

WHAT'S NOO?

NOORAT NEWSLETTER

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Letter from the Editor

It's once again time to reflect on the year that was and look ahead at what is to come in 2024. I suppose the best we can do as our lives roll on is to remember "kindness in another's trouble; courage in our own".

And I believe that this is exactly what we all try to do in this very special little community. May it long continue.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our newsletter, and indeed, to the whole Village in 2023.

I wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to bringing you more snippets next year. Many thanks to those who have sent contributions during the year; I encourage others to do so as well. (Wouldn't you like to see your name in print?)

Until February, 2024

Eve Black



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(nooratps.vic.edu.au)

Hover over "Our School"

Click "Newsletters"

Scroll down, and there you are.

Picnic Time

Tuesday 12th December is the day to remember for Noorat and District Residents' Association Christmas picnic.

6pm in the avenue, opposite the Post Office.
BYO everything. BBQ available.

O Christmas Tree

Our Christmas Tree in the avenue, opposite the late June Porter's home, is about to receive its annual dressing-up, thanks to Georgina Conheady and her band of elves.

Georgina and Bec Farey have been busy making decorations, as have the students of Noorat Primary School.

Watch the space!

A Window of Opportunities

The right window of Judith and Georgina Conheady's Old Noorat Hall, continues to be dressed by various groups and individuals each month.

Our Christmas display has been brought to us by Noorat Primary School.

The left window of the Old Noorat Hall will again have a tribute to those Noorat friends who have left us this past year.

If you would like to make a creative contribution to our Village and put together a display for a month next year, please contact me in the usual way.

Ed

Recipe of the Month**RASPBERRY HONEYCOMB ICE CREAM**

- 500ml thickened cream
- 200g condensed milk
- ½ cup fresh raspberries, plus extra to serve
- 1 tablespoon runny honey
- ½ cup crushed honeycomb



1. Using electric beaters, whisk cream and condenser milk until soft peaks form.
2. Fold in remaining ingredients.
3. Pack into an airtight container and freeze overnight..

A Special Spirit

In last month's item about Lachie Lee's book, I said that it was available from Mercy, Noorat. The school is of course, closed at present. A Special Spirit can be purchased from Terang Newsagency, Mercy, Camperdown, and I have spotted some copies at The Shed.

Showtime!

What a wonderful Noorat Show it was!
Perfect weather; a huge and happy crowd; and plenty to interest everyone.
NO-ONE DOES IT LIKE NOORAT!

Our Eagle Flies Again

This A couple of months ago, our eagle, mounted on an old, dead tree, in the Succulent Garden, came crashing to the ground. Fortunately, no damage was done to the metal raptor.
What to do? How to reinstall him? The answer came from some Practical Men of the Village, namely, Peter McSween, Smokey Twaddle, Louie Carlin, Tony Heffernan, and Rob Durant. They put their heads together, came up with a few answers, picked the best one, and as everyone can see, the eagle is back.
Many thanks to our now Famous Five!

Bring out the Santa's and TURN ON THE LIGHTS

This is the last call for the above. Make our Village shine.

Santa Spotting judges will be about very soon. Your effort might just be the winner!

Christmas

Deck the halls with eucalyptus!
Very soon it will be Christmas.
Magpie carols, loud and long,
Greets us with his Christmas song.
Children blessed by summer sun,
Wait for Christmas Day to come;
Counting hours impatiently,
What will they find beneath the tree?
Friends and family, distant, dear,
Meet again just once a year.

Tiny church in town's main street,
Echoes to the sound of feet;
Congregation gathering,
Praise with joy the new-born King.

Christmas dinner, pudding hot,
Suited to our clime, it's not;
But somehow salads, eaten cold,
The same appeal will never hold.

Sun goes downward in the west.
Christmas Day is laid to rest.
Christmas vows renewed again-
On earth be peace. Goodwill to men.

Remembering 'Holly'

As the end of 2023 and we acknowledge the loss of loved ones from families, also friends from Noorat.

However this year has also seen the loss of a number of very treasured, well known, but super elderly pets from a number of families in the village.

This includes our incredible, feral, Christmas present who we appropriately named 'Holly'

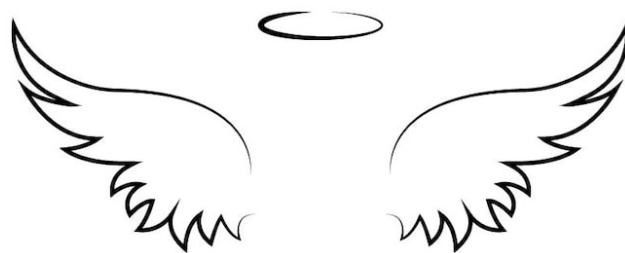
This article is in honour of her, but all the other dear pets who sadly left us this year. Holly arrived by private plane held tightly by my young granddaughter into Cobden about 17 years ago. We are not sure exactly how long; seems like she was here forever. She was handed to me as present. What a gift! A ball of jet black, spitting, scratching angriiness.

She was rescued from under the family's new house, with her twin, both completely feral. Despite intense training to become a house cat, she still kept some of those traits until the day she left. She was a survivor. We managed to successfully train her out of catching birds, and would even sleep beneath the bushes they were in. Only rarely did she forget and bring us a bird. She was reminded that it wasn't worth it. However, rats and mice were regularly brought in huge numbers, headless to the back door for our approval. On two occasions she actually brought headless snakes. Our approval wasn't as enthusiastic. Visiting dogs were not welcomed in either and she firmly removed them through the front gate.

As a survivor of extraordinary cunning, a favourite game was to hide inside under furniture in the house. Being black it was difficult to find her and one day she got accidentally locked inside. On returning from work at the end of the day we found her very ill in the kitchen floor. Quick examination revealed that she has helped herself to 2 kilo of a roast beef thawing out in the sink for our dinner. She didn't eat for several days..and we had no roast!

I miss her breakfast call at the back door, and peace reigns in the yard for my dog.

Lynn



THE RAINBOW BRIDGE**by Edna Clyne-Rekhy 1877**

By the edge of the woods at the foot of a hill

In a lush green meadow where time stands still

Where the friends of man and woman do run

When their time on earth is done

From here between this world and the next

Is a place where beloved creatures find rest

On the happy land they wait and play

Till the Rainbow Bridge they cross over one day

No more do they suffer pain and sadness

For here they are well, lives filled with gladness

There limbs are restored, their health is renewed

Their bodies are healed and their strength imbued

They romp through grass without a care

until one day they stop.. and sniff the air

Their ears prick forward.. their eyes dart back

And all of a sudden one breaks from the pack

For just one moment their eyes have met

Together again both person and pet

They run to each other, friends from the past

Their time apart is over at last

The sadness they felt while they were apart

Has turned into joy once more in each heart

They cuddle with a love that will last forever

And side by side they cross over the bridge together

Thought for the Month

Christmas: love the giver more than the gift.



Noorat Primary School and Noorat Presbyterian Church Celebrate 150 Years

28th and 29th October were two significant days for our NWB Church with them celebrating their 150th year.

November 11th also saw Noorat Primary School celebrate 150 years of excellence in education with an open afternoon.

Congratulations to all involved.



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Merry Christmas

From the team at Elders Mortlake we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

Thank you for your support over 2023

Noorat & District Residents Association

Community Garage Sale

Saturday 24th Feb 2024

8am til sold!

Garage stalls held at numerous homes throughout the district.

Registration forms for a stall will be available in the December Noorat Noo's Newsletter

'Sale' Trail Maps will be available @ The Shed, Noorat Post Office, The Noorat Hotel & Stall holders on the day.

Enquiries: Anna Conheady 0428 504 078
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For further information about advertising in the Noorat Newsletter, please contact Eve Black.

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Full page advertisement: \$25.00 per month

Half page advertisement: \$15.00 per month

Business card size: \$10.00 per month

NOORAT & DISTRICT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

DATE: FEBRUARY 24th 2024.

TIME: 8AM – 4PM – ALL DAY SALE.

All households and Clubs, groups etc invited to participate in the
Community Garage Sale on Saturday February

At your address or combined households.

- Garage sales and stalls will be held at schools and homes throughout the district.
- Sale Trail Maps of all garage sale locations will be available.
- Please fill in Participation Form below if you wish to participate so your address can be included in map. Return to Noorat Post Office ASAP.
- Help make this a great day for Noorat & District. BE IN IT !
- Assistance available if needed. Call number below.

Further enquiries or to express interest to: **55925333, 0428504078**

Please fill out Participation Form and return to the Noorat Post Office.

All participants will be included in Sale Trail Garage Sale Map.

Refreshments will be available on the day.

Yes we will participate in the Garage Sale Day February 24th

(Orange flags will be supplied)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Number: _____

Email: _____

\$10 fee to be paid with this form & returned by 12th February. 2024

Please return this form to Noorat Post Office.

NO CAR BOOT PARTICIPATION OR MARKET STALLS, HOUSEHOLDS ONLY


DEADLINE FOR NEXT EDITION

The newsletter welcomes contributions from readers: articles will be included at the editor's discretion.

Please send us your articles, news items, pictures by 20th of each month.

Photos / advertisements / posters must be JPEG or PDF format.

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Our systems can be impacted by electrical failures, extra demand, burst mains or damaged infrastructure. That means we can't guarantee your water pressure or your water supply.



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CORANGAMITE SHIRE

Noticeboard



Pensioner rates rebate

Are you eligible for a rebate or concession on your rates bill?

If you have a current Centrelink or Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) Pensioner Concession Card, or a DVA Repatriation Health Card specifying 'War Widow' or 'TPI', you may be eligible for a concession.

The rate rebate available is 50% of rates and charges capped at a maximum of \$253.20 for 2023-2024.

A maximum \$50 rebate also applies to the Fire Services Property Levy.

Rebates are funded by the State Government and you can find out more at services.dffh.vic.gov.au/municipal-rates-concession

You can download an application form there or collect one from the Civic Centre in Camperdown.

TERANG SWIMMING POOL

11-7 pm
Weekends, public holidays, school holidays

3-7 pm
School term

6-8 am
Morning lap swimming
Tuesday & Thursday
Full season

Open Saturday 25 November 2023

FIRE DANGER PERIOD

The Fire Danger Period started at 1 am, Monday 20 November.

With a hotter and drier summer period predicted, make sure you know what you can and can't do during the Fire Danger Period. Visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au/can

No burning off in Corangamite Shire unless you have a permit.

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Light Up Camperdown Light and Lantern Festival

Friday 8 December, 4 - 9 pm
In the Avenue, Camperdown

The Illuminates roving performers
Buskers
Late night shopping
Rotary Christmas market

Finishing the night by lighting up the Camperdown Clocktower!

BYO lantern!
or visit our website for our lantern making workshop.

www.corangamite.vic.gov.au/LightUpCamperdown

Media Release



CORANGAMITE
SHIRE

Wednesday 22 November 2023

Local pools ready to open this week

Corangamite Shire's outdoor pools are ready to open their gates for the 2023-2024 season.

Camperdown, Cobden and Terang pools will open Saturday 25 November. Lismore, Skipton and Timboon will follow on Saturday 2 December.

Council Sport and Recreation Coordinator Jane Hinds said the pools were the place to be regardless of the weather.

"All of our pools are solar heated and generally operate between 25 and 28 degrees.

"So if the weather is cooler in the mornings, your local pool is still a great place to go for health and fitness and socialise with friends.

"There is a hotter than average summer predicted so when summer arrives the pool is the ideal spot to escape the heat. It really is the best of both worlds."

Council's Facilities and Recreation and Parks and Gardens Teams have been instrumental in preparing the six outdoor swimming pools in readiness for the 2023-2024 season.

This includes cleaning and preparing pools, maintaining gardens and general maintenance works including:

- Fibreglass repair and repaint on toddler pool water features at Cobden and Skipton.
- Installation of pulsar units at Timboon, Camperdown and Cobden
- Replacement of a flood light at Timboon and a power pole at Cobden and
- Pressure washing of the concourse and refreshing of tables and chairs at Terang.
- Maintenance of filters at Lismore

Council Sport and Recreation Coordinator Jane Hinds said the pools were in great shape leading up to the season's opening.

"There is lots in store this season—pool parties, movie nights, inflatables and games, as well as early morning lap swimming and, learn to swim programs.

"On warm nights, open hours may be extended at the discretion of the pool manager," Ms Hinds said.

She said Council had worked closely with YMCA Victoria and swimming pool committees over winter to ensure a strong start to the season.

"The swimming pools continue to provide a range of health and wellbeing outcomes for residents.

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"The pools are great fun for kids and also have relaxation and mental health benefits for people of all ages."

Mayor Ruth Gstrein encouraged residents to support their local pool and take advantage of the fantastic facilities.

"Love your local pools. They are such valuable community assets and continue to be great value for money.

"They are a terrific opportunity to get the family outdoors and off devices over the summer holidays," she said.

Season tickets are \$185 per family, \$95 per adult and \$85 per child and can be used at all of the Shire's six pools.

Day tickets are \$15.50 per family, \$5.20 per adult and \$4.20 for a child.

Season passes are available from the Civic Centre in Camperdown or can be bought at the pools. EFTPOS facilities are available at each pool.

For regular updates and to keep up with all the activities during pool season Like the Corangamite Shire Swimming Pools page on Facebook.

For more information on pool locations, times of opening and entrance fees, go to corangamite.vic.gov.au/swimmingpools or contact Corangamite Shire on 5593 7100.

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Media Release



CORANGAMITE
SHIRE

Wednesday 29 November 2023

Council collects phones for violence survivors



Caption: L-R Deputy Mayor Laurie Hickey, Mayor Kate Makin, Administration Support Officer Simone Mahoney and Cr Nick Cole support the DV Safe Phone Authorised Phone Drop Location at the Civic Centre in Camperdown.

Your unwanted mobile phone could provide a vital lifeline for someone in crisis.

Corangamite Shire Council is seeking donations of unused mobile phones that will be refurbished and distributed through family violence centres and police services.

Mayor Kate Makin said registered charity DV Safe Phone collects, erases and repairs phones then provides them to front line family violence and Police services to support victim survivors of domestic violence.

“DV Safe Phone works with more than 250 domestic violence and law enforcement agencies, safe houses and hospitals across the country,” Cr Makin said.

“We are launching this campaign as part of the international 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence campaign from 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, until Human Rights Day on 10 December.

“Family violence is the leading cause of homelessness for women and children.

“In 2018-19, 90% of adults seeking homelessness services due to family and domestic violence were women.

“These free phones can give those in a volatile situation a safe and private way to reach out for support.”

Corangamite Shire is now an Authorised Phone Drop Location where members of the community can drop off unwanted working mobile phones so they can be repurposed and used by someone in need.

Cr Nick Cole said domestic violence affects all walks of life.

“These phones will be distributed to victim survivors of domestic violence, through various frontline organisations and service providers.

“Council believes this is really important work and we are enthusiastic about partnering with DV Safe Phones to provide a location for Phone Drops.

“Council is supporting the cause by locating collection boxes at the Civic Centre with our libraries in Camperdown, Cobden, Derrinallum, Terang and Timboon to come online next month.

“This is an opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of those currently experiencing family and domestic violence.

“We encourage anyone with a spare phone, or two, they no longer use, to drop them in the nearest collection box.”

DV Safe Phone founder and CEO Ashton Wood said the phones are provided as part of an individual's ‘safety plan’ offering a lifeline to call for help when it is needed most.

“A mobile phone is something that many of us take for granted, but it can be a potential lifesaver for victim survivors of domestic and family violence, giving them a direct line to emergency responders and support services,” Mr Wood said.

If you would like to be part of the initiative by nominating your organisation as a collection point or to donate, contact the group online at dvsafephone.org.

Corangamite Shire is committed to working with local and statewide services to reduce family violence and its impacts on communities.

For more information go to safeandequal.org.au or respectvictoria.vic.gov.au or www.dvsafephone.org

If you need help you can contact 1800RESPECT on 1800 737 7328.

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