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LEST WE FORGET

Linda Evans

At 1 pm on a rather grey and threatening ANZAC Day approximately 150 people gathered around the Cenotaph at Garfield to honour the fallen, originally from WW1, then WW2, and all subsequent battles and wars around the globe until the current day.

The World Wars were supposed to have been the wars to end all wars, but allies and opponents change, political and financial strengths are measured in wins and losses of life and land. Sadly, the armaments market is a very lucrative one and always has been.

But here in Garfield we are very thankful for the life we have, for which our ancestors made great sacrifices.

It was great to see some historical military vehicles, also Bernie and Edward Dingle with some of their amazing memorabilia on display

A number of wreaths were laid including by: Graeme Moore, Tynong Fire Brigade, Garfield Football Netball Club, a representative from the Shire (Cr Pomeroy had sent her apologies as she was visiting relatives' graves in Belgium.,) children from Garfield PS and some children laid individual floral tributes.

With impeccable timing and very poor taste, a goods train hurtled past during the Minutes Silence.



As Colin Teese drew the service to a close, inviting us to follow them to Bunyip, we felt the first spattering of rain. Another example of good timing.



ANZAC DAY 2025

Gwen O

On display at the Garfield's Anzac Day service was Graeme and Cheryl Windor's Studebaker truck. On the back of the truck there was a "Stem" Machine Gun -WW1 which was supplied by Bernie Dingle of the First Light Horse Museum in Nar Nar Goon.

Pictured with Graeme is son Christopher Windsor.





FOUR GENERATIONS

Gwen O

Some people are fortunate and get to become Great grandparents. Visiting Garfied recently was Rita Payne (now Hillier).

Enjoying lunch at Brewster's café, Rita was with her daughter Michelle Collins, granddaughter Maggie Nicosia, and great granddaughter 6-month-old Sadie.

Older locals will remember Rita and the young family as she lived in Garfield for approx. 30 years.

Rita now lives in Pakenham and has 5 children, 13 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Left Rita, daughter Michelle Collins is holding her grandchild and Rita's great grandchild Sadie. Right is Sadie's mum Maggie who is Michelle's daughter and Rita's granddaughter.

Happy Mother's Day to Rita, Michelle and Maggie.



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Date	Time	Location
Sunday May 4 (Mission Service)	9:00am	Bunyip Uniting Church
Sunday May 11 (Mother's Day)	9:00am	Garfield Uniting Church
Thursday May 15	11:00am	Hillview Aged Care
Sunday May 18	9:00am	Bunyip Uniting Church
Sunday May 25	9:00am	Garfield Uniting Church
Sunday June 1	9:00am	Bunyip Uniting Church
Sunday June 8	9:00am	Garfield Uniting Church
Sunday June 15	9:00am	Bunyip Uniting Church
Thursday June 19	11:00am	Hillview Aged Care

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

SERVICE LOCATIONS:

Bunyip - 9 Nash Road. Garfield - 13 Garfield Road. Hillview Bunyip - 22 Abeckett Road. Neerim South - Main Road.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Ecumenical Prayer Group. Monday 8:00am at 'The Crossing' 134a Princes Way Drouin. Phone 5825 2855.

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.



THE 1910s - A SPIRITUAL DECADE FOR IONA

Heather Arnold harnold@dcsi.net.au

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The 1910s was a very spiritual decade for the small township of Iona (or Bunyip South as it was originally called) as two churches were built in the town - in 1900, St Joseph's Catholic Church and in 1908 the Presbyterian Church.

Catholic services had taken place in the area since the permanent settlers had arrived from 1892. These services were held in private houses, Kavanagh's lona store and the Mechanics' Institute Hall which had opened in 1895.

On December 16, 1900 St Joseph's was opened. *The Advocate* reported -

Last Sunday a new church was opened at Bunyip South by the Very Rev. M. J. Maher, C.M. (Malvern), who also delivered the dedicatory discourse, his theme being the excellence of the August Sacrifice of the Mass. The custom of offering sacrifice to a Supreme Being was traced from the earliest history of the world down to our own day. Fr. Maher was assisted in the function by the pastor of the Dandenong mission, in which the new church is situated (Rev. J. Gleeson). The building is of wood, and is considered very good value for the sum of £250, the contract price. The preacher concluded with an appeal on behalf of the debt on the new structure, and a generous response was made, the sum £48 being received. (The Advocate, December 22, 1900)

Damian Smith, in his book *100 years of a faith community: St Joseph's Iona 1905-2005* writes that the church was built by Charles Pearson of Bunyip and it was 40 feet by 25 feet and could accommodate 350 people.

The next major building project for the Catholic community was the erection of the Presbytery (the house where the Priests live). It was built at a cost of £725 sometime between June and December of 1905, for the newly appointed Parish Priest, Father James Byrne. Two other significant events happened in 1905 - the Parish of Iona was formed; the area was previously part of the Catholic Parish of Dandenong. The other event that happened was that Bunyip South officially changed its name to Iona in July of 1905, even though, according to articles in the local papers, the area had clearly been known as Iona from around 1901; and the Iona Riding of the Shire of Berwick had been created in 1903.

The Columba Hall was officially opened on October 28, 1906. The event was celebrated by a concert and a ball, both of which were well attended. This Hall was destroyed by fire on December 26, 1927. A new brick hall (the existing hall), was opened Oc-

tober 21, 1928. The last building in the 'Catholic precinct' at Iona was the Convent, built to accommodate the Sisters of St Joseph. This was officially opened April 11, 1915. The existing St Joseph's Church was opened April 14, 1940.

The Presbyterian Church at Iona, St John's, was opened in February 1908. Here is a report from the *Bunyip and Garfield Express* of February 13, 1908. *The Scotch folk are again to the front and are to be congratulated for their enterprise in building a new kirk at Iona which reflects great credit on all who have had anything to do with the building of it and is decidedly an acquisition to the district. The opening services were conducted by the Rev J. Downey, M.A, B.B., of Warragul who preached suitable sermons for the occasion to large and appreciative congregations.*

At the evening service, solos were sung by Miss Bruce and Mr Thompson of the Longwarry Presbyterian choir which were highly appreciated, especially Mr Thompson's rendering of 'Dream of Paradise'. Special hymns were sung by the choir under the able leadership of Miss Adamson, choir conductress. The collections for the day amounted to £5 0s 4d, which was considered by the Committee to be highly satisfactory.

It was suggested that those connected with the kirk should get to work and have some trees planted. Some friends have offered to supply trees free of charge and as the kirk is in a very exposed position it would not only provide shelter, but also beautify the kirk and ground. In future, services will be conducted every sabbath morning at 11.00am by Mr L. Watson, the home missionary, instead of fortnightly. The best thanks of the Committee are due to Mr McIntosh who always looks after the welfare of visiting ministers, while in the district.



From left: Columba Hall, St Joseph's Church and Presbytery, c. 1910

Image from 100 years of a faith community: St Joseph's Iona 1905 -2005 by Damian Smith (The Author, 2005)

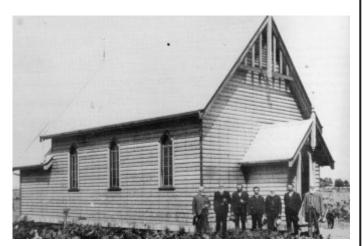
We believe the Presbyterian Church closed around Sources -1980. The building is still there, it is now a private house.

What else was happening in Iona at this time? The Advocate newspaper had a Children's column called 'Letters to Aunt Patsy'. On September 18, 1906 Ellen May Elizabeth Fitzpatrick wrote the following letter with a description of lona -Dear Aunt Patsy - This is my second letter to you. I hope my oar is not rusty. I am going to tell you about Iona. There are three stores, one Catholic church and presbytery; a new Hibernian Hall is getting built, one school (there's a new school nearly finished), one mechanics' institute, a new bank, a cream depot, and a post-office. We live four miles from Garfield, and six miles from Bunyip. Dear Aunt Patsy, have you ever been to lona? The flowers are all out nice now. The paddocks are also nice and green. The Rev. Fr. Byrne is our parish priest. He passes our place to say Mass in Koo-wee-rup. The birds are building their nests now. We found a parrot's nest with two little birds in. We left them till they get bigger. I shall bring my letter to a close, hoping you are all well. I remain, your loving niece, Ellen May Elizabeth Fitzpatrick. (The Advocate, October 6, 1906)

As you can see, lona was a much larger town than it is today. And, in case you are wondering, Aunt Patsy had not been to lona.

100 years of a faith community: St Joseph's Iona 1905 -2005 by Damian Smith (The Author, 2005) Call of the Bunyip: a history of Bunyip, Iona and Tonimbuk, 1847 - 1990 by Denise Nest (Bunyip History Committee, 1990)

On the edge of the swamp: a history of the lona Primary School No. 3201 1894-1994 by Denise M. Nest (Iona Primary School Back-To-Committee, 1994)



St John's Presbyterian Church at Iona, c. 1908. Image from Call of the Bunyip: history of Bunyip, Iona & Tonimbuk 1847-1990 by Denise Nest (Bunyip History Committee, 1990)









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BRAG UPDATE May 2025



"LET'S GIVE BUNYIP SOMETHING TO BRAG ABOUT!"

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

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

EVENTS: BRAG members have been attending a couple of very interesting events hosted by the Baw Baw Sustainability Network and Gippsland Climate Change Network during last week.... Always wanting to learn more ways to mitigate climate change and make the world a better place for future generations.

April 28th Community Nuclear Forum in Morwell: An excellent, well attended forum during which we learnt that:

- The proposed site in the La Trobe Valley will not be stable enough for construction to commence until 2055 (that makes a mockery of Dutton's 15-20 year timeline)
- Within 10 years our national grid can be run on 100% renewable energy, with 5 hour battery capacity and about 2% backup from gas. This will be true even on cloudy, calm days.
- Planned private investment in renewables in Gippsland is already over \$40billion including AGL transitioning Loy Yang into a renewable energy hub featuring grid scale batteries
- Unfortunately 2500 renewable energy transition jobs in the Illawarra region have been paused due to uncertainties following the nuclear proposal.
- The LaTrobe Valley community will be severely impacted by a nuclear project with housing prices dropping, new businesses reluctant to start, tourism dropping off and insurance companies unwilling to insure houses, businesses or health in the area....Nuclear is perceived as high risk and the LaTrobe Valley have not been given the opportunity to say no.
- The Electrical Trades Union regards the transition to renewables and electrification as a new industrial revolution which is already supplying quality jobs and will continue to do so for decades...they do not consider nuclear to be a viable alternative in Australia... it produces 40% less power abd we have an abundance of sun!
- ...and most scary of all ... new information from Germany indicates elevated levels of childhood leukemia related to nuclear power plants that are functioning well.

May 1st Quitting Gas in Gippsland in Yarragon: Once again a very informative evening we learnt:

- Gippsland is leading the world in the move to renewables we have 12 off shore wind projects in the pipeline due to ideal conditions...shallow water and strong winds just 10kms off shore
- Check out Gippsland New Energy web site for information about many solar and wind projects.
- SEC is investing in big battery sites in Victoria
- Clean Energy Finance Corporation will enable a cheaper home loan on new homes if owner is able to amend their plans to improve their energy rating by at least 1 star.
- Energy Distributors need and are actively facilitating Community Batteries, Micro grids, Minigrids and Battery Energy Storage System to assist with stabilising the grid.

We were also provided with several links and contacts which we will follow up and share with commuity to help BRAG achieve our vision

There is another free event coming up that may interest you if you would like to make your home more sustainable...and cheaper to run!!:

Morwell Neighbourhood House for electri-FAIR-cation Day: SAT 24[™] MAY 11AM-2PM

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Morwell Neighbourhood House 48-50 Beattie Cres Morwell Vic.





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OUR PROGRAMS

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- 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)
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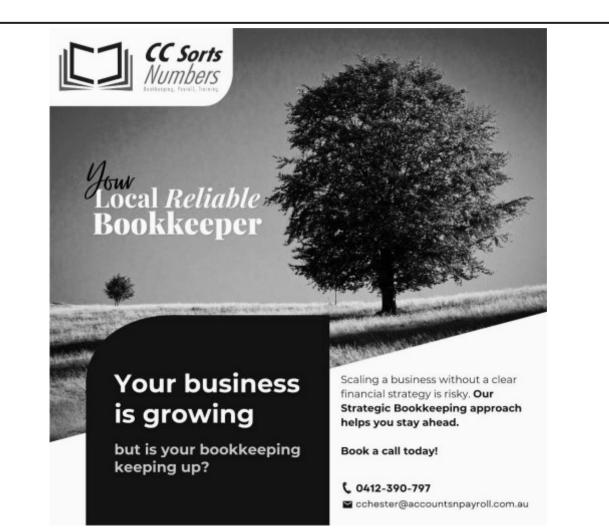
Application must include:

- Project description
- Funding request amount
- Benefits of project
- Expected date of completion
- Copy of organisation's bank statement including account name, BSB & Account number
- Contact email and <u>two</u> mobile numbers

Two representatives <u>must</u> be available to attend presentation day July 20th.

Please send applications to Garfield Community Shop, 71 Main St Garfield, 3814.

Applications close June 30th





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Thanks "rain collector" Keith Wilkinson



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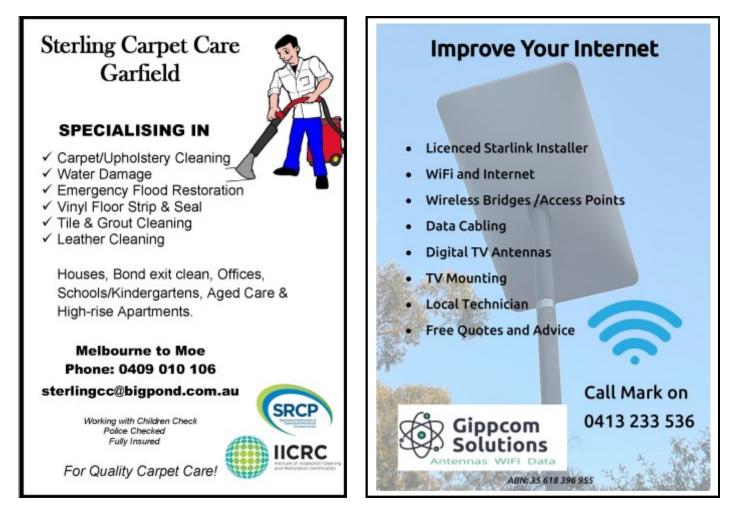
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