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FACES OF NOOJEE EXHIBITION

The "Faces of Noojee" exhibition at the Noojee Heritage Centre brings to life the stories of key individuals who played a pivotal role in shaping the town. This exhibition serves as a testament to the enduring spirit and determination of the people of Noojee, celebrating their rich history and contributions.

Visitors will discover the achievements of pioneering settlers, timber industry leaders, and railway builders who connected Noojee to the wider region. Additionally, this exhibition honours the community heroes who demonstrated remarkable resilience during the devastating fires of 1926 and 1939, as well as the dedicated individuals who tirelessly worked to restore and transform the town.

The Noojee & District Historical Society is proud to participate in the Australian Heritage Festival, the largest community-driven heritage festival in Australia. This event is organised by the National Trust of Australia (Victoria), Victoria's premier heritage advocacy organisation.

The Faces of Noojee Exhibition is hosted by the Noojee & District Historical Society at the Noojee Heritage Centre, located on Mt. Baw Baw Tourist Road, Noojee. The exhibition will run from Saturday, 18 April 2026, from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM, until 18 May 2026 on a Friday through to Sunday each week.

"Explore the Faces of Noojee Exhibition. This remarkable showcase features a collection of portraits on the 1960 Louvre Carriage interior wall, each celebrating individuals who have made a significant difference in their community and beyond," said Janiene Ayre, President of the Noojee & District Historical Society.

"These inspiring stories will highlight their journeys, contributions, and the positive impact they've had on the lives of others. Stay tuned as we share more information about these uplifting individuals."

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About the Noojee & District Historical Society Inc

The Noojee & District Historical Society, operator of the Noojee Heritage Centre, is dedicated to preserving, researching, and promoting the rich history, culture, and industry of the Noojee district. With a clear mission to establish a unique platform for exploring local heritage, the Society aims to inspire community involvement and celebrate the pioneering spirit that has shaped the region.

Society's vision includes the establishment of a multi-faceted heritage centre, showcasing historical artifacts and offering educational opportunities related to local history. Special emphasis is placed on recreating the spirit of past times, particularly through the lens of the area's logging and railway heritage.

Key objectives and projects include the operation of a museum that features a replica of the historic Noojee railway station, the preservation of a 1950s J-class locomotive, and the display of significant local items. Additionally, the Centre serves as a vibrant space for community events and volunteer engagement, further encouraging the appreciation of Noojee's local history.

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About the Australian Heritage Festival

The Australian Heritage Festival is Australia's largest annual community-driven heritage festival, created with the vision of recognising and celebrating the significance of our natural, historic and Indigenous heritage places and ensuring they are valued by Australians, protected for future generations and cared for by the community. The theme for the 2026 Australian Heritage Festival is *Change*.

The Australian Heritage Festival (Victoria) is proudly presented by the National Trust of Australia (Victoria) and supported by the Heritage Council Victoria, the Victorian Goldfields World Heritage Bid, GJM Heritage and Platinum Edge Group.

<https://australianheritagefestival.org.au/events/vic>

About National Trust of Australia (Victoria)

The National Trust of Australia (Victoria) (NTAV) is the state's premier community-based heritage advocacy organisation. It actively works to protect and conserve places of heritage significance for future generations to enjoy.

The NTAV opens some of Australia's most culturally significant places to the public. With regular tours, events and exhibitions at iconic sites including the Old Melbourne Gaol, Rippon Lea Estate, Como House, Polly Woodside, Barwon Park, and Gulf Station. The NTAV brings history to life through vivid storytelling and immersive visitor experiences.

www.nationaltrust.org.au/vic/