



May NEWSLETTER

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



WHAT A SHOW THE 2025 DRAPER'S CIVIL CONTRACTING - ADA RIVER RALLY PUT ON!

It was a fantastic day at the Noojee Railway Station Precinct and in Noojee and surrounds on Saturday 10 May!

A Great Rally Event with top organisers and contestants.

- The Heritage Gifts & Coffee Cafe were all under the pump all day.
- The Neerim District Community House and Men's Shed did an awesome job feeding the crowd
- Wally Notman and friends supplied the music, playing our hit songs of the past.
- A big thanks to all involved!



<https://noojeerailwaystationprecinct.com/2025/05/14/drapers-civil-contracting-ada-river-rally-visits-the-precinct/>



BAW BAW SHIRE



We were successful in the 2024-25 Community Grants, Community Projects Round 2

Baw Baw Shire email: "Many applications were received in the round of Community Projects, making the process highly competitive. All applications submitted were carefully assessed for eligibility and reviewed by the Assessment Panel. The Panel made recommendations to the Baw Baw Shire Council Executive Leadership for endorsement at the meeting held on 6 May 2025."

The N&DHS application for "Climate Control for Volunteers and Visitors" was supported and we are to receive \$4,848.16 for the following - Installation of one 5Kw Rinna P series high wall reverse cycle split system in the Platform Goods Shed and two wall mounted fans in the Louvre Carriage.



RECOGNISING AN ANGEL

After displaying great bravery during the 1939 bushfires, Gladys Sanderson could soon have a reserve named in her honour.

James Cullen, the Coordinator Governance at Baw Baw Shire has invited the N&DHS to participate in community consultation that Council is undertaking on a proposal to name the reserve at 22 Bennett Street Noojee after Gladys Sanderson.



Gladys saved countless lives after refusing to leave the switchboard at Noojee Post Office on Black Friday.

You can access the project here: [Gladys Sanderson Park Naming Proposal | Baw Baw Connect](#)



NEW DISPLAY CABINET IN PLATFORM GOODS SHED

A beautiful display cabinet has been positioned in the Platform Goods Shed.

We have many small memorabilia items that have been donated and collected over the years, and the cabinet is perfect for them.

This will be suitable for displaying objects, such as the 1950s Noojee Boys Club trophy won by Wasyl Abrat for the Under-7, 50-yard race, the Aboriginal stone axe heads, also smaller photos of which we have other copies elsewhere.

Additionally, for books that are more curiosity than information books that we would probably not want to refer to for answering enquiries.

This is a "Work in Progress" as all the display items will need to be identified and labelled accordingly.





NEW SIGNS – WATER AND PUBLIC TOILETS

Welcome to the Noojee Railway Station Precinct



✓ We have Public Toilets for visitors
- Please follow the signs -

✗ The Cafe toilets are for
Customers ONLY

✓ We have water available for a
gold coin donation

✗ We do not fill water bottles
because we are on tank water

THANK YOU FOR UNDERSTANDING

We've noticed over the last couple of months that it's becoming a bit challenging to keep up with visitors' requests for filling water bottles and the frequent use of the café toilets.

To help make things easier, we've teamed up with Crystal and Troy at Heritage Gifts and Coffee to introduce some exciting new initiatives that aim to meet these needs.

**PUBLIC
TOILET**



The Noojee & District Historical Society provides water to visitors to the Noojee Railway Station Precinct.
A gold coin donation would be appreciated.

Gold
Coin Donation

We do not fill water bottles

We are on tank water and water is precious



VOLUNTEER CONNECT

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

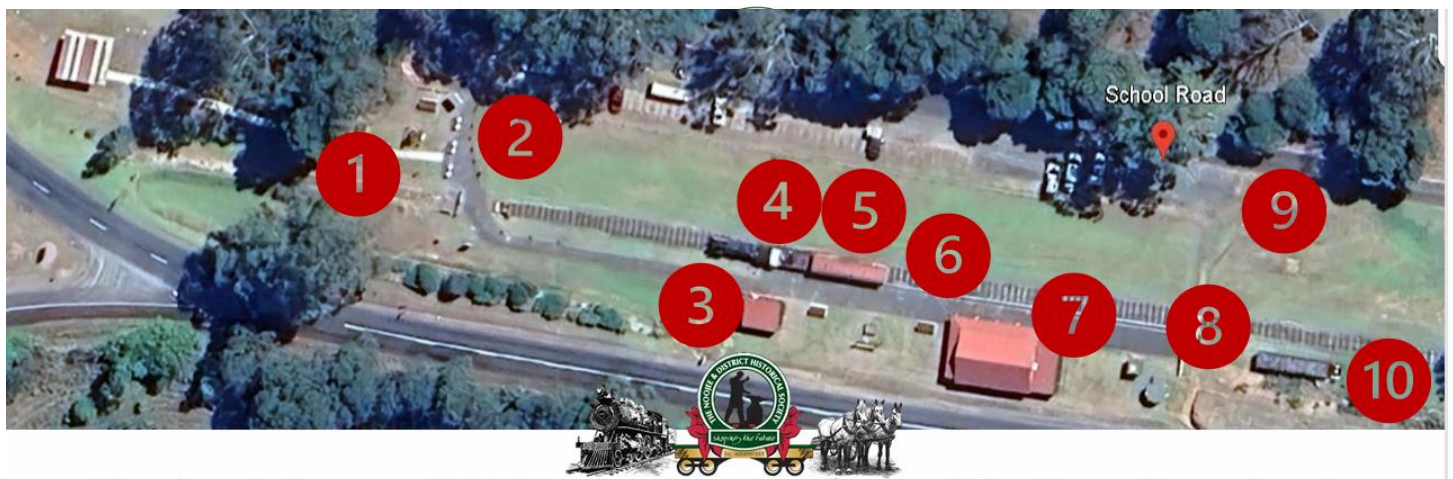
Friday, 13 June - Friday, 27 June - Friday, 11 July - Friday 25 July

Dates for August to October 2025 will be published in June's newsletter.

On Friday, 16 May, the Working Group identified our tasks and projects needed at the Noojee Railway Station Precinct for 2025. All the details are outlined on the next page...

NOOJEE RAILWAY STATION PRECINCT PROPOSED EVENTS AND TENTATIVE BOOKING CALENDAR 2025 - 2026

Month Year	Tentative Date	Organisation	Contact Name	Email Sent Yes / No	Booking Form Received	Enquiry Only / Confirmed
August 2024	10-11 August	SnowFest - Warragul Business Group	Jenny Muir	Yes 28/05/2024	No N/A	Enquiry Only
September 2025	8 Sept or 16 Sept	Chairo Christian School Drouin East	Lynne Schmidt	Yes 28/05/2024	No	Enquiry only
TBA	TBA	Retirement Village Kilsyth	Sue Higgins	Yes 28/05/2024	No	Enquiry only
March 2026	13th, 14th and 15 th March	Gippsland International Film Festival	Ed & Alana	No	Initial meeting in May 2024	Enquiry Only
May 2026	2 days	The Ada River Rally 2026	200	No	DEECA	Date to be confirmed



Project Areas 2025 Noojee Railway Station Precinct

1	Public Toilets and Saw Display	6	Container, MacDonald Engine and GY Wagon
2	Entrance One and Signage	7	NEW Signs Required for platform
3	Platform & Goods Shed	8	Entrance to Platform Water Tank / Yellow Fence
4	J550 Locomotive	9	Entrance 2 off School Road
5	Louvre Van Carriage	10	Display Maintenance

1. Public Toilets and Graeme Brown Saw Display	2. Entrance One and Signage	3. Platform & Goods Shed (inside and outside)	4. J550 Locomotive	5. Louvre Van
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact Baw Baw Shire re: Grass cutting Identify all signage and remove old signs Identify new signs required Large entrance sign to be updated Crystal DRAFT suggestion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact Denholm's to move signage posts Buffer at end of rail track - Cut off long bolts Move buffer to new position Use DEECA sleeper for Seats Get rid of contaminated wood 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Installation Air conditioner 29/05 - 9am Investigate cupboard to enclose Computer Move Stationary unit inside new cupboard Paint Maps Unit Black Move and add Devlin Collection Repair outside wall and Paint with decking oil Pipe ditch to be dug and air-con unit installed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean out inside area Paint inside Black Paint back of cabin Repair Seat Grill sharp edges Deep clean outside of locomotive with truck wash New horn Identify new controls needed for display in cabin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to update display / signs Jacket and Hat display Sign for No:7 log Mat for floor Fans to be installed

Project Areas 2025 Noojee Railway Station Precinct - TASKS

6. Container, MacDonald Engine and GY Wagon	7. New Signs required for Platform	8. Entrance to Platform near Water Tank & Yellow fence	9. Entrance 2 off School Road	10. Display Maintenance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GY – New platform pillars GY – Remove Fence GY – Make a Ramp GY – Sleeper bench GY – Sleeper floor GY – Sleeper Chairs Engine – New Floor Engine – New Back wall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Toilets Staff parking only No disabled access Replace all signs with new funding Size 900 x 600 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repair bars on Yellow fence near water tank Set-up Fence from in front of GY Wagon Make a gate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be available to measure area for extension of fence with gap for walkway New fence – contact Denholm's for quote Quote for posts / installation / removal of old posts Remove star pickets Move pile of rock/dirt / stones 2. Walkway near water tank - measure area Contact Mick for quote Use concrete from WL and sleepers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ganger Wagon Fire Spotter Lookout Tower Possible Funding Application Cover for \$500 Plaque Display on Platform Old sign from Trestle bridge - new location Sleepers arriving - DEECA from Trestle bridge Use GY Engine Walkway



DEECA UPDATE - TRESTLE BRIDGE CLOSED FOR SAFETY REPAIRS



Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action

<https://www.deeca.vic.gov.au>



We have been in regular communication with Narelle at DEECA, who has offered the Noojee and District Historical Society (N&DHS) the sleepers from the Trestle Bridge. They will be delivered to the Noojee Railway Station Precinct site.

These sleepers will be utilised for the upgrade of the GY Wagon and assist with other identified projects.



DEECA Gippsland · Follow

20 May ·

The historic Noojee Trestle Bridge will be closed for safety repairs from 26 May to 4 July, 2025.

During this time access to the bridge and surrounding site, including the walking track from Noojee to the bridge, will be closed.

As Victoria's tallest surviving wooden trestle, the bridge requires regular maintenance to ensure it can remain one of Victoria's iconic attractions for many years to come.

WORKING GROUP ACTIVITIES -THURSDAY 29 MAY 2025



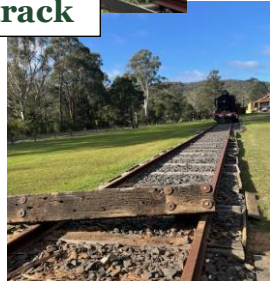
Clean up of the Buffer at the end of the Rail track



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



New gate, ramp and fence modifications near the GY Wagon



Installation of a new air conditioner in the Platform and Goods Shed, along with storage modifications in preparation for a television screen on the side wall



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 - May 2025



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