



April 2026 NEWSLETTER

NEW INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE AT THE NOOJEE HERITAGE



The Working Group has installed new interpretive signs, thanks to the invaluable support of Simon from Homegrown. These signs adorn the exterior walls of several key structures at the Noojee Heritage Centre, including the iconic 1960 Louvre Van, the versatile Container, and the Heritage Gifts and Coffee Shop, as well as the Lamp Room and Goods Shed.

Each sign is designed to enhance visitors' understanding and appreciation of Noojee's rich history from 1900 onward, as well as to highlight attractions in the surrounding areas, making this cultural hub even more informative and engaging for all who visit.



We are pleased to announce that we have started the process of uploading all the signs to our website in a section titled "Photographic Journey." This initiative aims to provide visitors with an engaging visual experience that showcases our journey through captivating imagery. Please note that this is an ongoing project and only text has been added, and we will continue to update and enhance this section as we progress.





CAR ENTHUSIASISTS FLOCK TO NOOJEE



An extraordinary event took place at the Noojee Heritage Centre on Sunday, April 26th, attracting over 600 remarkable automobiles. This vibrant display of colours and designs generated an exciting atmosphere. The gathering was particularly noteworthy, as many first-time visitors were enchanted by Noojee's charm.

Organised by [Mr Excited & Friends Classic Cars Worldwide](#), this impressive cruise began in Lilydale, uniting car enthusiasts from various locations. It became clear this car event would be significant, and by around 11 AM, rows of vehicles stretched as far as the eye could see, each representing its own unique story.

The variety of automobiles showcased was truly exceptional, ranging from contemporary vehicles that highlighted the latest advancements in automotive design to powerful muscle cars that evoke nostalgia, classic Australian models, sleek Japanese imports, elegant European sedans, and timeless vintage vehicles. This ensured that there was something of interest for all attendees.

We extend sincere commendation to the diligent organisers; locals lead by Dale Bates and Kylie Wilson and all volunteers who worked hard to make this event a success. We look forward to the next gathering scheduled for 2027 with great anticipation.





THE LAST 3 MONTHS: A JOURNEY OF GROWTH & UPGRADES



A generous donation of a self-propelled mower has been made to the Society by Bev Noonan, honoring the memory of her husband, Leo Noonan.

This mower, which held a special place in Leo's heart, will significantly lighten the physical demands of lawn maintenance for our volunteers. With its advanced features and ease of use, it promises to enhance both efficiency and enjoyment in caring for the Heritage Centre, allowing our volunteers to focus more on the community rather than the strenuous task of mowing.

The GY Wagon is approaching the final stages of completion, with a brand-new floor and ramp successfully installed.

This enhancement will create a welcoming space for Heritage Gifts and Coffee, allowing them to set up tables and chairs for visitors to relax and enjoy their offerings.

We extend our thanks to the dedicated team at the café for their invaluable support throughout this process, which has contributed greatly to the project's success. We are excited to see the GY Wagon come to life as a vibrant gathering spot for our community!



New metal gates have been installed at the entrance of the Heritage Centre on School Road, effectively replacing the old metal chain that was previously in use.

This significant enhancement not only bolsters the security of the site, ensuring a safer environment, but also greatly improves access to the grounds. The new gates facilitate smoother entry for both event attendees and vehicles.



A newly constructed walkway and path have been carefully leveled at the rear of the platform to ensure improved accessibility for individuals with disabilities.

This enhancement not only facilitates easier navigation but also addresses safety concerns, effectively managing potential risks in the area.



We are excited to announce that our directional signage has arrived! The Working Group volunteers have already installed approximately 20% of the signage, which made a significant difference during the Car Event on April 26.

This signage is essential for guiding visitors smoothly around the Centre. It simplifies parking and enhances safety by improving traffic flow. We are confident that it will help everyone easily find coffee and meals, locate public restrooms, reach our attractions and exhibitions, and explore local points of interest.

Our goal is to create a fantastic experience for all our visitors!

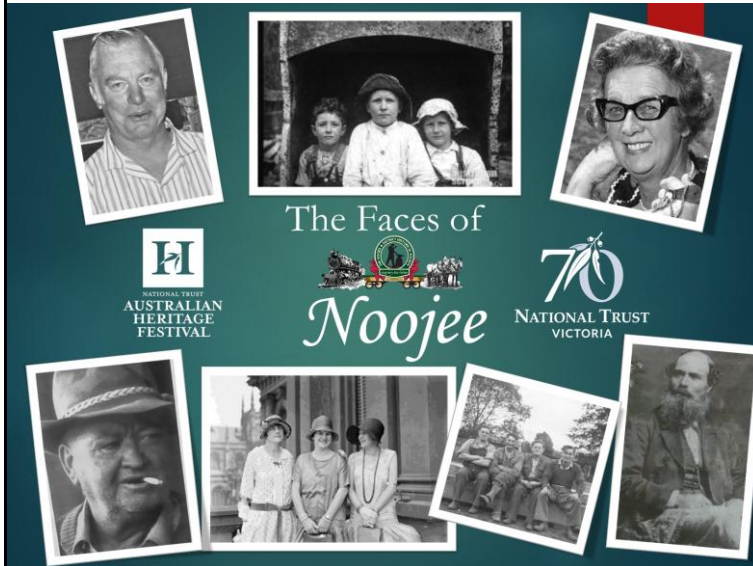


Noojee Heritage Centre Events Calendar 2026

May 2026

**AUSTRALIAN
HERITAGE FESTIVAL**

Saturday, 18 April to Monday, 18 May 2026 - Faces of Noojee



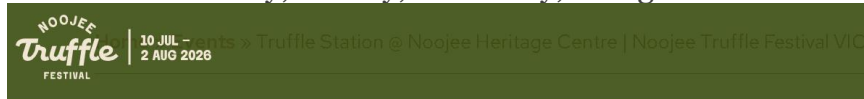
The Noojee & District Historical Society is excited to announce the "Faces of Noojee" exhibition, held in the 1960 Louvre Carriage Van at the Noojee Heritage Centre.

This exhibition showcases many "faces" of Noojee, highlighting individuals and groups who have contributed to and been part of the community since the 1900s.

As part of the Australian Heritage Festival 2026, organised by the National Trust, the theme will be "Change," exploring how history shapes our lives and how we, in turn, influence history.

July – August 2026

Truffle Station @ Noojee Heritage Centre operates every Sunday during the Noojee Truffle Festival, which runs from Friday, 10 July, to Sunday, 2 August 2026



Truffle Station @ Noojee Heritage Centre | Noojee Truffle Festival VIC

Time: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Each Sunday during the Noojee Truffle Festival



The Noojee Heritage Precinct transforms into Truffle Station – a place to wander, linger and follow your nose.

Enjoy truffle dog appearances, children's face painting, heritage displays and live music, all set against the charm of Noojee's historic heart. Grab a coffee, snack and even a truffle toastie from the café, then settle in and soak up the atmosphere.

It's also your starting point for exploring the festival, with friendly Noojee Truffle Festival Ambassadors on hand to share local walks, festival activities and assist with booking events such as dining experiences and truffle hunts.

For more information about the Noojee Truffle Festival visit <https://noojeetrufflefestival.com.au/program/>





August 2026

Event: Ada River Rally 2026

Date: August 22, 2026

Location: Noojee Heritage Centre, Mt Baw Baw Tourist Road, Noojee

Organiser: Western District Car Club

Venue Notes: The rally will be based in Noojee, VIC, emphasising regional forest stages.

For official updates, entry information, and to view the full calendar of events, please visit the Rally NSW website or the WDCC website.



The 2026 Ada River Rally is set to take place on August 22, 2026, in Noojee. This event, rescheduled from May, is part of the NSW Rally Championship as Round 4 and also serves as Round 5 of the East Coast Classic Rally Series (for both 2WD and 4WD vehicles).



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ANZAC DAY



In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' fields.

Dave Blacker, Captain of the Noojee Fire Brigade, invited Will Langoor to take part in the Noojee Anzac Service. Will passed the baton on to me, and we represented the Noojee & District Historical Society at the Dawn Service on Saturday, April 25. It was an honor to participate, and our role was to read the poem "In Flanders Fields," which was written by Canadian physician and Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae on May 3, 1915, during the First World War.



VOLUNTEER UPDATE

VOLUNTEER CONNECT

2026 WORKING GROUP DATES STARTING AT 10AM

Every second and fourth Wednesday

MAY 2026

- Wednesday, 13 May 2026
- Wednesday, 27 May 2026

JUNE 2026

- Wednesday, 10 June 2026
- Wednesday, 24 June 2026

The Noojee & District Historical Society has introduced uniforms, including vests and hats, for our dedicated volunteers who support us on weekends and in various working groups. These uniforms, featuring the J550 logo from Heritage Gifts and Coffee, serve multiple important purposes.

Firstly, they enhance safety and professionalism, which are crucial in creating a reliable environment for both our volunteers and the community. The uniforms foster a sense of belonging, transforming our volunteers into a cohesive team that is easily recognisable during events and activities.

Additionally, we provide new lanyards that display each volunteer's name and status, which helps to establish a welcoming atmosphere for visitors and allows for clearer communication among team members. By supplying branded, functional gear, the Noojee & District Historical Society not only boosts visibility in busy environments but also demonstrates our appreciation for the invaluable contributions of our volunteers.

Ultimately, these uniforms help build community trust and improve internal morale, ensuring that our volunteers feel valued and engaged in their efforts to promote and preserve our local history.



A big thank you to our model,
Will Langoor, for showcasing
the new vest and hat.



We have enjoyed another remarkable month brimming with exciting events and upgrades that enrich our community and the Noojee Heritage Centre. If you'd like to learn more about what we've been up to or have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at noojeeheritage@gmail.com. We're eager to connect with you!

Best regards, Janiene Ayre, President N&DHS



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