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GARFIELD CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Jenny Cullel; photos by Gwen O

The Garfield Christmas street festival was held on December 15 last year. The weather blessed us with a quite a warm afternoon and evening. The event drew a large crowd, with possibly the largest amount of people attending ever. Stall holders filled both sides of the main street. There was a large variety of food vans with food including dumplings, dim sims, sausage sizzle, ice creams with soft drinks, milk shakes, ciders or wine to wash it down.



There was an assortment of different wares for sale; clothes, jewellery and ornaments to name a few. There were a variety of games to play on the grass area adjacent to the railway line. Entertainment included the Maryknoll fire choir, drumming and a guest appearance from Elvis! Many local businesses stayed open for the event with all the eating places well patronised. The op shop stayed open late, kindly manned by volunteers.

Before the fireworks started people moved to the sides of the Main Street to watch the parade of local sports groups, followed several classic cars. Santa paid a visit and was given a warm welcome by the youngsters and oldies alike.

The fireworks were absolutely brilliant, going for at least 10 minutes, and just when I thought they had finished another burst of colour and noise filled the skies.

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BITS AND PIECES

Gwen O

Garfield Theatre

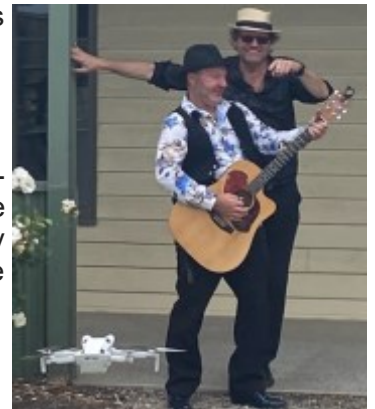
The last theatre night was on December 16th featuring "Creedence Clearwater Revival". What a show it was! Many of the songs that made the band so popular were in the show, including *Midnight Special*, *Bad Moon Rising* and *Lookin' Out My Back Door*.

The night was enjoyed by the full theatre crowd. There was a good supper at the interval, and Peter and Tony played from their garden position before, at interval and after the show. It all made for a great evening of entertainment. Thanks Susie and Fred!



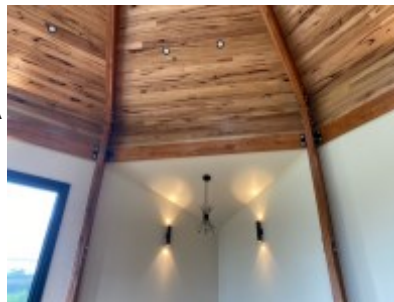
Caldermeade Farm

Caldermeade Farm and cafe (see advert on page 16): recently on a Sunday afternoon The Funk Divinos were the featured entertainment at the farm/cafe. The Divinos—Tony and Peter—also perform at the Garfield Theatre on the monthly Show Nights. The photo on the right shows the guys taking a break to watch the drone (bottom left of photo) that was taking photos at the Farm.



Sherwood Orchard

An addition to the Cafe at the orchard has recently been completed with great results. A good highway stop between Garfield & Bunyip turn offs, the building now has an additional 40 seats for eating in. Many design features with super high ceilings, timber floors and big windows.



Morning Melodies

Bayles Hall is the local destination if you are looking for an hour of music from various singers. The monthly Morning Melodies (4th Thursday of the month, 10:30 to 11:30) is organised by Eddie James, a long time entertainer himself. His two lovely daughters entertain occasionally and others include Andrew Portelli as "Elvis" and David Gould as "Johnny Cash".



Rest in Peace

To the families and friends of those who have lost loved ones in Garfield and surrounds in December and January, we offer our sympathy and support at this sad time..

BITS AND PIECES CONT.

Gwen O

Garfield Swimming Pool

We are so fortunate to have the Swimming pool in Garfield, although the warm days over 26c have been a bit fewer than most years. However, the recent Pool Party held on 12 January was a great warm day, with lots of young children and adults enjoying the day.

I was there with two grandchildren and they were in and out of the water for the four hours we were there. Thanks to the organisers.



"Five Aces" Brewery in Neerim South

Walk through the front of the Main Street cafe and then along a narrow but long area with retro tables and chairs, through to a back area where music is often featured. The outdoor area with tables and benches and the entertainment is on the back of an old Ford truck in a shed set-up.

Recently a group of us went to hear the Richie Langford one man band. This guy was once a member of the Creedence Band and now does his solo shows in areas in Victoria and other states. A talented musician and singer gave us a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.

The brewery has lots of different beers if you enjoy beer. The wood fired pizzas and other food was delicious, as were the deserts.



SO MAYBE ELVIS HASN'T LEFT THE BUILDING Linda Evans

You could be forgiven for feeling a little confused recently when not one, but four Elvises (or should that be Elvisi) were spotted at the main Bunnings store in Pakenham.

They were there to feed and refresh the customers and more importantly raise funds for **Variety Children's Charity**. Approximately \$1500 was made on this day. This amount, together with proceeds from an upcoming Golf Day at Garfield Gold Club, will help to secure their spot in the Variety Bash later in the year.

Congratulations and thanks to John Preston and your buddies for all the amazing time you devote to such a worthwhile cause.



BUDGET HACK

Lynne Brady

I recently went to the grocers and saw that pineapples were on special. I know the pineapple farmers have been doing it tough so I thought I might get one and make my 'Honeyed Chicken and Pineapple'. Next came a chicken fillet. Suddenly my cheap pineapple was not so cheap. I looked at all of the different chicken cuts. My mind went back to my childhood when chicken was an expensive meal that we only had on birthdays and at Christmas. Our family of six had leg of lamb, lamb cutlets and pocket steak every week. Nowadays chicken is considered the cheapest meal. Even so, I was not impressed with the cost of the various cuts.

Instead I bought a whole RSPCA approved chicken for \$7.50. At home I cut it up and finished with two drumsticks, two breasts, four pieces for roasting and some shreds for a stir-fry. I then put what was left in a pot with 3 litres of water, a quartered onion, parsley, peppercorns, thyme, bay leaves and a splash of cider vinegar (all from my pantry). Three hours later I had a pot of rich chicken stock.

I ended up with the beginnings for at least ten meals for 75 cents per meal as well as enough scraps off the cooked carcass for a meal for my two dogs.

Bear in mind I do live alone, but this will still work for couples.



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Sunday February 18	9.00am	Bunyip Uniting Church
Sunday February 25	9.00am	Garfield Uniting Church
Sunday March 3	9.00am	Bunyip Uniting Church
Sunday March 10	9.00am	Garfield Uniting Church
Sunday March 17	9.00am	Bunyip Uniting Church
Thursday March 21	11.00am	Hillview Aged Care

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Speedy the Jack Russell terrier got very excited when she saw bags getting packed. Packed bags meant holidays and Speedy loved exploring new places. She was equally happy to go to places she had been before, she just loved getting away from home every now and again. When the car had been loaded she eagerly jumped into her carry case on the back seat of the car.

The first stop on the way to visit family in Echuca was at Yea. Speedy had a big walk around the park there to stretch her legs. There were lots of things to smell, she could tell there were possums living in the trees, and that lots of other dogs walked in the park and that food was cooked in the barbeque area. Then she headed to the playground to get a pat from some children playing on the equipment. After a quick drink of water, she hopped back into the carry case and slept for the rest of the trip.

On arrival at Echuca she jumped out of the car to say hello to Willow the black and white Cocker Spaniel. Willow and Speedy ran around the garden area playing with balls and ropes and other dog toys. That night Speedy was very tired and she happily got back

into her carry case to sleep for the night. The next day was a beautiful sunny day and the grandchildren asked Jenny if she would like to come fishing with them. They went out the back gate down to their pontoon which floated on the Murray River. The boys and Jenny all threw a line into the river and straight away were getting nibbles. Speedy wandered around the pontoon and was getting used to it moving about when boats passed and made waves on the water.

Speedy thought she might like a drink of the water but she leant over the edge just as the pontoon swayed and she fell in. This was the first time she had ever been in deep water and she immediately started swimming—doggy paddle of course. Jenny reached in and grabbed her harness and pulled her out of the river.

Once back on the pontoon she shook herself all over to get rid of some of the water. She laid down in the sun on the deck and it did not take long for her to get fully dry.

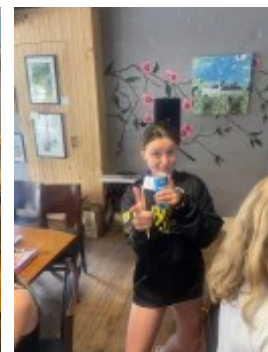
Enjoy the rest of your holiday Speedy.

GARFIELD YOUTH NIGHT

On the 16th of December Garfield Mental Health and Wellness Group held its very first youth night for young people in grades 5 through to 6. The decision was made by the group to create a safe engaging space for the young people to make connections and simply to just hang out. The night was held at Brewsters Foodstore and Café where the young people enjoyed a pizza night.

The night was supervised and guided by industry professionals and members of the community. It was a positive outcome, and the young people amazed us with their artistic talents and fabulous social skills. It was amazing to watch how the young people interacted with each other and how some were able to step up into a leadership role in helping run the night. We hope to run this throughout the year and look forward to introducing new activities in a larger and more exciting space where we will be able to incorporate some outdoor activities. This program will be guided by the young people with their ideas and interest as the driver of how things operate. Big thank you to Gemma Brown for organising the event.

See locally for February details.



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Thanks "rain collector" Keith Wilkinson

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WHAT HAPPENED IN GARFIELD IN 1924?

Heather Arnold hamold@dcsi.net.au

This is a look at what happened in Garfield and surrounds, 100 years ago, in 1924, as reported in the newspapers.

The first issue of *The Age* for the year reported on this snake bite incident: *A Dangerous Plaything. Child bitten by Snake—Edith Jackson, aged 6 years, was bitten by a snake on the calf of the leg whilst playing with other children on a farm at Iona, on Saturday. It appears that the children were amusing themselves with the reptile, when it attacked the little girls and struck her on the leg. Several young men who were playing cricket nearby applied first-aid measures, and motored the child to Bunyip for medical treatment. She is now out of danger (The Age, January 1, 1924).*

In February the Garfield Railway Station burnt down: *The Garfield railway station, on the main Gippsland line was totally destroyed by a fire which broke out about two o'clock this morning. The station master, Mr. Bartlett, locked up at 10.30 last night, when everything appeared to be safe, and the origin of the outbreak is a mystery. The crew of a goods train gave the alarm, but the fire had gained such a hold that nothing could be saved (The Herald, February 21, 1924).*

Another report in *The Argus* gave us more information about the fire: *The Garfield railway station was completely destroyed by a fire which occurred about 2 o'clock on Thursday morning. The fire was first noticed by the crew of a goods train who awakened the station master. Owing to no water supply being available, the onlookers were unable to prevent the flames from spreading. A few milk cans were rescued from the goods shed. A number of parcels, including two bicycles and a perambulator, and a quantity of passengers' luggage, were destroyed, in addition to departmental records. The origin of the fire is unknown (The Argus, February 25, 1924).*

In March a robbery occurred at the Bunyip races—the *Koo Wee Rup Sun* reported: *Race meeting sensation. Man covered with revolver—A sensation was caused at the Bunyip races on Monday, when it became known that the ticket office had been robbed, and that one of the suspected thieves had been captured at the point of the revolver. While one race was being run, the clerk in charge of the ticket office, which is near the entrance gates, had his attention diverted by several strangers, who engaged him in conversation. A moment later he discovered that his cash, believed to amount to £116, was missing.*

A young man was moving away from the office, and the clerk, producing a revolver, ordered him to halt. Immediate investigations were begun by the police, and later arrests were made. Those arrested were William Barnett, 22 years; Maurice Brennan, 22 years; and Arthur Cohen, 24 years. They were charged with having stolen from the ticket office a sum supposed to total £116. An unsuccessful attempt was made to obtain bondsmen for the accused, who were locked up.

The arrests were made by Plains-clothes Constable Lanigan, Constable Robinson (Bunyip), and Constable Barrett (Warragul). (Koo Wee Rup Sun, March 13, 1924). The men faced trial at the end of April in the Melbourne Magistrate's Court. Maurice Brennan was found not-guilty; and Arthur Cohen and William Barnett were convicted and as they had prior convictions, they were both sentenced to 18 months in gaol.

March was a rainy month: *Bunyip—Since the rain commenced on Wednesday evening, 533 points have been registered. The water in the main drain, the outlet for the Bunyip River, through the swamp country, has risen 11 feet since Thursday night. Grave fears are entertained that the country around Cora Lynn will again be flooded (The Age, March 29, 1924). There are 100 points of rain in an inch and an inch of rain is 25mm.*

In April, there was a report of the goods traffic at the Garfield Railway Station: *During the last season 9000 tons of potatoes and 2000 tons of general merchandise and produce were consigned for the local station (The Age, April 8, 1924). Also in April, there was a serious fire at Iona: A serious fire occurred at Iona on Monday morning, when the general store and drapery business of Messrs. Burton and Yates, together with the Iona bakery and the local branch of the E. S. and A. Bank, were destroyed. The total damage amounts to close on £2000, and is only partly covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is surmised that it started in the bakery, where the bread for Monday morning's rounds had been baked (The Age, April 9, 1924).*

What could have been a very serious accident occurred in May: *Whilst driving along Vervale-road, Mr. W. Simpson, a local farmer, was thrown from his jinker. The horse bolted, but the driver retained the rein, and was dragged a considerable distance. He finally brought the animal to a standstill, but the horse backed, and the jinker wheel passed over the man's neck. Fortunately he escaped with a few abrasions and bruises (The Age, May 2, 1924).*

In June, a tin mining venture was refused: *Opposition to Tin leases - Garfield - Some time ago a syndicate was formed to work tin bearing country in the ranges to the north, but on application to the Government it met with unexpected opposition from the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission. This body opposed the granting of any tin-mining leases on the ground that the syndicate's operations would probably be carried on within the watersheds of the Bunyip and Tarago rivers, and cause a pollution of the waters destined to supply the Westernport naval base scheme. The applicants declare that such would not be the case, and consider that if a well capitalised company were allowed to go into the industry something might be done towards opening up a tract of country which at present is a "no man's land" (The Age, June 6, 1924).*

Local roads have always been an issue: *The Country Roads Board has refused to consider a proposal that it should take over the 13-Mile as a developmental road to link up the main Gippsland railway, at Garfield, with the Great Southern line, at Lang Lang, through the centre of the Kooweerup Swamp. The shire council has let a section of this road for metalling between Garfield and Iona (The Age, July 12, 1924).*

A fatal accident occurred in July: *Garfield —On Wednesday Mr. W. Bellman met with a serious accident whilst ploughing with a two-horse team on his farm, on the Modella-road. While turning, one of the horses slipped and fell into a table drain, and in his efforts to extricate the animal Mr. Bellman was knocked on the forehead. He was taken to a private hospital at Bunyip, and immediately operated on. Little hope of his recovery is entertained (The Age, July 18, 1924). A later report said that Mr. William Bellman did sadly pass away a few days later. He was 64 years of age.*



Railway Station: Berwick Pakenham Historical Society

Garfield Weighbridge Directors – the weighbridge was erected in 1916. *Garfield Weighbridge Co. Ltd.* Registered office, Garfield. Capital, £250 in £1 shares. Directors: John Wylie Wright Barker, Albert Stirling Barker, John Dowd, William Frederick Schmutter, Thomas Cole Green, John James O'Leary, and Charles Nicholas Barnes (*The Herald*, August 4, 1924). I presume that the two men named Barker and Thomas Green were connected to Barker, Green and Parke P/L—produce merchants.

Also in August was this report of a criminal case with a Garfield connection: *Country Visitor's Pistol*. An expensive mistake. Harry Close, 23 years, laborer, who came to Melbourne last week from Garfield, Gippsland, was charged at the City Court yesterday with being in possession of an unregistered pistol, and also with carrying it without a permit. Plain-clothes Constable O'Connell gave evidence that in investigating a case of supposed larceny at Garfield, he arrested Close at 11 p.m. on Saturday on the arrival of the Gippsland train. Nothing was found to connect accused with the larceny, and he was allowed to go, and his swag was detained at Russell-street. When the latter was searched an old pattern revolver was found, which was loaded in one barrel and capped. When Close came to the police station next morning he said the pistol had been given him by a man named Miller at Garfield. He had tried to get it registered, but there were no police at Garfield. Close told the bench that the pistol was practically useless. When it was fired the barrel fell off. He regarded it as a keepsake. On the charge of having an unregistered pistol Close was fined £2 (*The Age*, August 5, 1924).

In August a local man, Daniel Laurence McNamara (1876-1947), joined the Ministry in the Victorian Labour Government; he was a Berwick Shire councillor 1901-1910, and in the Victorian Parliament from 1916 until 1947. General satisfaction is expressed at the inclusion of Mr. D. L. McNamara in the Labour Ministry. Mr. McNamara is practically a native of Iona, where his people still reside. He was one of the original pioneers, and when almost a boy was elected to the Berwick Shire Council, where he displayed sound progressive and democratic views. He was also Shire President (*The Advocate*, August 7, 1924).

The excellent state of the Garfield Recreation Reserve was reported on in August: Some three years ago the Garfield Reserve and Racecourse was an eyesore to the district, but active trustees were elected and nearly £800 raised and spent on improvements, and today the football ground and racecourse is equal to anything in Gippsland. Seven trustees elected again during the week are Messrs. Parker, Crouch, Dowd, Gardner, Olson, Reidy and Waugh. (*The Advocate*, August 7, 1924).

A shooting incident at Tynong in August: *Man shot instead of Bullock*. George Cousins was accidentally shot in the thigh at Tynong (Gippsland) this morning. A relative of Cousins fired at a bullock, and Cousins, unaware of the preparations for killing the animal, walked in front of the rifle, as it was discharged. The injured man was taken to the Bunyip Hospital and, after having received treatment, returned to his home at Tynong (*The Herald*, August 7 1924).

August was also a month of heavy rain and wide-spread flooding on the Koo Wee Rup Swamp: *Garfield—Further heavy rains have caused a flood on the swamp, in the vicinity of the main drain. On the 14 mile road, the paddocks of Messrs Filer, Golding, and Voll are under water. The water is a foot deep in Mrs. McLean's house, and Mr. J. Kavanagh's home is surrounded by water. In spite of the efforts of workers the waters crossed the road and the paddocks of Messrs. O'Leary, Leask, and B. Kavanagh are covered. Mr. O'Leary had 10 acres just planted with potatoes. At Vervale, the water rose over the banks of the main drain, and the properties of Messrs. Henwood, McGrath, and Baker are inundated. The Iona school-ground is under water. The flood swept across the*

farms of Messrs Lennox, Tyrell, and McManis. On the 13-mile road, the pipes were washed away from a new culvert, and the banks of the new subsidiary drain etc were carried away. In the township the shops of Messrs Khan, Hourigan, and Isherwood were flooded. The footpaths had to be cut in several places to turn the water from the road to the township flats. The drain through Mr. Jones's farm could not carry the flood, and portion of Garfield Reserve is submerged. Three inches of rain fell in 24 hours (*The Argus*, August 28, 1924).

Dingoes in the hills: *Garfield - Dingoes are more numerous in the hills to the north than they have been for years. Deer have multiplied in these timbered districts, which probably accounts for the presence of the dogs* (*The Age*, September 4, 1924).

Women form an Association: *A Women's Progress Association has been formed at Garfield to assist in matters of benefit to the district. Mrs. Limmer has been elected president, Mrs. Martin secretary, and Mrs. Gardner treasurer* (*The Argus*, September 15, 1924).

The on-going issue of the price paid to primary producers versus the retail price: *Dairymen in the Garfield district complain of the disparity between the price paid to them by wholesale metropolitan dairymen and the price charged the consumer. They state that while they are paid only 7½d. a gallon, the householder is charged 7d. a quart. The establishment of milk-cooling factories throughout dairying areas should revolutionise the milk supply. Longwarry Co-operative Factory proposes to pay suppliers 9d. a gallon, and, after treatment, to pass the milk on to the consumer at 1/3 a gallon* (*Weekly Times*, October 4, 1924).

On December 22, 1924 the Garfield Picture Theatre opened. It is still going strong and I wonder what gala centenary celebrations are planned for 2024. *The Garfield Picture Theatre was opened on Monday night. It is one of the finest theatres outside the suburban area, and cost Mr. M. O'Donohue more than £5,000 to erect. In addition an electric-lighting plant, costing £1,000, has been installed. Mr. Meagher, of Collins street, was the architect, and the builders were Messrs. Rose and Wales, of Melbourne. The opening ceremony was performed by Councillor Dowd, and short addresses were delivered by Messrs. H. Coombs, H. Gardner, R. James, and H. Hourigan. Councillor P. Walsh occupied the chair. Mr. O'Donohue afterwards entertained about 700 guests, who enjoyed dancing and supper. The theatre will seat about 800 people* (*The Argus*, December 30, 1924).



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

Final design for upgrades to the skatepark at Garfield Recreation Reserve

Cardinia Shire Council has released a final design for an upgrade to the skatepark and surrounds at Garfield Recreation Reserve.

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

Council's FREE green waste drop-off events are back!

Residents are encouraged to drop off their green waste for free at the upcoming Green-waste drop off events in Pakenham and Lysterfield.

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Free skills development workshops for community groups

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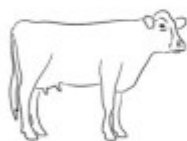
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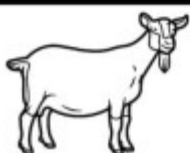
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OUR VISION: *Bunyip and District will become an environmentally sustainable, carbon neutral community*

OUR MISSION: *To reduce Bunyip and District's carbon footprint.*

We hope everyone in Bunyip and District had an excellent festive season and you are all feeling rested and ready for whatever 2024 throws at us!

BRAG is gearing up for another busy year in which we hope to continue to make progress towards our vision of an environmentally sustainable, carbon neutral community.

NOW WE REALLY HAVE SOMETHING TO BRAG ABOUT!!!

BRAG was excited to be announced as a winner at the Premier's Sustainability Award Ceremony in November. We are the "Community Champion" in the "Future Energy" category.

Although there was no financial reward we hope that this award will help to raise our profile and assist us when we apply for grants to fund future projects.

BUNYIP COMMUNITY MARKET:

By the time you read this we will have attended the Bunyip Market on January 28th with a few energy saving products to sell as well as our final attempt to pair up plastic lids and containers.

(unfortunately this initiative did not successfully pair up many lonely lids and containers at all)

If you missed us at the January market and would like to purchase or learn more about the products listed below that we have for sale please contact us via bragbunyip@gmail.com

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We will be back at the market in February so come and say hi and learn about how YOU can support us to achieve our vision and secure a safer future for our children and grandchildren.

We will also be collecting used disposable coffee cups and empty blister packs each month at the market

NOT FOR PROFITS AND CLIMATE CHANGE:

After this summer break BRAG will be continuing its work with and support of all the user groups at the Recreation Reserve as well as other local NFP organisations as they strive to reduce their carbon foot print by energy saving and reducing waste to landfill as well as other more administrative measures such as switching to a greener power company and moving away from gas appliances.



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