



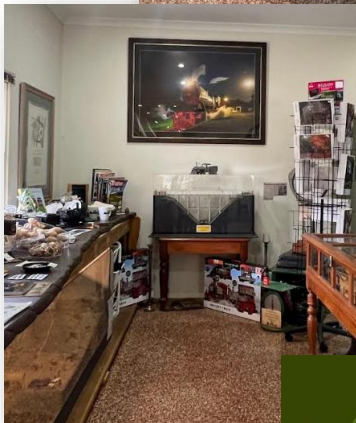
October NEWSLETTER

Hello and welcome to the Noojee & District Historical Society Newsletter!

What a big month! We are proud to celebrate the fantastic achievements from October 2025!

A big thank you to our members, the working group team and our volunteers for your unwavering support as we continue this journey together. If you have any questions or want to connect, feel free to reach out at noojeeheritage@gmail.com

Janiene Ayre, President Noojee & District Historical Society Inc



HERITAGE GIFTS & COFFEE

After 18 months of anticipation, we are excited to unveil the stunning new booths and tables installed in the café by Michael and Troy. Their modern design and vibrant colours truly enhance the warm and inviting atmosphere of the space.

The Noojee & District Historical Society is thrilled to collaborate with Troy, Crystal, Michael, and their family in bringing this vision to life. We can't wait for everyone to experience this wonderful addition!

New images of the J550 locomotive, along with a remarkable historical photo from 1921 showcasing students from Warragul High School on a train excursion across No:2 Trestle bridge, have been displayed in the café. Unfortunately, the magnificent trestle bridge shown in the photo no longer exists; it was one of seven bridges along the Noojee rail line.





The Neerim-Noojee Forest Interest Group

On Saturday, October 4, at 1 PM, members of the Neerim-Noojee Forest Interest Group gathered for their very first meeting at the picturesque Noojee Heritage Railway Station Precinct.

The primary aim of this newly formed group is to collaboratively delve into the rich, diverse aspects of the surrounding forest—focusing on its sustainable use and effective management. Participants can look forward to engaging discussions and informative sessions that foster a deeper understanding of the natural environment.

Meetings are scheduled to occur every two months on Saturday afternoons, encouraging participants to immerse themselves in nature.

Each gathering will primarily be held outdoors in various scenic and easily accessible areas of the local forests, offering participants the opportunity to connect with the environment firsthand.

In addition to the group's activities, visitors enjoyed the delightful Heritage Gifts and Coffee shop, at the Noojee Heritage Railway Station, providing a welcoming spot to relax and appreciate the charming surroundings.



N-GAUGE TRAIN DISPLAY IN THE LOURVE VAN

The captivating N-Gauge train model collection is dedicated to the memory of Barry Nugent, a cherished member of the N&DHS and the late husband of Janiene.

Barry was an enthusiastic collector, and showcasing some of his treasures is a wonderful way to honour his legacy. This display encourages all of us to embrace our interests and share the joy they bring, inspiring connections and celebrations within our community.





THE PLATFORM CONTAINER UPDATE

We have been working very hard to set up the container as an interpretive display with the following tasks completed in October:

1. Painting the interior, including the map cabinets, which will have new signs attached.
2. Cleaning the entire space especially the floor ready for new mats.
3. Fixing the soundproof brown display boards at the back of the container to prepare for the attachment of the local history images and memorabilia.
4. Testing motion sensor lighting to illuminate the maps and displays.
5. Repairing the platform floor to ensure safer access.



We are excited to keep you updated each month on all our activities. Thank you, everyone, for your support and assistance. Janiene Ayre, President N&DHS Committee of Management – October 2025

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1. DEECA Display stand update



2. Fence Extension and New gate



3. Bike Stand Refurbishment



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

**OCTOBER
2025**



1. The stand, which was generously donated by DEECA, has been successfully hoisted and securely erected. It is now in preparation to be painted a black colour, which will create a uniform backdrop for the display of the \$500 sponsorship plaques that will honour our sponsors.
2. We are pleased to announce the completion of the fence extension along Mt. Baw Baw Tourist Road. This enhancement not only improves the visual appeal of the area but also increases safety and security. Additionally, a gate has been installed at the entrance of the walkway on School Road, ensuring that access to this pathway is secure and well-monitored.
3. The bike stand has received a complete makeover and has been moved from its previous location near the School Road entrance. It is now positioned in front of Heritage Gifts and Coffee, an ideal spot for bike riders. This new location not only makes it more convenient for cyclists to park their bikes while visiting the shop but also encourages more people to utilise the bike stand as they explore the area.

VOLUNTEER CONNECT

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

NOVEMBER – Friday, 14 November /
Friday, 28 November

DECEMBER – Friday, 12 December

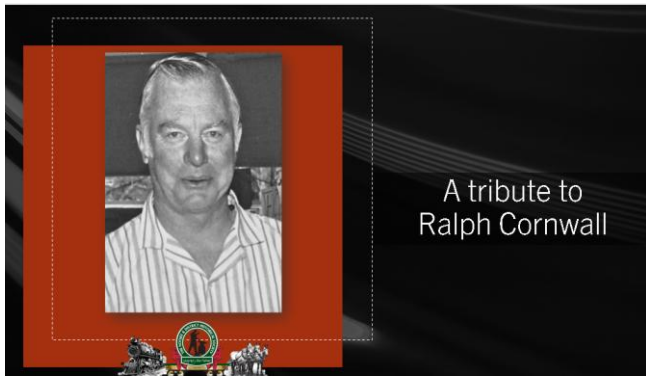
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Annual General Meeting 2025

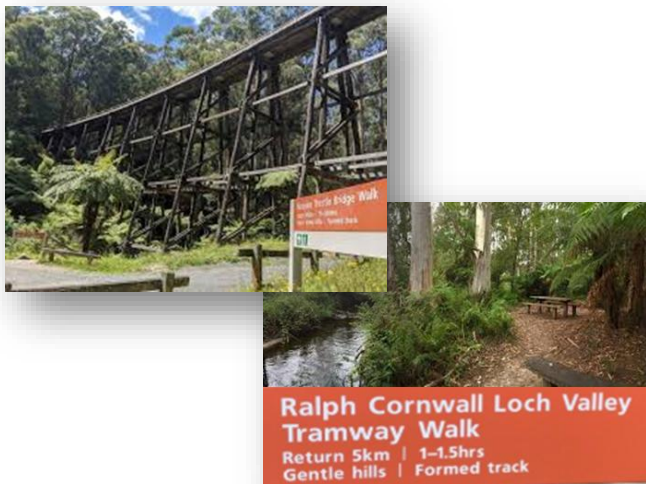
Sat, 6 December 2025

Online and in-person

**All details regarding time, venue,
and the agenda will be sent by via
email invitation.**



A tribute to
Ralph Cornwall



**Ralph Cornwall Loch Valley
Tramway Walk**
Return 5km | 1-1.5hrs
Gentle hills | Formed track

RALPH CORNWALL TAPES FROM NIECE JOY NIVEN

We have been extremely fortunate to receive a tape recorded by Ralph Cornwall about the Noojee Trestle Bridge Walk, which was recorded in early 1990. We are currently working on transforming this incredible find into a DVD presentation showcasing Ralph's extensive knowledge of Noojee and the surrounding region.

Background: Ralph dedicated many years to the search and rescue service, and his vast knowledge of the area proved invaluable.

Ralph Cornwall dreamed of transforming the Loch Valley Tramway into a walking trail that would benefit not only locals but also attract tourists. Unfortunately, he passed away on June 7, 1997, before this project could be completed. In his honor, the Tramway Walk has been named the Ralph Cornwall Loch Valley Tramway Walk.

RECOGNISING THE 'ANGEL OF NOOJEE' GLADYS SANDERSON EXHIBITION

The Noojee & District Historical Society Inc. are proud to present a permanent photographic display in the 1960 Louvre Van Carriage at the Noojee Heritage Railway Station Precinct. This display coincides with the dedication of the Noojee Reserve, which will be named after a local hero: The Gladys Sanderson Park, on 30 November 2025.

Recognising the 'Angel
of Noojee' Gladys
Sanderson Exhibition

Noojee Heritage
Railway Station Precinct

Exhibition in the 1960s Louvre Carriage Van



Mock-up of Display
in 1960 Louvre Van

We are excited to celebrate her incredible contributions and the many lives she touched! Gladys Sanderson's selflessness and courage have left a lasting mark on the history of Noojee.

Gladys's extraordinary bravery was widely recognized, and her story made headlines from Warragul to London. In June 1940, she was awarded the Order of the British Empire for "gallantry and devotion to duty." The Order of the British Empire is a British order of chivalry founded in 1917 to recognise individuals for significant service to their country.



Order of the
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NEWS UPDATE

BAW BAW SHIRE INFORMATION SHAPING THE FUTURE NOOJEE PROJECT



UPCOMING EVENTS

November 16 (4–6pm) Heritage Precinct Masterplan Community feedback session & Site tour



Below is the feedback presentation from the Noojee & District Historical Society Committee of Management and members from the Heritage Gifts and Coffee Café regarding the Noojee Heritage Masterplan Site Analysis.

The following infrastructure and maintenance requirements are essential and should be prioritised:

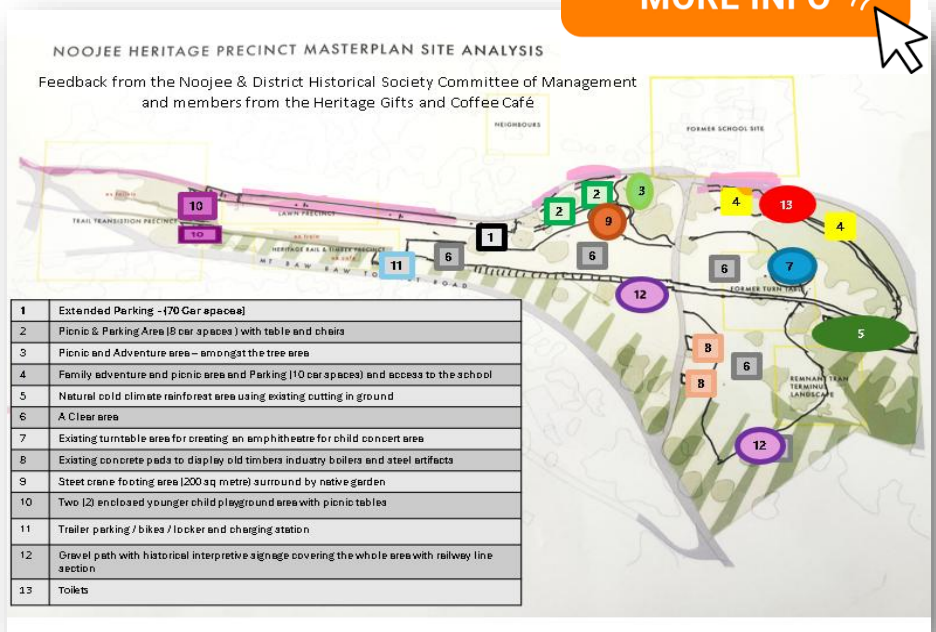
- Rubbish bins
- Toilets
- Additional parking areas
- Lighting
- Mowing and maintenance

Regarding the Noojee Heritage Railway Station Precinct, the Noojee & District Historical Society firmly asserts that the current condition of the platform must remain unchanged.



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

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