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COLLECTIVE ISSUES

Safety is a priority

YARRAMAN COLLECTIVE UPDATE: issues that will continue to be raised with State Government and Toowoomba Regional Council in 2026.

By MICHAEL APPERLEY

OVER the past six months the Yarraman Collective has been busy lobbying government on behalf of the Yarraman community in order to progress a range of issues to improve the liveability and access for all residents.

These matters, in some cases, if not addressed will have a profound impact on community safety and our ability to continue to develop our wonderful town.

More importantly we need to be able to attract new residents, business interests and health services to Yarraman to enable it to thrive.

Our community is the northern most point in the Toowoomba Regional Council (TRC) and is within the State Government seat of Nanango.

During the course of this year members of the Collective have made representation on behalf of

the community to The Honourable Deb Frecklington MP, TRC Mayor Geoff McDonald and the Northern Zone Councillors, James O'Shea, Kerry Shine and Carol Taylor.

The State Government related matters have included the upgrades to the Town's Pedestrian access infrastructure (particularly the crossing points on the D'Aguilar and New England Highways) and the re-instatement of Year 10 at Yarraman State School.

The key focus areas for local council have included issues such as:

- ~Pudd Pavilion replacement
- ~Power access at Station Park
- ~Improved footpath infrastructure
- ~Improved street lighting
- ~Dog off the Leash enclosure
- ~Playground fencing on New England Highway
- ~Transport levy

While these matters are not exhaustive, they impact most of the residents within our community.

It is fair to say that while the layers of government have acknowledged the majority of these issues,

action on many of them has been slow to say the least.

While we have had some successes (Driver Reviver and better engagement from Council) and we now appear to be getting traction on some of these more pressing issues, it has been disappointing that most of these matters have not been resolved in a timely manner, particularly when the safety of our community should be front and centre.

The last TRC budget did not include any direct infrastructure line items in the Capital forward work program for Yarraman, and as rate payers we should all be concerned about the general state of our aging infrastructure, much of which needs to be addressed.

This list of issues being managed by the Collective is being constantly updated and we seek input from the community to ensure that the issues that need to be raised with government remain relevant to our community needs.

SEE PAGE 9 FOR DETAILS OF THE NEXT COLLECTIVE MEETING.

New year, new shows

By AMANDA GORDON
WHFM Station Manager



WELCOME to our first edition of 99.7% Local News 2026.

It's great to be back in print and catching up with the community after what was a wonderful year in our region.

We had no shortage of fantastic local events including December's Yarraman Christmas Carnival bringing everyone together for a night of smiles and carols, and the Yarraman Heritage Centre Bookfest, which once again proved we're a town full of book lovers and big hearts.

Looking ahead, 2026 is already shaping up to be action-packed. Wild Horse FM has two exciting new shows hitting the airwaves: *How You Growing?* with Michelle, diving into gardens, green thumbs and local growers, and *Radio Remedy* from the Yarraman Wellness Centre team, offering a thoughtful mix of holistic wellness information as well as great tunes to set the mood.

And if you're keen to get more involved with your community this year, we'd love to hear from you. Wild Horse FM and the 99.7% Local News teams are on the lookout for volunteers. Whether you're a storyteller, techie, or just passionate about local community, this is your chance to get involved in the heartbeat of our community.

YOUR CHANCE TO WIN
a portable JBL
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see Page 12
for details



WHO WON THE CHRISTMAS HAMPER?

Farmhouse Coffee Lounge owner Gina assists Anne from Wild Horse FM as she draws the winner of the Farmhouse Christmas raffle
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for details



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Happy bingo goers Mary, Mary, Anne and Heather cross off their numbers at the Yarraman Memorial Hall.

Bingo is buzzing from Nanango to Yarraman

“EYES down”, that’s the call sending a buzz around Nanango and Yarraman.

Yes bingo is back in fashion with lots of people taking the opportunity to have a fun, social morning out with the hope of crossing off a full card.



Enjoying a morning playing Bingo Buzz at the Nanango Cultural Centre are Karen, Heather and Sharon.

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Eyes Down @ 11:00 am

Start Times Same @ Nanango & Yarraman

WHAT'S ON

YARRAMAN

Chattering Roses: coffee and chat group, Information is on Facebook Yarraman Community Notices. Chattering roses new year first meet up Thursday, Jan 15 @ the Barker creek restaurant Nanango 1230 pm in the motel on the Kingaroy side .

Bingo Buzz Yarraman on every second Monday at the Yarraman Memorial Hall 11 Browne St, door opens at 10am, eyes down at 11am. First bingo of the year is on Monday, January 5.

Yarraman Men's Shed: Mill Street, Yarraman, 8am to noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Yarraman Craft & Chat – For the Oldies: First Monday of the month for oldies. 1-3pm at the Yarraman Wellness Centre, 24 Browne Street. \$5 pp. Call Sharon 0402 980 857

Yarraman Harvest Exchange: Every Wednesday from 8:00am at The Pink Flamingo. Share your unwanted produce, seeds or seedlings. Call or text Bianca on 0447 343 641

Yarraman Country Markets: Second Saturday of each month from 8am till noon at the Yarraman Memorial Hall. Phone Joe on 0459 638 282

Yarraman Holistic Markets: Last Saturday of each month from 8am till noon at the Yarraman Men's Shed in Mill Street. Country market with a difference. Local products and fresh produce, health stalls and bric-a-brac. Phone Bianca 0447 343 641

Yarraman Craft & Chat: Third Saturday of the month for everyone. 1-3pm at the Yarraman Wellness Centre, 24 Browne Street. \$5 pp. Call Sharon 0402 980 857

Meal Night: Yarraman Heritage House, Friday, January 29, dinner served at 6.30pm. Dinner and dessert for \$25 per person. Lucky door prize, raffle, entertainment. Theme this month is Australia Day. Bookings phone 41638111. Funds go to the running of the Yarraman Heritage Centre.

NANANGO

Cuppa and Chat: Neighbourhood Centre, last Wednesday of the month, from 10-11am.

Gather & Grow: Craft day, Neighbourhood Centre, Thursday 10am-noon.

Taras Hall Bingo: Henry Street, Thursday eyes down at 9.30am.

Crafty Get Together: Community Centre, fun craft session every Wednesday from 9.30am.

Storytime In The Park: family event from 10am - 11am on the first Wednesday of every month, Butter Factory Park, Drayton St.

Tuesday Night Blackjack & Poker: Commercial Hotel in Drayton St, Tuesday from 6pm.

Nanango Men's Shed: cnr Mt Stanley Road and Heathermore Lane, 8.30am to noon Saturday, Monday, Wednesday.

South Burnett Community Share: Nanango Cultural Centre, George Street, 9.30am, third Sunday of every month.

Alcoholics Anonymous: every Wednesday 10am to 11am, Catholic Church hall at the corner of Alfred and Gipps Street.

Bingo Buzz Nanango on every Saturday at the Nanango Cultural Centre 48 Drayton St. Door opens at 10am, eyes down at 11am. First bingo of the year is on January 10.

Nanango Country Markets: First Saturday of every month 6am to 12 noon. Nanango Showgrounds.

Pass The Yarn, Nanango QCWA: Every Monday at 9am at the club rooms, 55 Fitzroy Street. Bring along your works in progress or start something new. Cost is \$5 for morning tea, coffee or tea.

Nanango Art Workshop: Every Tuesday at 9.30am at the old Scout Hall, 40 Henry Street. Different project each week using a variety of materials. Cost is \$10 which includes all you need.

Nanango CTC Cuppa N Chat: Every Wednesday at 9.30 till 10.30am at 41 Drayton Street

Nanango Church Yard Op Shop: Fourth Saturday of each month 7.30am till 11.30am at the Anglican Churchyard at the corner of Drayton and Burnett streets. Phone Sue 0419 319 982

Nanango Seniors Stronger Together: Activities for over 60s, every Wednesday at 11.30 till 2pm at 41 Drayton Street.

BLACKBUTT

Blackbutt Lions Market: Third Sunday of the month from 7am at Les Muller Park in Hart Street. Wide range of locally produces arts, crafts and freshly harvested foodstuffs. Nick 0423 382 405.

Cuppa n Chat: QCWA 65 Coulson Street, Blackbutt. Monday 9.30 to 11.30am. BYO craft.

Blackbutt/Yarraman QCWA Devonshire Tea: Every Wednesday from 10am till noon at the little blue house 65 Coulson St. \$12 for Devonshire Tea with bottomless tea or coffee. Phone 0494 038 066

Blackbutt Lions Club Community Meals: Every second week 7:30pm at the Lions Den, Bowman Rd. Free meals dine in or take away.

Taromeo Country Music Club: Meet every fortnight on Tuesday 1.30 - 4.30 for practice.Public social, every 2 month on the 3rd Sunday 10am - 2pm at Blackbutt Golf Club. Phone 0403 156 536

Timbertowns Woodworking Group Inc. Wednesday and Sunday, 8am to 12pm, Thursday, 4pm to 7pm. Blackbutt Showgrounds.

COOYAR

Cooyar Community Cuppa Group: Cooyar Hall, fourth Thursday of the month, 9.30-11.30am for a cuppa, chat and craft. \$2 donation, bring a small plate of morning tea to share. All welcome. Ph 0467 208 475.

Yoga at Cooyar: Every Tuesday at 9am at the Cooyar Memorial Hall on the New England Hwy. Phone Jane 0408 988 100. Resumes January 27

MAIDENWELL

Maidenwell QCWA: 9.30am branch meets on the first Wednesday of every month (except January).

Maidenwell Library: Every Wednesday and Saturday from 2 till 4pm at the hall (run by QCWA)

Rosalie Australia Day

Monday January 26, 2026, 8am - 11am
Memorial Hall, Browne St, Yarraman

ROSALIE Australia Day is one of Toowoomba's most anticipated celebrations, bringing together locals and visitors for a day of community spirit and family fun.

Whether you're looking for a hearty breakfast or to celebrate local hero's, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

The program includes the Australia Day awards ceremony, live entertainment and family fun activities such as facepainting, plus plenty of opportunities to enjoy local food and explore the unique local attractions of Yarraman.

Arrive early to secure your spot and your free breakfast—this popular event draws a big crowd every year!

Blackbutt Australia Day

Blackbutt Showgrounds, Bowman Rd, 8am-noon

LIONS Club of Blackbutt Benarkin presents Australia Day celebrations on January 26, 8am-noon.

Free community breakfast, gumboot and Crocs throwing competition, live music by David Lynch, giveaways, free tea/coffee, cordial for the kids, games, raffles and activities for the kids.

Pool Party fun - January 13

Tuesday, Jan 13 - Yarraman Aquatic Centre 12pm - 2pm
FREE entry, music, games, and heaps of fun!

Yarraman Library Community Morning Tea

Thursday, JANUARY 15 at 10.15am
Garden Chat with Leanne, seed propagation.

Cooyar Show

Saturday, February 21 Cooyar Showgrounds
Cattle judging and other agricultural competitions. Smash-up derby, Chainsaw events, Young Farmers Challenge, Fireworks and Bull & Bronc Ride on Saturday night. DJ and bar open until late on Saturday night, Free on-site camping. Visit Cooyar Show website for full program.

Back to Nanango Reunion

Saturday, March 14 Ringsfield House Nanango
Past and present Nanango residents welcome at the Ringsfield Precinct Alfred Street Nanango. See Facebook page for more information.

Nanango Show Society

COMING EVENTS

Markets - Saturday, Feb 7

2026 Nanango Show - April 18

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Your ideas could help plan our area's future

COULD your ideas be the gems to help the Toowoomba Region grow and develop over the coming decades?

To help provide input into the new Planning Scheme, Toowoomba Regional Council (TRC) are inviting community members to join the Planning and Development Policy and Technical Advice Reference Group.

Toowoomba Regional Council Mayor Geoff McDonald said council was seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified and experienced professionals to become a member of the Reference Group.

"The Planning Scheme provides the strategic framework for managing population growth, housing supply, infrastructure investment and environmental resilience over the next 25 years," Cr McDonald said.

"To help ensure this document takes into account the views of our community, we're establishing this Reference Group to provide a forum for collaboration and consultation between Council Officers and planning and technical professionals within our community.

"The purpose of the group is to discuss, provide feedback, and exchange insights on matters relating to the Region's draft Planning Scheme and Council's planning and development functions.

"If you're a planning or development professional or have technical expertise in this field, we'd like to see your submission to be part of this Reference Group."

Council has invited expressions of interest from local professionals with experience and qualifications in the following disciplines: Planning, Engineering, Architecture - design or related disciplines, Economics or related disciplines, Environmental or related fields, and Development Industry.

Council will appoint up to seven members for a 12-month term, with the possibility of extension for a further period of up to 12 months at Council's discretion with members to receive remuneration for meeting attendance.

To submit your Expression of Interest, visit: EOI Planning and Development Policy and Technical Advice Reference Group, and complete the form by 12 January 2026.

For more information, visit: Planning and Development Policy and Technical Advice Reference Group.

In addition to the creation of a Reference Group, the first procurement packages for the Planning Scheme Delivery Program are also open. For more information visit the 'Current Tenders' page at www.tr.qld.gov.au.

And the winner is ...



WHILE we all celebrated Christmas this year with probably a little too much to eat (personal experience talking) spare a thought for the villagers in the Philippines who were devastated by the deadly typhoon a few months ago.

For Gina and the staff at Yarraman's Farmhouse Coffee Lounge the devastation hit home, literally. The villages, towns and cities where they are originally from were the site of destruction, with people losing their homes and possessions.

Quickly springing into action the Farmhouse ladies organised a raffle to raise funds for Christmas hampers for those

who had lost everything but their smiles.

All money raised went directly to purchasing food in the Philippines to ensure that this Christmas would be a happy one for them.

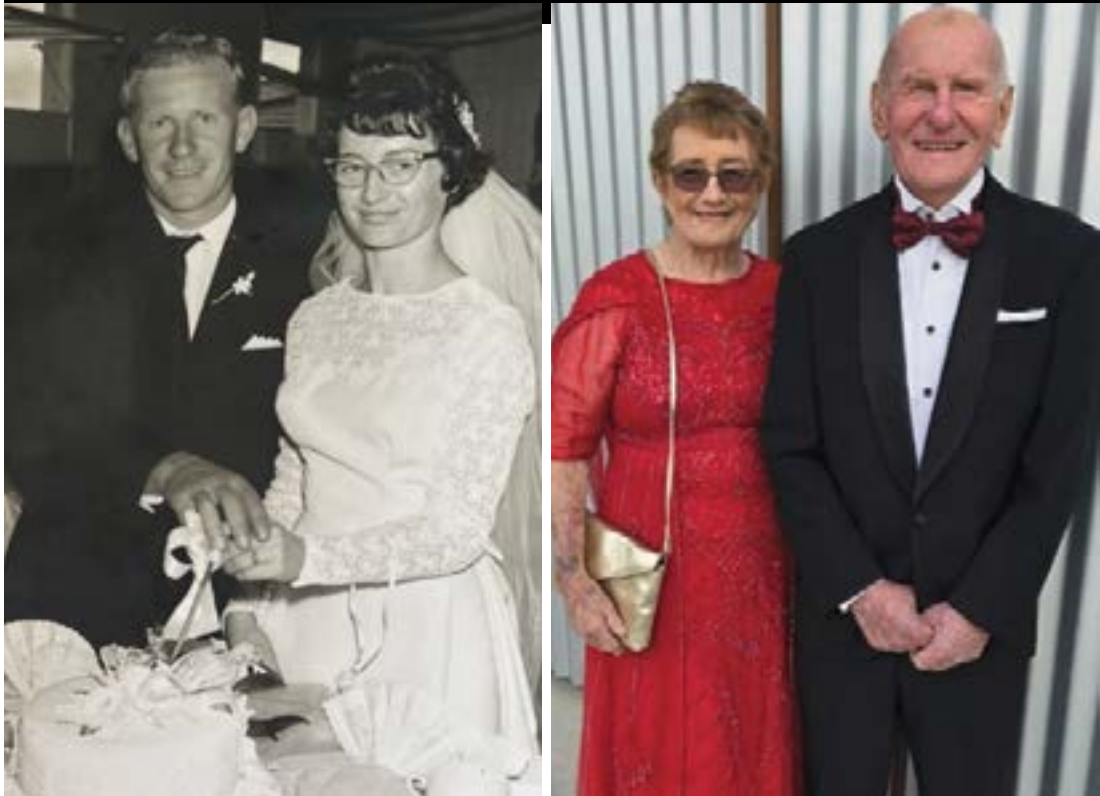
The smiles on their faces showed how much the hampers meant to them.

The support of the Farmhouse customers was overwhelming and a large jar full of tickets stood in testament to that.

Then on the final day of trading for 2025 the raffle was drawn and the lucky winner was Judy from Yarraman.

ABOVE: Lucky winner Judy (centre) is presented with her prize by Gina and Khatty.

Then and now! Graham and Rita celebrate



SATURDAY, December 18, in 1965, was a special day in Haden, as Graham and Rita Barron emerged from St Leo's Catholic Church as husband and wife. December 2025 saw the couple celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary with family and friends. Congratulations Graham and Rita.

Blackbutt comedy night will be a funny Valentine

HOWLING winds and lashing rain may have scared comedians away but locals proved they are made of stronger stuff as they attended the Blackbutt Benarkin Aged Care Association's (BBACA) Greenhills Villas Project Comedy for a Cause night on November 1 last year.

Despite being offered alternative travel arrangements the comedians were not prepared to venture to Blackbutt on the night, so organisers were expecting the worst as they faced paying guests.

"We greeted the patrons as they arrived with the news that the comedians were a no-show," said Jeff Connor BBACA president and one of the organisers.

"About 100 people turned out and not one of them took the option to get a full refund and head home.

"Everyone had dressed up, was cashed up and prepared to come out, hell or high water.

"We organised more music and continued on with the rest of the

program including games and crazy cash giveaways. The sponsors got the deserved recognition.

"Mayor Kathy Duff took over the microphone for the costume judging competition rating the contestants by crowd acclaim. She interviewed them and made the task into an hilarious event," Jeff added.

According to Jeff the result was a very successful evening overall.

With fingers crossed for better weather the BBACA's Greenhills Villas Project Comedy for a Cause Night, featuring the comedians, has been rescheduled for February 14.

It will be on Valentine's Day so the theme of the night, including the costume competition, has changed to Love and Aging, so come dressed as your favourite aged Valentine.

And for a bit of fun you can enter the "One liners that never get old" Competition.

For tickets for the comedy event visit <https://comedyforacause.net/event/GVP25>



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We need to know, your name, phone number and your answer to where 'the man' is located.

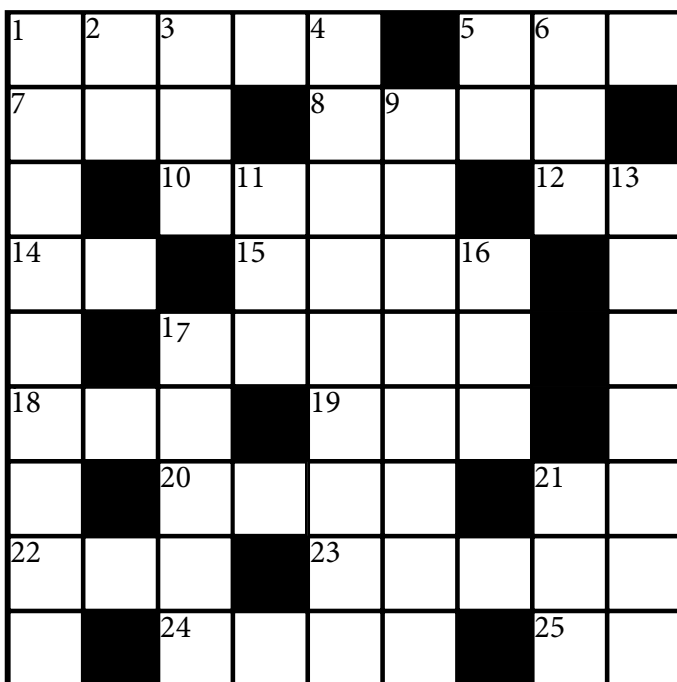
Email to news@wildhorsefm.com
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LAST MONTH'S ANSWER:
'THE MAN' at 19 Toomey Street Yarraman outside the Pink Flamingo.
Congratulatoins to our first winner: Vanessa.

QUICK CROSS #7

ACROSS

1. Sam Neill movie
The Pudding
5. Mel Gibson movie
Mad ...
7. John Williamson
song Old Man ...
8. Ivan Sen film
Mystery
10. Aussie TV police
drama Cop
12. Cold Chisel al-
bum Breakfast ..
Sweethearts
14. +18 across. Date
when food expires
15. Served up by tennis
players at the
Australian Open
17. Movie starring Bruce
Spence and Jacki
Weaver
18. see 14 across
19. NZ actor from Aussie
TV police drama
Homicide Gary ...
20. Ita Buttrose did this to
Cleo magazine
21. Support chant Aussie,
Aussie, Aussie ..
22. Central character in
the world's first feature
film made in 1906 The
Story of the Kelly Gang
23. Division 4 detectives
followed these
24. The first one was
established in Goolwa,
South Australia in 1993,
The Men's
25. English author who
lived in Australia and
wrote the novel Kanga-
roo. .. Lawrence



DOWN

1. 1896 Film docimetary
about horse racing in
Australia The
2. I ..., you are, we are
Australian
3. Man From Snowy River
actor ... Mercurio
4. Paul Hogan's block-
buster film
5. On Our Selection's
Dave called his mother
this
6. Home & Away actress
... Nicodemou
9. Dr Luke Foriano did
this in the TV drama
series All Saints
11. The Australian soldiers
wear a Slouch ...
13. The Parkes Observato-
ry is the setting for this
2000 movie
16. Midnight Oil song Blue
... Mine
17. Nick Cave sings with
this band The Bad
20. Graham Kennedy film
The ... Angry Shot

SOLUTION QUICK CROSS 6:
1.Dasher 6.ACT 7.Ham 9.Christmas
13.Ants 14.Deer 16.So 17.Sting
20.Pews 22.Due 23.Santa 24.TS.
DOWN: 1.Dancer 2.AC 3.Star 4.Eves
5.La 7.Hymns 8.Messages 10.Ice
11.Tart 12.At 14.Down 15.ES 16.Sea
18.ID 19.Nut 20.PS 21.St

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The Yarraman Ambulance crew participated in December's Yarraman Christmas in the Park by providing guided tours of an onsite Ambulance and beginner's training on the resuscitation dummies. Photo courtesy Louise Trevena

Old But Interesting

Exploring history at the Yarraman Heritage Centre

Yarraman & District Historical Society Inc manages and administers the Yarraman Heritage Centre. For any enquiries or to help out and volunteer please phone 07 41638111 and leave a message.

RECENTLY the Yarra-
man Heritage Centre,
was privileged to obtain
an Automated External
Defibrillator (AED) from
the Yarraman Ambulance
Committee.

The AED can help save
lives when a person is in
cardiac arrest.

The unit provides au-
dible and visual prompts,
and persons using the
AED do not need to have
training or medical knowl-
edge to use the device.

What is the history of
the Yarraman Ambulance
Station and service?

In 2026, the Yarraman
Ambulance service cele-
brates 114 years of service
in the Yarraman commu-
nity.

The current Browne
Street station was built in
1989.

Prior to the commission-
ing of the Browne Street
station, the Yarraman
Ambulance Station oper-
ated in the building at the
corner of Douglas and Nor-
man streets.

The Douglas and Nor-
man streets Ambulance
Station opened on Octo-
ber 7, 1922, and was con-
structed with the assis-
tance of an allotment of
land donated by Mr John
Seib, and the reported cost
for the construction of the
building 633 pounds.

Preceding the construc-

tion of an Ambulance
building, an Ambulance
Honorary Centre was es-
tablished at Yarraman
Creek in 1912.

In 1913, the first Hon-
orary Bearer was appointed,
Mr Richard Betts, the local
School Master.

In 1914, Mr C E Chat-
field of the Pine & Co Saw-
mill was appointed as the
second Honorary Officer.

The Sub-Centre was es-
tablished and permanent-
ly staffed in April 1919.

In April 1921 the Sub-
Centre was converted into
a self-governing Centre.

Yarraman is very for-
tunate to have had a con-
tinued Ambulance pres-
ence in the township that
serves our community
that dates back to 1912.
Through the generosity
of the current Ambulance
Committee the Ambulance
Service remains an im-
portant organisation that
contributes services to the
Yarraman community.



Deb
FRECKLINGTON MP

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday			
5-6am	Aussie Music Weekly	Aussie Music Weekly	It's Time	The Folk Show	Dirt Music	Blues, Roots, n Boots	Let The Bands Plan	5-6am		
6-7am	KAREN'S Classic Collection	Start the Morning with MAYA	Start the Morning with MAYA	Start the Morning with MAYA	Start the Morning with MAYA	In The Groove with HEIDI	Music Mix	6-7am		
7-8am							It's My Country Radio Show	7-8am		
8-9am								8-9am		
9-10am	Music Mix	KAREN'S Classic Collection	Let The Sunshine In with JANE	One Hit Wonders with GREGO	Aust Music is Bloody Great	It's Time	Shoot the Breeze from the archive	9-10am		
10-11am	Dirt Music			A Breathe of Fresh Air	In The Groove with HEIDI		CREATE A SHOW AND JOIN US PH 41638 997 FOR INFORMATION OR TO VOLUNTEER	The Local Source AMRAP	10-11am	
11-noon	The Folk Show	Rock The Kazbar	AMRAP Wrap Up GREGO	GREGO'S Aussie Music		Happy Hour 2		11-noon		
Noon-1pm	Monday	Tuesday	Shoot The Breeze			ANNE'S On This Day		HEIDI'S Hour	Noon-1pm	
1-2pm	Melodies with KATHY	Tunes with KATHY	Corner Country	ANNE'S Past & Present	Aussie Music Weekly			1-2pm		
2-3pm			Happy Hour		Friday Feel Good with KATHY			Music Mix	2-3pm	
3-4pm	Your show could be here contact us	How You Growing?	Pop Heads	PETER'S Music Legend		Stafford's World	Sunday Session with ASH	3-4pm		
4-5pm		New show	ADDY'S Music Hits	Interviews				4-5pm		
5-6pm		needed ... contact us	YSS Radio Club	Music Mix	Raised on			5-6pm		
6-7pm	Evening with MAYA	Evening with MAYA	Evening with MAYA	Shoot The Breeze (rpt)	Rock	Rock The Kazbar	Karen's Featured Favs	6-7pm		
7-8pm				ANNE'S Subject Matters	The Music Room BRIAN AVERY	Music Mix through the night	Music Mix through the night	Music Mix through the night	Shoot The Breeze from the archive	7-8pm
8-9pm	Music Mix through the night	The Music Room BRIAN AVERY	Music Mix through the night	Music Mix through the night	Deadly Beats				Music Mix through the night	8-9pm
9-10pm		Karen's Featured Favs								HEIDI'S Airways
10-11pm		Music Mix				Music Mix	10-11pm			

New year, new show, ask Michelle how does your garden grow?

FROM vegies to violets and everything in between, Michelle has advice on how, when and why to grow them.

Michelle's, "How You Growing" on Tuesdays at 3-4pm, is the latest in a new line up of shows on Wild Horse FM in 2026.

This fun to listen to chat show gives listeners the opportunity to learn more about gardening plus you can phone 41638 997 and leave a question on the answer phone for Michelle.

Any plant related problem is not too difficult for our gardening guru to solve.

Michelle also writes the gardening column for 99.7% Local News, and again if you have a problem email it to news@wildhorsefm.com and Michelle will investigate what's going on with your plants, trees, shrubs, and more.

So How You Growing?



Download the app and listen to Wild Horse FM



HOW you can listen to WHFM wherever you are ... in your car, at work, at the beach, anywhere?

It really is easy, just download the Community Radio Plus app to your phone, Apple CarPlay, and Android Auto.

Community Radio Plus is an app featuring more than 300 Australian community radio stations.

It helps community radio listeners easily find and enjoy community radio content, no matter where they are.

Listeners can now stream their favourite shows live,

hear the latest news in hourly bulletins and discover new podcasts – all in one centralised location.

There is also a detailed search function to find stations, programs and content by genre, topic or language, as well as curated lists and recommendations based on listening preferences.

Community Radio Plus was funded by the CBF as part of the broader Multiplatform Distribution Project to improve community radio stations' ability to reach their audiences via multiple platforms.

The project is managed by the Community Broadcasting Association of Australia (CBA).

Download the Community Radio Plus app, search for Wild Horse FM, then you can listen to us wherever you go.

The app is available from Google Play or the App Store. It can be used on smartphones and smart speakers, and will soon also be available on Google Nest and car radio apps.

If you love it, as we do, give it a five-star rating in the App Store or on Google Play! This will help drive the app to the top of the Google Play and App Store charts so people can find it more easily.

Importantly, it will ensure more people can discover the rich and diverse content broadcast in local communities around Australia.

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THE CHAIR
by MAX

In one corner of our bedroom sits an old rocking chair.
Just how old I don't know but certainly several generations.
It came to us through my wife's family about 20 years ago but I have known of it for much longer than that.
In all that time it has never had fabric or padding on the seat and I have been meaning to upholster it.
One day I will. It's quite an elegant piece with gentle lines and its dark wood carries the soft patina of age.
The arm rests are comfortably placed and the curved back rest has a mildly intricate incised pattern.
The tops of the two main uprights are shaped not unlike a Scottish thistle flower possibly hinting at some Scottish influence, but this could be purely coincidental.
It appears to be handmade as the spindles in the backrest look to be carved rather than turned.
It is well made despite its age, the joints are tight and it does not creak in operation.
The rocking action is smooth, but not perfect, as in use it has a slight tendency to creep sideways.
By its size, I would say, it is made for a woman and in my mind I can imagine a man, at the end of the day when his work is done, sitting and patiently carving the pieces, then fitting them together into the whole.
I can also imagine a woman sitting and rocking while stitching or knitting, or maybe suckling her child, soothing it with the gentle rocking motion and the warmth of her body.
It is rarely used now, the pace of modern life is such that we no longer seem to have time to sit and rock and allow our minds to roam.
We are old now and soon will be gone and I have concern for the fate of our old rocking chair.
What will become of it?
Will it be consigned to the old rubbish tip?
Or be broken up and used as kindling for someone's fire place?
I would rather believe that someone else will find it, use it, care for it and preserve it for its in built integrity.
I hope so.

LOOK
"Everything has beauty, but not everyone sees it"
CONFUCIUS



Nanango celebrates 50 years of SES

ESTABLISHED in 1975, Queensland State Emergency Service (SES) evolved from the former Queensland Civil Defence Organisation and was founded partly in response to the devastating 1974 Queensland floods.
Last year South Burnett Mayor Kathy Duff and Councillor Jane Erkens joined the volunteers of the South Burnett SES to celebrate the 50th anniversary at the Nanango SES shed.
The evening, held on November 24, attracted SES members from across the South Burnett region.
"What a great group of volunteers our SES are," Cr Erkens said. "They selflessly assist others in times of disaster."
"It's also great to see the support for our volunteers by other parts of the community and Council is proud to support SES."

Join an inspiring journey as SES members share their experience being part of the 50 years of the Queensland State Emergency Service.
More than a celebration of history—a tribute to the spirit of service and the people who make it possible.
<https://www.ses.qld.gov.au/50years>



Yarraman Waste Facility blossoms into award-winning garden

By MICHELLE NAYLOR

ONE of Yarraman's most unexpected highlights is earning recognition well beyond our town boundaries — the Yarraman Recycle and Refuse Centre.
Located just off the D'Aguilar Highway toward Blackbutt, the facility — fondly referred to by locals as "the tip" — has undergone a remarkable transformation since opening in June 2022.
What was once a purely functional space is now an attractive and welcoming site, thanks to thoughtfully designed and well-maintained gardens.
During my recent visit I saw the certificates displayed in the office window which revealed just how significant this transformation has been.
The Yarraman Waste Management Facility has been recognised in a regional garden competition across the Toowoomba region, receiving an Award for Excellence and taking out the Grand Winner for Best Garden among all waste management facilities in the region.
This is no small achievement and reflects the pride and care invested into the site.
The gardens not only enhance the appearance of the facility but also create a

positive experience for residents and visitors, showing how community spaces can be improved with vision and dedication.
Much of the credit goes to staff members Tania and Lyn, whose commitment and attention to detail have not gone unnoticed.
Their efforts have transformed an essential public service into a point of pride for Yarraman.

As a community, we can be proud of this recognition. It is a reminder that even the most practical places can be lifted through care and creativity.
If you haven't visited the Yarraman Recycle and Refuse Centre recently, it may be time to take another look — the gardens alone are worth it.



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Katie and Andrew Zerner share their knowledge

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Katie and Andrew will answer some of your questions on regen farming, small farms management and much more.
This will be a great afternoon, it is a relaxed NO COST TO YOU *Intro and Info* afternoon and will include drinks and a BBQ.
Check out their Facebook pages and look at some of the great workshops they run.

Body ~ Mind ~ Earth

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Helping horse health through massage

By TRACEY SZABO

HAVE you ever thought about the power of radio? I have, because listening to the radio changed my life.

Driving home from my nursing job one day I turned on the radio, the station I was listening to had a segment on unusual occupations.

The presenter started sharing information about horse massage and for me it was a lightbulb moment.

Thus began my journey of study into helping horses.

As an animal lover I have always wanted to work with animals it just took me a while to figure out how.

I have always loved horses, I owned and rode a horse when I was growing



up and have always felt an affinity with these large gentle creatures.

Since completing my certificate studies I have massaged a variety of horses from miniatures through to Clydesdales. I wouldn't rule out donkeys either.

There are many benefits

to horse massage which include: encourages the body to heal itself, it relieves tension, relaxes tight muscles, stimulates lymph circulation, it increases nutrition to the tissues and stimulates a positive physiological effect on all systems to work efficiently, just to name a few.

Myofunctional Therapy (horse massage) overall helps relax the horse.

But I am not your average horse massage therapist.

I am also a reiki master and have completed a crystal healing course.

Reiki, a Japanese healing technique, is a gentle, safe complementary therapy which uses gentle touch and a system of hands-on healing.

Some benefits of Reiki

include stress and anxiety relief, pain management, healing, behavioral issues and overall health improvement.

Crystals are gem stones that emit subtle vibrations based on their composition.

These vibrations interact with the animal's energy field.

Crystal Healing is another gentle and safe complementary therapy where the crystals are placed on or around the body.

Some benefits of crystal healing include reduce stress and anxiety, relief from aches and pains, improved general wellbeing, protection from negative energy

I use all three when I am working with horses.

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It weighs down your thinking. Sinking.

The Darkness always lurking. Smirking. Rejoicing in your pain.
Then it has you covered. Smothered.

The Darkness holds on longer. Stronger. You cannot keep it down.
When it is completed. You're depleted.

The Darkness has no soul. Control. Then it shapes into the Void.
And the Void has no feeling. No meaning.

But the Void offers peace. Release from the hurt within.
The Void is no stranger. Full of danger.

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But you need to survive. Stay alive.

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The Grounded Life by MELANIE McNAUGHTON

New Year, Same You

THERE is so much pressure this time of year to become someone new.

But what if you saw this season as a chance to simply honour who you already are?

You see true growth is slow, steady, and grounded, like grass thickening after rain or mornings stretching quietly into summer.

Nothing in nature demands a full reset on January 1, and neither should we.

What if this year didn't demand a new you at all?

What if it simply invited you to recognise the strengths, the resilience, and the good parts that are already you?

The you who gets up before sunrise to tend to kids or pets.

The you who keeps putting one foot in front of the other on the days that you are tired and it's hard.

The you who cares deeply for your family, your land, your home, your community.

What if you didn't need to start from scratch?

What if you just gave yourself space to soften, breathe, and acknowledge that you're already doing a pretty remarkable job.

So this January instead of chasing the 'New Year, New You' challenge, I challenge you to try leaning into small, grounded choices.

This could look like drinking more water, stepping outside and breathing in the morning air for five quiet minutes, let yourself go to bed earlier.

Try and notice one thing each day that went well, no matter how small.

Be kind to yourself when you're stretched thin.

Say no without guilt.

These little choices build steadiness. They create a life that holds you, not one that wears you out.

What if I told you, you don't need a new you to start the new year well?

With gentle, honest care and practices that feel doable, not dramatic you may just see that right here, right now who you are is worthy of rest, support and compassion.

Let this year be the year you honour yourself with patience, attention and a grace.

Until next month, stay grounded.

Melanie McNaughton is a local counsellor and founder of *Ground & Grow*, supporting rural people with gentle, down-to-earth well-being care.



HAPPY New Year folks, and welcome to 2026!

Let's kick things off by talking about one of the most valuable habits in the vegetable garden — rotating your crops after harvest.

If I had to choose a favourite spot in my garden, it would be where the veges and flowers grow.

It's no surprise then that I spend plenty of time planning how to keep those beds productive year-round.

My vegetable gardens sit alongside my greenhouses and compost piles, and that compost is gold — constantly rebuilding soil nutrition and structure.

Just as important as feeding the soil is not planting the same vegetable family in the same bed season after season.

Crop rotation helps prevent soil nutrient depletion and reduces pests and diseases that target specific plant families.

It also means you'll rely less on fertilisers and enjoy healthier, better-quality harvests.

Compost and fertiliser are still useful between rotations — just not in excess.

This method is as old as gardening itself, and I've included a simple rotation diagram with this article to help you plan your beds with ease.

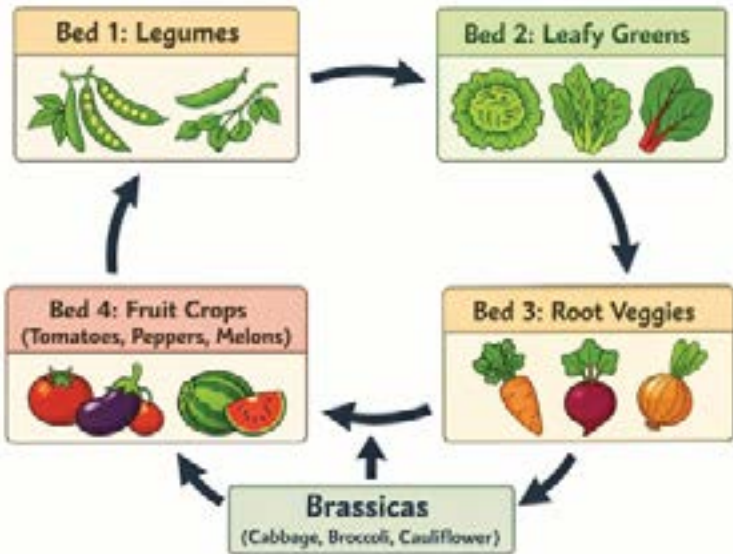
COMPANION PLANTING

Another key part of a healthy vegetable garden is companion planting — growing flowers and herbs alongside vegetables to create diversity.

This diversity attracts beneficial insects like bees, butterflies, wasps and beetles, as well as predatory insects that help control pests such as aphids, caterpillars and mealy bugs.

Some of my favourite companions include yellow daisies, which attract lacewings and lady beetles, alyssum for hover flies, and yarrow, a wonderfully tough plant that spreads, suppresses pests and can even be walked on.

Pineapple sage is another favourite; this edible perennial draws butterflies and honeyeaters that happily snack on caterpillars.



Chamomile, marigolds and basil are fragrant additions that both deter pests and encourage pollinators. Together, they create a thriving garden ecology.

Garden Q&A

Q: Why were my potatoes tiny after three months?

Small potato harvests are usually due to soil temperature stress, shallow planting, poor nutrition or inconsistent watering. Potatoes are heavy feeders and need loose, organic-rich soil. Plant during cooler windows, hill regularly as plants grow, and keep watering consistent for best results.

Q: Why does my mulberry have leaves but no fruit?

Most often, it's simply age. Mulberries can take 3-4 years to fruit as they establish roots and branches. Too much nitrogen, heavy pruning or insufficient sunlight can also delay berries.

The good news?

A healthy leafy tree usually means fruit is on the way — patience pays.

Tune in to Wildhorse FM 99.7 every Tuesday at 3pm for the "How YOU Growing" show, with plenty of garden chat, tips and fun along the way.

"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow."

AUDREY HEPBURN



A Birdseye View of Australia Day in Nanango

Australia Day in Nanango

Is always a lot of fun

It starts so very early

With the dawning of the sun

A chorus of noisy, Aussie birds

Announce the start of day

The sparrow flits among the trees

To catch the sun's first ray

The showground is prepared and ready

It's a great place for all to meet

The canteen staff are so busy

Cooking breakfast for us to eat

There'll be bacon, sausages, and eggs

Beans, toast and cups of tea

A better, bonza breakfast

I doubt you'll ever see !

The Bush Poets all bring their verse

To add to the atmosphere

To be heard above the clatter

It will be their greatest fear



The magpie and peewee are there

As the crowd makes quite a din

The nominations are all in - we wait

Wondering who is going to win?

And Reg would raise the Nation's flag

The anthem sung, all stand

The awards would soon be announced

And we listen to the pipes and drum band

The kookaburras all laugh as they watch us

Throwing thongs and gum boots around

The jumping dogs draw in the crowds

As they run up and take a bound

A cricket match is on somewhere!

The locals sweat out in the sun

The crows 'caw' and 'click' in the treetops

A truck-pull, the day's nearly done

Then finally the

dark clouds build

The stormbird

makes it's call

It's so

good to claim we're Aussies

As proudly, we are all!

by Wendy Mathews 1/1/26



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The sad truth about January 26, 1788

A personal viewpoint by editor Anne Clarke

NATIONAL pride? Aussie spirit? Or just one big boozy barbecue? Whatever Australia Day means to you perhaps through this article I can throw a few curve balls that may make you stop and think: “Are we really celebrating on the correct date?”

According to my research the meaning and significance of Australia Day has evolved since the first records of celebration in 1808.

However after Federation the official name ‘Australia Day’ and the date of January 26 was finally selected in 1935.

But what are we celebrating? You will probably answer: ‘the arrival of the First Fleet’, but is that a reason to ‘celebrate’?

Let’s look at the facts.

The First Fleet did not consist of paying passengers eagerly seeking a new life abroad. No, they were convicts and the soldiers (and their families) who were sent to guard and imprison them.

Is that a reason to celebrate?

Shall we examine the lives of these First Fleeters and read the truth behind why we ‘light up the barbie, crack open a coldie, throw thongs, and laze about on the beach’?

Here are a few details about some of the 732 convicts (43 died on the trip over) who landed on our shores in 1788.

William Okey, a labourer, convicted for stealing six chins of bacon, four loaves of bread and other goods. Originally sentenced to death, his sentence was commuted to seven years transportation. Okey was killed by Aborigines on May 30, 1788.

Elizabeth Beckford, was convicted of stealing 12lbs of cheese. She was estimated to be approximately 70 years of age when the fleet sailed. She died on the voyage.

Mary Abel, convicted for stealing cloth, tablecloths, clothing and other items, she was pregnant when she embarked and gave birth to a son on April 13 1787. Her son died at Sydney Cove on May 19, 1788. On July 21, 1788, Mary died.

John Hudson, was 8 yrs old when convicted and imprisoned. He was 12 yrs old when he arrived in January 1788. He departed Port Jackson on March 4, 1790 for Norfolk Island. One year later, at the age of 15, he is recorded as receiving 50 lashes for ‘been out of his hutt after nine o’clock’.

But surely life was better for the military and their wives, such as Alice Harmsworth who accompanied her husband Thomas, a Private Marine and their two children. On February 25, 1788, a few weeks after arriving in Sydney Cove, Alice lost her son Thomas (who had been born on the voyage) followed by husband Thomas in the April.

A lot of the convicts served their time, then jumped on the first ship back to England, America or anywhere else.

Thankfully for us some stayed and together with the indigenous people of the land formed what we now call Australia.

But is this really a day for celebration?



“That we may become in the future more closely connected is my closest wish.”
HENRY PARKES

Do you think 8 year old John wants you to play beach cricket because he was sent from his homeland? Do you think 70 year old Elizabeth wants you to stuff yourself on sausages and beer because she was sent here for stealing cheese?

Should we celebrate a day when people were sent here for punishment?

ALTERNATIVE DATE

Here is my solution for what day we should celebrate Australia Day - May 27.

The man who truly founded ‘Australia’ was born on May 27, 1815.

Sir Henry Parkes, a colonial Australian politician and the longest-serving non-consecutive premier of the Colony of New South Wales (now the state of New South Wales).

Parkes has been referred to as the “Father of Federation” due to his early promotion for the federation of the six colonies of Australia.

He was an early critic of British convict transportation and as a proponent for the expansion of the Australian continental rail network.

Convinced the colonies would be stronger if they united, Sir Henry Parkes gave a rousing address at Tenterfield, New South Wales in 1889 calling for ‘a great national government for all Australians’.

It was his speech that provided the momentum that led to Australia becoming a nation so what better day to celebrate Australia Day then Sir Henry’s birthday, for without his foresight, vision and determination we would still be separate colonies.

This day would unite all Australians and give us a genuine reason to show national pride and celebrate this great land that we call home.

“It is often the small steps, not the giant leaps, that bring about the most lasting change”

QUEEN ELIZABETH II



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YARRAMAN COLLECTIVE ISSUES FOR 2026

FROM the Minutes of the Yarraman Collective meeting December 5, 2025.
LIST FOR 2026

1. Pedestrian Crossings – Toomey and Margaret Streets – in progress and to be followed up.
2. Reinstatement of Year 10 at Yarraman State School - in progress and to be followed up.
3. Cenotaph relocation – TRC waiting on RSL to confirm funding.
4. Errol Munt Park shelters – going ahead and building will start in 2026.
5. Station Park Power poles - Currently under consideration by TRC.
6. Footpath / bike path connecting Station Park to town – The Collective will propose a plan or map to TRC.
7. Off leash Dog Park – advised this was on TRC list and will update on the status.
8. Transport Levy – Michael Apperley to talk with councillors

regarding the levy and what Yarraman is likely to get, given our distance from Toowoomba.

9. SES shed upgrade is planned by TRC, Grant applications being submitted.
10. Pool pod – cost is prohibitive – will need super round grant from GCBF.
11. Street Lighting – Decided we should survey town to identify areas where improved street lighting is required and then refer to TRC Customer Services
12. Footpaths/bitumen/gravel tracks around town. Nothing on the south-eastern (Blackbutt) side of town. A track like Nanango has, would be ideal.

Items – not tabled at the meeting
1. Mark one of the courts in the park for 2 x pickleball courts.
2. How do we get a doctor to Yarraman?
3. Improve drainage in Margaret Street.
4. A fence around the children’s playground in Errol Munt Park.

NEXT MEETING; - 3pm, Friday, February 7 at the Yarraman library. This is an open meeting, everyone is welcome.

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Creating characters with a chainsaw

By ANNE CLARKE

While walking around Yarraman's Station Park I happened upon this handsome chap (the cockatoo that is), on further investigation I discovered more wooden treasures in the garden of artist Mick Boucher who very kindly took the time to have a chat.



THE first question to any artist is how do you create?

"I take a block of wood, a chainsaw and an idea, the end product is never what you started out to create because you have to listen to and respect the wood," Mick explained.

"I plan what I think I want to do but the wood guides you with its grain and texture, so I just go with the flow."

There are surprises all around Mick and wife Jill's garden.

From the cockatoo on the fence to the lovely ladies lurking in the back yard.

"When we moved into the old Station Master's house I researched some old photos of the railway station.

"In those photos there were crowds of people waiting for the train to arrive so I decided it would be a cool idea to recreate that atmosphere using wooden people.

"As Yarraman already has a theme of wooden statues with the Yarra-man, I decided to even it out with my girls."

The girls Mick is referring to are his first two artistic creations, one of which is based on a friend.

But what about the cockatoo?

"I set myself a challenge to see what I could create in one day and he is the result of that challenge.

"Some pieces can take six months or so to complete," Mick admitted.

Being in the business of tree removal and lopping advice Mick is able to source timber locally.

"I generally use hardwood even though it can be difficult to work with, these timbers have such lovely grain and personality.

"I use a chainsaw with a chisel and grinder to smooth the finish," Mick said.

His creations will be available for sale and has already had enquiries about the cockatoo, although too modestly he admits that he has not had enough experience for commissioned work.

"Eventually I would love to make enough pieces to have an open garden exhibition," Mick said.



Wood sculpture artist Mick Boucher with Sandy/Zander a piece of art he created after being inspired by a friend. "I wanted to capture her poise, age, grace and at the same time her youthful spirit. The grain of the wood let me do that," Mick said. Mick is planning to create more 'people' to populate his garden area at the Station Masters house near Station Park the site of Yarraman's old railway station.

A collection of colorful Lego bricks in red, blue, yellow, and green, scattered around the text.

Calling all Lego Lovers

We are getting ready to start a weekly Lego club at the Yarraman Heritage Centre, beginning Term 1 of 2026, and we would love your help!

We are collecting any loose Lego you no longer need, loose pieces, old sets, incomplete kits, any era, any condition.

All Lego we receive will help us create a fun and welcoming space for both children and their parents/guardians.

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Emma happy to begin duties in Yarraman

LOOKING for something 'different' has lead Emma to the Yarraman Pharmacy.

Emma who has been working in Nanango decided to make the move to Yarraman Pharmacy recently.

"I love the rural lifestyle and the small communities and I am looking forward to meeting the local people," Emma said.

Emma has been a pharmacist for five years, and specialises in dispensing alternative medications (medicinal cannabis) and natural therapies.

"At present I am studying to be a naturopath and I have many years experience with vaccinations, including vitamin B12 injections, compounding creams and lotions, as well as all other typical pharmacist duties.

"Pharmacy times will remain the same, and there may be some changes to the vitamin and supplement range depending on demand," Emma said.

Although she grew up on the Sunshine Coast, Emma now lives in Nanango where her hobbies include gardening.

"I am an avid gardener, I love plants. My favourite flowers are dahlias and gerberas."

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A decorative border featuring blue and purple flowers and green leaves.

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Fiona and Emma are two of the friendly faces at the Yarraman Pharmacy.

Progress looks ahead to 2026



The big drawcards at last year's Yarraman Christmas in the Park were the dodgem cars where the queue was endless, live entertainment, the fireworks and Santa who arrived on a fire engine.

By **BIANCA SMITH**
President YDPA

AS WE move into 2026, the Yarraman and District Progress Association finds itself at an important turning point. Like many volunteer-run community groups, we are facing increasing challenges in maintaining numbers, sharing the workload, and ensuring the association's long-term future. The reality is that without greater community involvement, the future of Progress in Yarraman is uncertain. Despite these challenges, there has been one shining reminder of what is still possible when our town comes together — the Christmas Carnival. The success of the Christmas Carnival was nothing short of inspiring. It brought families, friends, visitors, local businesses, and volunteers together and reminded us all why the Progress Association exists. The strong community turnout, positive feedback, and shared sense of celebration reaffirmed that there is still a real need and desire for community events in Yarraman. In many ways, the Carnival is a key

reason Progress continues today. For the current management team, the Christmas Carnival has become a central focus moving forward — not just as an annual event, but as a symbol of what can still be achieved when people step up, lend a hand, and work together. However, one successful event alone cannot carry the association into the future. The role of a progress association has always been to support community connection, advocate for local needs, and help shape the future our town envisions. But this work cannot be done by a small handful of people. Without new volunteers, new members, and shared responsibility, there is a real risk that these efforts — and the Association itself — may not be able to continue. We want to sincerely thank the dedicated volunteers, committee members, stallholders, sponsors, and community members who made the Christmas Carnival possible. Your commitment, often behind the scenes and with limited resources, has kept the Progress Association alive

during a very challenging period. Looking ahead, we are reaching out to the community for support. If you value events like the Christmas Carnival, if you care about having a voice in the future of Yarraman, or if you simply want to help in any capacity — now is the time to get involved. Whether you can offer a few hours, a specific skill, or a longer-term commitment, every contribution matters. A community meeting will be held in February for anyone interested in volunteering, becoming a member, or discussing the future of the Yarraman and District Progress Association. This meeting is not just about filling roles — it is about deciding together whether Progress can continue, and what that future might look like. The future of the Progress Association is not guaranteed. But the success of the Christmas Carnival has shown that the community spirit of Yarraman is still very much alive. With shared effort, honest conversation, and renewed involvement, there is still hope that Progress can move forward — together.

Join your community's voice

TURNING on the radio to listen to the voice of your community is comforting to most listeners. Imagine if that voice fell silent. If when you turned on your community radio station, Wild Horse FM all you heard was nothing. The fact is, community radio is manned mostly by volunteers, while the majority of bills are paid for by grants from governments and corporations, and sponsorship from community

minded local businesses. But there is a shortfall. This is why we turn to the community for assistance. You can support our work and keep Wild Horse FM on the air by purchasing a \$25 a year membership, which also allows you to vote at the AGM to be held in February (date to be advised). If you would like a membership form or further details email: secretary@wildhorsefm.com

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Art teachers explore Another Dimension at Rosalie Gallery

PREPARE to be swept away to *Another Dimension* when Darling Downs art teachers switch from instruction to creative mode for a collective exhibition at Goombungee's Rosalie Gallery from January 7 to February 1, 2026. Titled *Another Dimension*, the exhibition by the Darling Downs – Queensland Art Teachers' Association will showcase works by primary and secondary school art educators. The exhibition will examine the interplay between 2D, 3D and 4D art. It will showcase works that challenge perceptions of physical, psychological, conceptual and virtual dimensions, where each layer adds depth and complexity to visual experiences. Reflecting the Australian Arts curriculum, it mirrors how senior students explore an initial idea to develop a portfolio across different media and into another dimension physically and conceptually. This theme highlights the continu-



PICTURED: Amica AINDOW / Love like a river 2025 / ink on canvas / 76 x 76cm © Amica Aindow

ous evolution of artistic expression, bridging historical and contemporary practices to expand our understanding of art and its effects on experience. The participating artists include Amica Aindow, Carly Diegman, Can-

dice Delfoski, Chrissy Dwyer, Ruth Ellington, Suzanne Hermann, Holly Kiehne, Helene Lemoulder, Milly Mason, Kim Glasson, Samantha Nolan, Carmen O'Grady, Sam Sexton, Rabin Sherchan, Rebecca Stanley, Jodie Smith, Audrey Williams and Chasley Wilson. The exhibition's Artist Talk will be held on Saturday, January 10, 2026 from 11am. For more information, please see: www.tr.qld.gov.au/rosaliegallery

GALLERY INFORMATION:

Entry is free. For further information, contact the Gallery on (07) 4696 5600 or rosalie.gallery@tr.qld.gov.au Rosalie Gallery is located at 89 Moccatta Street, Goombungee. The gallery is open from 10.30am to 3.30pm Wednesday to Sunday and closed on Monday, Tuesday and public holidays.

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TENNIS - BLACKBUTT: Social tennis, Blackbutt Tennis Club, 61 Hart Street, Wednesday 8am, Saturday 8am, and Pop Tennis Monday 4pm.

WILD HORSE WALKING CLUB: Monday Walking Club meets up at 7am at the BBQ hut next to the playground in Errol Munt Oval on Margaret Street. Leisurely 1 hour walk on a paved walking circuit. Phone Jane on 0408 988 100

LINE DANCING - BLACKBUTT: Monday night and Wednesday morning. Blackbutt Memorial Hall, Bowman Road.

PARKRUN - NANANGO: 5km run/walk Ros Gregor Trail, Tipperary Flat, Nanango. Saturday 7am.

PARK RUN - BRISBANE VALLEY RAIL TRAIL: Every Saturday at 7am starting adjacent to Roy Emerson Museum Bowman Road Blackbutt. 5km run, walk, spectate or volunteer along the rail trail. Free to join.

DARTS - NANANGO: Nanango Darts Club, Elk/George Sts. 6.30pm.

DARTS - BLACKBUTT: Blackbutt Darts Club, the Lion's Den, Showgrounds. Tuesdays from 5.30 till 8pm. Phone 0468 354 163

CHAIR YOGA - NANANGO: Nanango Community Centre, Monday 9.30am.

ACTIVE SENIORS - YARRAMAN: Exercise classes for seniors by seniors. Yarraman Memorial Hall, Wednesdays 9-10am. \$5p.p. Helen 0434 243 085

TAI CHI - NANANGO: Thursday 8am, Ringsfield House's gardens, 41-45 Alfred St, (or Nanango Showgrounds if it's raining).

SELF DEFENCE/FITNESS - BLACKBUTT: Blackbutt State School Hall, Wednesday 6.30-7.30pm.

SELF DEFENCE/FITNESS - YARRAMAN: Yarraman Memorial Hall, Tuesdays and Thursdays 6.30pm-7.30pm.

YOGA - YARRAMAN: Yarraman Memorial Hall, Wednesday 6.30pm.

YOGA - YARRAMAN: Yarraman Memorial Hall, Thursday 9am.

INDOOR BOWLS - NANANGO: Nanango Cultural Centre, George Street, Tuesday 12.45pm.

INDOOR BOWLS - YARRAMAN: Every Tuesday at 9am, Lutheran Church Hall in Daniel Street. Phone Murray on 4163 9182

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Guess who is in the 'hot seat'

ANYONE who has listened to *Shoot The Breeze* on Wild Horse FM will agree, Jon and Frank don't need any encouragement to try something new. So this January on *Shoot the Breeze*, they are playing a fun little game... and YOU could be a winner. Each week, Jon and Frank will replay favourite song requests from past guests — around 15 voices per show. Your challenge? Work out which guest is making the requests!

HOW TO ENTER:

Listen in each week (Wednesdays at midday and repeated on Thursdays at 6pm), write down your guesses, then send them to Wild Horse FM via email secretary@wildhorsefm.com with the subject Shoot The Breeze

Comp or Facebook Messenger by the end of January.

If you guess the most correct number of guests to their music choice - then you will be the winner.

You can listen to Wild Horse FM your community radio station:

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THE PRIZE

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Part time position available for Audio Editor at WHFM Yarraman

JOB: Audio Editor - Production and Volunteer Support
LOCATION: Yarraman - Wild Horse FM - In-Studio
CONTRACT: 6-Month Term - Paid position

Wild Horse FM (99.7FM) is a not-for-profit, community-run radio station serving the Yarraman district and surrounding communities. We are seeking a detail-focused Audio Editor to work behind the scenes, supporting our volunteers by polishing, assembling and preparing recorded audio for broadcast.

The successful applicant for this role will be supporting this group of volunteers by assisting them to develop interview programs with the end goal being to teach them editing and production skills.

This is an in-studio, part-time role for a 6-month term (January-June 2026), with approximately 156 hours over the period. We expect that hours will build gradually as more volunteers become involved.

PLEASE NOTE: this role is not a presenting or content-creation role.

Instead, you will work with existing recordings – some of these, you will be involved in the initial recording process. Focus on post-production, sound quality and consistency. Assemble programs ready for broadcast. Provide technical

production support to volunteers. Help upskill volunteers so they can confidently participate in audio production.

The key responsibilities of our Audio Editor include edit and polish recorded interviews and spoken-word programs. Assemble programs into broadcast-ready formats (including intros, outros, sponsorships and station IDs). Ensure consistent audio quality, levels and timing. Organise, name and archive audio files. Provide patient, practical support to volunteers learning audio editing. Help establish clear, repeatable post-production processes.

We are looking for someone who has strong experience with audio editing software (Audacity, Adobe Audition or similar). A good ear for sound quality, pacing and consistency. Comfortable working behind the scenes. Patient, supportive and confident in helping volunteers learn technical skills. Be organised, reliable and able to meet deadlines and be community-minded and collaborative.

Wild Horse FM has an established friendly team and is a values-driven community organisation. We are looking for the right person to join us and contribute to the sustainability of local community media.

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