

Noojee News

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Your Community Newsletter

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Noojee Hotel crowned 'Best Country Pub in Victoria'



Congratulations Noojee Hotel!

Wotif.com recently announced the winners of this year's Uniquely Aussie Awards – the annual guide to Australia's

best local secrets, as nominated by Aussies, and the immensely popular Noojee Hotel was crowned the 'Best Country Pub in Victoria'.

Celebrating quintessential Aussie travel experiences across six categories, the awards highlight the unique joys synonymous with local travel – hot chips on the beach, regional bakeries serving up nostalgic baked goods, country pubs full of colourful characters, and stunning hotel pools in iconic Aussie settings.

Raking in thousands of nominations from all over the country, it's clear the little things in life often stir the greatest debate. Whether you prefer chicken salt or gravy on your chips, call it a snot block over a vanilla slice, or demand a savoury rather than sweet jaffle, this

year's awards continue to uncover some of Australia's best kept local secrets.

Now in their fourth year, the awards aim to encourage Aussies to explore their own backyard and support their favourite businesses – more relevant than ever following the continued challenges faced by the tourism and hospitality industries over the past 18 months. Well done and well deserved Simon and Rosie.



The Outpost and Toolshed under new management



The beloved, Outpost Retreat and Toolshed Bistro has recently changed hands. We'd like to thank the former owners, Michelle and David for their service and wish them all the best in the future.

The new owners are Mark and Bec Lines from Mt Martha who purchased the property, and their daughter Brianna who has moved to Noojee with her partner to manage the business.

Bec said although she and Mark live in Mt Martha, they have spent a great deal of time in Noojee since purchasing a holiday property in Loch Valley Road eight years ago. "We used to go to the Toolshed and we often went to the Nooj Pub."

She said the opportunity to buy the business was something that just fell into their lap during Covid. "Mark is in industrial cleaning and we thought he might want a change further down the track. He has looked at this place for so long and owning it has been a dream of his."

"I'm so glad we were able to buy it," Brianna said, "because quite a few people that looked at the place wanted to change it. They didn't want the restaurant or the bar, which would have been such a shame."

Brianna, who is young, amiable and energetic, previously managed a large pharmacy on the Mornington Peninsula and said she was ready for a change. Her partner is an electrician who helps out in the business as well. The restaurant and Toolshed will soon be open Thursday to Monday. It's nice to see the venue and the cabins open again and we wish the family well.



New manager Brianna Lines



Merry Christmas Noojee and a happy and safe New Year!

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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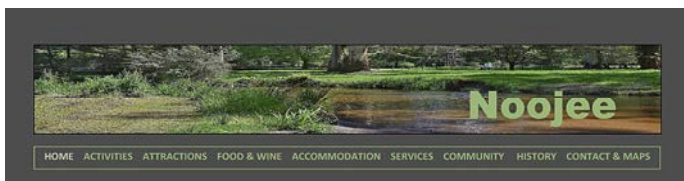
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Shire survey and Community Barbeque

By Di Johnston

Many of you will have found the CRC (Mt Baw Baw Tourist Road Community Recovery Committee) survey in your mailbox or at the Post Office about disaster recovery for Noojee and the surrounding area. This is for the community so I hope you've been able to have your say. Council do want to listen and help us with better telecommunications, power supply and any other issues that may affect us at the times we most need it.

The results of the survey will be shared at a 'Community Catch Up & Barbeque' on Wednesday, December 15. So come along to hear the results and share a sausage. A great way to catch up before Christmas, meet new residents and reconnect in general. I look forward to seeing you there!

Community Catch up & BBQ

Mt Baw Baw Tourist Road Community Recovery Committee invites community members to catch up and hear about the recent Community Resilience Survey results.

We would love to hear from all members of Noojee and surrounding townships to learn more about the challenges, opportunities and needs in recovery and resilience.

Wednesday 15 December

6pm – 8pm

Noojee Fire Station

380 Mt Baw Baw Tourist Road, Noojee



CFA's new Alpine Pumpers

Recently Noojee Fire Brigade member Colin Booth spent a week at CFA's Wangaratta training campus to assist with the shake down of CFA's new fleet of Alpine Pumpers.

The week involved test driving the vehicles in various conditions and operational testing of the vehicles firefighting capability as well as creating training manuals and videos for the volunteer firefighters who will use these vehicles. The Alpine Pumper, which runs on caterpillar tracks, is a vehicle unique to CFA and is designed to operate in Victoria's snow fields at temperatures as low as -40c. The pumpers will be stationed at Hotham Heights, Mount Buller and Falls creek and will be formally commissioned before the 2022 snow season.

photos and words by Colin Booth



Works on Trestle Bridge



As part of DELWP's Victoria's Great Outdoors (VGO) program we're undertaking maintenance work at the historic Noojee Trestle Bridge.

Following works on the bridge over winter, the site closure has been extended until further notice, as the restoration works were greater than first anticipated. We are now gathering information from the relevant experts and the necessary permits from Heritage Victoria to allow planned works to continue.

A conservation report will be completed by early 2022, which will guide us in forming a management plan for conservation of the Trestle Bridge and an upgrade of the surrounding visitor facilities.

The bridge footings have been unearthed for inspection and to prevent further decay of the timber, and scaffolding has been installed to replace several of the bridge beams and crossheads.

Council popped up in Noojee

All community members were recently invited to join their Councillors and senior Council officers at a Baw Baw Shire Council Pop-up session at the Noojee Public Hall. It was a great opportunity for residents from Noojee and surrounding communities to come along and engage directly with Councillors and Council, share their views and ask questions about the issues that matter to them.

Mayor Cr Michael Leaney said this will be the final Council Pop-up session for this year but to stay tuned for dates and locations for the 2022 program. "If you can't make it, not to worry," he said, "we as Councillors are always happy to hear from you via email or phone anytime." *Photos by Cr Michael Leaney*



As at December 1, 2021 there is currently no public access to the base of the bridge site. Visitors can still walk up to the start of the Trestle Bridge from the Rail Trail and view it from a distance, however, the bridge and the site at the base of the bridge will remain closed to the public. It's important that visitors abide by the exclusion zone signage and fences for their safety and the conservation of the Trestle Bridge.

We are making plans to re-open the site as soon as it is safe and practical to do so. We will keep the community updated about the re-opening of the site and the progress of the conservation efforts over the coming months.

Storm damage in Noojee

The severe storms that hit many parts of the state this year left an endless trail of destruction, two people dead and more than 200,000 homes without power. Noojee was severely affected with damage to public and private property and some owners are still waiting for insurance companies that are inundated with claims, to start repairs.

The river flooding caused extensive damage to the town's river reserve, which has since been closed. Sadly it's the only reserve the town has with the only public toilets, shelter, playground and barbeque amenities.

Baw Baw Shire Council has repeatedly called on the State and Federal Governments to fulfil their promises and provide the \$200,000 in relief funding needed for rectification works to the campground at Walhalla and the Noojee River Reserve.

Perhaps while the Shire continue to heavily advocate for the funding required to repair the site, it may be time to consider a plan to build a second reserve in the town with all the same amenities plus more parking and RV space for the many visitors that come to Noojee, and the many more that will come in the future.

Road to the mountain

Repairs to Mt Baw Baw Tourist Road have now been completed after the extensive damage done by the flood and storms in June this year.

Photos supplied by Cr Michael Leaney



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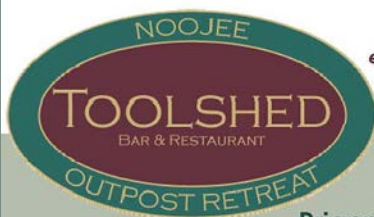


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Brianna, Bec & Mark Lines

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