

ANAKIE ADVOCATE

UPCOMING EVENTS

There is so much to do in our region!

More details inside.

- Anakie Community House Christmas Lunch**
Thursday 18 Dec
Celebrate the joy of the season with neighbours and friends
RSVP essential, limited places
- Golden Plains Twilight Market**
Thursday 4 Dec
Over 100 Stallholders, Live Music, Tasty Eats & Drinks. In Bannockburn
- Community Carols Picnic**
Sunday 14 Dec
Bring a picnic, rug and your singing voice for a relaxed afternoon at Balliang Memorial Hall.
- Anakie Community Teas**
1st Friday of Month
Come along to the Anakie F & N and Cricket Club from 6pm.
Call 0408 609 050



Anakie Rainfall
Oct 2025
68mls, 13 days of rain

Recorded by Cambria Parkinson
full chart inside

Our New Garden



Anakie Community House was thrilled to be selected for some grant funding from the Victorian State Government as part of their Tidy Towns program.

After consultation with the community we have come up with a design and will be commencing works over the next couple of weeks.

Our new garden will allow for more activities and events to be held at the House. The garden will be more open, with a mix of drought tolerant and native plants. We will incorporate structural elements such as logs and rocks which create areas for seating and children's nature play. We are also planning a BBQ area for community gatherings.

See more: www.anakiecommunityhouse.org.au

Produced by: Anakie & District Community Group

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Anakie Community House

Term 4
6 Oct – 18 Dec

Office Hours: 9am - 4pm Mon, Tues, Thurs and 12pm-5pm Weds

For more information:

call 5284 1359 or www.anakiecommunityhouse.org.au

Share your thoughts

What programs and activities do you want to see at the House in 2026?

Please complete our survey by scanning the QR Code, or go to our website. You can also complete at the House during office hours.

Have your say

Complete our survey.
Ask for your copy or
scan the QR Code.

@anakiecommunityhouse



Anakie Community House Services

Hairdressing with Joedy

Tuesdays
9am – 12pm

Technology

Use our laptops or printer/
Photocopier.
Smart phone help.

Massage with Sandi

Wednesdays, Monthly
One Hour treatment \$90
Next date 10 December

Free Loan

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walkers, toilet seats and crutches.

Room Hire

Find out about hiring our spaces

Library

100's of books available to borrow

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office hours to claim your \$100
Power Saving Bonus

Volunteer Community Kitchen Facilitator

Be part of our new community kitchen program in 2026. The role is to facilitate a small weekly cooking group. You do not need to be an exceptional cook but an interest in supporting people and cooking healthy meals is desired.

Free training is provided through Barwon Community Kitchen Facilitator Network. Contact us for more info.

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Community Christmas Lunch

We are delighted to announce that we are running our annual community **Christmas Lunch on Thursday 18 December at 12pm.**

Celebrate the joy of the season with your neighbours and friends. Enjoy delicious food, cheerful company, and plenty of festive spirit.

Wear something with a little Christmas Cheer and bring some gold coins for our Raffle.

Bookings essential as places are limited. Please reserve your place by calling **5284 1359** or register on our website:

www.anakiecommunityhouse.org.au/event-details/community-christmas-lunch

You are warmly invited to join us for

Christmas Lunch

Celebrate the joy of the season with your neighbours and friends. Enjoy delicious food, cheerful company, and plenty of festive spirit.

ON THE MENU

- Delicious Roast Chicken and Gravy, Roast Vegetables, Gourmet Salads
- Vegetarian and GF Options to cater for everyone
- Delicious Desserts to satisfy your sweet tooth

RSVP BY 10 DECEMBER

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2115 Ballan Rd, Anakie, 5284 1359

**THURSDAY 18
DECEMBER 12 PM**


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Anakie Fire Brigade News

Please note that the Fire Danger Period has officially commenced for our region, taking effect in Greater Geelong, Moorabool, and Golden Plains Shires from Monday, November 24, 2025. Fire restrictions are now in force. Learn what that means for you and your property - www.cfa.vic.gov.au/can

Hay Fire Risk from Wet Spring

The combination of the recent wet weather and warmer temperatures has created a higher risk of spontaneous combustion in haystacks. Local farmers are urged to be vigilant. Look out for steam, smoke, mould, or a strong, musty smell. Hay fires are complex and resource-intensive to manage, so early detection is key. For more information visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au/hay

Your Summer Safety Checklist:

- **Clear Gutters and Roof:** Remove any leaf litter, twigs, and debris from your gutters and roof. These materials can easily ignite from embers.
- **Mow Grass & Prune Branches:** Keep your grass and property clear of dry, flammable vegetation. Mow lawns and trim any low-hanging tree branches regularly to reduce fire risk.
- **Review Your Bushfire Plan:** Take a few minutes to talk to your family about what you will do if there's a fire. If you don't have a plan already, now's the best time to make one. Visit fireplanner.vic.gov.au
- **Get More Info:** Visit cfa.vic.gov.au/prepare to discover more ways to prepare.

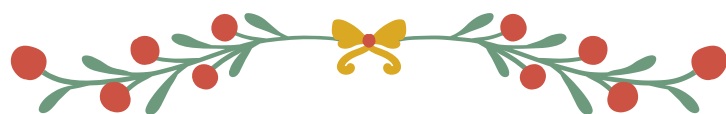
We wish the entire community a safe and happy holiday period.

**Merry Christmas,
Edward Atkin
Community Engagement Officer**



Anakie CFA Roster

Date	Tanker 1	Tanker 2	Anakie FCV	Ultra Light	Station
7 Dec 2025	Jackie Primmer	Matt Primmer	Pat Carroll	Neil Giacometti	Ben Herholdt
14 Dec 2025	Gordon Hodges	Adam Jones	Edward Atkin	Carol Brislane	Paul Moore
21 Dec 2025	David Walter	Russell Burns	Mitch Primmer	Andrea Barton	Rhiannon Hodges
28 Dec 2025	Shane Hill	Michael Couch	Mark Haby	Liam Hodges	Declan Herholdt
4 Jan 2025	Paul Moore	Neil Giacometti	Clinton Ellery	Kate Couch	Carol Brislane



*Seasons Greetings from
 Anakie Community House*

*May you and your loved ones
 have a safe and Merry Christmas*

*We will be closed from
 19 December to 27 January*

Brisbane Ranges Landcare Calendar for Christmas

It's that time of year again! The 2026 BRLG Calendar has arrived. It is jam packed with photos taken by locals celebrating our beautiful district.

Calendars just \$20 each

NEW Greeting Cards

Using the best local photos from past calendars, we have this year produced a pack of five blank greeting cards.

\$10 for a pack of five cards.

Help BR Landcare and purchase a fantastic Christmas present for your family and friends!

Place your orders with Bart, email allanbart1@yahoo.com.au or purchase from the Anakie Community House.



Ray Tucker

My heartfelt condolences to friends and family of Ray Tucker, a remarkable champion of the Anakie community.

Ray's dedication shone through his roles as Councillor and Mayor of the former Shire of Corio, as well as his long tenure as President of the Anakie Community House.

For over 60 years, he selflessly served the Anakie Fire Brigade, was a life member of the Anakie Football Club, and remained active in the Rotary Club.

Beyond his titles, Ray was a genuinely kind individual, always ready to share a laugh and offer advice. He regularly attended community events and truly dedicated his life to giving back.

His passing is a profound loss for us all, and he will be deeply missed. My sincere sympathy goes out to his daughters, Jenny and Heather, and his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Thank you, Ray, for the incredible legacy you leave behind; Anakie is better for having had you.

Seasons Greetings

I want to extend my best wishes to everyone over this upcoming holiday period. I hope everyone has a safe and wonderful summer and a Happy New Year!

As always, if there is any way I or my office can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me:

5275 3898

ella.george@parliament.vic.gov.au

Kind regards,
Ella

Ella George MP
State Member for Lara

**Please contact my office
for any assistance
with any State
Government matters.**

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Anakie Rainfall

Month	Millilitres				
	2025	2024	2023	2022	Average
Jan	10	61	23	146	60
Feb	37	8	30	5	20
Mar	29	7	38	72	37
Apr	38	53	57	87	59
May	14	16	56	35	30
Jun	73	7	36	45	40
Jul	21	46	23	35	31
Aug	42	14	27	56	35
Sep	29	47	21	58	39
Oct	68	63	55	170	89
Nov	0	31	56	123	53
Dec	0	30	147	58	59
Total	363	385	569	890	552

Rain recorded by Cambria Parkinson
until end Oct 2025.

Become certified in Mental Health First Aid

Support Someone When It Matters Most

Learn to recognise mental health problems, offer effective first support, and respond confidently in crisis situations.

The MHFA courses from the Australian National University cover depression, anxiety, psychosis, substance use, dementia, & more.

Join our two-day Mental Health First Aid Training, gain the skills to make a real difference.

- January 22 and 23
- 10am-4.30pm
- Anakie Community House
- FREE - BOOK NOW



NEW Groups in 2026

Anakie Community House will be offering some new social activity groups in 2026:

- Walking Group
- Creative Garden Group
- History Group
- Social Outings
- Community Kitchen Cooking Group

Along with our current favourites

- Art Group
- Unfinished Objects Craft Group
- Family Playgroup

These groups are free or low cost and are great way to meet others in your local community. Everyone is welcome.

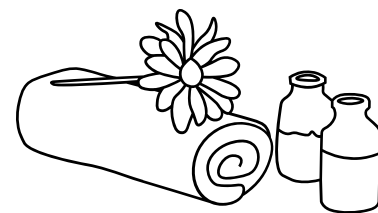
Contact us to find out more and to register.

There is still time to book in a hair cut with Joedy before Christmas!

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ANAKIE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

FRESH FOOD FAIR



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ANAKIE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Prep Transition

Our 2026 Prep students and their buddies recently had a wonderful transition session together! They enjoyed a teddy bears picnic and scavenger hunt together. We are so excited to welcome our new students and their families to our school community!

Our next transition session will be Tuesday 2nd December with a parent information session from 9.15am - 10.15am



Fresh Food Fair

Thank you to our wonderful community, we were absolutely blown away by the support from everyone!

All funds raised on the night will go directly towards supporting our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program and Junior School Council.

A huge thank you to all the families and individuals who generously donated their time, whether it was cooking, setting up, packing up, running a stall, or helping in so many other ways. We couldn't have done it without you.

Thank you also to our Fresh Food Fair Committee, who met fortnightly in the lead-up to the event. Your dedication, planning, and teamwork made the night such a success!

And finally, the biggest thank you goes to Courtney Watts, whose vision, passion, and countless hours of hard work brought this wonderful event to life. We can't wait for the next one!



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6 January, 20 January.

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Christmas Spice Tea: Most European countries have a version of mulled wine; hot red wine with spices added. Gluhwein ("glowing wine") is the German traditional winter drink, mostly served at Christmas. It is served at Christmas Markets but can be made at home. There are many versions but the base is usually red wine, however fruit juice or black tea can be used in its place. It is served warm by boiling all the ingredients together in a large saucepan. Common spices used include cinnamon sticks, cloves, star anise, with water, lemon (or orange), and sugar added according to taste. **Zum Wohl!! Cheers!**



Caution: If using red wine most of the alcohol is boiled-off, however a small amount does remain and thus may not be suitable for some individuals to consume.

Merry Christmas!
Carole Hofflin

Anakie Community Information

Anakie & District Community Group (Anakie Community House)
(ABN 59 938 073 014)

2115 Geelong-Ballan Rd, Anakie, 3213

Phone: 5284 1359 Email: hello@anakiecommunityhouse.org.au

Office hours

Mon, Tues, Thurs 9am-4pm

Weds 12pm-5pm

Vision: Locals caring for the local community

Mission: To be a welcoming and caring community house that reaches out and supports people

Values: We are committed to being: Welcoming, Inclusive, Helpful, Safe, Friendly, Fun

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Anakie Community Garden

Monthly social gathering

First Friday of the Month

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Anakie Hall

Anakie Primary School

Balliang District Rural CFA

Balliang Memorial Hall

St George's Anglican Church

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Kate 5284 1359

Heath 0418 138 112

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Adrian 0425 798 938

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Anakie Hall AGM

7 February 2026, 10am
At the Hall

55 Staughton Vale Rd,
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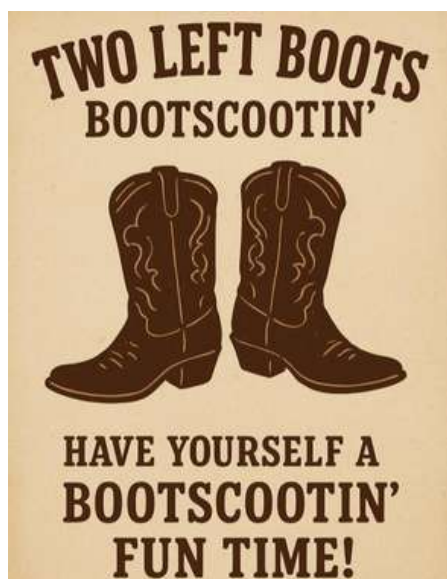
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HOLIDAY BIN COLLECTION CHANGES



Bin collection days will shift
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between 25 December 2025
– 3 January 2026. If your
usual collection is **Thursday** or
Friday, your bin will be picked
up one day later instead on the
Friday or **Saturday**.



Scan the QR code
for more information.

Usual collection day:	Instead, bins will be collected on:
Thursday 25 December 2025	Friday 26 December 2025
Friday 26 December 2025	Saturday 27 December 2025
Thursday 1 January 2026	Friday 2 January 2026
Friday 2 January 2026	Saturday 3 January 2026

Please put your bins out the evening before for collection the
next morning.

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