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What's Happening Around Warburton

by Jeff Gill—Warburton Advancement League (WAL)

Been a busy month with grass (and weeds) growing before your eyes, fortunately the River Crew are just keeping ahead of it on the river walks. Welcome to our two new volunteers, Kevin and Mark; they have dropped our average age by a fair margin! Bill likes his own company but that isn't stopping him keeping the "redwoods precinct" in top condition. Big thanks to Mark (council mower) for going the extra yard for us - much appreciated.

The nightly light show at the Wheetbix factory and silos is something a bit different. They will be on from sundown to midnight for the next few months. Can't remember such a show on this scale in town. WAL is incredibly lucky to have Leo in our group - his gear, time and you name it expertise brought this idea to reality, ably helped by Dave from Phazed

Electrics who worked for peanuts. Garry - owner of the building was very supportive of this project and is covering the power bill - WELL DONE TO ALL INVOLVED!

Programmed to go on 20min after sundown to midnight over daylight saving time.

The carols are booked in for the 20th December at the park adjacent to the Splash Park. Big changes are being planned for this year's program - we felt after over 50 years of the same thing it is time for a change so watch this space. On another matter - a month ago two members of WAL met with council staff on the ground to utilise "wasted space" in town. We put our two bobs worth in; they went away and today, the 18th October, a dozer and excavator are working on the car park behind the hardware. Outstanding work from Council staff!

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Waterwheel Holiday Market Kicks Off the Season

by Michele Osterhoudt

Get a jump on your holiday shopping at the Annual Waterwheel Christmas Market, held each year on the first Friday in December. Featuring stalls filled with handmade crafts and unique gifts, the market is bound to have something for everyone on your list!

This year's market is December 5th and runs from 4 to 8pm. Our desire is to host even more vendors this year, filling the decks around the Waterwheel plus the green spaces above and below. We also plan to again offer music and a food court in the upper parking area in conjunction with the Cog Bike Café.

The Waterwheel invites artists, artisans, crafters and all types of creatives from the Upper Yarra Valley to book a stall at this year's market. Items sold must be predominately handmade (no resale or trash 'n' treasure type stalls). We also welcome applications from food stall vendors and expressions of interest from local musicians who'd like to perform at the event.



A 3x3 stall costs only \$30. To obtain an application, email Waterwheel Coordinator Michele Osterhoudt at wwcoordinator@upperyarra.net.au or call her on 0458 274 224. And if you don't have anything you want to sell, then we sure hope to see you at the Market enjoying all the fine offerings from our community's creatives!

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Floating down the Yarra is a uniquely Australian experience.

by Jayne D'Arcy

Warburton locals have spent countless lazy summer days immersed in the river that winds through our picturesque township, swimming, floating, fishing, or simply soaking up the natural beauty of the Birrarung/Yarra. Surrounded by towering mountain ash, lush ferns and an orchestra of birdlife, from graceful cormorants to the tiny superb fairywren, it's the perfect way to experience the heart of Warburton.

And for the truly brave, river bathing isn't just a summer pastime, you'll find locals taking the plunge year-round, even in the depths of winter.

As more people discover this magical stretch of river, it's never been more important to care for it. Many already lead the way, like local Trevor Davy, who spends his mornings collecting rubbish with his dog Rosie and untangling fishing lines that can harm our beloved platypus. Community groups do their part too, removing weeds, planting natives, and caring for the whimsical path that winds along the river's edge.

We can all help by embracing one simple principle: leave no trace. Take everything you bring in, out with you and dispose of waste properly, no nappies, popped tubes or barbecue waste in the river. Choose durable tubes and avoid glitter-filled ones that shed microplastics. Local business Warburton Adventure Co. has invested in high-quality, long-lasting tubes and sleds for those keen to experience the river safely and sustainably.

Together, we can keep the Birrarung flowing clean and clear: a place for people, wildlife and future generations to enjoy.

G'day 3799 from the Resilience Canopy

by Tia Baptista

Firstly, congratulations to everyone involved in getting this newsletter up-and-running. We're thrilled to be a part of it in its early stages.

Having engaged with the incredible residents of Millgrove and Warburton for years, The Resilience Canopy team feels a strong kinship and connection with community members in the 3799 area.

Notably, we supported the Millgrove Residents Action Group (MRAG) to develop its Resilience Plan in 2023, which has helped address societal stressors. Community-led actions from this include impactful renewable energy projects, improved emergency preparedness awareness, more reliable telecommunications, and developing the Millgrove Memorial Reserve Garden and the Avenue of Honour.

"Without the partnership of the Resilience Canopy, MRAG would not have had the opportunity to meet stakeholders such as AusNet and to have installed the solar and battery system we have on our community hall, further enhancing Millgrove's own Resilience and Recovery hub," says MRAG member Maureen Halit.

The Resilience Canopy is also engaging with the Warburton Emergency Planning Group (WEPG) through a similar journey. Currently, this dedicated community group is undertaking Deep Dive sessions to explore community strengths and worries, and to ensure diverse perspectives are included.

"We are thrilled to have been selected as a Canopy Community by The Resilience Canopy," affirms WEPG member Kevin Bargar. "We are utilising the Canopy's Six-Step Future Ready model to help Warburton prepare for future disasters and build strong social connections in the community. Their assistance to-date has been fantastic!"

As a registered charity, The Resilience Canopy seeks to transform Australia's response to social and climate challenges, with communities at the helm.

As our movement grows, we now have dozens of communities following in Millgrove and Warburton's footsteps, using your community actions as inspiration for their own budding resilience journeys.

Our ambitious goal is 500 resilient Canopy Communities across Australia by 2032. But no matter how far our Canopy branches extend, our roots will always be in 3799; the faith your communities showed in our program in its infancy has been invaluable.

We're proud to see Millgrove and Warburton continuously striving to improve, and we'll continue to be there to support any 3799 communities with the skills, connections, resources and support to thrive through the challenges life presents.

If you are interested in becoming a Canopy Community, we would love to hear from you!

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Warburton Golf Club

by Kevin Bargar

The Warburton Golf Club has a rich history that dates back to its establishment in 1932 as a 9-hole course. Over the years, it has evolved into the 18-hole course it is known for today. The club's history is also marked by the involvement of community members, particularly Dick Leith, who played a pivotal role in the club's development, and the growth of the Warburton community. The club's commitment to maintaining its natural scenery and providing a challenging yet enjoyable golfing experience has solidified its reputation as one of Australia's most picturesque and scenic golf courses.

Weekly competitions for all members on Wednesday and Saturday mornings are a mainstay as are the ladies Monday competitions. The ladies also have a social round on Thursday mornings followed by a monthly lunch at the club. All ladies are welcome.

The Warburton Golf Club relies heavily on the involvement of its members to assist with maintaining the grounds around the course and the clubhouse. The weekly garden club is a great way to get involved and support the club with activities on Tuesday mornings include pruning trees, splitting and stacking firewood, re-building bridges that traverse the Ythan Creek running through the course, spreading mulch, and whipper snipping to keep the grounds looking their best.

Twilight Golf runs on Thursday afternoons throughout the Daylight-Saving Time period. This is a very popular nine-hole weekly Stableford competition that many players follow with dinner at the club's full menu restaurant. Thursday night dinners run all year round beginning at 6:00pm. Also, be on the lookout for the many social events that the club organises throughout the year.

We are always looking for new members and offer a variety of membership options to suit all ages and we even have a Social Club membership that offers member pricing on food and beverages from our full-service kitchen and bar. Would you like to work at the Warburton Golf Club? Drop in your resume. Someone is at the club seven days per week.

Golf bookings can be made at: warburtongolf.com.au or, you can contact us by email at warbygolf@bigpond.com or Phone 03 5966 2306.



Sharing Hospitality: Holmesglen Students Visit Babaji's in Warburton

by Andrew Carruthers

Last week, students from the Bachelor of Hospitality Management at Holmesglen Institute stopped in at Babaji's Kerala Kitchen on their way home from a residential program at Holmesglen at Eildon. A focus of the trip was developing a strong sense of belonging within the student group and deepening their understanding of what it means to be part of the wider hospitality community. I also wanted them to gain insight into the unique challenges and opportunities of running a hospitality business in regional Victoria.

I chose Babaji's because it captures so much of what I love about Warburton. Having lived here over the past year, I've seen how this community values creativity, inclusion, and heart-driven hospitality and Babaji's embodies all of that. Owner Billy Crombie welcomed the students with warmth and generosity, sharing her journey from humble one-stove start-up to a celebrated regional restaurant. She spoke candidly about the realities of running a hospitality business in a small town, and about the importance of passion, storytelling, and sustainability in building something that truly lasts.

Learning that Babaji's holds a Good Food Guide chef's hat challenged the students to rethink what "excellence" looks like - not formality or prestige, but authenticity, connection and community. More than just a meal, the visit became a lesson in hospitableness - a reminder that true hospitality lives wherever people create warmth, belonging, and joy through shared experience.

We'll definitely be back for another dosa soon.

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Over 100 years serving the Warburton Community

by Gordon Buller

Did you know that the Upper Yarra Reserve Committee of Management was originally appointed at the request of the Upper Yarra Shire in the 1920's. It was at the request of residents about the contamination of the river due to tents and shanties being erected within metres of the water's

edge and effluent and laundry discharging directly into the river. The Committee has operated continuously, developing the picnic areas with shelters, barbecues and picnic tables along with grassed areas and shade trees.

During the 1980's a group of local identities tirelessly spent their retirement employed on a project to create the walking track network that now stretches for many kilometres along both sides of the river and conveniently links the bridges in town and extends to Mt Victoria, Backstairs Track to Mt Little Joe, and Centenary Walk to connect to Powelltown.

Funding is predominantly raised locally and through grants from DEECA, Melbourne Water and Yarra Ranges Council for particular projects. The Committee consists of 7 local Warburton Residents who meet regularly to manage the reserve but we can always use volunteers who may wish to be involved as friends of the Reserve.

Some current mini-jobs that can be arranged are:

- Painting of the repairs to lookouts and handrails
- Weed removal
- Planting of replacement vegetation

If volunteering is of interest to you, please make contact via email to u.y.r.r.c.o.m@gmail.com

Warburton Bowls Club

by Garry Lewis

The Warburton Bowls Club (the Burras) are starting the new Summer Pennant season on Saturday October 25th with two teams in the Weekend Competition and one in the Tuesday Midweek Competition.

The Weekend Warburton 1 Side is in Division 2 Section 6, and the Warburton 2 Side is in Division 5 Section 6. The Midweek Warburton 1 Side is in Division 2 Section 5.

The club is situated at 3455-3457 Warburton Highway, Warburton at the Warburton Recreation Reserve.

Bowls is an enjoyable game for all ages, and new players and beginners are encouraged to come along and give it a try. Social Bowls is held every Monday from 12 midday while Pennant Practice is on Thursdays from 4.30pm. FREE Coaching is available.

The popular Wednesday Night Barefoot Bowls Jack Attack Competition is held from November to March.

Membership categories include the Friends of Warburton BC, Non-Pennant and the Pennant categories for New Members, Family Membership and Full Members.

If people are interested, they can contact the Club at warbbowls@outlook.com or check out the website at www.warburtonbowls.bowls.com.au or the Facebook Page [@warburtonbowls](https://www.facebook.com/warburtonbowls).



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for children in the Upper Yarra!

How can we support children's wellbeing, together?

Join us at the community workshop to create real, funded projects that will strengthen social connection for young children and their families.

Bring your ideas Collaborate with others Help create real change

Community Ideas Generation Workshop

Tues 18 November
10am - 2pm
Millwarra Community Building


Register here

How can we support children's wellbeing in the Upper Yarra?

by Georgia Bennett

Join us at the Millwarra Community Building on Tuesday November 18 from 10am – 2pm for a hands-on community workshop where your ideas can help shape real, funded projects that will strengthen social connection for children aged 0 – 6 years and their families in the Upper Yarra. Let's build social connection for children, together!

Register at: <https://events.humanitix.com/community-ideas-generation-workshop>

This event is for parents, carers, community members, and community organisations who want to play an active role in supporting the wellbeing of children in the Upper Yarra. You're welcome to bring a project idea of your own, or come along to support others and get involved.

Lunch will be provided. Children are welcome but must be supervised by a parent or carer.

For more information, please contact Georgia: 0438 719 678 | UYP@yarraranges.vic.gov.au



Great Fun Last Week for Members and Guests of Yarra Ranges Film Society (YRFS).

All Dressed up and ready for Fun!! The Rocky Horror Show screened at the Art Centre, Warburton.



Upper Yarra Public Cemetery

by Chris Thomas

Many people probably drive past the Cemetery on the Highway between Wesburn & Yarra Junction and never think or even know how it operates.

Maybe they just assume that it is operated by the Council or a Government body.

Such is not the case, it is, and always has been SINCE 1893, operated by a small committee of LOCAL Volunteers who must by necessity run the cemetery like it was a business.

All of the costs of operation, the gardening, the grass cutting, the grave digging, the maintenance, the capital works, etc. have to be funded from the burials that take place and the sale of plots (called rights of Interment) for current or future burials.

The cemetery offers a wide range of services to the community:

- Traditional gravesites (single or double) denominational or non-denominational,
- Ashes interment,
- Bushland,
- Natural and shroud burials,
- Sale of plots (Rights of Interment) for future use. There are multiple areas and the opportunity is there to simply "Be Prepared."

Many suburban cemeteries only offer 25-year rights of burial and families must either renew the plot at the end of that 25 years or the buried remains are taken out and respectfully disposed of.

Such IS NOT the case at our cemetery where all interments are for PERPETUITY for future generations to be able to pay their respects.

The public are welcome in the cemetery grounds at any time to pay their respects or just wander through and look at the history in the Headstones.

There is also 24-hour PEDESTRIAN access.

Sam Knott, the famous man on the Carlton & United Brewery mirror who drank at the Wesburn Hotel is even buried there. Many people would have heard his Motto from 1906.... *"I allus has wan at eleven, It's a habit that's got to be done, 'Cos if I don't have wan at eleven, I allus have eleven at one."*

The Trust is proud of the way the cemetery is presented and recently constructed an all-weather walking track around the perimeter of the grounds so people can enjoy the tranquility that is offered. Dogs are welcome but must be on a leash.

For any enquiries or further information please call the Secretary, Julie, on 0408 310 179.

Upper Yarra Landcare

by Sally Anne Clarke

Landcare Victoria Inc is one of the largest environmental volunteer organisations in Victoria, with over six-hundred member groups fostering on-ground community led action. Upper Yarra Landcare (UYLG) is one of these local member groups. The aim of UYLG is to:

- Monitor, maintain and improve the local landscape, including tracks and waterways
- Raise environmental awareness about introduced species
- Create a fun, social atmosphere at each gathering
- Promote community spirit and connection with the local habitat.

We are a relatively small group and would love to welcome some new members. We conduct occasional working bees to regenerate landscapes and address the challenges that we face around climate change and biodiversity loss. This generally takes the form of identifying places in our local area, both private and public, that have been degraded. Usually the degradation is the result of removal of native vegetation, which often results in weed invasion and loss of local wildlife. UYLG then aims to regenerate the land, or part of it, to something like its original state, by removing weeds and replanting with local plant species. All plants, tools and equipment are provided – members simply provide the labour!

Dates of meetings and events are available on our Facebook page or website. A small joining fee is payable.

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UCI Gravel World Championships 2025

by Jenny Scammell

These championships were held on the 11 & 12 October in Zuid-Limburg, The Netherlands. 53 countries and 2954 riders competed over the two days.

East Warburton local, Adrian Kite, was one of those competitors representing Australia in the 40-44 age group. He trained incredibly hard from the time he qualified and was very thankful for all the support he received from friends and local bikers, which enabled him to participate in this prestigious race, the biggest he had ever competed in.

His race had 279 participants competing along some narrow trails in the picturesque Dutch countryside, all vying to do their best. Adrian finished the best of the Australians in 63rd place. He thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience, his first overseas trip and was extremely happy with his finish. Congratulations on a great effort.



Warburton & District Small Bore Rifle Club

by Chris Thomas

Many people would walk past the white building with the green roof and paling fence behind the toilets near Bramich Bridge at the Warburton Recreation Reserve and maybe wonder and never ever know what it is.

It is a Small Bore Rifle Club. A Small Bore rifle is .22 calibre (imperial measure).

The Club was constructed in 1955 by local people to participate in competitive .22 target shooting on paper targets over a distance of 20 metres from both Prone and Benchrest positions.

The Club shoots every Tuesday & Thursday night from 7:30 pm until 10:00 pm and visitors and new members are always welcome to come along and have a look or to give it a try.

Over the years the Club has “batted above its weight” and had shooters in the top of the State including one member invited to try out for the Australian Olympic Squad in 2000, Mr Brian Duck (Deceased).

Target Shooting is one of the most equal sports there is. All ages and genders can and do compete equally against each other, which gives the opportunity for people with disabilities to compete and excel on an equal footing with able-bodied people.

The Club currently includes Juniors, Ladies and Men, all of all ages.

Currently, two top shooters in the Club are women. One, Mary is currently in the top 5 of over 200 shooters for the whole Victorian Pennant competition and our Junior, Ruby has the number 2 junior ranking for Victoria. Not too bad!!

The Club is naturally strict on safety procedures, no alcohol is allowed, and anyone attending must comply with the directions of the Club Range Officer, Rob and in the 70 years the Club has been operating there has never been an incident or accident. Ironically, Target Shooting is a lot safer than kicking a football.

The Club must be inspected by the Victorian Firearms Licensing inspector from VICPOL on a regular basis to ensure safety requirements are met and we are approved by them to operate.

The Club believes that there are many benefits, especially for young people, in learning how to safely handle and respect a firearm and it is also very competitive, where members take pride in trying to do better every week, against their own previous scores and especially against other members. No different to any individual sport, such as bowls or golf.

Minimum age to attend is 12 and older Club members have been well into their 80's. We are a very friendly, welcoming and social Club where members enjoy a chat and each other's company to the extent that some members might just roll up, have a chat and a cuppa and not even shoot.

The cost is a reasonable \$20 and that provides use of a Club single shot Anschütz target rifle, 25 shots, the paper target (you can keep it) and tuition plus a cuppa and biscuits.

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Daniher's Drive comes to Warburton

by Lachie Pitman

The Warburton community welcomed the 9th Annual Daniher Drive, raising funds for and awareness of motor neurone disease. The Drive was instigated by ex AFL Legend Neale Daniher and his family to lift the profile of this incurable disease and raise significant funds to try and find a cure. Since 2014 FightMND has raised more than \$117 million into research and care initiatives to assist people living with and affected by MND. So far this year's event has already raised \$1.3M with further funds to come from the sale of raffle tickets for a Jayco Caravan, most generously donated by Gerry Ryan, owner of Jayco.

Warburton certainly turned on the weather for both the Drive participants and the large number of locals who ventured down to the bowls club to join in the festivities. The Warburton football club along with Powelltown had a light hearted moment when Terry Daniher, ex Essendon Captain, was presented with a Burras Jumper by Steve Noonan, and not to be out done Graham Wynn awarded ex Melbourne Captain a Powley jumper. The 260 Drive participants came from all around Australia, many of whom have never been to Warburton, and many will be returning at a later date with their families. After the bowls, the Drive left for Phillip Island with the Daniher Bus, and numerous other entrants dropped in to the Millwarra Primary School at Millgrove where the kids welcomed everyone and performed a cheerio to Neale Daniher. Then 50 footballs that were donated by Chemist Warehouse were given to them. Maureen Halit, on behalf of MRAG, presented a \$500 cheque to Bec Daniher for Fight MND.

Fight MND organisers sent letters of thanks to the numerous local businesses and the bowls club for helping make the day a success. A special shout out to the following locals who assisted on the day; bowls club members Max Reynolds, Glenn and Sandi Harrison, Shane and Karen Franks, Annie Barker, Paige Barnard, the Alpine Hotel owners, Anthony and Rachael, Warburton Bakery owner Ross, Rod McKail of the Bendigo Community Bank, Mountain Tuckerman Ben and finally Roxy's Brenda.





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We are organising a fun night of laughter and good vibes! The Upper Yarra unit of the Victorian State Emergency Service is hosting a Comedy Night to raise much-needed funds for our local SES unit. As volunteers, we rely heavily on community support to maintain and upgrade vital equipment, vehicles, and training resources that help us respond to emergencies and keep our community safe.

Our response footprint is ever changing so we need to ensure we are utilising the most appropriate and safest equipment for the types of events we are attending.

We would really love to see locals come along to our event, enjoy some fantastic comedy, and help us continue the important work we do + say hello to our members - maybe find out more about what we do, ask us your burning questions etc.

Funds raised go towards strengthening our unit and ensuring we're ready when disaster strikes, so that we are ready when our community needs us!





Warburton Primary School celebrates 150 years of learning in the valley

by Nathan van der Monde

Warburton Primary School marked a remarkable milestone on Sunday 19 October, drawing hundreds of current and former students, families and staff back through its gates to celebrate 150 years of learning in the valley.

The formal program opened with a warm and moving Welcome to Country delivered by Stacie Piper. Principal Nathan van der Monde then addressed the crowd, reflecting on the school's humble beginnings and its enduring role as a community anchor. Current School Captains Cooper Murphy and Felix Ruffin, Vice School Captain Malakai Mooney, and student Jasper Mooney—who read on behalf of absent Vice School Captain Koby Uden—each shared reflections on what Warburton Primary means to students today.

A highlight of the ceremony was the cutting of the anniversary cake by the school's youngest student Ellie Kairey alongside Sue Buller, the eldest alumnus in attendance. That moment was followed by the unveiling of the school's new ceremonial flag, lovingly created by Michelle Mock. The flag features the names and handprints of all current students on its reverse—an intergenerational symbol linking past, present and future.

Beyond the speeches, the day hummed with activity. Returning staff and students spanning decades browsed an extensive memorabilia display, sparking conversations and “remember when” moments over photographs, uniforms, trophies and classroom artefacts.

Community groups rallied to support the day, running stalls and demonstrations including the Warburton CFA, the local footy club, Babaji's restaurant, Wellspring Warburton, plant sellers, toys and trinkets, jewellery, face painting, a petting zoo, Ride Time bikes, and Jigsaw Jumps. Students themselves served up fresh scones with jam and cream for Devonshire Tea, while the school's Harvest Café kitchen garden program offered recipe books and

student-made preserves for sale. Staff and volunteers ran an art print shop showcasing student-created lino prints, and the humble sausage sizzle proved—as ever—unstoppable.

With sunshine, stories and school spirit in abundance, the 150th Anniversary was widely described as “a fantastic day” and “a huge success.”

Warburton Primary School extends sincere thanks to everyone who attended, contributed, volunteered or cheered from afar. Here's to the next 150 years of learning, laughter and community in this very special place.



Millgrove Market Update

by Kate Baselier

Shopping at the Millgrove Market isn't just convenient, delicious and fun, but also a great way of getting up to date with MRAG's projects and developments (MRAG: Millgrove Residents' Action Group).

With 16 vibrant markets throughout the year, there is always a chance to discover something special. A great bunch of stallholders bring a wide selection of artisan goods and crafts to the market.

Coffee & hot food, baked goods, health food, art & craft, soap & candles, clothing & jewellery, herbs & spices, toys, plants, dog treats and of course the traditional Sausage Sizzle.

Whether you are buying something for yourself, a birthday or Christmas, shopping local makes a big difference. See you at our next markets on Saturday 15 & Sunday 30 November / 20 December / 17 January.

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As the only real estate agency with an office in the 3799 area, Professionals Yarra Valley isn't just working in the area, they are the area. Their team is made up of locals who live, work and play here every day. They're parents cheering from the sidelines, volunteers at community events, familiar faces on the golf course or mountain bike trails and proud advocates for the beautiful Upper Yarra Valley.

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We're not just selling homes. We're helping people move into their next chapter and that's something we never take for granted.

Director, Ashleigh Hall





This year alone, the team has helped more than 300 families achieve their property dreams, a milestone that reflects both experience and heart. But behind every sale is a story: a family upsizing for more space, a couple downsizing for a simpler life, or first home buyers unlocking their next adventure. Watching those moments unfold, the smiles, the 'sold' sticker, the keys being handed over is what keeps the team inspired.

For Professionals Yarra Valley, real estate is about people as much as property. It's about guiding, supporting, and celebrating milestones, big and small. That personal connection shines through in every interaction and it's one of the many reasons they're recognised as the leading agency not just in 3799, but across the entire Upper Yarra Valley.



Every home, every client, every story, matters and that's something this dedicated local team never forgets.

So next time you see one of the Professionals Yarra Valley team out and about, maybe walking their dog along the river or cheering on the local kids' footy team, say hello. Because chances are, they already know your street, your neighbours and maybe even your dream home.



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Upper Yarra Valley Garden Club

by Kate Blanchard

Did you know that there is a Garden Club right on your front doorstep? That's right, we are the Upper Yarra Valley Garden Club, and we have been running for over 40 years now.

To date, we have around 80 members, from the extremely experienced to the very new gardener, we invite everyone to join.

Our meetings are held at 7.00pm, every 3rd Monday of the month, at Oscars on the Yarra, Warburton. These meetings are always a fantastic opportunity to socialise, learn and have fun over supper and a cuppa. You will have opportunities to listen to professional (and renowned) garden speakers, view demonstrations, participate in plant raffles, try your luck at the member draw and you may want to submit your own plant in for a 'popular vote.'

This is just a brief outline of what we get up to at our meetings. Outside the meetings, the year is packed with various gardening

activities to get involved in. From day trips, workshops, flower shows to excursions and leisurely garden walks followed with morning/afternoon tea, we try and offer variety to our members.

Not to mention, our biggest event for the year is just around the corner... That's right 'Open Garden Weekend' and everyone is invited! We have 5 new and different gardens this year for the public to visit on 1st and 2nd of November, between 10am – 4.30pm. Please pick up an information flyer from one of the local businesses in town and check out the exciting schedule we have this year... This is an event you won't want to miss!

We really look forward to seeing you at Open Gardens and hopefully, at our garden club meetings.

For more information about the Upper Yarra Valley Garden Club, please check out our social pages.

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Chicken Parma, fries & leaf salad	Just for our special 3799 locals	Beef, Chicken, Fish or Mushroom	250g, with fries & garlic butter	Includes all Pizzas	See website for more details	Scottsdale Free Range Pork
\$30 Weekday Lunches weekdays 12pm - 4pm Nothing over \$30			\$10 Happy Hour weekdays 3pm - 5pm Pints, wines & spirits		Weekend Breakfast weekends 8am - 11am seasonal hotel breakfast	



Join The Team

The Alpine Hotel is always looking for passionate and talented individuals to join the team, whether it's a first job or the next step in a hospitality career. Positions range from dishwashers and housekeepers to bartenders, supervisors, chefs and more.

We are currently looking for experienced RSA Bartenders and a Breakfast Chef. Interested applicants can contact: kate@alpineretreat.com.au

3799 Connect Community Calendar

Nov 1, 2	Open Garden Weekend, 10am – 4.30pm.
Nov 15	Comedy for a Cause – SES Upper Yarra Fundraiser Warburton Golf Club - Doors open 6:30pm with Show at 7:30pm
Fri Dec 5	Waterwheel Holiday Market – 4pm to 8pm
Your Community Group, Organisation or Sporting Club activities can be here	

3799 Connect Noticeboard

Every Monday	Free Chair Pilates – Redwood Centre Warburton – 12:30pm – 1:20pm
Every Monday	Warby Walkers – meet at Redwood Centre front entrance – 2:00pm
2 nd Tues of month	Yarra Ranges Film Society – 7:30pm at The Arts Centre Warburton
3 rd Wed of month	Warburton Advancement League meeting – 7:30pm at YREC
Every Wednesday	Warburton CFA training – 7:30pm – 9:00pm
Last Wed of month	River Valley Church – Free Dinner – 6:00pm
Every Thursday	Koha Community Café – Community Dinner from 6:00pm – by donation
1 st Thurs of month	Warburton Emergency Planning Group meeting – 7:00pm at YREC
Every Friday night	Free Friday Soup Night – Redwood Centre Warburton – from 5:30pm
3 rd Sat / 5 th Sun of month	Millgrove Market – 9:00am – 2:00pm
Every Sunday	Warburton CFA training – 9:30am – 11:30am
1 st Sun of month	Warburton Valley Market – 11:00am – 3:00pm

Waterwheel Hub Inc

by Nikki Murray—Chair, Waterwheel Hub Inc

‘From little things, big things grow’*... this has been my motto regarding the rebuilding of the Warburton Waterwheel structure for most of this year.

Earlier this year, on the 18th March, 2025 a spark was lit within the minds and hearts of the 74 community members who came to an ‘end of lease’ meeting regarding our beloved Waterwheel Art Space and Tourist Information Centre. Throughout the evening there were many points of discussion and ideas raised, everyone in a quandary on how to save this space come May 2026.

Interested parties put their names on a list, indicating whether they would like to be part of a group to discuss ideas further and we all met for the first time in April. Move on to October 2025 and this small group, once comprised of mostly board members has now swollen to a working group of 14 people, none of which are not board members.

We have an active Working Group and an incorporated association, Waterwheel Hub Inc. that meets every fortnight on a Wednesday

night usually at YREC, but we do move about depending on what the focus is and the space needed.

Everyone in the group is passionate about how the Waterwheel space is used and how we can grow and build on past structure. We are welcoming new people with ideas to help us move into a new era of becoming a successful business and hub, offering new rejuvenated outlooks through revenue sustainability, an active and inclusive volunteer base, tourism, arts, culture and heritage and the environment.

Anyone who thinks they may have something to offer please contact the group by emailing: waterwheelhubinc@gmail.com

It doesn't matter how much time you can offer. We are in the beginning stages where we are applying for grants and setting up workshops and doing surveys. Being a community-led volunteer group we are happy with as little or as much as you can give.

* Words tribute to Kev Carmody and Paul Kelly