



# April

# NEWSLETTER

From the Noojee & District Historical Society Committee of Management – Email: [noojeeheritage@gmail.com](mailto:noojeeheritage@gmail.com)

## WORKING GROUP ACHIEVEMENTS

Thursday, 10 April, was an amazing day for the volunteer working group at the Railway Station Precinct. The volunteers were Miles, Graeme, Will, John, Gary, Janiene, and Angie. We accomplished a lot of jobs before the photoshoot on Saturday, 12 April and the Rally next month in May.

We cleaned up the interpretive signs, removed the old and broken stands, took down over 15 old yellow posts along the platform, sanded the Louver van roof ready for painting, washed the J550 locomotive ready for painting, stained the entrance ramp to the Louvre van, continued on with staining the new platform fence, move the large sleepers in front of the cafe, erected a fence in front of the carriages and a safety barrier in front of the container, removed all the old fencing and rubbish and mowed the precinct!

A HUGE thank you! 😊 Also see our Facebook post - <https://www.facebook.com/noojeeheritagecentre>



## J550 LOCOMOTIVE

### “WALLY”

The J550 locomotive has had a new paint job and looks amazing! The interior cabin has received a new grill cage, as a safety precaution, in front of the furnace.

We plan to continue to work on the interior, over the next few months, with painting, tidying up and adding more display information.

Additionally, a new fence has been erected along the platform next to the locomotive (in matching colours!) and it is planned to continue painting the new fence at our next working group day.



New Grill Cage



New Fence



## PHOTO SHOOT AT THE NOOJEE

Baw Baw Shire Council (BBSC) organised for a professional photographer to visit Noojee on Saturday 12 April 2025.

The photographer took shots on site at businesses in Noojee, and all businesses have full access to the photos free of charge. BBSC will also has access to the photos.

Below is a small sample of the images of the Noojee Railway Station Precinct that will be used in our media socials and marketing and thank you to our extraordinary models Will and John!



*Thank you!*

Thank you to Christy Hoiles, Noojee Forestry Transition Project Manager and Leah Dougherty, Noojee Forestry Transition Support Officer at Baw Baw Shire for arranging the Social Media Workshops with Mariah MacInnes in March 2025 and the photoshoot with Sherise from Soda Creatives in April.





# VOLUNTEER CONNECT

WORKING GROUP DATES FOR 2025

Future Dates for the Working Groups starting at 10am at the Precinct  
**NEW FRIDAY, 2 May**  
**Thursday, 8 May**  
**Thursday, 5 June 2025**

Thankyou to all involved – you are really making a BIG difference!

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Ada River Rally 2025  
**Welcome!**  
All drivers, support crew, team  
members and spectators to  
Noojee!  
Enjoy your visit 😊

NOOJEE  
HERITAGE  
GIFTS & COFFEE

## REMINDER

The public is welcome to the 2025 Ada River Rally run by the Western District Car Club. This is Round 2 of the 2025 Motorsport Australia Victorian Rally Championship, and Round 2 of the Victorian Club Rally Series. It will be held on **Saturday 10 May 2025**, from 8am to 5pm, based again this year at the Noojee Railway Station Precinct and their base will operate out of our Louvre Carriage. They are using a combination of the most popular roads from the last few years all on good quality logging roads.

At the Noojee Railway Station Precinct, it is free to the public to view the rally cars starting and finishing the course.

## THE GY FIXED-WHEEL OPEN RAILWAY WAGON FOR DISPLAY AT THE NOOJEE RAILWAY STATION PRECINCT HAS ARRIVED!



On Monday, 28 April the GY Wagon was delivered and placed on our tracks ready for restoration.

Thank you to the Community Bank Neerim District – Bendigo Bank Team for making this a reality!



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## PRESERVING OUR HISTORY

### NEW LOOK FOR OUR “FLIP PAGES” POWERPOINT PRESENTATIONS FOR VISITORS



Over many years, we have been collating hard-copy historical information about Noojee, which amounts to approximately twenty (20) A3 folders for preservation.

Our historic hard-copy information encompasses a diverse range of formats, including documents, photographs, maps, and other materials. We have numerous photos, historical images, and photographs that document various events.

We have Noojee family history documents that include letters, photographs, certificates, and other items relating to family heritage. We have historical records about the seven (7) trestle bridges, our past football and cricket clubs, the damage the 1926 and 1939 fires caused, documents and memorabilia about the railway and tramway lines, how people lived in the 1900s, as well as historic maps, that provide valuable insights into past geographies and common structures. And the list goes on...

All these items have lasting historical significance, making them worthy of preservation.

Our information offers insights into past events, informs present day decisions, and provides evidence for future generations to come. Transferring all this information into digital form is crucial for preserving our valuable data, meeting legal obligations, and facilitating research.

This project will be rolled out over the next year, and its progress will be displayed on a large screen in the Platform and Goods Shed.



An example of a flip pages:

We look forward to keeping you up to date each month with all the activities.

Thank you everyone for all your support and assistance.

N&DHS Committee of Management – April 2025



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