



NEWSLETTER

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

March 2025



Community Bank
Neerim District

 Bendigo Bank

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SERVING OUR COMMUNITY



COMMUNITY BANK NEERIM DISTRICT

On Saturday, 15 March at Algie Hall in Neerim South, Will Langoor and Janiene Ayre attended the Community Grants, Scholarships, Young Achiever Award and 25 years Anniversary Celebration.

We received a grant to set-up the GY Fixed-wheel Open Railway Wagon for display at the Noojee Railway Station Precinct.

Thank you to everyone at the bank – we had a great night, and we are looking forward to starting the project in May / June 2025!

NOOJEE FORESTRY TRANSITION PROJECT SHAPING THE FUTURE OF NOOJEE UPDATE

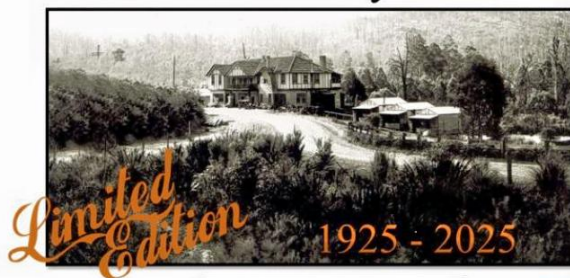
BAW BAW SHIRE

- On 18 March, Janiene met with Christy Hoiles and Leah Doherty, both in the Noojee Forestry Transition Project team. Our ongoing meetings have been positive, and we are continuing to work on our partnership and moving forward with the project.

JOINT MEETING

- Following on from the meeting with Baw Baw Shire it was arranged for Janiene to meet the members of the Eco-Tourism and Multi-purpose Community Working group at the Noojee Heritage Gifts and Coffee on Tuesday evening, 25 March to discuss opportunities for developing the Heritage site.

The Noojee Hotel 100th Anniversary Calendar



noojeerailwaystationprecinct.com



noojeehotel.com.au



 Heritage-Gifts-Coffee-Noojee

NEW CALENDARS TO CELEBRATE THE NOOJEE HOTEL'S 100 ANNIVERSARY

We have ordered A4 calendars to celebrate the pub's 100th anniversary! The calendars will be distributed and sold at \$35 each through the Noojee Pub, the Noojee Heritage Gifts and Coffee Café, and the Station. They are due to arrive in early April 2025, ready to sell.



VOLUNTEER CONNECT

WORKING GROUP DATES FOR 2025

On Thursday, 13 March we had a working group that completed the following work:

1. Continued to clean, tidy and move furniture from the Storage Container
2. Continued to set-up of the Louvre Van Carriage ready for displays with handrails, shelves and stands
3. Moved items from the Goods Shed into the Louvre Van and Storage Container
4. Tidied the Goods Shed and the counter was reduced in size making it smaller to allow more display area for visitors.

Future Dates for the Working Groups starting at 10am at the Precinct

Thursday, 10 April / Thursday, 8 May / Thursday, 5 June 2025

A big thank you to Janet Cowden for tidying up the storage container and her volunteer hours and ongoing research projects and to Will and John for their day-to-day activities getting everything ready for the Ada River Rally 2025

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

VICTORIAN RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP
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Victorian
Club Rally
Series

www.vicrally.com.au

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

NOOJEE
HERITAGE
GIFTS & COFFEE

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.

VRC 2 / VCRS 2 - Ada River Rally

📅 Date 10 May 2025

🕒 Time 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

📍 Venue Noojee Heritage Centre

👤 Organizer Western District Car Club

🏆 Category Victorian Club Rally Series - Proudly supported by ProRally Motorsport Fabrications Victorian Rally Championship



FRAMES TO PROTECT VALUABLE MEMORABILIA

We are in the process of gathering all relevant information for the following:

1. Railway jacket, waistcoat and Hat with images and information
2. Football blazer, flags, and images

The image exemplifies what we want to achieve for display in the Goods Shed and Louvre van.

GY FIXED-WHEEL OPEN RAILWAY WAGON FOR DISPLAY AT THE NOOJEE RAILWAY STATION PRECINCT

Plans are underway to move the GY Wagon in April



10% DISCOUNT FOR ALL MEMBERS AT THE NOOJEE HERITAGE GIFTS AND COFFEE

During this month, we will send an email out with a voucher to all members to redeem a 10% discount on food and refreshments. Additionally, we are organizing a newsletter, through the Noojee Post Office, to all Noojee residents, giving them an update on the Noojee Railway Station Precinct, the N&DHS, and the 10% discount at the Café. Thank you, Crystal, Troy, and Michael, for your generosity!

**AN INSIDE LOOK
AT WHAT WE'RE
CURRENTLY
WORKING ON**

April & May 2025

'All Aboard! - Adopt a Platform Sleeper' Your ticket to support Noojee's railway heritage



On 30th April 1919, the first official train arrived at Noojee and was welcomed to town with a banquet organised to celebrate the opening of the line and newly built station. Noojee station serviced the main mill in town and was connected by a network of narrow gauge, wooden tramways to the remote timber mills that operated between 1919 and 1926.

The Heritage Centre, which opened on 22 March 2014, is becoming a beacon for history buffs, train enthusiasts, tourists, local residents and their relatives and friends. In 2025 the centre has become the Noojee Heritage Gifts and Coffee Café and will become a focal point where our community and visitors can enjoy a great coffee and discover how Noojee's character and identity was formed.

Open Now!
**HERITAGE GIFTS
& COFFEE**
OPEN
FRIDAY 9.00 - 2.00
SUNDAY 10.00 - 2.00
PUBLIC HOLIDAYS
415 MT RAIN ROAD TOURIST ROAD
NOOJEE



You can be involved and help support this great initiative by "Adopting a Platform Sleeper"

\$50 Sleeper Package
• "All Aboard" sponsor certificate
• Recognition of support on the "All Aboard" display at the Noojee Railway Station Precinct

Ticket valid for first class support!

See reverse for application form and sponsorship details



The replica Noojee Railway Station and platform and the 1955 iconic J class locomotive prior to last month

ADOPT A SLEEPER \$50 CAMPAIGN

The Adopt-a-Sleeper campaign has started again with folders containing forms, Certificates and database are in the Goods Shed and the Café ready for sales!

The form is also on the website to download – go to:

<https://noojeerailwaystationprecinct.com/support/>

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 – March 2025

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