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I GUESS IT'S TIME TO ADDRESS THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM: 1

It would seem that many Garfield residents have found out, in a very convoluted way, about the proposed bus stop for east bound buses in the middle of town, resulting in the loss of valuable car parking spaces. Apparently, there has been no prior consultation with residents or local businesses (allegedly they don't have to!) and the Shire is only required to sign off regarding OH & S aspects of the proposed plan.

**Why were our business operators only notified by letter on 5th February of the work to commence on 17th March?*

**What about the fact that parking spaces are at a premium for our many elderly residents?*

**What about the fact that they are planning to encroach on our hallowed space around the Cenotaph?*

**What about the fact that there is ample parking space in northern station carpark?*

**What about the fact that opposite the westbound bus stop there would seem to be redundant land which could be utilised with equal access to the station?*

Local business proprietors, Greg Howson and Tony Lock, on behalf of the community, have been in contact with local Councillor, Alanna Pomeroy, Miepol (the company conducting the work), Public Transport Victoria and Minister Harriet Shing.

Dave Papley, on behalf of the RSL, has written to Miepol to protest the potential encroachment on the Cenotaph which is disrespectful to all Veterans.

Everyone is requesting a massive re-think and local consultation.

If you wish to express your disappointment with these developments feel free to contact:

Councillor Alanna Pomeroy: alanna.pomeroy@cardinia.vic.gov.au

MP Wayne Farnham: wayne.farnham@parliament.vic.gov.au

Miepol: 9364 7345 or info@miepol.com

Public Transport Victoria: 1800 800 007 (6 am – midnight)

AND JUST WHEN YOUR THOUGHT IT COULDN'T GET ANY WORSE

I read on Page 13 of Pakenham Gazette there will be no V/line trains from 21st March for 10 days, so buses will replace trains. What a crowded street we will have! Also restricted service over the March weekends and four days in April.

I GUESS IT'S TIME TO ADDRESS THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM: 2

This is the latest update I have received from Councillor Pomeroy on the situation as at Friday night:

Hi Linda

Please see below

Garfield, like many of our other railway towns is defined by our access to public transport. It is something that is incredibly valuable and enables us to be connected in a way so many other towns aren't fortunate to have.

But in our small towns parking isn't abundant and our local businesses rely on us and visitors to our towns being able to easily get a park so that we can shop locally. So, when Public Transport Victoria and Department of Transport and Planning notified local traders of the impending works for a new V/line bus stop, it is understandable that they felt they weren't consulted about the decision, nor was the wider community.

I'd like to thank those that have reached out in recent weeks. While by the time you are reading this there may be further developments and updates from the State Government, this is the current info.

- *Nar Nar Goon Longwarry Road is not managed by Council; this means that works including to carparks and bus stops (as well as potholes and resealing) is undertaken by Department of Transport and Planning (DTP)*
- *Council received the plans and has reviewed the proposal to ensure it meets safety guidelines.*
- *Whilst the bus stop complies with regulations, Council have raised concerns with the Department of Transport and Planning about the loss of parking, the impact on local small businesses and the location in front of the Garfield War Memorial Cenotaph.*

Following discussions with our Mayor Jack Kowarzik to relay your concerns, he has contacted Harriet Shing MP, the Member for Eastern Victoria.

I know a number of you have reached out to Miepol to express your concerns and I'm hoping you will receive direct responses from them or the Department.

I would like to thank Councillor Pomeroy for her prompt response to each of my emails and here genuine concern for our plight.

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WORSHIP SERVICES

Date	Time	Location
Sunday March 2	9:00am	Garfield Uniting Church
Friday March 7 (World Day of Prayer)	10:30am	St. Joseph Church Iona
Sunday March 9	9:00am	Bunyip Uniting Church
Sunday March 16	9:00am	Garfield Uniting Church
Thursday March 20	11:00am	Hillview Aged Care
Sunday March 23	9:00am	Bunyip Uniting Church
Sunday March 30	9:00am	Garfield Uniting Church
Sunday April 6	9:00am	Bunyip Uniting Church
Sunday April 13	9:00am	Garfield Uniting Church

Website: <https://bunyipdistrictunitingchurch.wordpress.com>
For further information please phone: 0414 716 521

SERVICE LOCATIONS:

Bunyip - 9 Nash Road. Garfield - 13 Garfield Road. Hillview Bunyip - 22 Abeckett Road.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Ecumenical Prayer Group. Monday 8:00am at 'The Crossing' 134a Princes Way Drouin. Phone 5625 2655.

Welcome to the Well. First and third Mondays 7:00pm at Drouin. Phone Stuart 5625 3202.

Craft and Friendship Group. Tuesday 10:00am at the Garfield Church Hall (not during school holidays). Phone Robyn 5629 5541.

Adult Fellowship (UCAF). Second Thursday 6:00pm at the Bunyip Church Hall. Phone Margaret on 5629 2318.



COLLINGWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB VISIT

The staff and students at Garfield Primary School were very fortunate on the morning of Tuesday, February 11th to have some special visitors from the Collingwood Football Club. Premiership players; Josh Daicos, Issac Quaynor and Mason Cox all attended as well as new draftees; Iliro Smit and Joel Cochran. Each of the players shared some fun facts about themselves before taking lots of questions from some very excited and curious students! There were lots of interesting questions about their most difficult opponents, training regimes, other talents, shoe collections (it's worth noting that Josh Daicos has well over 100 pairs of shoes!) and even their favourite 'cheat meals'. There were some equally as interesting and insightful responses and the players demonstrated a great sense of humour. The students were captivated for 45 minutes, listening to these AFL superstars speak and hung off every word that they had to say. Any mad Collingwood supporters that had bought merchandise along were able to get some autographs as well.

The players were blown away with the behaviour and the listening of our students, commenting that our values of being safe and respectful learners was very evident. This made for one very proud Principal. We are so grateful to the Collingwood Football Club for making the effort to come out and visit us, it certainly provided a wonderful highlight for our students!



Forget-Me-Not Café

The Forget-Me-Not Café is an opportunity to make new friends and nurture old ones, share experiences and create new ones in an environment of support and understanding.



Join us at the **Forget-Me-Not Café**
Hewitt Eco House Community Room
215 Rossiter Road, Koo Wee Rup
10.00am - 12.00pm



Upcoming
Dates:

Tuesday's 2025

28th January

25th March

27th May

29th July

30th September

25th November

The Café aims to bring together people living with dementia and their loved ones in Koo Wee Rup, and surrounding areas.

The Café is a nurturing space that offers enrichment, support and understanding, where you can share experiences with others living with the challenges of dementia.

Contact Joanne for more information 5997 9655
Joanne.Cain@krhs.net.au



FREE

My Aged Care and Care Finder Sessions 2025



Understanding My Aged Care and Care Finder

The Australian Government's funded My Aged Care services provides support such as cleaning, shopping, and personal care to eligible seniors. To access these services, you need to have an assessment.

Free Care Finder services help vulnerable older people to access My Aged Care support, including help to navigate the My Aged Care application and assessment process.

If you or someone you know needs support to stay safe and independent, these sessions will get you started.

Each session explains:

- How My Aged Care services can support you
- The registration and assessment process for My Aged Care
- The role of an Aged Care Specialist Officer who can support you in person
- The Care Finder service which helps you navigate and access My Aged Care
- Opportunity to speak directly to an expert.

The sessions are free and include refreshments.

Proudly presented in partnership with COTA Victoria, Wintringham, Monash Health and Care Connect.

Session 1: Officer
Cardinia Civic Centre, Council Chambers
20 Siding Avenue, Officer

Thursday 27 March, 11am-2pm

Session 2: Koo Wee Rup
Koo Wee Rup Senior Citizens Centre
1A Ickle Rd, Koo Wee Rup

Wednesday 28 May, 1-3.30pm



Book now!

Sessions are flexible - Choose to attend one, both or part of a session.

To book, please contact our Ageing Well team by phone on 1300 787 624 or email mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au.



FREE

Dementia and carer's information sessions

This series of sessions provides crucial and valuable information to help carers better support their loved ones by addressing their own needs through a personalised approach. It is a great opportunity to increase your understanding of the many services available that may assist you as a carer.

Learn how to become a registered carer on Tuesday 4 March so that you are eligible to attend a session on Tuesday 6 May.

Proudly presented in partnership with Alfred Health Carer Services, Dementia Services Australia and Dementia Australia.

All sessions held at Outlook Community Centre, 24 Toornuc Valley Rd, Pakenham.

For assistance booking, phone Outlook Community Centre 5940 4728 or visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/careressions2025



Tuesday 4 March

You are not required to be registered with Carer Gateway to attend these sessions.

Session 1

Understanding dementia - you're not alone!

Learn what dementia looks like and how to assist those you care about.

Find out about the Forget Me Not - dementia friendly cafe social groups in Cardinia Shire. Be introduced to Carer Gateway, the registration process and the many benefits of becoming a registered carer.

Time: 11am - 12.30pm
Cost: Free (light lunch available 12.30 - 1pm)

Session 2

An introduction to the Carer Gateway and registration process

The Alfred Health Carer team explains the Carer Gateway registration process and the many benefits of becoming a registered carer.

Experts can connect you with a range of supports and programs tailored to your needs.

Time: 1pm - 2pm
Cost: Free (afternoon tea included)

Tuesday 6 May 2025

These sessions are for those already registered with Carer Gateway and eager to learn more.

Session 1

Carer Gateway '101' - learning the basics

Alfred Health Carers explains the services available to you as a registered member of Carer Gateway, a free service that offers a range of programs to support carers.

Hear about the carers social support group which meets monthly in Pakenham.

Time: 11am - 12.15pm
Cost: Free (morning tea included)

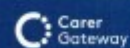
Session 2

Practical matters in dementia care, tips and strategies

Come and explore practical matters in dementia care, with useful tips and strategies, Q & A.

Hear from carers who attend the Forget Me Not cafe and the Carers social support group which meets monthly in Cardinia Shire.

Time: 1 - 3pm
Cost: Free (afternoon tea included)



GARFIELD PICTURE THEATRE

Three shows in 6 weeks at the Garfield Theatre.

First in 2025 on Jan 25 we had Thunderstruck - AC DC. Really entertaining Show with a lot of action on stage and off. People loved this show. Lots of the audience up and dancing.



Show 2 on 8th Feb was Fleetwood Pac - which was a Tribute to Fleetwood Mac.

Really good show with great singers and musicians.



Show 3 was Saturday February 22nd.

Fantastic band with tribute to the music of Santana and the Doobie Brothers Classic Songs Collection ...performed by Dino Jag & The Mighty Big. Alternating with songs from both bands made for an exciting Show which really was enjoyed by the audience. The 6 guys were such an enthusiastic happy group of entertainers.



WHAT'S THE LOVELY SMELL IN BESWICK STREET?

Thanks to the great work of John Henderson with his Mother's Day raffle last year I learnt about this about small business at the rear of 65 Main Street, Ozz Organic.

I was fortunate to win a sample hamper of many of their products and I have been very impressed.

Everything is organic and they have a multitude of options – cleaners for ovens, glass fabric, tiles and sink cleaners, dishwashing liquid, lice treatment and Kwik-Mist Fragrances.

All ingredients are TGA approved and over the last ten Dave has been honing his skills. Lesley does much of the blending of the fragrances, I love the Musk and the Frangipani.

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WHAT HAPPENED IN GARFIELD 100 YEARS AGO IN 1925

Heather Arnold hamold@dcsi.net.au

Small family dairy farms used to be the predominant farm on the Koo Wee Rup Swamp until the 1970s or so. In the 1920s, for instance, it was estimated that there were close to 12,000 dairy cattle in the Parishes of Koo Wee Rup, Koo Wee Rup East and Yallock (approximately Koo Wee Rup to Bunyip and south to Bayles, Caldermeade and Catani) at the same time the human population would have been maybe 4,500.

My father, Frank Rouse, grew up on a small dairy farm on Murray Road at Cora Lynn and this is his story. Family farms relied on the (generally unpaid) labour of family members and Dad, his brother Jim and their two older sisters, Nancy and Dorothy, were expected to take part in the daily chores on the farm.

The family milked cows and separated the cream which they sold to the Drouin factory to make butter; the rest was fed to the pigs, which when they were fat enough were sold at the Dandenong Market. This wasn't especially profitable and around 1949 when Jim was 18 and Dad was 16, Jim got the family a milk contract. This meant they no longer had to separate the milk; it was sold as whole milk for the Melbourne market for a much higher price and thus the family income increased by 250 per cent. Jim had arranged the contract through Campbell Buchanan, of Cora Lynn, who was also the carrier.

When they got the milk contract the family began the change from Jersey cows, which produced less milk but more cream to Friesians, they were bigger cows, had less trouble calving and produced more milk.

However, this contract meant that they had to build a new cow shed. The original cow shed had been built by Frank and Jim's grandfather when he took up the block in 1903. It had six single bails, 25-30 cows were milked daily by hand, before school and after school. Neighbours, including Joe Storey and Johnny King, had milking machines. Maybe not everyone did but Dad feels fairly sure that they were the last dairy to become mechanised.

The new cow shed was built by Frank and Jim and, because of the conditions of the milk contract, the shed needed concrete floors and walls. For the concrete they needed sand, so they had to take the horses and dray up to the end of Dessent Road to the Main Drain. There was no levee bank then so they walked the horses, attached to a scoop, down into the drain where they pulled the scoop along, filled it up with sand and pulled it up the bank where Dad and Jim shovelled it onto a flat section then later shovelled it all into the dray, which belonged to their neighbour the aforementioned Johnny King, take it home and shovel it out.

They had purchased a second hand 2hp Rosebery petrol engine which powered the concrete mixer, thus the floor and lower wall (five feet high) were built (using formwork, not bricks) and the rest of the walls were timber, with a corrugated iron roof. The dairy, connected by a 6 ft wide breezeway also needed to be concreted. Once the shed was built, Joe (Jim and Frank's dad) purchased a second hand Mitchell milking machine plant from a farm in Koo Wee Rup. It took 90 minutes to get to Koo Wee Rup with a wagon and three horses – then Frank and Jim had to take the plant apart, load it and then they had to put it back together and install the machines. The plant was powered by the Rosebery engine. After this, the family milked 45-50 cows. The Rouse family had four horses, which Dad describes as '3 reasonable and one mongrel' – the best two were called Ned and Rats.

Dad had been used to working with horses as when he was 15 he worked a team of horses for Sandy Priest who lived near Bayles. He used to plant crops, scuffle potatoes etc. Sandy was also a

top cattle breeder and often topped the sales at Newmarket. Dad was actually paid for this work which was a bonus as they never got paid at home. Sandy Priest, who lived somewhere on the Bayles - Longwarry Road had hundreds of acres, his land backed up to the Railway Line, but he lived in a small shed. His bed was two spud bags stretched over poles, there was a stove in the shed and a windmill outside which filled a trough for water. When Dad was about 16 he grew some potatoes on Sandy's land and which he rented and then paid the rent in labour.

Around the time of the construction of the cow shed, Jim and Frank also began growing potatoes together at home. Initially, all the work was done by horses but it wasn't long before they purchased a brand new grey Fergie tractor - it was petrol, 16 hp and even though they were only aged 19 and 17, the Company financed them.

In 1955, Jim and Frank purchased 60 acres of land from Johnny King, in Sinclair (now Bennetts) Road at Cora Lynn. It was, we believe, about £6,000 but he allowed them to pay it back a certain amount per year – he had always been a good support to them. Jim and Frank milked cows for a year or two after that, then other family members took over and the Rouse dairy farming came to an end on June 22, 1960 when all the cattle and plant were sold at a clearing sale. Jim and Frank by then were concentrating on growing potatoes.



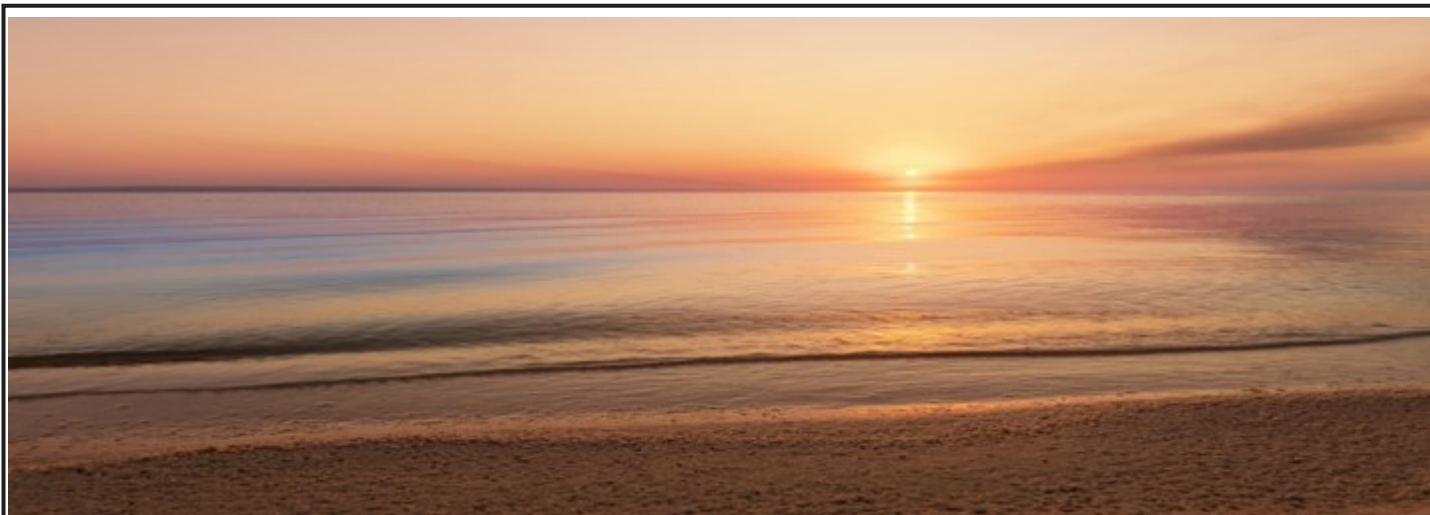
Fresian cows Rouse farm early 1950s



Pigs on the Rouse farm late 1930s



Rouse farm in 1928



GARFIELD OP SHOP NEEDS YOU

Do you have a spare four and a half hours per week, per fortnight, per month?

Our wonderful community Op. Shop relies one hundred per cent on volunteers, even and including the management committee.

All monies earned are channelled into the awarding of grants and financial assistance to local groups, sporting clubs and community projects in and around the Garfield area. In the thirteen financial years to the end of June 2024, \$470,000 has been raised and donated to many very grateful organisations – which is outstanding.

At a recent Trivia Night we heard that the average age of Garfield residents is about 35, - which surprised many people. Sadly, the average age of the volunteers in the Op. Shop is probably 70!

Many of us are reaching the age when orthopaedic twinges start, and knee or hip replacements are talked about. This can result in temporary but long-term periods of absence and the remaining volunteers helping with extra shifts. All done with good grace and smiles.

However, if we had two or three extra people (and preferably younger than 80) to take on a regular morning or afternoon shift or act as 'bank staff' in times of need, life would be so much easier.

Please think seriously about this, you may be part of an organisation that has benefited in the past and if you can help out, please call in to the shop on a Monday or Wednesday morning to speak to Helen Davey, she is our driving force and current 'Captain of the Ship.'

COLOURING COMPETITION

A big thank you to Jaq and Emma who organised this colouring competition for Garfield Pharmacy. There were many amazing entries in all age groups and the two independent judges had a very difficult task selecting the winners.

Well done to all the boys and girls who entered.

Great community spirit by a local business.



Elsie



Grace



Eli



Sebastian



Thomas



Matilda



Jack



Patrick

HOW CAN I CHANGE MY LIBRARY BOOKS?

You may or may not have noticed some small signage at either end of the middle section of the central parking in Ritchie Street.

This is reserved for the mobile library truck which visits every Monday from 12 30

to 3 15. It is a very sizeable vehicle which cannot be manoeuvred into other spaces.

To his credit the driver was yesterday visiting our shops to try and the two people who had cars parked there. To no avail and so the truck had nowhere to go except onto its next stop.

Please be mindful of this restriction on a Monday and if in the area around that time and see people parking please politely draw their attention to the signs as it does mean we may miss out.

Thank you.





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2025 PROGRAMS

RUNNING DURING THE SCHOOL TERMS

GARFIELD SCOUT HALL

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OUR PROGRAMS

- COMPUTER TUTORING: TUESDAYS 10.30-12.30 (NEXT TO THE GARFIELD POOL)
- GARFIELD ARTIST CLUB: THURSDAYS 10.30-12.30 (SCOUT HALL)
- MOY-YAN SEWING CLUB: TUESDAYS 10.30 - 12.30 (SCOUT HALL)
- WELDING WORKSHOPS: CONTACT US FOR DETAILS (SCOUT HALL)
- COMMUNITY GARDEN: (SEE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS)
- YOGA & MEDITATION: CONTACT US FOR DETAILS
- FOODBANK: AVAILABLE 24/7 (SCOUT HALL VERANDAH)
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GARFIELD PROBUS CLUB

Helen Peggie

The guest speaker at our first meeting for the year was Rob Hutchinson from the Drouin Bendigo Bank talking about scams and how to avoid being caught out by them. If it looks too good to be true then it's not true. The scammers are getting smarter and if their scam doesn't work they develop a new one trying to catch people out. We just have to be so careful with anything such as emails and bogus phone calls that try to get us to give out our personal information of any kind. There were many questions for Rob at the end of the meeting.

The Fabulous Films Group saw Desk Set with Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn which was a bit different but enjoyable. We then have a lovely afternoon tea and lots of talking.

Our outing this Month was to the Cardinia Culture Centre to see The Bobby Darin Story. On arrival we had a Devonshire Tea before the show started. Rod Gilbert is a talented jazz artist and has been a member of a number of jazz bands and has worked overseas as well in Australia. Rod began the show with finger snapping songs like Dream Lover, Beyond the Sea, Mack the Knife, and many more. He also talked about Bobby's life, and others. A good show with a great band that supported Rod. Afterwards, we went out for lunch.

BRAG's Environmental Statement on Nuclear Power in Victoria

BRAG 100% supports renewable power backed by batteries because:

RENEWABLE ENERGY	NUCLEAR ENERGY
Sun and wind (the basic ingredients) are free.	Nuclear energy has ongoing extraction and disposal costs.
Renewable energy is water free. This water can then be used for agriculture or human consumption.	Nuclear energy uses more water than coal and is vulnerable to shut downs if water is scarce (for instance, in a drought).
Renewable energy has components that can be recycled at the end of their lives.	Nuclear waste recycling is expensive and time-consuming. Australia does not currently have a nuclear waste storage facility.
Renewable energy is being developed and maintained right now by Australians.	The skills and workforce to build and maintain nuclear power plants would have to be imported and trained overseas.
Renewable energy installations are insured by the operator.	The high risks of nuclear power plants means they will have to be underwritten by the taxpayer.
Solar, wind, hydro-power and batteries can replace coal within a decade (with the help of gas).	Nuclear energy will take at least 20 years to replace coal and will double the cost of electricity to the consumer.
Renewable energy (including roof top solar) already supports ageing coal power stations by preventing power outages. The battery costs to firm supply are also rapidly reducing.	Operators of our ageing, privately-owned power stations have said that they will close their plants within 10 years. Operators such as AGL are already investing in renewables.
Solar and wind farms are compatible with agriculture and provide farmers with income diversity and increasing productivity.	

HERE COMES THE RAIN (MLS)

Thanks "rain collector" Keith Wilkinson



2024	2025	
January	104.50	January: 66.00
February	20.50	February: 25.50
March	10.50	
April:	145.00	
May	42.00	
June	37.50	
July	171.00	
August	18.00	
September	85.00	
October	78.00	
November:	45.00	
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