

Noojee News

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Your Community Newsletter

Autumn 2021

Telecommunication problems in Noojee and surrounding areas

A public meeting recently held at the Noojee Hotel was organised by local resident Carrole Miller to address the ongoing telecommunication problems in Noojee and the surrounding area. The meeting was attended by 26 community members, Baw Baw Shire Cr Michael Leaney and Federal Member for Monash Russell Broadbent.

Issues raised by the community included faulty landlines, poor to non-existent mobile coverage, poor internet service and patchy radio communications used by emergency services.

Several residents voiced their experiences and the problems they were having, and Noojee CFA Captain Peter Skinner said there were times when they had been called out to fight fires without radio communication. He said this along with other communication problems for the CFA put their members and the community's safety at risk, particularly in an area deemed to be one of the most dangerous in the state for fires.

Local business owner Glenn Fenton of Nationwide Trees added that the communication problems also affected the business community, the local economy and employment opportunities in the area.

Currently, Telstra have a temporary tower that was put up after the Black Saturday Bushfires in 2009 and no upgrades have been made to the tower since.

After listening intently to the issues raised, MP Russell Broadbent, who was pleased to be made aware of the situation, agreed it was clearly a big



concern for the area and it needed to be resolved.

He said initially he would contact Telstra to find out more and then work within the government to find a solution. To support his efforts, he asked community members to write or speak to his office about the communication problems they are having or have experienced.

Cr Leaney, who chaired the meeting, stated how important it is to develop a strong case rather than just talk or complain about the issue within the local community. He said he was happy to communicate with anyone needing assistance, but to be aware that because the issue is primarily a federal matter, he could only advocate on their behalf.

Please send your emails to: Russell.Broadbent.MP@aph.gov.au or phone: 56232064

New public toilet block for the town

Cr Michael Leaney has announced that funding has been approved by the shire for a second toilet block to be built at the heritage centre end of the town. A huge thank you to the members of the Noojee community that have pushed for this important project over the last three years and to Cr Leaney for his support.

Noojee CFA News

Since Christmas Day, the Noojee Brigade has been called out to a car fire, a car accident and three illegal burns. They also supported Neerim South Brigade at a grass and scrub fire.

CFA Captain Peter Skinner said while attending the illegal burns, which were also attended by police who issued fines, they were subjected to abuse. He said the CFA has a zero tolerance...

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The Noojee News acknowledges the original inhabitants and traditional custodians of Noojee and surrounds and pays respect to Elders past, present and First Peoples of Australia who live in this district.

From the editor

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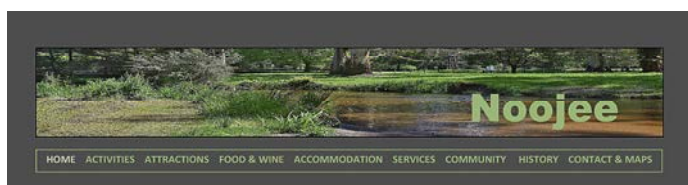
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tolerance policy to any form of abuse. "It's not us that call the police; they come automatically when the calls go through to 000; the fire brigade has no discretion. If someone is doing something silly, they will get fined but please don't take it out on us. We are just doing a job and we are all volunteers."

He said training has started again after Covid and two Sundays prior, they worked on their annual accreditation for breathing apparatus for BA operators. They also have a new piece of equipment at the station, which is a thermal imaging camera and most members have been trained to use it. It's used to look at hotspots in bush fires and things like smouldering stumps or chimney fires to find out where the heat is and if it's safe or not.

The brigade is also doing a recruitment drive looking for new members for either an operational or support role. "We'd love to hear from anyone interested. They can come down on a Sunday at 10 am to speak to brigade members or phone me on 0418316046."

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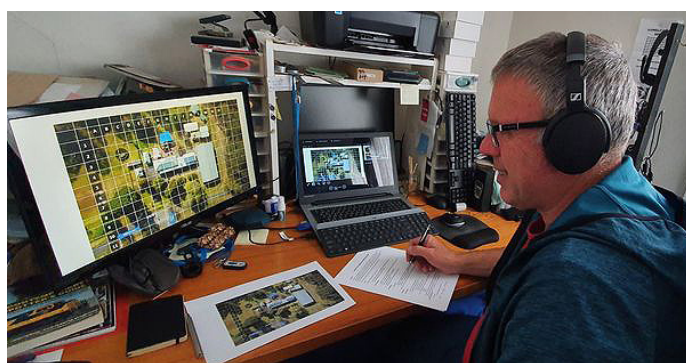
Tragic loss of hugely popular resident



Shane Duck, who was well-known and liked by the Noojee community sadly passed away on the 27th of February, just two days short of his 39th birthday. Shane was known to us all as a young man full of life, enthusiasm and talent with a warm, friendly nature and big smile. He is survived by his beloved wife Sarah and six year-old son Luke.

Shane was the former head chef of the Little Red Duck Café and many will remember the great meals and treats he cooked for us. He also produced beautiful photographs, particularly of the local area and had recently partnered with Sarah to work in their locally-based marketing business – 'Manta Creative'.

He will be greatly missed by this community but he has left many with memories to cherish. We wish his family and friends our heartfelt condolences. For anyone wishing to give, donations can be made in Shane's honour online to the Peter McCallum Foundation.



Brigade training in self-isolation! (Image from CFA)

Annual Charity Duck Race and Family Fun Day

The Noojee Hotel will again host their Annual Charity Duck Race on Saturday April 17th, 2021. The event promises to be a great fun day out for all the family with face painting, lucky dips, lolly stand, gumboot throw, kid's novelties and activities, a jumping castle, music and – the Duck Races!

Funds raised go to Variety – the Children's Charity Victoria.

To find out how to get your Duck for the big race ring either Jan Maree Doull on 0400232804 or Bev Falls on 0405621858. For more information call the hotel on 5628 9514.



Anzac Day Dawn Service cancelled

Unfortunately, the CFA have stopped the Noojee Brigade from holding a formal Anzac Day Dawn Service and community breakfast this year due to various restrictions. However, this does not stop community members from going to the cenotaph in any respect.



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Original Noojee Bus Services and today's timetable



Noojee - Warragul Bus Service

Monday – Friday

To Warragul

Noojee Primary School	7.45	3.15
Noojee Post Office	7.50	3.20
Neerim Junction General Store	8.00	3.30
Neerim South bus shelter opposite Post Office	8.10	3.40
Rokeby	8.20	3.50
Buln Buln opposite primary school	8.25	3.55
Warragul Cnr Stoddards Road	8.30	4.00
Warragul Barkley Street	8.35	4.05
Warragul Railway Station	8.38*	4.08*

*Connects with 8.54 am V/Line train to Melbourne

*Connects with 4.57 pm V/Line train to Melbourne

To Noojee

Warragul Railway Station	10.20	5.10
Warragul up from McDonalds	10.25	5.15
Warragul Cnr Stoddards Road	10.30	5.18
Buln Buln Primary School	10.35	5.23
Rokeby	10.40	5.28
Neerim South Post Office	10.50	5.35
Neerim Junction General Store	11.00	5.45
Noojee Post Office	11.10	5.55
Noojee Primary School	11.15*	6.00*

*Connects with 9.59 am V/Line train from Melbourne

*Connects with 4.58 pm V/Line train from Melbourne

Noojee – Warragul Bus Service doesn't operate on weekends or public holidays
For more information: contact Warragul Bus Lines 56235377



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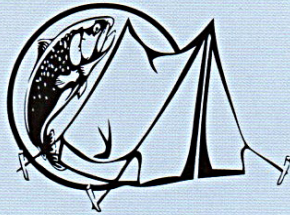
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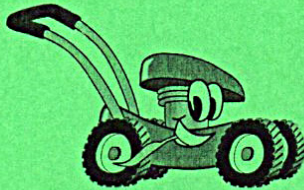
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