

WHAT'S NOO?

NOORAT NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2024 -

This community newsletter is an initiative of the Noorat Residents' Association

Letter from the Editor

We had barely a taste of Summer, and now Autumn has arrived. I must admit that I do not mind, but I know many of you will be hoping for at least a couple of hot days (just no wind, please) still to come.

It's been a very busy month in the Village and beyond; the Noorat to Terang Fun Run was a great success again, and although I sometimes think that those two words, "fun" and "run", do not go terribly well together, the evening of February 23rd, saw plenty of runners, walkers, and enthusiastic spectators, having a great deal of fun.

It's been a month of change also with the old Factory and the Beehive, changing ownership. We look forward to watching both spaces, and seeing what the future holds for these (dare I say "iconic"?) buildings.

Our annual Garage Sales were again a huge success, with visitors from as far away as Kyneton and Geelong, coming to Noorat in search of a bargain. You will find a report from Lynn Patzel within these pages.

With so much trouble and tragedy in so many countries, we must all remember to count our blessings. We have much for which to be thankful, and on the whole very little real reason to complain. I know that our lives could always be better, but we do have that very precious gift, our freedom.

Until next month,

Eve Black

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- Hover over 'Our School' and click 'Newsletters'

Noorat History

Florence Charles is interested in any photos or family histories of Noorat between 1860 and 1920

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Vale Janet Niewand

Our condolences to the family of Janet Niewand, who passed away last month.

Janet was the owner of the Mt Noorat Hotel at one time.

Our erstwhile Postmistress, Margaret Daffy drew my attention to this news.



Water Tip

10 minutes in the shower wastes up to 90 litres of water!

Bop along to your favorite four-minute-long song and finish your shower before it ends.

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every drop counts

Recipe of the Month**CHOCOLATE-CARAMEL FONDANT PUDDINGS**

200g dark chocolate, chopped
100g unsalted butter, chopped
2 eggs and 2 egg yolks extra

1/2 cup caster sugar
1/4 cup plain flour
4 tablespoons store-bought caramel spread



1. Pre-heat oven to 200 degrees (180 FF), and grease 4 one cup dariole moulds.
2. Place chocolate and butter in double boiler and melt over barely simmering water.
3. Place eggs, yolks and sugar in a bowl and whisk until combined; add the chocolate mixture and flour, and whisk gently again.
4. Spoon 2/3 of the mixture into the dariole moulds; spoon 1 tablespoon caramel into the centre of each mould, then spoon over the remaining chocolate mixture.
5. Place the moulds onto a baking tray, and bake for 16-18 minutes, until puffed.
6. Gently turn puddings out, and if liked, dust with cocoa or icing sugar to serve.

Sales

The village garage sale day dawned into a pleasant sunny day, in stark contrast to last year's all day 'dump' of rain.

Twenty two houses put out their orange Bali flags and blew up their orange balloons at 8am and the village started to buzz.

Bargain hunters were moving quickly from house to house, searching for that elusive antique, and the browsers strolled with their families, enjoying the street scape.

Our food outlets kept visitors very satisfied and the committee thank each of you for your hard work.

A big thank you to all the residents, businesses, church and school who participated before and on the day to make it a success.

Thank you to the big number of visitors. We hope you found a bargain and we sincerely to see you all again next year.

Lynn Patzel

**Thought for the Month**

Autumn "season of mists and mellow fruitfulness".
- John Keats.

Mount Noorat School Teachers' Residence Celebrates 150 Years

Researched and written by Florence Charles

A small cottage, which stands in Noorat (but once situated beside the Mount Noorat School) was built in April 1874, at a cost of £214, for the residence of the first Head Teacher; the widowed Mrs Margaret Evens and her five children. In the previous year, Mrs Evans was appointed first Head Mistress of the Mount Noorat School, but she and her five children had to reside at the *Mount Noorat Hotel* for six months until a school teacher's residence was built.

In 1974, a request was made for a room in the teacher's residence to be set aside for a post office. This request was initially denied but evidence shows that the building did become a post office, probably under the watchful eye of Margaret Evens.

In 1877, Margaret Carson married James Carson and in the same year, a daughter was born to them while residing in the school teacher's residence.

In 1979, Niel Black of *Mount Noorat House* wrote a letter to the Shire of Hampden requesting that the road between his home and the post office in Noorat, be improved as drays were sinking so far into the mud that two teams of bullocks were needed to extricate them.

In 1879, two of Margaret's children (of her first marriage) died during a diphtheria epidemic which ravaged many of her pupils and was reported to have started in the school toilets.

In 1882, Margaret and James Carson had a son Thomas and in the same year Margaret's husband James died, leaving her again widowed. In 1886, their son Thomas died aged 4.

In 1883, Margaret transferred to the Framlingham School leaving a tragic life spent in the school teacher's residence behind her. The teacher's residence was then occupied by John Winter, his wife and two daughters. John became post master as well as head teacher and was also Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages. His daughter Minnie subsequently became the post mistress under her father's watchful eye, and she operated from the veranda of the teacher's residence.

In 1885, another death occurred while John Winter's and his family were residing in the teacher's residence when his daughter Mary died age 12, after a long illness.

In 1900, John Winter retired from teaching and his daughter Minnie retired as postmistress on the same day. The post office was granted to Mrs Hannah Dwyer and was then situated in the same building as in 2024. (In 2025 the Noorat Post Office will celebrate 125 years of postal service at the same site.)

In 1914, When John Chapman became the head teacher; he purchased a residence almost directly opposite the school. Mrs Mary Carmody and her husband Thomas then moved into the school teacher's residence where she became the school caretaker and sometimes boarded the junior teachers. While residing in the school teacher's house, Mary and Thomas had the four sons who become the best friends of Alan Marshall. (I Can Jump Puddles)

In 1921, the school council was very anxious that the former teacher's residence should be renovated or preferably replaced. Late in April 1922, Mrs Carmody, who had rented the residence and had acted

Noorat Teachers' Residence Celebrates 150 Years Continued...

as school caretaker for the past twenty one years, was asked to vacate the premises. She wrote a letter objecting, but her letter fell on deaf ears.

In June 1922, the school teacher's residence was sold for removal and moved to its present site in Noorat where at some stage, it became the home of J. O'Connor. Mrs Carmody and her family moved to live in Terang. A local, who viewed the interior of the former school teacher's house some years ago, said that the post office fittings were then still intact within the house.

So Happy150th Birthday Little Cottage, as the oldest, surviving, weatherboard building in Noorat.

School Days

Earlier in February, a grandchild and two great grandchildren started on their big learning adventure at school.

Many days, over several months of preparation took place to ensure their transition was smooth. Remember, much of their early childhood learning took place at home during lockdown especially those living in Melbourne. They experienced play dates, meet the teachers, art lessons, library lessons and received a welcome letter from their new 'buddies'. Their parents were introduced to staff over 'bickies, cheese and wine' nights before family interviews.

All parents were able to attend day one and see their respective children happily settled into their new classrooms.

Many readers will be thinking by now... this is different to my first day at school! Times have certainly changed!

My preparation for school in the 50's was to learn to ride a two wheeled bike to be even able to ATTEND school.

The bike was bought bigger than I needed so it would last me longer. The next thing was to paint 'said' bike to make it presentable for school.

On my first day my father dropped me and my bike off in the farm ute. He kindly met me at the halfway mark to make sure I knew the best way home.

The next seven years were hard slog, rain and mud in winter and sand drifts during summer, 8.5 kilometres each way, every day (no Wednesdays off for me). The only down hill run was just before home! A tough gig for a little girl, alone.

Buses were not provided until I was well into secondary school. Eighteen children from two generations left the family farm each day for their education. By the time the last one left school, both primary and secondary school buses used my brother's circular driveway to pick all kids up at their DOOR. Yes times have changed, but for the better.

Lynn Patzel





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

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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
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Friday Lunches

In February last year several local Noorat residents met for a random Friday lunch. After much discussion there was suggestion that we continue on a regular basis.

This became known as Friendship Friday and the lunches have continued on the first Friday of each month and the group is steadily growing. If you want some company, or don't feel like preparing lunch then you are welcome to join us. It is not limited to ladies only, a couple of men pop in from time to time.

There is no compulsion to come each month.. just send me a message the night before if you know you are definitely joining us.

This is to enable Shelbie at THE SHED to cope with our numbers. Shelbie and her staff have embraced us openly and we are grateful for their friendly service at our lunches.

Lynn Patzel



2024 OPEN DAY

FOR 2025 YEAR 7 STUDENTS AND ALL OTHER YEAR LEVELS

WEDNESDAY
20
MARCH

OPEN DAY SESSIONS

McAULEY CAMPUS, Camperdown

9.15am

4.00pm

School in action

Classes not running

9.15am

Information Session

4.00pm

9.45am

School Tour Groups

4.30pm

10.45am

Q & A Session

5.30pm

Information Session

6.00pm

We invite your family to visit our Open Day and discover what we have to offer our regional community.

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Koorie Connections

In our multi-sensory Indigenous garden

Meaningful connections to Country and embedding Koorie education is part of our philosophy at Noorat.

Year 3-6 Students went to the Worn-Gundidj nursery last year to learn, experience and taste a range of bush tucker.



The team created a plan with native plants to suit each individual space in the garden.



Working as a whole school community, we had a planting day last week to bring the vision to life!

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Business Assistance Scheme Have your say

Council has launched its new-look Business Assistance Scheme. The scheme aims to provide access to financial assistance and to build capacity of business and community enterprises.

Importantly, it is available for application all year-round, subject to allocation of and funds available in the Council annual budget.

This new scheme is the result of feedback received through Grow and Prosper Corangamite.

There are four different funding 'streams' that are now available:

Stream 1 Business Façade Improvement Program

Stream 2 Creative Industries and Placemaking

Stream 3 Community Enterprise

Stream 4 Fees and Enabling Infrastructure

All details can be found on our website: corangamite.vic.gov.au/BAS

For more information, please contact us on 5593 7100.

Social Media for Events

Free workshop

Learn how to harness the power of social media to make your events stand out.

From creating buzz to engaging attendees, Tara and Nat from The Social Connection will share their tips and tricks. Whether you're a seasoned event organiser or just starting out, this event is perfect for you.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to network with like-minded professionals and gain valuable insights. Mark your calendars and get ready to take your events to the next level.

Scan the QR code to register.



Environment & Sustainability Strategy

We would like your feedback on our new Environment & Sustainability Strategy.



Corangamite Shire has compiled a 10-year draft strategy for what we, as a Council, can achieve in environmental management and sustainable practices. The draft strategy is open for community feedback until 5 March. Find out more and have your say at corangamite.vic.gov.au/EandSStrategy or scan the QR code.

Join our team

Diploma Qualified Educator Permanent relief role

- Permanent part-time 32 hours p.w.
- \$35.76–\$39.74 based on qualifications and experience
- Diploma students encouraged to apply

Applications close 5 pm, Sunday 3 March.

Enhanced Early Years Support Worker – Maternal Child Health

- Part time, fixed term
- 12 hours p.w. for 12 months
- \$81,696 - \$89,184 pro rata, based on qualifications and experience

Applications close 5 pm, Wednesday 6 March.

Position description and applications at corangamite.vic.gov.au/employment

Pet registrations

Dogs and cats can bring much joy to family life. For the benefit of both pet and owner, Corangamite Shire endorses responsible pet ownership. This includes registering your pet and abiding by Council laws regarding walking your dog and disposing of their waste appropriately.

Animal registrations must be renewed by 10 April each year. Council sends a letter to all registered pet owners in the Shire to remind them when they need to renew. You can pay your registration in person at the Civic Centre, or via BPAY/Post BillPay using the details on your renewal notice or at corangamite.vic.gov.au/Pet-rego

Free art sessions for youth aged 12 -25

- Collage - Animals, Thursday 28 March, 4-6 pm
- Decorating Shoes With Art, Thursday 11 April, 4-6 pm
- Stencil Art, Thursday 9 May, 4-6 pm
- Magazine Collage Art, Thursday 23 May, 4-6 pm
- Papier Mâché Mask/Wall Hanging - Session 1, Thursday 13 June, 4-6 pm
- Papier Mâché Mask/Wall Hanging - Session 2, Thursday 27 June, 4-6 pm



Facilitated By Stacey Williams Alderwood Manor, 56 Curdie Street, Cobden.

Register at bit.ly/3tp0UOi or scan the QR code.

Quotation

Design and Installation of battery systems & assessment of rooftop solar PV for maximum renewable energy potential

Corangamite Shire is calling for quotations from suitably qualified consultants for the design and installation of Battery Systems (BESS) and assessment of Rooftop Solar PV for battery associated efficiency upgrades at the Camperdown Community Stadium and the Timboon Sporting Centre. A project brief is available at eprocure.com.au/corangamite (Enquiries 1800 377 628).

Quotations close at 4 pm, Thursday 7 March.

Rates and charges due

Corangamite Shire ratepayers are reminded that the 2023-2024 Rates and Charges were due for full payment by Thursday 15 February. If paying by instalments, the third payment is due by Wednesday 28 February.

Payments can be made at corangamite.vic.gov.au/payments

- by BPAY (phone or Internet)
- by POSTbillpay (phone or Internet)
- in person at any Australia Post agency or at Council's Civic Centre, 181 Manifold Street, Camperdown
- or by post to Corangamite Shire, PO Box 84, Camperdown 3260.

Any ratepayer unable to pay by the due date should contact the Rates office. You can also apply for a Payment Arrangement at corangamite-pay.enotices.com.au

Dads Matter program

New fathers are invited to share what they want and need to make their parenthood journey more rewarding for them and their children.

Corangamite dads are invited to join a reference group to help us deliver a program that meets your needs.

The group will meet a few times each year to discuss the kind of things they would like to learn about and share with other fathers. For more information about the program or joining the reference group, please contact

- Maternal Child Health and Enhanced Coordinator Chris Towers on 0448 867 957 or christine.towers@corangamite.vic.gov.au or
- Enhanced Early Years Support Worker Amanda Gibson on 0407 571 726 or Amanda.gibson@corangamite.vic.gov.au

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Media Release



Friday 16 February 2024

New Corangamite wards for October election

When Corangamite residents vote in the Council election in October, they will elect one Councillor from each of seven Wards.

The seven Wards are named Cooriemungle, Gnotuk, Lake Elingamite, Lake Keilambete, Leura, Mt Elephant and Tandarook.

Local Government Minister Melissa Horne this week announced the old five ward structure would be replaced in line with recommendation of the Victoria Electoral Commission.

The biggest change is the former Central Ward being divided into:

- Lake Keilambete Ward, comprising Terang and Noorat;
- Gnotuk Ward reaching to the middle of Camperdown; and
- Leura Ward from Central Camperdown to the east.

A slightly enlarged North Ward will be known as Mt Elephant Ward.

South-West Ward will remain largely unchanged but will be Lake Elingamite Ward.

Coastal Ward, renamed Cooriemungle, will take a small amount of territory from South Central, which will be called Tandarook.

The recommendations were based on an independent review that considered issues such as:

- the representation needs of specific communities;
- public submissions;
- nature and complexity of services council provides;
- geographic size and topography of the area;
- forecast population and voter growth or decline; and
- social diversity.

Corangamite Shire Mayor Kate Makin said the last review of Corangamite Shire was in 2015.

“The old mix of four Wards with one councillor each, but three in the more populous Central Ward, is no longer allowed under the new Local Government Act,” Cr Makin said.



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“Council made a submission to the review advocating for a Ward structure rather than an unsubdivided Council.

“Because there is so much ground to cover in our big Shire, Wards mean residents will still have a local representative who understands what is important to them.

“While they can talk to any Councillor, there will still be a local face they can easily contact and talk to one-on-one.”

The Mayor thanked all of the community members who got involved in the review process.

“There was a lot of feedback from the community to Council and 14 members of the public made formal submissions alongside the one from Council.

“It’s great to see people taking an active role in how the Shire is governed.

“The subdivided structure has worked well for the Shire in the past and while this is slightly different, particularly with Camperdown, Council has always worked together for the good of the wider community.”

To find out more, go to the VEC website at go.vic.gov.au/3OGw8rO or call 131 832.

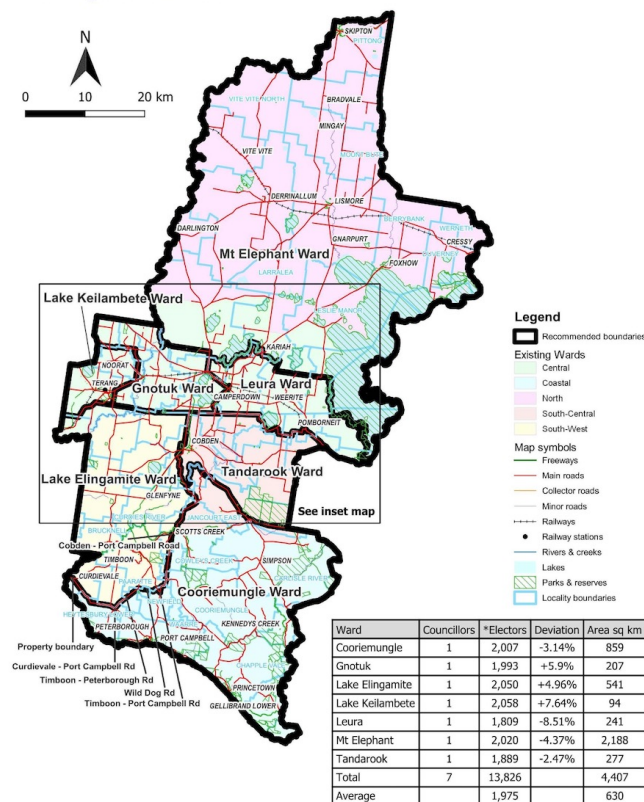
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For further enquiries about this release please contact Chris Rodda on 03 5593 7111.

Local council electoral structure review – Final report – Corangamite Shire Council

Appendix 1: Map of recommended structure

Corangamite Shire Council
Seven single councillor wards



Media Release



CORANGAMITE
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Wednesday 21 February 2024

Glass bottle and jar bins on the way

More than 5,500 premises across Corangamite Shire are about to get a fourth wheelie bin for bottles and jars.

Under the State Government's 'Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021', glass recyclables will no longer be able to be recycled through the yellow comingled recycling bin.

Cr Jamie Vogels, who represents Corangamite on the Barwon South West Local Government Waste Forum, said the glass bins would be collected monthly with the first collection in May.

"With a fourth bin, residents will be able to reduce contamination of the recyclable materials and keep glass out of landfill," Cr Vogels said.

"Glass will no longer be able to go in the co-mingled recycling bin with paper and plastics as glass breakages contaminate other recyclables.

"Only glass bottles and jars can be accepted in the purple bin.

"Other types of glass, like windows and Pyrex, have different melting points and can't be turned into bottles or jars.

"The new bin will make the recycling process more efficient and will mean less materials going to landfill

"If you aren't sure what can go in each bin check Council's website for an A-Z guide for which bin."

Coordinator Waste and Environmental Sustainability Sofia Myers said kerbside collection customers will get a new 120L bin on their regular collection day in April.

"It will take 2-3 weeks to complete the roll-out across the Shire," Ms Myers said.

"Glass collection will be once a month, so there will be less wear on the bin.

"To lengthen the lifespan of the older bins, the red lidded ones will be re-fitted with a purple lid to become the glass bin. The red lid will go on the new bin."

The Victorian State Government Circular Economy (Waste and Recycling) Act 2021 aims to increase the amount of material that can be recycled up to 80% by 2030. Corangamite Shire's kerbside waste diversion is currently at 63%.

For further information please visit corangamite.vic.gov.au/GlassRecycling

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Monday 4 March 2024

It's OK to talk if fire conditions trigger memories

After recent "extreme" and "catastrophic" fire conditions around the state, community members are encouraged to look out for friends and neighbours.

Corangamite Shire Mayor Kate Makin said the conditions could stir up difficult memories and feelings about past emergencies.

"Our thoughts are with those people across Victoria, including on the northern borders of our Shire in places like Pomonal and Beaufort," Cr Makin said.

"Our own communities are no strangers to bushfire and have shown great resilience and mutual support through past emergencies.

"For some people a hot windy day, or a news report about bushfires, can bring back troubling memories and feelings.

"Even years later unexpected thoughts can still be powerful. Acknowledging them can be important steps to recovery."

Cr Makin encouraged anyone to share how they were feeling with someone they trust.

"It could be a family member, friend, your GP or minister. Just having someone to share with can help you put your feelings into perspective.

"Putting your thoughts and memories into words can be soothing in itself.

"And of course, if someone around you seems withdrawn or loses their temper over something small, don't be afraid to ask the question: 'Are you OK?'

"Just starting the conversation can make all the difference."

Cr Makin paid tribute to emergency service volunteers and others in local and regional communities.

"A huge thanks to those who have helped in past emergencies and to those who volunteer their time to train and stand ready for future emergencies.

"The inevitable can always happen so please increase your awareness of fire danger ratings, as well as Community Based Emergency Management Plans and personal bushfire plans, which mean we are more prepared."

You can call Lifeline on 131 114 or Beyond Blue on 1300 224 636 which offer support services nationwide.

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