY

More than anything, Iona Cricket Club is about community. We want our club to be somewhere players and their families feel welcome, where kids can enjoy their cricket, parents can become part of the club, and people of all ages can enjoy being involved.

Over the years, the club has proudly supported causes including the Hydrocephalus Foundation, Pink Stumps Day and other fundraising and social events. These occasions bring families together and create the kind of community atmosphere that makes a Iona Cricket Club about much more than cricket.



CONNECT WITH IONA CRICKET CLUB

With the new season approaching, we'd love to hear from anyone interested in playing, volunteering or simply becoming part of Iona Cricket Club.

We are always happy to welcome new players and their families into our cricket community – come and be part of the club!

For more information, message Iona Cricket Club on Facebook, or call Michael Neilson on **0438 295 966**.

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Hillview Happenings

Welcome to another month's news and views of what is shaping up to be one of the largest building projects in recent memory.

We are well and truly at the final stages of the build. The small decisions can really make a difference to the living environment. We will continue to focus on striving to make Hillview the preferred aged care home for today and for the next generations.

These final weeks will see all equipment commissioned; certificates of compliance obtained and wait for the delivery of furniture. Here's where you can help. We have yet to reach our fundraising target and will continue to raise funds and apply to business owners for help in supplying raffle prizes. We are about to launch one of the biggest raffles in Hillview's history, so watch this space, come visit us at the Bunyip Market and read the flyers around town outlining the tremendous prize pool we have on offer. There really is something to please everyone. Tickets will go on sale early September, and the raffle will be drawn in early November.

Please support the raffle by buying tickets, spreading the word and this is your chance to make a difference in the lives of our senior residents as they enjoy their twilight years being supported by the wonderful group of staff we have working here.

The fundraising flyer is included with this month's edition and wish to thank the many individuals and businesses who have been incredibly generous in their support of Hillview Bunyip Aged Care.

Until next month - Frank

Cardinia Shire Council calls for stronger planning framework for battery storage projects

Cardinia Shire Council will formally object to a proposed Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) in Bunyip North and is calling on the Victorian Government to develop a strong, transparent and integrated statewide strategic framework to guide the location and development of large-scale battery storage facilities.

At the Council meeting on 17 August, Bunyip Ward Councillor Alanna Pomeroy moved a notice of motion for Council to lodge an objection with the Minister for Planning to the proposed use and development of the site at 30 Tonimbuk Road, Bunyip North for a BESS.

Cardinia Shire Mayor Cr Brett Owen said Council's objection was focused on the suitability of the proposed site, rather than opposition to battery energy storage technology itself.

"Council supports the development of battery storage facilities where they are strategically planned and appropriately located, with careful consideration given to protecting agricultural land, green wedge values, environmental assets, rural landscapes and surrounding land uses," Mayor Owen said.

"We recognise the important role battery storage will play in Victoria's renewable energy future. However, Council does not believe this particular site is appropriate given its agricultural significance, green wedge setting, landscape and environmental sensitivities." Cr Pomeroy said Council's objection was based on concerns that the proposal would result in the loss of agricultural land, impact the character and values of the area's green wedge, and adversely impact the rural landscape.

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



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Getting an annual flu vaccination is recommended by the CDC for all people older than 6 months. The seasonal flu vaccine won't protect against bird flu but minimises the risk that people become unwell with both seasonal and bird flu viruses at the same time.

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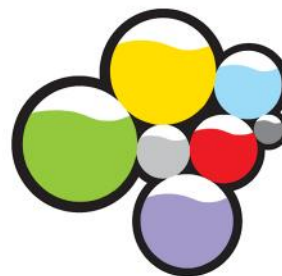


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Agenda:

- Election of office bearers (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and general committee members)

-Presentation of the annual financial report

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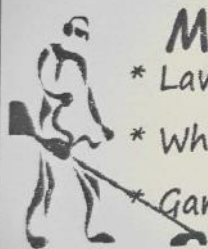


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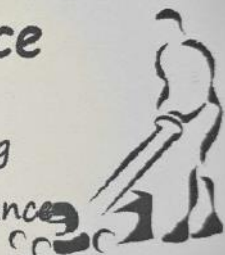
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Sunday the 6th September 10am we will remember the Martyrs of New Guinea. These were Christian men and women. They were the clergy, teachers, and medical staff serving in New Guinea who were executed during the Japanese invasion during World War II in 1942 and 1943.

Wednesday 8th September 11.45am we will celebrate the Birth of Mary, the Mother of God.

Sunday 27th September 10am we will celebrate St. Michael and all Angels.

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September 6	9:00am	Garfield Uniting Church (13 Garfield Road)
September 13	9:00am	Bunyip Uniting Church (9 Nash Road)
September 17	11:00am	Hillview Aged Care Bunyip (22 A'Beckett Road)
September 20	9:00am	Garfield Uniting Church (13 Garfield Road)
September 27	9:00am	Bunyip Uniting Church (9 Nash Road)
October 4	9:00am	Garfield Uniting Church (13 Garfield Road)
October 11	9:00am	Bunyip Uniting Church (9 Nash Road)
October 15	11:00am	Hillview Aged Care Bunyip (22 A'Beckett Road)

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Cannibal Creek Landcare Group

Pam Cunningham – 0407 876 935

Bunyip Community Market (Last Sun Month)

Sheree 0439 286 150

Longwarry & District Fire Brigade Market

Janine 0419 158 946 1st Sun. (March to Dec)

Bunyip Medical Centre 03 5629 5111

Bunyip & District Men's Shed

President Allan Berry....0429 296 140
(Meets each Wednesday 8:30am to 2:00pm)

Bunyip Community Op Shop

bunyipopshop@outlook.com

Garfield Community Op Shop 0490 141 918

Bunyip Police Station 5629 5205 or 000

Bunyip R.S.L Sub-Branch

David Papley – 0438 295 568

Bunyip Scouts Australia Tracey Cooke

gl.1stbunyip@scoutsvictoria.com.au

Bunyip & District SES

1800 240 667 or 000

Anglican Church of St Thomas Bunyip

Rev'd Christine Angus,
Priest in Charge, 0409 217 321

Bunyip Country Women's Association CWA:

Wendy - 0417 352 258
(Meeting at 10.30 am/craft 11am on 3rd Friday at
Hillview Aged Centre - Eileen Dawes Rooms)

Garfield Community Garden

Meet Every Weekend - Meg 0466 496 107
gcgarfieldcommunitygarden@gmail.com

Labertouche & District Hunters Group

Meet 2nd Sat Bi-Monthly at Labertouche
Trevor 0439 692 602 knightline58@hotmail.com

Bunyip Social Hub

Davina 0420 372 998 bunyipsocialhub@gmail.com

BRAG (Bunyip Renewables Action Group Inc)

Helen Ross: 0411274025 bragbunyip@gmail.com

Garfield Community Website www.garfield.au

Bunyip Connect Inc bunyipconnectinc@gmail.com

COMMUNITY CLUBS

Bunyip Equestrian Club

(Adult) bunyipecc@gmail.com (1st Sat month)

Bunyip Bulls Basketball Club

info@bunyipbullsbasketball.com.au

Garfield Bowling Club

garfieldbowlingclub@gmail.com/ or Graeme

Burton Secretary 0417444418

Longwarry Bowls Club

Trevor or Judy Eastwell – 03 5623 3631 / Ken White –
03 5625 4034

Bunyip Bulls Cricket Club

A. Robb 0402 678 552 Ian McConnell 0419 400 630

Garfield Golf Club

Thirteen Mile Rd, Garfield – 03 5629 2794

Bunyip Football Club

President: Cass Hackett
0435 869 348

Bunyip Junior Football Club

Rachel Thorne (President) 0409 480 722

admin@bunyipjfc.com.au

Bunyip Netball Club

Lisa Visser 0408 396 251

bunyipnetballclub@bigpond.com

Bunyip Patch Workers Club

Barb – 0407 294326

Bunyip-Garfield Probus Club

(Meets at 10 am 1st Tuesday each month at Garfield
Community Hall)

bunyipgarfieldprobus@gmail.com

Bunyip Pony Club

Wendy Smith 0407 552 295

(every second Sunday Pound Road reserve)

Lillico Pony Club

Sam Daly 0425 743 175

(every fourth Sunday Pound Road Reserve)

Rotary Club of Bunyip-Garfield

Graeme Squires – 0417 105 598 (Dinner meeting
each Wednesday at 6:30 pm)

Bunyip Slimmers Club

Maree McRae – 0468 411 144 (Meets every Friday
9.30am at Bunyip Uniting Church)

Bunyip & District Soccer Club

Martin Jeric - 0418 104 242

Sorella Callisthenics Club

Samantha Holt 0421 424 079 sorellacc@hotmail.com

St Vincent De Paul Society

Assistance Line – 1800 305 330

Bunyip Tennis Club

Vanessa Kent – 0401 422 084

Iona Cricket Club

Michael Neilson—0438 295 966

Drouin and District Chess Club

Meets 7pm Monday - Drouin Senior Citizens Club Nick
de Weger convenor 0413239717 New players welcome

Longwarry Angling Club

longwarryanglingclub@gmail.com

Trevor Wheeler 0407366503