

WHAT'S NOO?

NOORAT NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2023 - This community newsletter is an initiative of the Noorat Residents' Association

Letter from the Editor

The weekend of 28th and 29th October was one of celebration for the congregation of, and visitors to, the Niel W Black Memorial Presbyterian Church. Visitors came from far and wide to celebrate this very significant milestone. Even the weather-controller smiled on us! There really was a great deal for which to be thankful.

On Sunday, after the Service, most people stayed for a shared lunch in our Guild Hall. A veritable feast! As I looked at the tables laden with all sorts of delicious food, I couldn't help thinking how very capable and resourceful country folk are. Many of our congregation are now in their senior years, but are still willing, and capable, of putting on a spread to rival anything on Master Chef!

How quickly the homemade sausage rolls and fresh sandwiches disappeared, and as for the line-up of passionfruit sponges, you had to be quick!

There really is something about a country lunch or morning-tea or supper, that just does not happen anywhere else. Whether it's our innate willingness to provide hospitality, or a little bit of friendly rivalry (or both), the call out to "please bring a plate", is always answered with generosity of spirit and delectable foods. May we never lose this very special country gift.

Until next month,

Eve Black

Vale Ann Bell

It is with a great deal of sadness that we learnt of the recent passing of Ann Bell.

I know that you will share with me in expressing sympathy to Jim, and all the family.

Lest We Forget

This year Remembrance Day falls on a Saturday. There will not be a formal ceremony at our War memorial, but you are invited to come along, to reflect, remember, and lay a wreath, if you wish to do so.

Congratulations Mayor Gstrein

Congratulations, and thanks for serving Corangamite Shire for twenty years, go to our Mayor, Ruth Gstrein.

This is quite an achievement, both personally, and as an elected Councillor.

Ruth has always carried out her duties with fairness, respect, and regard for all of us.

We salute you, Mayor Ruth.

In His Own Writing

On Friday, 13th October, I was privileged, along with nearly 100 others, to attend the launch of Lachie Lee's recently published book, "A SPECIAL SPIRIT", a history of Mercy Regional College from 1973 to 2023.

The book has been several years in the making, and is a wonderful achievement for Lachie, and an equally marvellous gift to the community about whom, and for whom, it has been written. Whether you have a connection with MRC, or not, you will find it an interesting read, and a great addition to any local history library. Congratulations, Lachie!

"A SPECIAL SPIRIT" can be purchased from MRC, Noorat, \$45.

Ed

P.S. The book would make a very special Christmas gift!

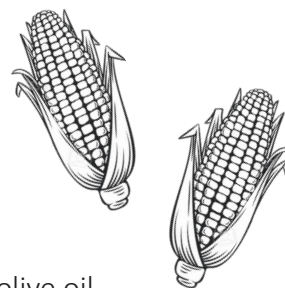
Recipe of the Month

SWEET CORN SALAD WITH SPICY DRESSING

- 4 corn cobs, silks removed
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- ¼ cantaloupe, peeled and thinly sliced
- 1 Lebanese cucumber, chopped
- 250g cherry tomatoes, halved
- ½ bunch coriander, leaves picked
- ½ bunch mint, leaves picked
- 3 spring onions, thinly sliced

Spicy Dressing

- Juice of 2 limes
- Juice of ½ an orange
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- ½ teaspoon smoked paprika



1. For the dressing, whisk all ingredients together. Set aside.
2. Heat a BBQ or chargrill pan to high heat. Brush corn with oil and grill, turning occasionally for 10 minutes, until charred.
3. Once cool, slice kernels from cobs.
4. Place on a serving plate with remaining ingredients, and drizzle with dressing.

Picnic Time

Don't forget to come along to our Residents' Christmas Picnic; Tuesday, 12th December from 6pm in the avenue, opposite the Post Office. BYO everything.

Santa Spotting

Remember to give the man in the red suit a place in your garden, to help celebrate the spirit of the season, and the chance to win a cash prize. Our Santa Spotters will be about mid-December.

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Thought for the Month

People who give you their food, give you their heart.

Noorat Presbyterian Church Celebrates 150 Years

28th and 29th October were two significant days for our NWB Church.

Many visitors; some re-unions; a great deal of happy talking; a district heritage tour; a well-attended and enjoyed Saturday evening dinner; a very special Sunday service; and a wonderful shared lunch, to bring the weekend to a close.

Well done to all who had a hand in any part of the weekend!

Ed

PS I hope to bring you a few photographs in our December newsletter.

MOUNT NOORAT SCHOOL

No. 1178

1873 - 2023

150 YEARS

The Mount Noorat School opened on November 10, 1873, consisting of the small stone building, which is still part of the present Noorat Primary School.

In 1868, a few residents of Mount Noorat began to agitate for a school when Murdoch Macdonald of *Horseshoe Bend*, Noorat and David Ellis of *Allambah* wrote letters to the Board of Education. At that time the following families, irrespective of their religious faiths, had potential children for the school: Adcock, Patrick Brennan & Nicholas Brennan, Beechey, Carson, Clynes, Ellis, Goodwin, Macrae, Murdoch Macdonald & Simon Macdonald and Scally. At the time, the Board of Education did not consider that there were enough children to warrant building a school at Mount Noorat.

By July 1872, the residents of Mount Noorat had donated £38 towards a school building with three people appointed to canvas the district.

On November 27, 1872, The Board of Education finally approved a grant and in December 1872 a tender was accepted from Mr James Taylor, a builder of Terang along with architect Henry R. Bastow, to erect the stone building on two acres of gazetted land. The building was complete on June 6, 1873.

The Mount Noorat School opened on November 10, 1873 with Mrs Margaret Evans as Head Teacher. Mrs Evans, a widow with five children, was forced to board at the Mount Noorat Hotel until the teacher's residence was completed in April 1874.

In early December 1873, the home of Mrs Carson become a Presbyterian Church for Mount Noorat with an official church building opening in 1974.

Source: Climbing the Mountain of Knowledge, Noorat Primary School, Celebrating 130 years of Service to the Noorat Community - 1873 - 2023



Celebrating

150
YEAR

Anniversary

Visit us on:

Thursday 9th November

2.30 - 3.30pm

Noorat Primary School are celebrating 150 years of excellence in education. To mark the occasion, we invite members of the school community, past & present to come for a walk down memory lane.

Our library will be lined with memorabilia along with student artwork, with guests also enjoying a stroll around our expansive grounds.

The official cake-cutting will occur at 3.15pm

Commemorative tea towels will be available to order - information on socials for those who are unable to attend.



NOORAT PRIMARY SCHOOL
Climbing the Mountain of Knowledge

Nov 10th, 1873 - 2023



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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
Eve Black 55925333



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- Hover over 'Our School'
- Click 'Newsletters'

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Shape our future.**

Drop in and share your feedback on our services for your chance to win some great prizes.

Clarkes Pies, Mortlake
 11am-1pm | Thursday 2 November

Terang Co-Op SUPA IGA
 11am-1pm | Friday 17 November

Noorat Show
 Saturday 18 November

If you can't make it, let us know your thoughts by:

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Applications close 5 pm Sunday 5 November.

Plant Maintenance Coordinator

- Exciting opportunity available for a qualified mechanic to join our friendly team
- Permanent full-time, based in Camperdown
- Flexible hours negotiable
- \$71,336 - \$74,417 based on qualifications and experience

Applications close 5 pm, Wednesday 8 November.

Youth and Grants Officer

- Permanent full-time
- 19-day month
- \$70,666 - \$78,534 based on qualifications and experience

Applications close 5 pm, Sunday 5 November.

Apply at corangamite.vic.gov.au/employment

NATIONAL RECYCLING WEEK
PLANET ARK

POP UP INFO SESSIONS

CORANGAMITE SHIRE

Answering all your waste and recycling questions including FOGO, new glass service and what goes in what bin!

Terang Library	Wednesday 15 November	1 pm
Derrinallum Library	Friday 17 November	10 am
Camperdown Library	Friday 17 November	4 pm

Light Up Camperdown Light and Lantern Festival



CORANGAMITE
SHIRE

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

Roving performers and buskers | Late night shopping | Christmas market
Finishing the night by lighting up the Camperdown Clocktower!

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



Free Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) available.

Collect from the Civic Centre, local library
or Port Campbell Visitor Information Centre.



Facility Design Grants open

Sporting clubs and organisations across Corangamite Shire can apply for grants of up to \$7,500 through the Facility Design Grants program. The funding provides assistance to clubs and organisations to develop designs for future improvements to facilities. Application forms and guidelines at corangamite.vic.gov.au/grants

Applications 5 pm, Friday 3 November.

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Free green waste disposal to get your home bushfire-ready

Two weather systems – El Niño and a positive Indian Ocean Dipole – will mean hotter and drier conditions over spring and summer, leading to a higher fire risk.

In addition, recent wet conditions have increased grass growth, so there is a higher risk of grassfires coming into summer.

Council is offering free domestic green waste disposal to Shire residents until Sunday 5 November to help you get ready for fire season.

In addition, green-lidded Food Organics and Garden Organics bins are being collected weekly, instead of fortnightly, until the end of the year.

Non-commercial customers can drop off green waste at the Naroghid Landfill and all Shire transfer stations.

Normally a heaped trailer or ute load of green waste costs \$38.80 to dispose of, so this is a great chance to clean up your property for free.

For more information on the collection changes, please visit our website and download the kerbside calendar from corangamite.vic.gov.au/Waste.

Council officers are carrying out inspections this month and will issue fire prevention notices to properties that need to reduce vegetation.

For more information about fire prevention, go to corangamite.vic.gov.au/Fire-ready or call 5593 7100.



Seven steps to safety

To safeguard yourself and your neighbours:

- Tidy up around your yard, especially in gutters and around your house.
- If you have one, clear your firebreak. It is still possible for grass to grow in gravel.
- Move firewood away from your home.
- Cut your grass.
- Create and discuss a Bushfire Plan with your family.
- Always have a secondary plan in case something goes wrong.
- Plan for pets and livestock as well as your family.

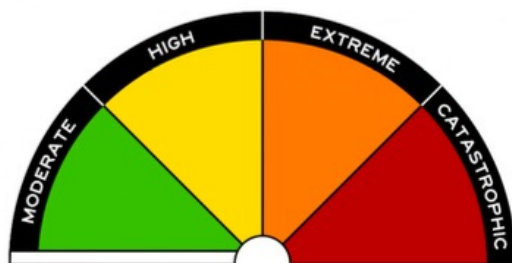
All residents should have a fire plan and know what to do if there is a fire. Now is the best time to understand your fire risk and get prepared, not when a fire starts.

You can download a helpful guide from cfa.vic.gov.au/firereadykit

Know the Fire Danger Ratings

As the summer approaches be sure to monitor conditions and check the

VicEmergency app or website at emergency.vic.gov.au at home and before travelling. Daily fire danger ratings can also be found at cfa.vic.gov.au



Catastrophic For your survival, leave bush fire risk areas	Extreme Take action now to protect your life and property
High Be ready to act	Moderate Plan and prepare

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