

# The Girgarre Gazette

A Girgarre Cottage Publication

October 2020



## The Amazing Dedication of One Man!

We have all seen him around town with his faithful Statesman. Day in and day out, he works tirelessly to green and beautify the town he calls home. SEE PAGE 2



# GIRGARRE COMMUNITY NEWS



## John Warde and his Beautiful Gardens

John had a long career (nearly 40 years) working for the shire in many roles. John finished his working life in Girgarre for Parks and Gardens-mowing, watering and tree planting, especially when it was the old Deacon Shire. One Christmas, John and Loraine ended up with 1000 trees to plant, not an easy feat in summer, thank goodness for the kids!!!

John is very involved with the Cottage, Rail Trail and the Friends of the Gardens (Gargarro), you will always see him out and about with his trusty maroon Holden Statesman and trailer.

At the moment, John's time is being taken up with planting and establishing new garden beds, the latest being at the south end of Gargarro, not quite in Gargarro but near the channel along the walking track-tying both projects together.

Both John and Loraine are extremely community minded, involved with many groups, always willing to help out and take extremely good care of our older residence who are living by themselves.

As a town and a community we would like to acknowledge and thank John for everything that he does. Well done John, we appreciate everything you do!




---

Hello everyone, I would like to take this opportunity to point out that our Girgarre Community Cottage has remained open during the entire Covid19 pandemic and consecutive lock downs. It has been extremely difficult for all Victorians over the last 7 months, but I feel like we haven't acknowledged the dedication



of the staff and volunteers who have worked diligently throughout this time to ensure our community members have had access to support and essential services.

To this day, we are still providing up to 30 community meals per week, delivered to the recipient's door. Today we also added a nice surprise by providing a care package full of goodies to the delivery. I have noticed as time goes on, that the chats are getting longer and longer with each delivery. Our friends and neighbours are taking this opportunity to have a catch up, seek reassurance and feel connected.

So if you see the staff or volunteers from the Cottage, don't forget to say hello and thanks. All too often we take what we have for granted. Thanks everyone *Debra*.



## Co-ordinator's Catch-up

Greetings everyone, I hope this finds you healthy and happy. As I write this I have just finished the last Monday of working and homeschooling the kidlets....fingers crossed! They should all be back at school next Monday, which leaves me feeling bittersweet. I have loved having the extra time with them, as they are growing up so fast, but I know they are missing seeing their friends and are a tad over being house-bound. It will also allow me the opportunity to focus on work, spend more time there and tackle the enormous list of "to do's".

The Cottage has been very different since March, but no less busy in a different sense. The focus of work has changed this year moving from community development into more of the welfare sector, which is not really our department, but what we have had to morph into to assist our community members. There has been much discussion amongst our Houses (Echuca, Rochester, Kyabram, Lockington, Rushworth, Tongala and Crossenvale) as to if this shift will continue, will DHHS acknowledge this extra workload and if so in what capacity? More funding? More staff? Interesting and challenging times.

We have yet to receive any new updates regarding fully reopening and our transport programs are still not allowed. We are continuing with our community meals, food share, mowing, personal assistance and IT access. We continue to have a core group of volunteers on board assisting in the running of these programs and I hope they realise how invaluable they are and how much I appreciate their time and dedication. We have employed a new bookkeeper, as Steve's time with us had come to an end. We wish him all the best with his new role and welcome Felicity to the team. Felicity is working one day a week and we are trialing a coordinator assistant one day a week. Effectively separating the bookkeeper/assistant role into two positions. Each role has a detailed position description and dedicated tasks, so in theory it should be wonderful and I am optimistic it will be. By doing this it has also allowed us the opportunity to give employment (though somewhat small) to two individuals, which we all know at the moment is really needed and has the added bonus of adding two new people into the Cottage team.

Our AGM is Monday 16 November, 7pm. We are organizing an online and in person meeting to cover all bases and we all like 🤔 bling the workload... Hopefully we will know more soon and restrictions will ease allowing us to meet in person. Follow our Facebook post for updates.

I would like to thank Louise and Russel from Kyabram Bakery for their weekly donation of bread. The quality and freshness is far superior to our previous source and is a wonderful addition to our Food Share program. Please support their business (if you can) to express our gratitude.



### Green Thumbs Nursery

A little help please, Loraine and her team are doing an amazing job of propagating plants during the lockdown period and require pots and garden trays to replenish their stockpile. If you have any that you can donate, you can drop them off at The Cottage. There is a labelled crate down the driveway near the garage, where you can leave them, alternatively if you would like us to collect, please call The Cottage and organize a day and time. Thank you.

As many of us are spending more and more time outside gardening, you may have plants or cuttings you would like to donate. As these are living things, this is a tad tricky as they need to be fresh to increase their chances of survival. We are currently open 10-12pm Monday to Thursday, if you can cut the day before or in the morning, wrap them in wet newspaper and bring them in-telephoning in advance that would be great. Alternatively, please phone us for collection, the day before. Adhering to Covid19 regulations, once again there will be another labelled crate at the end of the driveway. Please include a note saying what the plant is, identification can sometimes be very tricky.

### Gargarro FRIENDS OF THE GARDENS—AGM

Sunday 22nd November, 2020 12.00 midday

Meeting at the Gargarro Botanical Gardens (depending on easing of restrictions /Covid 19 Regulations will apply)  
Cnr Curr and Winter Rd Girgarre. Please RSVP to Marlene on: rodrickmarlene@gmail.com



[Girgarre Community Cottage](#)

Stay safe people and take care

Kezia

# GIRGARRE COMMUNITY NEWS CONTINUED



I have been attending Zoom sessions with the Red Cross “You’re the Boss” money savers. Below are some useful links, which may be helpful in these trying times. Kezia.

Compare energy: <https://www.energy.gov.au/victorian-energy-compare>

Calculating your savings: <https://moneysmart.gov.au>

Centrepay deductions: <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/online-help/centrelink/adding-new-centrepay-deduction-using-your-centrelink-online-account>

Utility relief grant fund: <https://services.dhhs.vic.gov.au/utility-relief-grant-scheme>

To request an Energy Audit: <https://www.unitingkildonan.org.au/energy-visits/>

Be the Boss – free online 3-week course: <https://www.salvationarmy.org.au/need-help/financial-assistance/youre-the-boss/be-the-boss/>

Find a financial counsellor: <https://www.salvationarmy.org.au/need-help/financial-assistance/financial-counselling/>

## Girgarre Fire Brigade

The Girgarre Fire Brigade has a vehicle for sale by tender. Inspection can be arranged by appointment with Covid-19 restrictions being followed. All tenders must be submitted to halls129@bigpond.com or PO Box 12, Girgarre 3624 with Girgarre FCV tender in the subject line. The email should include your full contact details and the tender amount.

The Girgarre Fire Brigade reserves the right to accept the tender of it’s choice. Acceptance of tenders will close 12 October 2020, with the winning tender contacted within the week.

Enquiries can be made by contacting Shaun Halls on 0487 740 001.

Vehicle details;

2011 Holden Colorado-unregistered

4x4, 5 speed manual

3 litre turbo, diesel

Odometer: 34 939km



This vehicle has the standard built in features of a Colorado, plus the additional features;  
2 new tyres, bull bar, snorkel, canopy, Black Duck seat covers, tow bar and Black Widow storage system



## Girgarre Open Gardens Festival 2020

The Open Gardens Festival is being postponed until Sunday 7th March 2021. This date is still yet to be 100% confirmed.

You can find the most updated information on the Facebook Page 'Open Gardens Festival - Girgarre & Surrounds'. A virtual showing of the gardens will be online to peak your interest. Please follow and share this page.



### Fortunate Voters in the Kyabram-Deakin Ward

Ratepayers in the Kyabram-Deakin Ward are indeed fortunate to have such a quality field of candidates to choose from following the nomination of Colleen Gates and the current councillors representing the ward Crs Vicki Neele and John Zobec.

Colleen Gates and her husband, whom I have known for some years, have recently taken up permanent residence in their existing home on the outskirts of Rushworth and is keen to represent all towns within the Campaspe Shire, in particular the smaller towns.

She chose to nominate in the Kyabram- Deakin ward as there was a vacancy there. Colleen will bring to the Shire of Campaspe years of experience as a councillor, having served two terms on the Hobsons Bay Council, where she is currently Mayor. Hobsons Bay includes Williamstown, Laverton, and Altona amongst others and in her time there she was able to shift more funding and support to the ward she represented.

Colleen is well known and respected in the Stanhope-Rushworth area as she has been responsible for a number of projects coming to fruition, particularly in Stanhope, as she is also the National Environment Manager for Fonterra.

Bob Holschier OAM Stanhope



HISTORICAL CLOTHING - ART - INFORMATION  
*Kyabram Town Hall*

199 Allan St, Kyabram 3620  
OPEN 10am - 4pm (Closed Sunday)  
Group bookings by appointment

[www.kyabramtownhall.com.au](http://www.kyabramtownhall.com.au) [info@kyabramtownhall.com.au](mailto:info@kyabramtownhall.com.au)  
03 5852 1546 0490371641

The Kyabram Town Hall closed on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2020 until further notice

Hi Community,

I have come across some free (mostly) training opportunities and they are very worthwhile.....

“Upskill my Business” put out by Business Victoria. They are all online and include providers such as LaTrobe Uni, RMIT, Melb. Uni ect. Not all are free but most are.

They cover: Innovation, Technology, Accounting and Finance, Business Basics, Analytics, Leadership and many more retail and Hospitality related micro-studies. Most of the courses run between 8 and 24 hours. Some go for 8 weeks and represent really strong opportunities to upskill in the areas of need. Please find link below:

<https://upskill.business.vic.gov.au/> I sincerely hope they are helpful *Kezia*

# TRAINING



## GIRGARRE POST OFFICE

### Proud sponsors of the Girgarre Gazette



**OPENING HOURS: 9.00AM - 5.00PM MON - FRI, 9.00AM - 11.00AM SAT**  
For your banking needs. Cash out facility available. Newspapers, milk and some grocery lines. Phone: **5854 6200**



### Girgarre Facilities Committee Inc.

The Girgarre Facilities Committee Inc. is the newest community group in Girgarre. It encompasses what was the Girgarre Recreation Reserve and Halls committees, putting them now under the one banner, working towards the best reserve and halls facilities for our little town.

This has come about due to State Government changes which have determined the need for us to become Incorporated bodies. By amalgamating and joining forces, it takes out a lot of duplicated costs with the aim of making a more efficient body.

It is wonderful to see two local groups working together with a common goal and no doubt will continue to build on the fantastic work both original committees have achieved in the past.

Executive committee members are:

President – Darren Butler, Vice President – Greg Fitzpatrick, Secretary and Treasurer – Jenny Bassett

Asst. Treasurer – Fiona Smith

# FACILITIES



### SHEPPARTON WORKWEAR & SAFETY

189 – 197 High Street SHEPPARTON VIC 3630  
FOR ALL YOUR WORKWEAR CORPORATE WEAR  
AND EMBROIDERY

**Ph.: 5831 4838**

**Fax: 5831 1696**

Email: [sales@sheppartonworkwear.com.au](mailto:sales@sheppartonworkwear.com.au)



## Open for applications — Future Drought Fund Natural Resource Management Drought Resilience Program - Grants

The Australian Government is inviting applications under the [Future Drought Fund: Natural Resource Management Drought Resilience Program - Grants](#).

The Natural Resource Management Drought Resilience Program – Grants is an open and competitive, grant opportunity to support organisations, farmer groups and individuals undertake projects that contribute to improved drought resilience of agricultural landscapes.

Applications close at 11:00pm AEDT on 30 October 2020.

Information about applying for this round can be found on the [Community Grants Hub](#) website and [GrantConnect](#).



The Girgarre Community Group Inc. 'The Cottage' facilitates the

### COMMUNITY CAR

Priority is given for medical/health appointments. However, if car is available, other types of trips will be considered upon request.



**Volunteer Drivers** are always required, both for local trips or longer trips

**Interested to volunteer?**

The Cottage will assist with legal requirements.  
 Call Kezia Talbot  
 T: 5854 6482  
 Cottage hours are 10am-3pm Mon-Thu.

Effective 1-Oct-2019, booking fee of \$5 applies.  
 Cancellation fee applies if cancelled with under 24 hours notice: Melbourne \$20, Bendigo \$15 and others \$5.

<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus-covid-19-daily-update>

### DON'T FORGET YOUR FRIENDS DURING SOCIAL ISOLATION WILL YOU?

It's important to stay connected with friends and family at this time to reduce feelings of loneliness and isolation

**ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE LIVING ALONE.**

A friendly phone call for a chat doesn't take long. Even a card or note will be appreciated.

If you need professional help phone

**Lifeline - 13 11 14**

**Beyond Blue - 1300 22 4636**

**Kids Helpline - 1800 55 1800**  
or [kidshelpline.com.au](http://kidshelpline.com.au)

CLASSIFIEDS & SERVICES

**Boomerang**  
TRAVEL CENTRE  
Pty Ltd

Your Next  
Adventure  
Starts Here



**Boomerang Travel**  
ARE QUALIFIED TO HELP  
YOU BOOK YOUR NEXT  
AUSSIE GETAWAY

Book online with us and choose  
from hundreds of local hotels.

BOOMERANG TRAVEL CENTRE  
210 Allan Street, Kyabram  
5852 3433 | info@boomerangtravel.com.au  
www.boomerangtravel.com.au



**FRIENDS OF GARGARRO  
CATERING AVAILABLE**

Need catering for  
a function?

Well, the Gargarro Gardens  
Catering Team will be more  
than happy to cater for your  
needs depending on  
numbers.

Phone Bernie Ryan for more  
info if you are planning a  
function.

Ph: 5857 2407  
Mob: 0455 578 722

**Proficient**  
Curtains & Blinds

- Curtains
- Blinds
- Outdoor Awnings
- Shade Sails
- Repairs and Alterations

Craig Peters  
Phone 5480 1360  
Mobile 0417 731 556  
57 Haverfield Street, Echuca  
sales@procurtains.com  
www.blindsechuca.com

Find us on facebook

**BEAU JANGLES  
DOG GROOMING**

PHONE GLENNIS: 5857 2915

HYDRO BATH NAIL TRIMMING  
GROOMING CLIPPING

54 BRUDENELL ST, STANHOPE

Beth Anderson  
T: 5854 6517  
M: 0417 324 314

3 Wallace Street  
Girgarre

Warrawee Park  
BIRMANS

ALL COLOURS

beth.warraweepark@bigpond.com www.warraweeparkbirmans.com

**ROGHESTER**  
TYRES AND BATTERIES

Specialising in tractor vulcanising  
& major repairs

**24 hour onsite service**

T: 5484 3595 or AH 0417 595 200 / 0418 130 577

**Girgarre Community Kindergarten**

To keep updated on all Kinder information  
Find us on Facebook

Girgarre Community Kindergarten

**Kyabram & District  
Garden Supplies**

5 Wood Road Kyabram  
5853 2006  
kyabramgardensupplies@gmail.com

## Are you a LOVER of all things GARDEN?

We invite you to come visit our boutique florist and garden nursery. We are passionate about all things flowers and plants. You will be surprised at our range of plants and that hard to find garden "thing".



Open  
Mon to Fri 9am- 5pm  
Saturday 9am -2pm

Beautiful fresh flowers to delight, Uncommon Plants & Seedlings, Indoor plants, Herbs, Organic Fertiliser, Great Range of Heirloom & Cottage Seeds, Garden Pots plus Lots of other things GARDEN

### Fab Flowers Florist & Nursery

262 Allan St Kyabram  
Ph **5852 1738** or  
Sue **0400565052**



Like us on  
Facebook &  
Instagram



**SPECIAL DISCOUNT OFFER** Bring in this advert & get  
**10% Discount** store wide. \* excludes Interflora

# F&S

## FORBES & SUMMERS

Mechanical Repairs and Servicing / General Engineering  
1 Winter Road Girgarre Vic 3624  
E: [fstools@bigpond.com](mailto:fstools@bigpond.com) T: 03 5854 6317

Licensed VicRoads Tester # 11233 LV HV LP

## biomix

ABN: 51 160 437 936

Rob Finster  
Compost Advisor  
0488 993 066

Biomix Pty Ltd  
980 Two Tree Road  
(PO Box 40)  
Stanhope Vic 3623

Web [www.biomix.com.au](http://www.biomix.com.au)  
Email [rob.finster@biomix.com.au](mailto:rob.finster@biomix.com.au)

## FITZGERALD'S

Farm Fresh Meats  
*Straight from our farm gate  
to your plate*

ALL OF OUR BEEF, LAMB, PORK AND  
CHICKEN IS HORMONE & GM FREE

Try our large range of Award Winning  
Gluten free gourmet sausages made fresh daily.  
Gluten free marinades

Joel & Julie Fitzgerald  
151 Allan Street Kyabram  
Phone 5852 2254

Don't forget if you are having problems receiving or downloading The Gazette you can always pick up a copy from Barry and Sandy at the Post Office.

We have been experiencing technical issues with Zumpu, our electronic Gazette platform, and apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.



## Tongala & District Memorial Aged Care Service Inc.

*Serving the Community since 1925*

- R.M McHale Hostel, Koraleigh Nursing Home for planned & emergency respite care & permanent residential aged care
- Deakin Village – retirement rental units
- Memorial Drive Retirement Village

**For further information contact:**  
**Sarah Tee, 18 Purdey St, Tongala Vic. 3621**  
**Phone: 03 5859 0800**

*Email: [admin@tongalaagedcare.com.au](mailto:admin@tongalaagedcare.com.au)*

“Care in a  
Town”

Friendly



**COVID – 19 Testing Clinic**

**Protect Yourself and Others**

Kyabram District Health Service COVID – 19 Drive through Testing Clinic operates Monday to Friday from 9 am – 11 am. No appointment necessary. Children under 5 years of age not accepted. You may enter in your car using the Pettifer Street / Warramunda Drive entrance, through the boom gate and then proceed to testing station. You will be asked your personal details and Medicare Number. Once tested you may exit via Mitchell Street.

**Should I get tested**

If you have any of the symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), however mild, you should seek advice and get tested. Diagnosing coronavirus (COVID-19) early, even when symptoms are mild helps to slow the spread of coronavirus. It means you can help to protect yourself and your loved ones. You will be doing your bit to protect all Victorians

The symptoms to watch out for are:

high temperature      cough      hard to breathe

Runny nose or loss of smell      sore throat

In certain circumstances headache, muscle soreness, stuffy nose, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea may also be considered.

Patient Information Sheets: Title: KDHS COVID-19 Drive Through Testing Clinic DATE 24/09/2020 Ph: 03 58 570 200



**COVID – 19 Testing Clinic**

**Do I have to pay to get tested?**

No, the coronavirus (COVID-19) test is free when you get tested at a public health facility. The test is free for everyone – this includes people without a Medicare card such as visitors from overseas, migrant workers and asylum seekers. The testing clinic does not need to know your visa status

If you have a Medicare card, please bring this to the testing clinic. If not please bring one form of identification.

**What does the test involve?**

The test takes around a minute and involves a trained health care worker taking a sample swab from the back of your throat and nose. Once the test is complete your test is sent to a laboratory and tested to see if you have coronavirus (COVID-19).

**What if I cannot get to a testing centre?**

If you have possible symptoms of COVID-19 but are unable to physically attend the COVID-19 testing clinic, please contact 58570200 and ask to speak to nurse in charge to discuss options

**What Happens after I have had a COVID-19 test**

You should return home immediately after this test. While you wait for your coronavirus (COVID-19) results you should stay at home and self isolate (quarantine). There is no need for others in the house to quarantine unless you are confirmed to have coronavirus (COVID-19). You will be given further information about quarantine and suspected cases of coronavirus when you have your test.

A suspected case is someone who has symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) and who has been tested but has not yet found out the results of the test.

**When will I get results**

Results are usually back within 1-3 days. You will be contacted by the testing clinic or your doctor and notified of your results whether it is negative or positive and provided with further advice

For more advice or information contact the Coronavirus Hotline on **1800 674 398**

Patient Information Sheets: Title: KDHS COVID-19 Drive Through Testing Clinic DATE 24/09/2020 Ph: 03 58 570 200

**GET TESTED IF YOU'VE GOT THESE SYMPTOMS**

If you have any of these symptoms, however mild, get tested and stay home.

Fever      Runny nose      Sore throat      Cough

Chills or sweats      Shortness of breath      Loss of sense of smell or taste

**KDHS COVID-19 Drive Through Testing Clinic**

**Monday to Friday  
9.00am - 11.00am**

Enter via Pettifer Street/Warramunda Drive



MyTime groups are for parents and carers of a child with a disability, developmental delay or chronic medical condition. A **FREE** service where you can socialise and share ideas with others who understand caring for a child with additional needs. It's your time to catch up with other parents/carers in a relaxed setting. Play helpers are there to keep your children busy and active. Siblings under 6 are welcome.

**What will you get out of my time?**

Assistance      Community      Shared Experiences

Friendship      Connections

Come along and see for yourself the benefit of being part of a group like this!

Every Thursday from 9.30am – 11.00am

LOCATION	TERM 4 DATES	CONTACT
Kyabram Community Learning Centre 21-25 Lake Rd Kyabram	Oct 8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov 5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup>	Wendy Community Living & Respite Services wkeller@cdhs.org.au Or 5480 2388

**Jigarre Jammin'** will continue online for October and November. Restrictions have eased a little here in Regional Victoria, (we certainly feel for our city cousins who don't have the same privileges), but it is still too difficult, with all the rules placed upon us to open up the hall just yet. I will send out the usual reminders in good time.



The other exciting news is that we now have a firm date for the Girgarre Moosic Muster (*see below*). Plus, there are plans to hold a November Girgarre Farmers Market, outdoors and subject to whatever the current restrictions are at the time. The pandemic is still a very fluid situation as we all know. Keep an eye on the webpage and on the Girgarre [Moosic Muster 2021](#) and the [Girgarre Market](#) Facebook pages for updates. Here's hoping things continue to improve for everyone. *I Labbett.*



The Girgarre Moosic Muster is a community event that brings people together to listen, learn and play, and has been doing so for 14 years. With this in mind and with our desire to bring as many people as possible together to celebrate the 15<sup>th</sup> Girgarre Moosic Muster in 2021, we have decided to move the date to April 21st to 25<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully social gathering rules will be more relaxed at this time and we will be able to do justice to our 15<sup>th</sup> birthday.

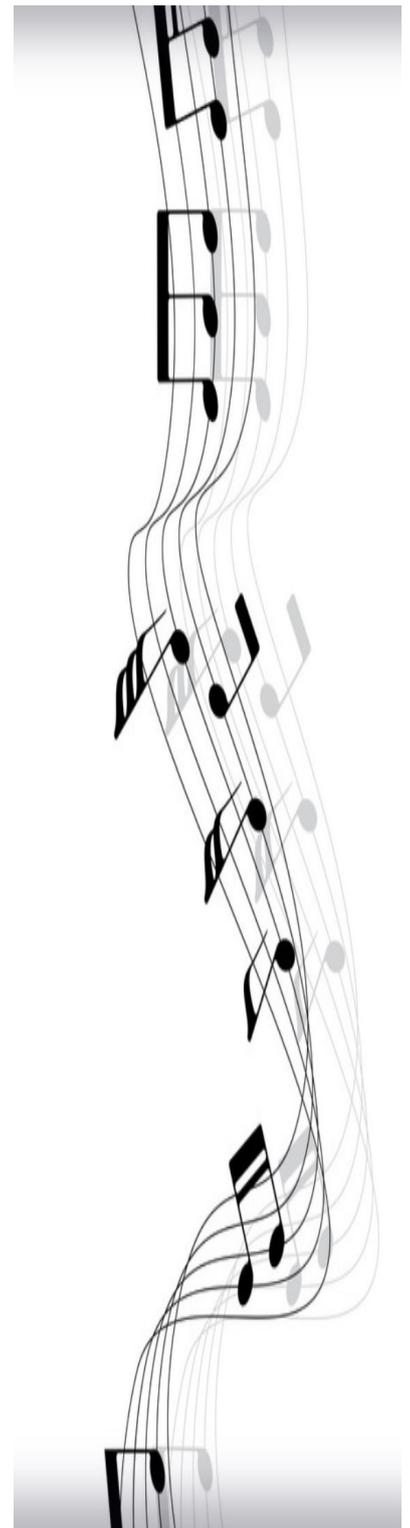
#### WHAT WILL CHANGE

- To ensure we manage the numbers in line with guidelines, ticketing will be managed online rather than on an arrival basis
- The muster will not be run in conjunction with our famous market in an effort to manage numbers.
- Creative ways to present our concerts will be explored to enable as many people as possible to attend
- The number and type of workshops will be investigated to enable as many people as possible to participate
- Catering will be managed differently

#### WHAT WON'T CHANGE

- The welcoming nature of this inclusive festival
- The offering of free concerts and workshops
- Hometown hospitality
- The great time we will all have

Stay safe and stay tuned for more information. Jan Smith. Tel: 0358 546 283. Mob: 0458 456 283...Email: [garryandjan@bigpond.com](mailto:garryandjan@bigpond.com). [www.girgarre.com.au](http://www.girgarre.com.au)



# COTTAGE SERVICES AND LOCAL CLASSIFIEDS



**COTTAGE HOURS.** The Cottage is open 10am to 3pm, Monday to Thursday at 27 Olympic Street, Girgarre. Coordinator: Kezia Talbot. Telephone: 5854 6482 for services listed below.

**COTTAGE SERVICES.**

**FOOD BANK.** Food parcel available for those in need. Confidentiality ensured. Available Monday to Thursday 10am to 3pm.

**COMMUNITY CAR.** Information and criteria for bookings. On hold Cottage.

**SENIOR'S GROUP.** Meetings for outings or social evenings. On hold Tuesdays 10am at the Cottage.

**UTILITIES ROOM FOR HIRE.** Need a space to hold a meeting, do some training, hold an event. On hold The Cottage has a room for hire including tea & coffee.

**Tai Chi with Ian.** On hold. Classes are at the Cottage. 10.30am, \$2.50 per session.

**ITEMS TO HIRE** Specialty items including shower chairs, walkers, porta cots, child's car seat, wheel chair, baby

bath, high chair, walking sticks.

**FREE PLAYGROUP** Monday 10am to 12pm. Held at the Cottage. On hold

**DONATE CLEAN DENIM** Recycle old denim into quilts. Stains don't matter. On hold

**DONATE ITEMS TO HELP OTHERS** Spectacles, mobile phones, routers, bras, baby items, mastectomy items, cotton clothing. On hold for Fijian climate www.upin.org. Plastic lids off soft drink bottles, juices and water bottles for Envision.

**BOOK SWAP** Leave a book, take one. Free Service at the Cottage. On hold

**GIRGARRE (CAMPASPE) REGIONAL LIBRARY** Borrow a book, DVDs, talking books - thousands available. On hold can be ordered & delivered to the Cottage. Book online at [www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/library](http://www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/library)

**PRESCRIPTION SERVICE** Leave your scripts for collection and return. Free service at the Cottage

**VOLUNTEERS WANTED.** Teach a class, join the committee or help out at the nursery.

**LOCAL CLASSIFIEDS**

**GIRGARRE PRE-SCHOOL**

Enrolments welcome anytime [www.kyabramkindergaten.com.au](http://www.kyabramkindergaten.com.au) or phone 0428 738 147

**GIRGARRE MEMORIAL HALL HIRE .**

Available for your next event. All bookings: Phone The Cottage. On hold

**STANHOPE MEN'S SHED** Open Mon, Wed & Fri, 9am to Noon. Tea & coffee, chat, computers, wood and metal lathes. Phone Des 0457 300 321

**WORDS ON WHEELS** Everyone welcome. Stimulating discussions on topical subjects. This is a free service. On hold Phone Cottage 5854 6482. (includes a meal)

**PLAY A UKULELE?** - the Ukuleles meet on the 1st, 3rd (and 5th) Wednesdays at the Cottage Utility room from 10am to 12pm (\$2). All welcome. On hold



## Kyabram CLUB

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday take aways.  
"Where Good Friends Meet"

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK LUNCH AND DINNER  
MONDAY – FRIDAY \$10.00 LUNCHES AVAILABLE

Come in, relax and enjoy our fabulous modern facilities

QUALITY BISTRO DINING, SUN SHADED PLAYGROUND, FOXTEL, LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, OFF STREET PARKING, SPORTS BAR, LANDSCAPED COURTYARD WITH BARBEQUE FACILITIES, CONFERENCE ROOMS, TAB, KENO AND EFTPOS FACILITIES.

82 ALLAN STREET KYABRAM Ph: 5852 2431  
[www.kyabramclub.com.au](http://www.kyabramclub.com.au)  
[office@kyabramclub.com.au](mailto:office@kyabramclub.com.au)



Kyabram Club

Keep up to date on FaceBook

# GIRGARRE FARMERS MARKET

Produce & Craft



**Cockadoodledoo!**  
 The market and  
 chook auctions are  
 closed until further  
 notice. Watch FB  
 for updates.  
**Cluck!**

**Stallholder Enquiries:**

Produce - Jan 5854 6283, Craft - Carol 5854 6371

## HALL BOOKINGS

As you know, our well appointed and well used  
 Girgarre Memorial Hall  
 and Supper Room  
 are available for hire.

Contact

**Girgarre Community Cottage**

**Ph: 5854 6482**

**Open Monday -Thursday 10am - 3pm**



## Change to Dr Brun's Stanhope Clinic

**The Clinic at Stanhope  
 is closed during the lock down.**

**Please phone  
 Kyabram Regional Clinic  
 5852 1888  
 if you need  
 medical assistance.**

Bookings can be made by contacting  
 Ky Regional Clinic on 5852 1888



**STANHOPE  
 HEALTH**

35 Birdwood Avenue  
 Stanhope  
 Hours: Monday, Tuesday,  
 Thursday, Friday  
 9am - 5pm

## STANHOPE & DISTRICT MEN'S SHED

Open Mon, Wed and Fri, 9:00am to 12 Noon  
 3 Tivey Grove Membership \$35 PA  
 Tea & coffee, chat, computers, wood and metal lathes  
 Contact Des on 0457 300 321  
 EVERYONE WELCOME

*Stanhope Men's Shed is closed until further notice.*

## Girgarre Fire Brigade

Despite what is happening with the Corona Virus,  
 the Girgarre Fire Brigade is still available for any  
 emergencies that may happen in our community.

Hygiene is extremely important to us and we will  
 endeavour to keep both you and us safe.

Please keep in mind that now the fire restrictions are  
 over, if you wish to avoid an unwanted visit from us,  
 you should register your burn off at

1800 668 511

# THE FOUR PILLARS OF GIRGARRE

## WHO WE ARE



### THE GIRGARRE DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Celebrating the Achievements of our town.  
Building a Sustainable and Vibrant Community.



### EDUCATION

**The Girgarre Primary School**

Preparing a Path to the Future

**The Girgarre Community Kindergarten**

We aim to achieve an environment where everyone belongs, feels welcomed, valued and respected, while providing learning opportunities for children through exploration and play.



### THE COMMUNITY COTTAGE

The Community Centre exists to help, support and encourage people of this rural area to enrich their lives by developing friendships and new learning skills.



### SPORT

**The Girgarre Recreation Reserve**

The Girgarre Football Netball Club

The Girgarre Tennis Club

The Girgarre Cricket Club

*Our active and vibrant community, working together*

## CONTACT THE COTTAGE

### Girgarre Community Group Inc. (The Cottage)

A1601 ABN: 66 944 230 131.

27 Olympic St. (P.O. Box 35), Girgarre, 3624

Phone: (03) 5854 6482 Fax: (03) 5854 6484

<http://girgarre.com.au/girgarre-community-cottage>

E-mail: [girgarrenh@bigpond.com](mailto:girgarrenh@bigpond.com)

Coordinator: Kezia Talbot

**Connect with us on Facebook. Girgarre Community Cottage**  
[www.girgarre.com.au](http://www.girgarre.com.au)

### The Girgarre Gazette

Do you have something you would like us to share?

Deadline for publication is the 20th of the month

**Email:** [girgarregazette@yahoo.com.au](mailto:girgarregazette@yahoo.com.au)

*Proudly sponsored by*

## ADVERTISE WITH US

The Girgarre Gazette is published and distributed electronically as well as in print to over 400 people via the Girgarre Post Office. It is also available at: Rob Varcoe's shop, 228 Allan St Kyabram; Nanneella Store, Rushworth & District Community Bank; Stanhope and is published on the Girgarre Website. [www.girgarre.com.au](http://www.girgarre.com.au)

The Gazette is produced for the benefit of the wider Girgarre community by the Girgarre Community Group Inc. (The Cottage).

**Join our email list!** Drop us a line  
EMAIL: [girgarregazette@yahoo.com.au](mailto:girgarregazette@yahoo.com.au)

### ADVERTISING

Advertising space is available.

Contact the Cottage or the Gazette for details.



The items published and the views expressed in this publication are those of the contributors, and not necessarily those of the Editor or the publisher of the Gazette

Group Name	Details	Contact name	Contact number
The Girgarre Community Group Inc.	President	Duncan Rodrick	0427 391 706
The Girgarre Community Cottage 3rd Monday 7pm	Coordinator	Kezia Talbot	5854 6482 0404 686 344
Girgarre Seniors	Tuesdays 10:45am	Debra Stelzer	5854 6482
Words on Wheels Girgarre Cottage	Discuss chosen books 3rd Tuesdays 6pm	The Cottage	5854 6482
Girgarre Green Thumbs Nursery	Nursery Sales	Carol/Lorraine W	Carol 5854 6371
Girgarre Open Garden Committee	Open Garden Festival	Lorraine Warde	58546236/0438 546 237
Girgarre Playgroup 0-5 years Monday 10-12pm,	Girgarre Kindergarten Begins 2nd week of term	Bernie Smith	5854 6482
Jigarre Ukulele (J-Ukes) 1st & 3rd Wed (5th) 1:30pm	Play/learn with others Girgarre Cottage	Lyn Cosham	5859 0297
Girgarre Patchwork Quilters Fridays 9:30am	Quilters and sewing group Memorial Hall	Nola Marke	5854 8226
Girgarre Line Dancers Thursdays 2pm \$7	Memorial Hall	Gloria Atkins	0400 539 778
Carpet Bowls-Thursdays 7:15pm April to August	All ages. Memorial Hall	Theo George Rob Varcoe	0428 740 976 0409 975 997
Girgarre Community Kindergarten	Lead Educator	Robyn Swan	5854 6368
Girgarre Primary School	Principal	Peter Caldwell	5854 6275
Girgarre Returned Services League 1st Tuesdays 7pm. Feb-Nov	President RSL Club Room	Laurie Young	0429 009 515 5854 6303
Girgarre Country Fire Authority 1st Monday 7:30pm	Captain CFA Meeting Room	Maree Gadzinski	5854 6264
Stanhope/Girgarre Lions Club 2nd Wednesday 7pm	President Stanhope Hotel	Avis Weller	5854 6383
Girgarre Community Church Sundays 9:30am	Christian Church	Ron Gregory	5854 6382
Stanhope and District Men's Shed Mon, Wed, Fri. 9am-12	Have fun and create. 3 Tivey Rd. Stanhope	Des Crichton	0457 300 321
<b>Girgarre Facilities Committee</b> Girgarre Memorial Hall Girgarre Recreational Reserve	Memorial Hall (Bookings) Recreation Reserve	Sandra Basic Darren Butler	5854 6482 0427 546 332
Girgarre Development Group (DGD) Last Tuesday, Jan-Nov 7:30pm	Girgarre Improvements Memorial Hall	Jan Smith	5854 6283
Gargarro Project	Gargarro Botanic Gardens	Athol McDonald	5854 6324
Friends of Gargarro Garden - working Bee 4th Sunday of month	Chairperson	Bernie Ryan	5857 2407
Girgarre Craft Market 2nd Sundays. 8:30-12	Bookings/enquiries	Carol Ohlin	5854 6371
Girgarre Farmer's Market	Bookings/enquiries	Jan Smith	5854 6283
Jigarre Jammers. Feb to Nov 4th Saturday 10:30-4pm \$2	Acoustic Music	Irene Labbett	0429 149 246
Girgarre Living History	Book title "Girgarre" Record of local history	Athol McDonald Jenny Wadelton	5854 6324 5852 2301
Girgarre Football/Netball Club	President	Brendon Nicholson	0413 022 398
Girgarre Cricket Club	President	Mick Coyne	0488 296 566
Girgarre Tennis Club	President Secretary	Josh Maudsley Fiona Smith	0400 546 766 0408 502 274

## Latest contributions from the Kyabram Town Hall Writers' Group

### POP

My Pop was a stockman, a drover during drought  
Upon a horse's back along a well-known route.  
He rode a horse with ease, a handsome seat had he,  
Staying in the saddle despite horsefly, snake or tree.

There never was a time when work he was without;  
He had inherent skill no-one would ever doubt.  
Farm boundaries he would ride – sometimes it took a week –  
Fixing broken fences, lost cattle he would seek.

Years of riding horseback behind cattle in the dust,  
He'd found that cotton wool in his ear 'oles was a must.  
Pop always asked: "Wassaf?" when someone spoke to him,  
'Twas habit of the wool, not due to hearing dim.

Nothing he couldn't do with horse, goat, cow or sheep,  
And dogs he trained himself would always earn their keep.  
All his dogs were rippers: "Get round" and "Bring 'em back" –  
They'd answer whistles or a leather whip he'd crack.

Kangaroo hide he tanned – big red, grey or wallaby;  
Make a mat for Mum or plait the best whip you'll see.  
In a camp-oven fire, 'roo meat made a fine stew,  
And when he'd had his fill the dogs would get some too.  
To tame a wild brumby may have been hard yakka –  
He'd the patience of a saint and never was a slacker.  
A brumby made the best horse for outback muster,  
Handle any terrain and nary come a buster.

Summer days he would spend binoculars in hand,  
Lest the bloody red steer should lick across the land.  
That steer could take off quick, consuming grass and crops,  
Ageless trees would crackle as fire raced through their tops.  
And beat that bloody steer to stop it doing harm.

He'd ride "lickety split" – rally the neighbours 'round  
To help him move the stock and keep the fences sound.  
Dam-wetted hessian bags were swung with sturdy arm,

Pop told a yarn straight-faced, his humour dry as chip  
About the many wags he met along his trips.  
In later years he'd tell of towns where he had tarried,  
And how one fateful day he met the girl he married.

A picnic he attended with one such waggish gent –  
No-one took much notice 'til he won the horse events.  
In all the challenge races he rode a thoroughbred –  
And in amongst the crowd watched one with tresses red.

"It's auburn!" she announced, in reference to her hair,  
Glistening in the sun just like his chestnut mare.  
And so he met his Annie – and both their hearts did swoon  
At this country picnic that Sunday near Injune.

His work kept him away from the girl he loved most;  
Full seven years of writing – they had to court by post.  
One day Annie's mail arrived, in it a five pound note:  
"Choose yourself a ring," the romantic drover wrote.

On the verandah of her home at "Bonnie Doon"  
The couple said "I will" before seventy at noon.  
The Rev'rend Henry Ware of "The Bush Brotherhood"  
Performed the ritual – and they were wed for good.

The cake and meal were shared by all who'd travelled there,  
Then the happy couple changed into travel wear.  
A dress of blue she wore for their honeymoon trip –  
From Brisbane down to Melbourne, aboard a coastal ship.

Pop's people met them in Melbourne at the dock;  
They posed for wedding photos in suit and bridal frock.  
To Echuca on the train, and then a horse and buggy  
Took the newlyweds to their home upon the Murray.

*Lisa John is a member of the Kyabram Town Hall Writers' Group. Our interests, ages and backgrounds are diverse. This makes for some very interesting and informative discussions of a range of topics, which include life generally, sharing stories and poetry, dissecting the problems of the writer's craft, and currently, putting together a book of original works for International Women's Day 2021. Information for sending contributions to this book can be found on the Writers' Group link on the KTH website: [kyabramtownhall.com.au](http://kyabramtownhall.com.au)*

## DUNSTALL RURAL SUPPLIES

- Agricultural chemicals
- Animal health
- Fencing
- Fertiliser
- Gardening needs
- Livestock feed
- Seed
- Spray equipment
- Pet food and much more

Need some supplies?  
Brent and the Big Chief  
are your men, woof!



Big Chief is at 21 Station St, Girgarre 3624. T: 5854 6535 F: 5854 6620 M: 0418 123 286  
E: [kendunstall@telstra.com](mailto:kendunstall@telstra.com)

Brent is at 1 Kuhle Court, Kyabram 3620 T: 5853 2198 F: 5852 2755 M: 0407 521 172

## KYABRAM TOWN HALL WRITERS' GROUP book info

### **Hello Everyone –**

You may already know that **KYABRAM TOWN HALL WRITERS' GROUP** is looking to publish a book of **ORIGINAL STORIES FEATURING WOMEN** in time for the **110<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY of INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY on 8 March 2021** . . . *This is a friendly reminder that the closing date is 1 November, 2020.*

THERE IS NO THEME FOR THE BOOK, except stories must feature women – true or fictitious – across time, space, and culture, in any genre – prose or verse. Writers must be over 18 and we are open to male writers writing about women.

You will find more details in the **GUIDELINES, STORY TEMPLATE** and **POSTER on the Kyabram Town Hall website** <https://kyabramtownhall.com.au/>

Please feel free to send on to who ever might be interested.

This information can be found on the Kyabram Town Hall website. Just follow the links . . .

<https://kyabramtownhall.com.au/>

Thanks in anticipation of your co-operation,

***The Members of Kyabram Town Hall writers' Group***



## Stanhope Show Shine & Swap meet Annual Meeting

Due to the current Covid-19 crisis, we have been unable to hold our AGM. As the current situations improves, we are planning to hold our AGM on Monday October 19<sup>th</sup> at the Stanhope Family Hotel commencing in the Lounge at 7pm. All positions are available and open for nominations.

For the success of this major community fundraiser to continue we are reliant on the community's support by coming on board and being part of the committee.

Last year we raised over \$10,000, doubling the previous year and with each year growing bigger and better, we require many more hands on deck to make sure we have another successful event.

Funds raised on the day are divided up between the community groups who get involved by working on the day helping run the event

Please contact Mandi at the Hotel on 58572293 to confirm your attendance due to covid restrictions of 10 people per room. Or if the weather is nice, we will be able to have it outside.

For further information please contact Lyn Emmett on 0427572629



### **Nampara Spit Roast & Catering.**

We Work You Party  
Contact Steve – 0499 348 260  
Email

[namparaspitroast@ozemail.com.au](mailto:namparaspitroast@ozemail.com.au)

To discuss your next event

- ❖ We use real plates and cutlery
- ❖ Meats Cooked on Site
- ❖ Choices of up to 4 Meats
- ❖ 1, 2 & 3 Course Options
- ❖ Choice of Salads or Hot Vegetables
- ❖ Condiments included
- ❖ Inside & Outside Catering
- ❖ Competitive pricing
- ❖ Catering for Small & Large Functions

# Girgarre Primary School *Principal Peter Caldwell*

As we wind down term 3 in what has been a chaotic term...and year... I take this opportunity to thank the school community of Girgarre in getting behind our hard working staff and doing your best to help educate our children.

It has been a real challenge for all of us, particularly the children, in trying to adapt to a new way of learning. The staff of Girgarre have done an amazing job at formulating a program of learning and delivering it week in, week out. They have also ensured complete supervision of those children who needed on site learning.

First week of term 4 is more remote learning at this stage. Week 2, term 4 sees all children of Girgarre back at school. Hooray!!!

Yesterday we had a bbq lunch for those on site and it happened to coincide with Jaida's 10<sup>th</sup> birthday. Happy birthday, Jaida.

Thanks to Ethan and Adele who helped give the steps a second and final coat. Great life skills.

Our on-site gardeners have moved a wee bit more mulch and even relocated a few weeds to the bin. The surrounds are looking fantastic and we are so close to having Reg back in the driving seat of the ride-on mower...sob, sob from me!

Ashleigh will run the school for the first 3 weeks of term 4 while I have some leave. Give her your full support.



Girgarre Community Kindergarten

To keep updated on all Kinder information



Find us on Facebook

Girgarre Community Kindergarten

# Girgarre Community Kindergarten Report for Girgarre Gazette

Girgarre Community Kindergarten celebrated Father’s Day with a “celebration” on the platform, Zoom. Children and Dads were invited to participate with the Father’s Night zoom celebration of a difference with an activity pack organised by the children and educators that was sent home the previous week. Children introduced their special guest of dad (and other family members), showed their decorated wooden spoon for “Spoon-Gig-Ville”, played a game of “farm” bingo and played the quiz of “Yes/No” using painted hand paddles about the children’s responses to questions about their dad that we gathered during a kinder session. It was lot of fun in the 40-minute zoom celebration and we thanks all kindergarten families and households for participating.

During the last week of term three, we celebrated Footy Day. We encouraged all the children to dress in their favourite footy team colours for the kindergarten session. During the session the children participated with various footy inspired activities, enjoyed a kick of the footy, a run through the Girgarre Kinder banner and having a taste of the traditional footy food- party pies!

With the Father’s Day activity of decorating a wooden spoon- we have recently opened the new estate “Spoon-Gig-Ville” (a population of decorated wooden spoons) outside the grounds of the kindergarten.

We are inviting the wider community to join in the project by decorating a humble wooden spoon and placing it in the new estate “Spoon-Gig-Ville” in the shared carpark of Girgarre Community Kindergarten and Girgarre Primary School on a mulch pile (you can’t miss the sign and other decorated spoons). Thankyou to all who have already contributed to “Spoon-Gig-Ville” with their creations- they look fabulous and the kindergarten children are always eager to see the added creations each time they are dropped off and picked up from kindergarten along with the educators . We look forward to term 4, *Robyn Swan*



FIRST HOME LOAN DEPOSIT SCHEME

# First home buyer 5% minimum deposit\*

Ask us about it



**B** Bendigo Bank

\*Terms, conditions, fees, charges, lending and eligibility criteria apply. All information is correct as at 22 January 2020 and is subject to change. Full details available on application. Credit provided by Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited ABN 11 068 049 178 Australian Credit License 237879. (1429585-1429549) (02/20)