



JUNE NEWSLETTER

From Noojee & District Historical Society Committee of Management – Email: noojeeheritage@gmail.com

We are excited to announce that we have received a Tiny Towns Fund grant from @Regional Development Victoria.

The funding of \$32,000 (ex GST), will support the Noojee Heritage Railway Station Precinct Interpretive Signage Project.

With this grant, we can revamp and update over 20 damaged signs, replacing them with new, state-of-the-art custom-made signs. The new signs will feature a display pane, and a QR code.

This initiative comes in response to the severe storm on September 2, 2024, which impacted the town of Noojee. The mini cyclone knocked down trees at the precinct and completely damaged or destroyed all the interpretive signage at the entrance and walkway.

We look forward to embarking on this important project!

thank you!

We appreciate the opportunity to partner with the Victorian Government and Regional Development Victoria and look forward to a fruitful and impactful project. We thank them again for their generous support.



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Schedule 4: Project Plan – Tiny Towns Fund

This document is solely designed to support Tiny Towns Fund grant recipients prepare a project and risk plan for Tiny Towns funded projects.

1. Project Plan

Project Name	The Noojee Railway Station Precinct Interpretive Signage Project
Project Start Date	01 July 2025



Project Task	Project Actions	Responsible party	Project Deliverables	Anticipated Completion Date
What needs to be done? List items in the order they will be done	How will you do it? Add individual steps as required	Who will be responsible?	What will show that you have done it?	
1. Initial briefing with the Noojee & District Historical Society (N&DHS) volunteers and working group members	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Identify skills requiredApproach potential committee members	<ul style="list-style-type: none">President, Janiene Ayre	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Announcement in N&DHS Monthly Newsletter	30/07/2025
2. Establish a Steering Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Collaborate with essential stakeholders, such as local leaders, and community members, to gather their insights and feedback during the consultation process.This engagement will help ensure that all perspectives are considered in decision-making.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">President, Janiene AyreSignage Steering Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Members / volunteers appointed	10/08/2025
3. Site and technical survey of site (Noojee Heritage Railway Station Precinct) to identify placement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Working group inspection of siteSignage locations, substrates and ground conditions for posts and footings and accurate measurements to confirm signage dimensionsSite health and safety requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Vice President, Will LeungSignage Steering CommitteeVolunteer Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A comprehensive plan outlining the specific locations for the installation of new signs, as well as a schedule for the removal of existing signs prior to the manufacturing of the new ones.This plan will include detailed maps indicating the exact placement of each new sign and a list of all signs that will be removed, ensuring a seamless transition and minimal disruption during the process.	30/08/2025
4. Signage Concept	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The concept is designed to scale, considering proximity, heights, colour schemes, and all necessary details.The design must fit the characteristics of the landscape and the purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Signage Steering Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Identify the necessary content, including the text, layout, and images required for the project.Develop a comprehensive plan outlining the steps needed to appoint a contractor for the execution of this project.This plan includes specific criteria for contractor selection, timelines, and budget considerations to ensure a successful partnership.	30/10/2025
5. Design and Prototype	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Appoint Contractor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">President, Janiene Ayre	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Agreement with Contactor	30/10/2025
6. A signage QR code will be placed on all signs. It is a two-dimensional barcode that, when scanned by a smartphone it directs users / visitors to the Precinct to specific digital image	<ul style="list-style-type: none">This content will be available on our website.It will enhance the visitor experience.The QR Code can simplify processes and reduce the need for multiple steps and understand the sign	<ul style="list-style-type: none">President, Janiene AyreWebsite / IT Contact	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Make it a priority to organise all images intended for the new signs on a dedicated page on the N&DHS website.This will prepare us for the effective implementation of QR code	20/11/2025
7. Proofs of all signs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A PDF proof before the manufacturing process beginsAll drawings contain dimensions, materials and QR Codes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Signage Steering Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Proofs ready for Manufacturing	10/12/2026
8. Manufacture	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The new signs will be made from a combination of timber, metal, plastic, Dibond, aluminum composite material (ACM), vinyl, and laminate for various areas across the Precinct.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Contactor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Signs ready for installation	20/01/2026
9. Installation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ensure signs are erected safely, securely and will stand the test of time.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Signage Steering CommitteeWorking Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A specific risk assessment to be carried out on each sign	01/03/2026



BAW BAW SHIRE



2024-25 Community Grants, Community Projects

The installation of a 5 kW Rinnai P series high-wall reverse cycle split system in the Platform Goods Shed has been completed, along with the installation of two wall-mounted fans in the Louvre Carriage.

The N&DHS application for the project titled "Climate Control for Volunteers and Visitors" was approved, resulting in a grant of \$4,848.16. John Olsen and Janiene Ayre attended the Baw Baw Shire Community Grants function on June 12, 2025, to collect the certificate for this grant.



NEW NOOJEE FORESTRY TRANSITION PROJECT MANAGER



On Friday, June 27, the N&DHS Committee of Management had the pleasure of meeting Lana Horn, the newly appointed Project Manager for the Noojee Forestry Transition. Lana officially started her role in June and brought a fresh perspective and enthusiasm to the team.

Krystal Barr, the Manager of Economic Development and Visitor Economy at Baw Baw Shire, introduced Lana and highlighted her expertise and vision for the project, which promises to positively impact both the community and the environment.

The meeting was engaging, featuring discussions about the project's future direction and its potential contributions.

NEW TELEVISION DISPLAY IN THE PLATFORM GOODS SHED



The Platform Goods Shed features a display of various heritage woodworking tools. To complement the display, Will Langoor has kindly uploaded a selection of YouTube videos demonstrating how these tools were used.

These videos can be accessed on the new public display television and the new laptop computer located in the shed. They are available in a playlist within the Pictures folder.





VOLUNTEER CONNECT

Future Dates for the Working Groups starting at 10 am at the Precinct
Friday, 11 July - Friday 25 July

ANSWERING ENQUIRIES - GREAT WORK JANET

Below is an email from Janet Cowden talking about her passion for answering visitors' enquiries.

"While on duty on Saturday 17th May 2025, we had two enquiries about the Railway.

1. A visitor was looking to trace the Noojee line (on the ground), especially the whereabouts of the Neerim South Station. He could see Railway Road and Railway Parade, etc. but no sign of the Station. The booklet, "Follow the Railway line ...", compiled for the 2017 bus trip from Warragul to Noojee was helpful.
2. Another visitor on Saturday was looking through Dorothy Hunt's books, which we have for sale. I asked him did he have connections with Neerim or Noojee. Yes. His great grandmother had a property through which ran the Toorongo extension of the railway line. He was not sure where exactly the property was, but thought it was along the road toward the sawmill. Her name was Mills. We tried the map of the Noojee Township, but her name was not on any property. I reached for our Reference copies of Dorothy Hunt's books and found a short description of the Mills family including the names of the children, one of which was his grandfather, (The grandfather had a property on Stoddard's Road on which was the Lillico Railway Station. The present Mills Road off Stoddard's Road, was the driveway into the Mills homestead which still stands. He finally introduced himself as Andrew Mills from Jindivick.)

Naturally I enjoy this kind of interaction" – Janet Cowden



NOOJEE RAILWAY STATION PRECINCT EVENTS AND BOOKING CALENDAR 2025 - 2026

Month Year	Tentative Date	Organisation	Contact Name	Email Sent Yes / No	Booking Form Received	Enquiry Only / Confirmed
August 2024	9th - 10th 16th- 18th August	Snowfest Warragul Business Group	Jenny Muir	Yes 28/05/2024	Yes	Confirmed
September 2025	Monday 8th September 2025	Chairo Christian School Drouin East	Lynne Schmidt	Yes 28/05/2024	Yes	Confirmed from 10.30am to 11.30am
TBA	TBA	Retirement Village Kilsyth	Sue Higgins	Yes 28/05/2024	No	Enquiry only
March 2026	3 days 13th, 14th and 15 th March	Gippsland International Film Festival gippslandinternational filmfest@gmail.com	Ed & Alana	No TBA	Initial meeting in May 2024 N/A	Enquiry Only



WORKING GROUP ACTIVITIES – FRIDAY 13 JUNE 2025

- We had a fantastic day on Friday, June 13, with the volunteer work group at the Precinct. We accomplished several tasks, including fixing the gate and fence near the water tank and repairing the boundary fence.
- We also repaired the exterior walls of the Platform and Goods shed and installed a new lock on the recently added air conditioner condenser.
- With Crystal's assistance, we mounted heritage signage on the café wall. Additionally, we installed a new ramp and gate at the entrance of the container on the platform.
- The Louvre van carriage is undergoing display modifications, which are still a work in progress. Overall, it was a productive day. A big thank you to Crystal for the amazing lunch and coffee that kept us energised!

New gate and fence near the water tank



Repaired the exterior walls of the Platform and Goods shed



Mounted heritage signage on the café wall



New ramp and gate at the entrance of the container on the platform



**Working Group Team
Miles, Graeme, John
and Will
Job well done!**



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

Thank you everyone for all your support and assistance.

Janiene Ayre, President and the N&DHS Committee of Management - June 2025

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