



September NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Noojee & District Historical Society Newsletter!

In this edition, we are excited to share and celebrate the incredible accomplishments from September 2025! Thank you to all our members and volunteers for your ongoing support as we confidently move forward together! Please contact us on email: noojeeheritage@gmail.com

Janiene Ayre, President Noojee & District Historical Society Inc



A visit to Noojee from The Hon. Steve Dimopoulos

On September 19, 2025, Steve Dimopoulos MP visited Noojee in an informal and relaxed setting. He engaged with a small group of community members, residents, and representatives from Baw Baw Shire.

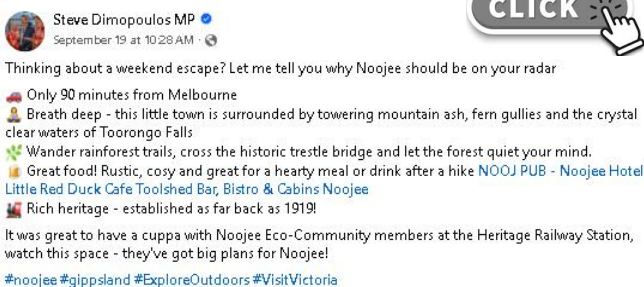
During the visit, the group discussed various topics, including the Bushfire Overlay and strategies to increase tourism in our town by promoting the Noojee Rail Trail. There was also talk about positioning Noojee as a destination through further development, such as extending the Rokeby Rail Trail to connect with Noojee.

The group expressed our gratitude for the support provided through the Forestry Transition Funding grant and the Local Development Strategy.

A special thanks to Troy, Crystal and Micheal from Heritage Gifts & Coffee for arranging and presenting the Minister with a gift bag filled with fantastic local produce and souvenirs. Your generosity and thoughtfulness is truly appreciated!

A big thank you also goes to the N&DHS working group volunteers—Myles, Graeme, John, and Will—for making the Minister's visit so memorable by showing him around the Noojee Heritage Railway Station Precinct.

The photos from his visit showcase his passion for Noojee, particularly his enthusiasm for trains, the local businesses and the Trestle Bridge.





VOLUNTEER CONNECT

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

OCTOBER - Friday, 3 October / 17 October / 31 October

NOVEMBER – Friday, 14 November / 28 November

AN INSIDE LOOK
AT WHAT WE'RE
CURRENTLY
WORKING ON

SEPT – OCT 2025

1. Erecting the
DEECA display
stand for the
\$500 plaques



2. Purchase of
more yellow
fence for
extension



3. Container
Refurbishment
“The Map Room”



1. The stand donated by DEECA is now in place and is ready to be hoisted, erected, and painted in preparation for displaying the \$500 sponsorship plaques.
2. A big thank you to John and Miles for traveling to Cranbourne to pick up 22 metres of yellow fencing, which will complete the fence along Mt. Baw Baw Tourist Road.
3. The container has been fully emptied, cleaned, and set up with the two map stands that were previously located in the Goods and Platform shed. This container will be adorned with map memorabilia and will showcase a new map that has been recreated from the original cloth map, which was sadly deteriorating.

Preparing the red gum sleepers from the Trestle Bridge for cutting by Browns Sawmill, with the support of Graeme Marshall from Neerim. These are for the floor of the GY Wagon.



THANK YOU
GRAEME MARSHALL
FOR SUPPORTING US



BIG LOG – TIMBER DISPLAY TRIBUTE UPDATE

In last month's newsletter we announced that we have been generously gifted an impressive large log by Brett Robins. Below is the initial plan on where we plan to position it on the Noojee Heritage Railway Station Precinct. As mentioned, accompanying the log will be an array of memorabilia, including vintage timber saws and various cutting machines that highlight the craftsmanship and technology of the bygone timber industry.



Hand drawing of new Timber Display Tribute accompanying the log will be an array of large vintage timber saws and various cutting machine memorabilia

SUPPORT AND INPUT NEEDED FOR OUR TIMBER HERITAGE PROJECT



We invite you to share your creative ideas and suggestions for our new project dedicated to the preservation of our rich timber heritage. As stewards of this important aspect of our history, we are passionate about ensuring that our timber legacy is maintained for future generations.

Your support and collaboration would mean a great deal to us, whether it's through insights, resources, or volunteer assistance. Together, we can make a significant impact in celebrating and safeguarding this valuable heritage.

If you're interested in contributing to this cause, please reach out to us at noojeeheritage@gmail.com with your thoughts or offers of support.

We look forward to hearing from you!



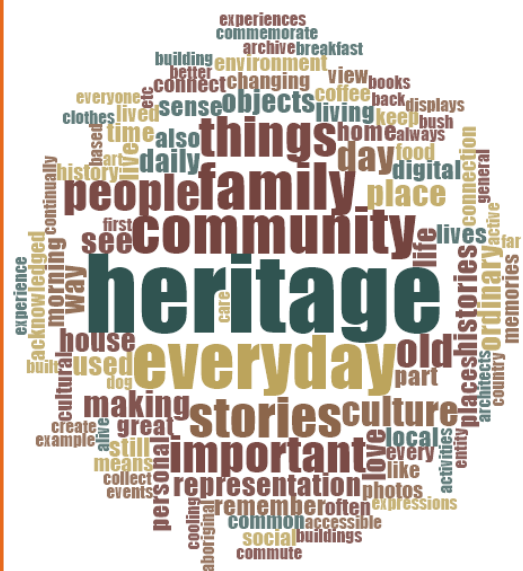
WEST GIPPSLAND HERITAGE & HISTORY NETWORKING GROUP

Pam Boyes, Coordinator of Tourism and Events at Baw Baw Shire, held an initial meeting this month to provide a platform for local heritage and history groups within the shire to share ideas.

It was observed that there is currently no overarching heritage organisation in Baw Baw Shire. The individual groups present expressed a desire to form a networking group, which would meet quarterly to explore various opportunities.

These include developing signage, making heritage information accessible through QR codes or a website, organising walking tours day and at night initiatives.

While the groups will take the lead moving forward, the Council is willing to participate as a member of the network. Governance details and terms of reference will be discussed at the October meeting.



HERITAGE & HISTORY GROUP REPRESENTATIVES

- Walhalla Heritage & Development League
- Noojee & District Historical Society
- Neerim District History and Heritage Group
- Trafalgar Historical Society
- Yarragon Historical Society
- Warragul and District Historical Society
- Erica Historical Society
- Drouin History Group
- Longwarry Historical Society
- West Gippsland Genealogical Society

EVENTS AND BOOKING CALENDAR 2025 - 2026



Events Calendar

Month Year	Tentative Date	Organisation	Contact Name	Email Sent Yes / No	Booking Form Received	Enquiry Only / Confirmed
Oct 2025	Sat, 4th Oct	Neerim-Noojee Forest Interest Group	Wally Notman	Yes	No	Confirmed By Crystal
NOV 2025	19 Nov 9am	West Gippsland Bushwalkers Club	Jack Laidlaw WGBC	Yes	No	Confirmed by WL
March 2026	Wed, 4th March	Taraga Classic Car Event	Linda Lawson	Yes 20/08/2025	No	To be confirmed
March 2026	3 days 13th, 14th 15th March	Gippsland International Film Festival	Ed & Alana	Followed up to stage 2 gippslandinternational filmfest@gmail.com	Initial meeting in May 2024	Enquiry – to be confirmed
May 2026	3 days TBC	2026 Draper's Civil Contracting-Ada River Rally	Clerk of Course	Yes	No	TBC



ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF POURING BEERS

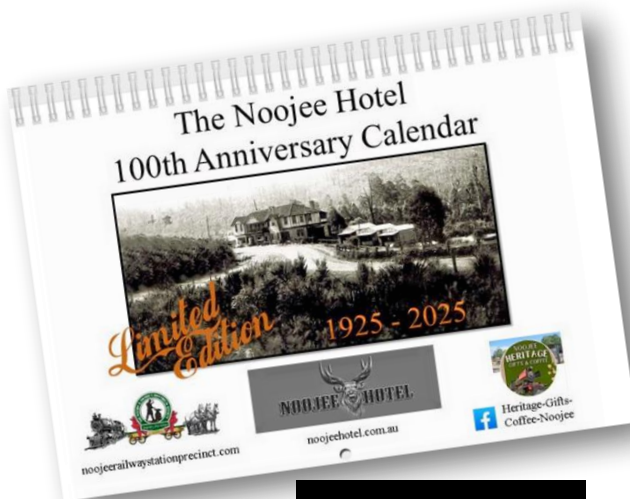


Congratulations to The Noojee Hotel, which celebrated its 100th birthday on September 7, 2025, marking a century - opening in 1925.

The pub has endured significant challenges, including major bushfires in 1926 and 1939. To commemorate this milestone, the hotel is hosting a year of events featuring live music and festivities.

Click the link for more info:

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MEMBERS ONLY

\$25.00

CALENDARS TO CELEBRATE THE NOOJEE HOTEL'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

The A4 calendars commemorate the centenary of the Noojee Hotel. Each calendar showcases beautiful imagery and highlights significant moments from the hotel's rich 100-year history. These beautiful calendars are \$35 each and can be purchased at the Noojee Pub, the Noojee Heritage Gifts and Coffee Café, and the Station.

As a special gesture to celebrate this milestone, we are pleased to offer all N&DHS members a discounted price of just \$25 per calendar. Don't miss this opportunity to own a piece of history while also supporting our local community. Get yours today and join us in marking this remarkable occasion!

Email: noojeeheritage@gmail.com for your copy

NEW POSTCARD

Simon and Jo, from Homegrown Design, Photography, and Print in Drouin, have crafted a stunning postcard. This design vividly captures the J550 locomotive, beautifully illuminated against the night sky and perfectly showcases the Precinct.

homegrown
DESIGN | PHOTOGRAPHY | PRINT

These exquisite postcards are now available for purchase at \$3 each, offering a wonderful keepsake for enthusiasts and collectors alike.



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 N&DHS Committee of Management – September 2025
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NEWS UPDATE

BAW BAW
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BAW BAW SHIRE INFORMATION SHAPING THE FUTURE NOOJEE PROJECT



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NOOJEE ECO-COMMUNITY.

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A message from Lana Horn, Noojee Forestry Transition Project Manager

“The design team, Architecture That, will be on-site intermittently over the coming week to begin mapping out the area. This process will involve taking photographs and conducting surveys. We invite the community to attend "drop-in" sessions on the weekend of October 4th and 5th, from 10am to 12 noon, at the Heritage Gifts & Coffee Cafe.

Architecture That will develop staged drawings for a proposed revised masterplan for the Noojee Heritage Railway Station Precinct. The plan may include features such as solar-powered furniture, picnic shelters, storage spaces for day visitors (e.g., cyclists) to store their equipment, outdoor seating, and community space.”

An initial concept design identified in the feasibility study is outlined below.



MORE INFO



Development of the Noojee Heritage Precinct

Background:

As part of the Shaping the Future of Noojee Project, The Project team and the recently combined Eco Tourism and Multipurpose Community Hub and Education Centre Working Groups (Now known as the Noojee Eco-Community Working Group) reviewed initiatives identified as part of a feasibility study that was conducted to explore opportunities for tourism activities. One of the identified opportunities was to develop the Noojee Heritage Precinct.

Please find a
detailed Baw Baw
Shire update on
the exciting
developments of
Shaping the future
of Noojee