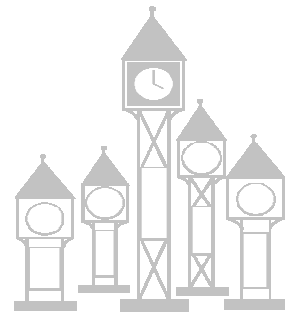


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MAY 2012



ANZAC DAY

Huge Crowd turn out for ANZAC Dawn Service despite Wet Weather

Around 500 people came along to our local war memorial to pay tribute to all veterans who served their country in times of war or need. Our ceremony was moved into our Community Hall after the march, because of the threat of rain.

What a spectacular March in the predawn; the piper, the veterans' car, then the other service men and women, followed by the scouts, cubs and guides, then our wonderful townspeople who continue to amaze us with their support. Our school students magnificently led out with our service and Australian flags, whilst our fire brigade provided the spectacle with their torch march. Special thanks to Kade for driving our surviving World War II Veterans. Of course, in the dark you need an organiser to sort out the march; once again "Sar Major" Geoff Stokes did a magnificent job.

Our service in the hall, we think, finished up both solemn and meaningful. The reading out of the names of the district service men and women who made the supreme sacrifice for our country continues to make the hairs stand up on the back of your neck. As does the Last Post and Rouse by bugler Darcy Manks and, of course, the laying of the many wreaths and poppies by our dignitaries and community.

Then for breakfast, our Lions Club did it again, cooking for everybody on time despite being out in the weather. Great job!

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THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES *(Edited Extracts)*

The Township held its AGM and monthly meeting on Wednesday, 4 April. Township Meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 2 May at 7:30 pm at the Community Centre.

Before the commencement of this evening's proceedings the president gave a moving tribute to two former members and friends. He regretted the passing of Brian McNulty and Vic Walker and, on behalf of the Township Committee, expressed sincere condolences and sympathy to both families.

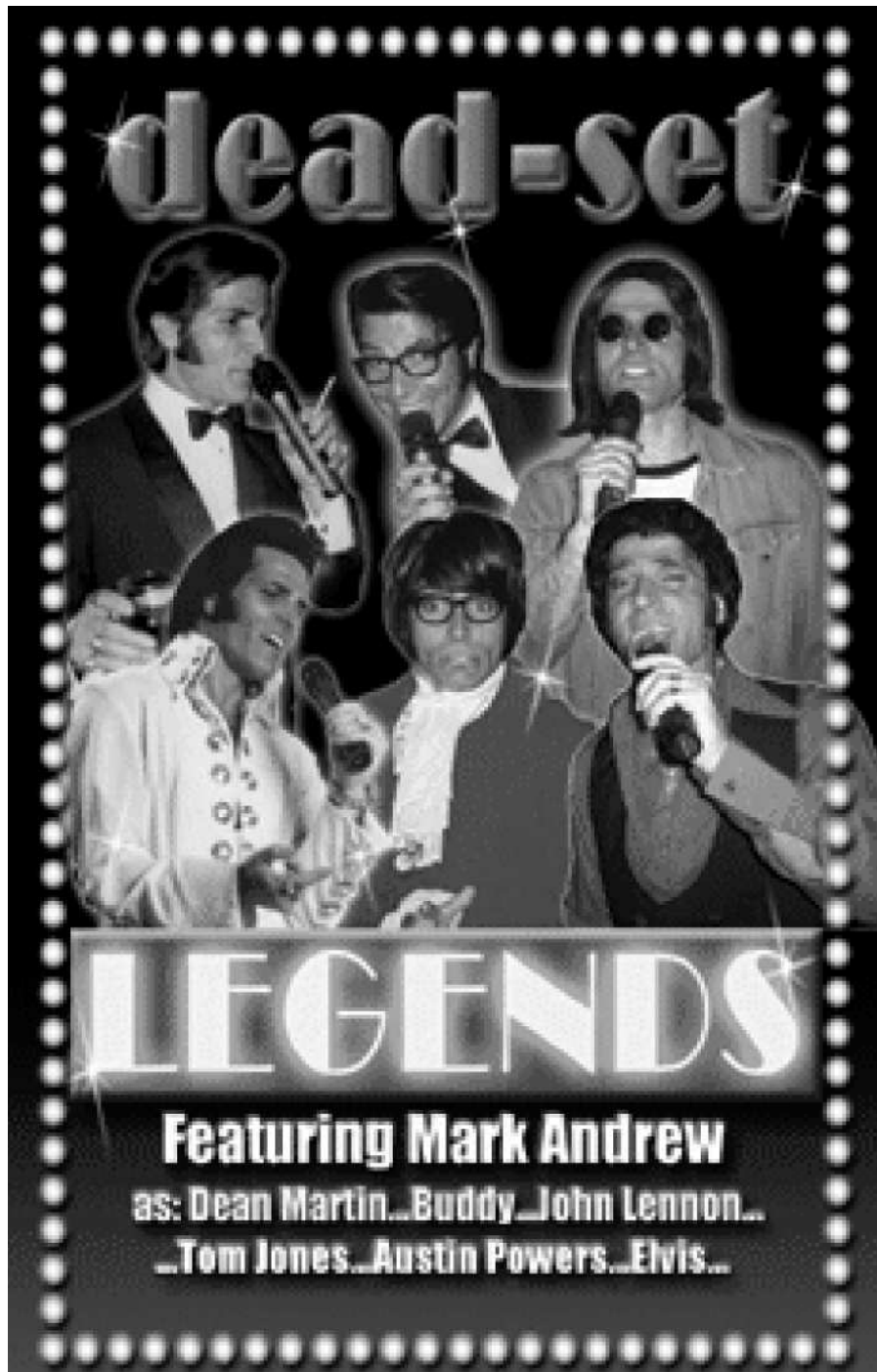
The president, Frank Cramer, reported that he had met with several residents at the site of the proposed pedestrian crossing in Rossiter Road outside the Woolworths supermarket and all were appalled at the proposed dangerous refuge island to be installed in the middle of the road with no painted lines on the road or warning lights. They all considered it a death trap and an accident waiting to happen. Frank said that the developer of the Woolworths site, Mr. Barry Baker, was disappointed that a proper pedestrian crossing had not been approved by VicRoads. Frank added that Cr Halligan had told him that the Shire engineer had resigned and, as yet, a replacement had not been appointed. As such, several projects were in abeyance. The president said that he and the secretary would follow things closely with the Shire and VicRoads and they would take action where and when necessary.

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1st KooWeeRup Scout Group

April 2012



CUB SCOUTS BILLY CART DERBY

All the Cub Scouts and families from KWR that attended had a great day racing the carts down the hill and then participating in the cross country course. It is an annual District event so we were enjoyed spending time with other Cub Packs.

KWR Cub Pack has a busy term ahead. We will be marching in the ANZAC parade, having a sleep over and doing badge work. We have a Pack Camp coming up in June which will be fun-filled.

4 Scouts represented KWR in Stradbroke Cup and came home with a Silver Pendant



Brad, Jakob, Nic and I were the only four from KWR to go to Stradbroke Cup. It was a 4 night camp over Easter in Mt Martha. We left on Thursday and drove to the camp site. We had to put up our tent and our shelter and because it was a competition camp we had to do it all by ourselves, the leaders were not able to help us. It was easy to set it all because we had done it so many times. It was late by the time we finished setting tent up and it was already dark so we decided to set shelter up the next day. On the Friday morning we set up our eating shelter and cooked pancakes for breakfast. We had to cook all of our meals ourselves and clean up afterwards. Our leader did not stay in the campsite with us. That night there was a massive storm and we had to secure all of our gear. We were one of the few troops that didn't need to drop our eating shelter we were pretty proud that we had made it secure enough to stand up in the storm.

At camp we did lots of interesting things like planting, archery, BMX bike riding, we made water rockets, and played lots of games. At night we had a disco one night, and watched movies other times. On Easter Sunday we had a few Easter eggs before breakfast then our families came to visit for lunch. After breakfast on Monday we had to pack up. It was hailing but we managed to get it all packed up. We had parade and came home. We were very tired but we all had a great time.

By Ruben Noble
1st Koo Wee Rup Scout Troop

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THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES *(from Page 1)*

Frank Crameri gave details about the meeting the 'shops working group sub-committee' (SWGSC) had had with the traders of Rossiter Road. Initially the SWGSC had visited the shopkeepers, and the traders were unanimous that they wanted a meeting with the SWGSC before meeting representatives of the Shire Council. This meeting was held on the 26th March 2012. At this meeting nine traders attended and the following requests were made: -

- Signage is needed to inform visitors that there are shops in Rossiter Road and signs to say that there are also toilets and vehicle parking is available. This signage could be established in Cochrane Park, at the entrance to the Town from the north, before the bridges, or near to Huxtable's premises. Ideally it should also be at the junction of Rossiter Road and Station Street.
- Some building premises need up-grading. This was seen as a landlord's responsibility; nevertheless it was a genuine concern by some tenants to have nicer premises that actually attract customers into the shop.
- Rubbish to be removed regularly and the street pavements cleaned more often by the Council.
- Up-grade the information board outside of the toilets; the map and some items are incorrect.

Frank said that at the meeting the secretary was asked to write to the CEO of the Shire, Mr Gary McQuillan, and request a meeting with Shire representatives; also to write to VicRoads to ask about their guidelines for possible commercial signage in Koo-Wee-Rup. The meeting with the Shire had been arranged for Tuesday 10th April. Richard Roach added that it was important to get the Business Association active again and then the Township Committee can step aside and let the Association look after its members concerns.

Frank said that he was concerned that nothing had been done about a spotlight on the Community Centre roof to focus on the cenotaph for the ANZAC Day dawn service. He said he would follow this up with the Shire engineers.

Vince Buccheri told the meeting that this year would be the 40th anniversary of the St. Sophia festival in Koo-Wee-Rup. He added that 477 years before that was when the festival started in Sicily. Some decorated pottery mementos would be made to mark this very special occasion.

Peter Stevens complained about a continuing bad smell of drains emanating from the roadway drains outside of the shops alongside the new Woolworths' store. The secretary was asked to write to the Shire about this problem.

A question from the floor asked about the railway lines in Rossiter Road now that the walking track is being built on either side. It could be a danger to wheel chair residents using this track. What is to be done with the rails? Are they to be removed? An opinion offered was that it was either VicRoads problem or the Rail Company and eventually the rails would be removed and/or the roadway bitumised over.

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'Seniors for Safety'

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A FEAST FOR THE SENSES

On March 30th a garden party was held in Killara Hostels' Bass unit to celebrate the launch of a wonderful art and gardening initiative in the garden with the families, volunteers, staff and artists Danielle Bain and Narelle Gretch. On a beautiful sunny afternoon, Kooweerup Regional Health Service, CEO Terrona Ramsay welcomed the community into the Garden and introduced The Hon Greg Hunt, Shadow Minister for the Environment, who thanked the volunteers and residents for contributing to the wonderful artworks in the garden and cut the ribbon with the community.



Greg Hunt MP with the volunteers and artists

The garden provides relaxing spots and creates points of interest along the garden for the residents. Everywhere you look there are little works of art from the tactile fence to the fountains, owls, little birds, mirrors and dream catchers. The gazebo even has a "yarn bomb" and interesting abacus with an array of colour and texture. We welcome members of the community to visit this interesting space, have a chat with our staff and enjoy a walk and chat with the residents.

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The artists



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ANZAC DAY *(continued from Front Page)*

A special thanks to Mal Function who once again, in true ANZAC spirit, recited another specially written poem, fantastic as always.

To Colin Bould who loaned us his magnificent WWII aeroplane picture collection. Wonderful, wonderful spectacle. Thank you.

To Kevin Springfield who loaned us his 75 individual model tank collection. This also went over extremely well, especially to this old "tanky" (Ron). Thank you.

To Damien Bassett, a really special thanks for providing the Barlow family connection Boer War through to WWII photo and medal collection. This created a great deal of interest and talk. I am sure most of you would remember and know Terry and Brian Barlow of Koo Wee Rup. This would have been their grandfather.

It is also important to acknowledge the wonderful job done by the ladies in the kitchen. We can never really show how much they mean to us.

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My last thank you is for the magnificent RSL sub branch team who provide the background work and support. I have been part of football, cricket clubs and other organisations. There has never been a better team; truly. Thank you for another great ANZAC Day.

Yours in service, Ron Ingram, President KWR RSL



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May 2012 Services.

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20th May ~ Ray Swanborough,
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Neil:~ 56 294 283.

Full Colour

Grandma's family albums were always on display,
Especially at Christmas, an' every Anzac Day ...
From black an' white photos of children quite small,
To young adults in uniform, standing proud an' tall.

An' within those old binders
were black an' white reminders
Of a war
some had seen
in full colour.

Newspaper cuttings filled many a page,
Once black an' white, now yellowed with age,
Those war-time reports, re-ignite ones thoughts
Of the heroes
who'd seen it
in colour.

Black an' white pictures, brief snippets of the past,
An' tho' they may be fading, the memories long will last ...
From black an' white pictures, the youngsters have learned
How we honour the fallen, an' all who've returned ...

An' lest we forget, we're forever in debt
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Mal Function ... the Poet Larrikin

(Written for Anzac Day, 2012)

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KOO WEE RUP SECONDARY COLLEGE

It has been a sad start to the term as one of our students died in a tragic motor bike accident in the last few days of the holidays. On behalf of the college I wish to pass on our deepest sympathy to those involved.

I would like to welcome the Band back from a marvellous tour to London, Paris and Frommelles. By all accounts the trip went extremely well! I wish to thank Claudia Barker and Leonie McGinley for their tireless efforts in organising the trip and for Rob Williams, Damien Mizzi and Kenton Smith for their work in making the camp run so well. No doubt there will be much more to come yet as the stories of this wonderful opportunity develop.

Over the past few weeks a new portable has been installed and much landscaping has been completed. At the end of this term we plan to start work on the new bus bay and some additional landscaping around the college. Several school councillors and myself will be meeting next week with local politicians to plan for further improvements.

On line parent teacher interviews have begun very well with many appointments already made on day one of the opening. We are hoping that this system will make the evening better planned for everyone and maximise teacher-parent interview times.

On May 21st staff will be meeting in the morning with an International educator, James Nottingham. In the afternoon there will be work on our school review and also some planning time for staff.

The school review will be conducted in the week of May 21st. During this time the reviewer will be working in the school talking to students, staff and parents about the work over the last five years and the work that still needs to be done. This is extremely valuable work for the future.

Italian has not been taught widely in the college this year. LOTE however must return into the curriculum for 2013. This semester Mrs O'Donnell and others have been planning what this will look like. It may well be that more than one language is introduced. More information will come.

Planning with the Architect for the building program continues. This month he will meet with staff to ask them for their input. The shire has also indicated that they are keen to see facilities developed at our college as well.

Jill Bennet was re-elected Council President and I congratulate her. Chris David was elected Vice President and Gideon Cox to Treasurer. I welcome Andrew McNabb and Lisa Van Dord to council. Thank you very much to Rhonda Manks, Dinah Jacob and David Allen for their past services.

Kym Bridgford, Principal



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Thank you, Sue van Gaal



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ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome back everyone to term 2 at St John's Primary School. The students have made a great start and are settling into work for another busy and exciting term ahead.

A feature for this term at St John's will be the running of a **Trivia/Fun night to raise money for the Geyer Family on Friday the 18th of May at 7pm**. The money raised on the night will assist Trevor with his recovery from a serious accident and also help his family re-establish themselves after what has been a very difficult time. The cost will be \$15.00 per person which includes supper. Drinks will be available at bar prices, no BYO, and as alcohol will be served it is strictly an adults only event. There will be raffles and auctions on the night and if there is anyone who would like to donate anything please contact Amber Ventura on 0417 502 927 or Vicky Noble on 0411 758 337. Tables of ten are available or we can organise you onto a table. Tickets are available at the school office.

On Friday the 27th of April and Monday the 30th April all students from P-6 enjoyed participating in our combined Catholic School Athletics Sports with St James, Nar Nar Goon, and Columba Primary School, Bunyip. Numerous activities catering for the needs of all students are held on these days. Activities include a cross country race, long jump, sack races, target throws, hurdles, sprints, gumboot throw, potato race, skipping and goal shooting. This day also enables students from the three schools to build relationships which can continue to grow throughout their primary schooling.

On Friday the 27th of April St John's students enjoyed a school disco with great music, many fun games and a sausage sizzle dinner. A highlight of the night was our 5/6 teacher Bill Speakman showing the students his many outrageous dance moves.

There are many other activities going on at St John's throughout this term, which include:

- Mothers Day Lunch at The Chandelier 9th May
- Mothers Day Stall 11th May
- Mothers Day Mass and Confirmation Commitment Mass 13th May
- NAPLAN testing week 15th-17th May
- District Cross Country 25th May

Enrolments are now being taken for the 2013 school year and guided tours are available with our Principal, Mr Simon Dell'Oro, at all times. Please contact the school office on 5997 1653 to make an appointment.

*Justin Greenwood
(Deputy Principal)*

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Gone

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(especially ex-students and teachers) it is a sad moment as so many hours of learning took place in the building. But ultimately, we are forging a new future in vastly superior classrooms. The old building stood in



the way of our plans to have the best possible site for the students to learning and play. We can now look forward to the day when this area is usable for ball games as well as other recreational and educational purposes.

Breakfast with friends

During terms two and three, the school provides a Breakfast Program on Tuesday and Friday mornings at 8.15am. The program relies on the generosity of many – volunteers to cook toast and serve Milo, parents to donate food items and sponsors to provide milk and bread weekly. We are grateful to our team of volunteers led by Kerri Wealands. I am delighted to acknowledge Reflective Journey Massage and Beauty as our sponsor this year. Maria can be contacted on 0403048177.

ANZAC tradition

The ANZAC tradition is recognised each year at KWRPS through a service which all students attend. This year, the students listened as the school leaders explained the history behind ANZAC, the Last Post, The Reveille and other aspects of the ANZAC tradition. They honoured the one minute of silence and sang our National Anthem with great pride. This year, we were fortunate to have Mr John Camilleri from the KWR RSL visit our older students and impart further knowledge and understandings of ANZAC and Australia's war involvement.



The school was also invited to be part of the KWR RSL Dawn Service. Our school leaders carried a flag to the cenotaph and lay a wreath during the service. It was terrific to see such a huge turnout, especially the number of primary school aged students paying respects to previous generations of service men and women.

Easter Hat Parade

As in past years, our Easter Hat Parade proved popular with all students. Miss Moulton led the students through the parade and raffle draws. The vast array of hat designs made for a colourful and enjoyable morning.

Junior School Council

The JSC have developed a plan of events they would like to coordinate between now and the end of the year. The council were asked to develop a program to raise money for the school and charity, provide fun activities for their peers and increase awareness of environmental sustainability. Charity fundraising this year will include Shades for Aids Day (for orphans in Cambodia), Pink Day for the McGrath Foundation (breast cancer) and a free dress day for the Alannah & Madeline Foundation (anti-bullying). Fun events to raise school funds will include a student disco, a student movie night and a sports day. Environmental awareness and improvement initiatives will include a power use awareness day and a tree planting day.



I commend the JSC for the responsibility they have demonstrated to improve their school, environment and the wider world they live in.

Kind regards, David Payne, Principal

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Member for Bass

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BAYLES REGIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

There was great excitement at Bayles Regional Primary School in preparation for the Yakkerboo Festival which took place in Pakenham last Sunday (22nd April). We had a dedicated group of parents, staff, students and extended families working tirelessly over a number of weeks to prepare our float entry. The theme of the parade was "Under the Sea" and our school's entry was entitled "The Octopus's Garden".

We are very proud to announce that our school's entry won the title of "Champion Float". We were awarded a lovely trophy and a cash prize of \$100.



As you can see by the photo our lovely pink octopus was quite "tall" but luckily he was able to fit under the trees and power lines along the designated parade route. We had many children walking alongside the float dressed in as many different under the sea characters as



you can imagine – from Sponge Bob Square Pants to Nemo, Mermaids, Jelly fish and Sea Weed. It was a wonderful event with lots of smiling and happy children!!

Late in term one our senior school students (grades 3-6) had a terrific time at the Rawson Village Camp. They were involved in many activities including the high ropes course, flying fox, archery, hut building and damper making by the camp fire. On the way they stopped at Old Gipps town to find out what school life was like in early last century. Everyone enjoyed themselves immensely and came home tired but happy. Thank you to our wonderful staff and parent volunteers who accompanied the children during the three day camp.



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TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT *(from Frank Cramer)*

Since the last edition of the Blackfish, two meetings have been held with the shopkeepers in Rossiter Road precinct, seeking their views and ideas on trying to lure patronage from the general public to shop in this end of the town, since the new supermarket and other ancillary shops have opened in Station Street. The first meeting was held on 26 March and one of the main points that was expressed by the group was the lack of signage at entrances to the town informing visitors that there are shops in Rossiter Road with plenty of parking and toilet facilities. Other matters raised included seeking advice from the Shire's Business Development Officer and reforming the defunct Koo Wee Rup Business Association (KBA). The second meeting was held on 10 April with the Shire's Business Development Officer, Ms Frances Grigoriou. Frances said that she worked closely with other Business Associations in the Shire and she would organise a meeting with Planning Department representatives to discuss KWR traders signage concerns. There are also Business Training Sessions with mentors available via mobile bus courtesy of the State Government which can be arranged by her. After a show of hands, it was agreed that another meeting be held coordinated by Richard Roach, former treasurer of the KBA to attempt reforming under this banner.

The proposed pedestrian crossing between Woolworths and the Royal Hotel was once again discussed at the April meeting; specifically the safety aspect of this proposal. At the time of writing this report, no correspondence had been received back from the Shire or VicRoads on our Committee's objection to the proposed refuge in the centre of Station Street with no painted white lines or amber flashing lights. Hopefully a written response will be forthcoming on the matter within the next few days.

Construction of the rail trail, 1.6km in length, is almost complete with only some on/off ramps at various intervals to be completed. For members of the public who don't know; the old railway line reserved has been converted into a concrete walking path from Sybella Lake to McNamara Road.

The township committee are saddened to hear of the passing of three stalwart members in Wilma Hooper; Vic Walker and Brian McNulty. All three have been involved with the Committee for many years and were staunch supports for the betterment of KWR and Bayles townships.

Officers from VicRoads will be attending the June meeting to update members of the progress of plans for the proposed town bypass.

Congratulations must be conveyed to members of the local RSL Club for organising the Anzac Day march from the Clock Tower to the Cenotaph and making breakfast available for everyone at the local Community Centre. Attendances at this annual event seem to be on the increase year after year.

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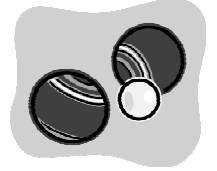
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KOO WEE RUP BOWLS CLUB NEWS



Hoy afternoons will commence on the 9th May and will be held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month commencing at 1.00 pm. Come along and have a fun afternoon and bring some friends. All will be made very welcome.

The Club is mourning the loss of Brian McNulty who passed away on 28/3 at Echuca after playing a weekend of bowls at Moama. Brian was a Life Member, Club President from 1974-76 and 2001-4, 3 Time Club Champion and once Champion of Champions as well as winning many other Club competitions. Brian also served as President of the defunct W.G.B.A. on 2 occasions and its Treasurer from 1979-90 and was also a Life Member of that Assn. He was a Club delegate, Chairman of the Match Committee and Committee of Management member for many many years. His knowledge and input around the Club will be sadly missed by all members. Sincere condolences to Val and family.

The last of the Ladies Club Competitions have been played with Mary Masters defeating Noela Maxwell in the 100 up hcp and Pauline Gray winning the President's hcp from Lyn Hodson.

A very successful day was held for the Jason Giaccotto Memorial day with 16 teams playing 3 games of 12 ends. The winning team from Glen Waverley was Serg Callea [s], Wayne Perry, Hugh McCluskey and Laurie Smith with 3 wins and 15 shots up.

Runners Up was a composite team of Brian Vanina [Lang Lang] [s], John Green [Narre Warren], Peter Butera and Ivan Royle [KWR] with 3 wins and 13 shots up. Third place getters were Rex Alexander [s], Lyn Jenkins, Tony Jolly and Graeme Windley [KWR] 2 wins and 15 shots up. The best last game winners were Ron Halligan [s], Ray Brown, Brad King and Lindsay Wealands [KWR] 10 shots up. It was great to have Long Island represented in probably one of the last official tournaments their Club will be playing in. The guys really entered into the spirit of the day and I am certain we will see them again next year representing another Club. The Club would like to sincerely thank Arthur and Shirley Giaccotto for sponsoring the day and to everyone who donated the raffle prizes. A special thank you to the Ladies of the Club for their catering of meals, teas, etc. We now look forward to hosting this tournament on an Annual basis.

The Ladies conducted a Mixed Novelty Triples day which was sponsored by Bendigo Bank. All 8 rinks were filled and a fun day was enjoyed by everyone. The results were Best Last Game winners with 39 pts. were Marion Battaglia [s], Peter Hadyn and Ian Bartlett (Hampton Park). Runners up for the day were Lois Masado [s], Linda Fennell and Kerry Lewis {Pakenham} with a total of 100 pts. The

Winners were Maureen Lamport [s], Bob Lamport and Joy Tomlin {Garfield} with 102 pts.

Our Ladies will be conducting a Mixed Triples each fortnight on a Tuesday during the Winter months. For further information please contact Fay Halligan, Rosemary Read or Pauline Gray to enter a team or single entry.

Our congratulations go to our 2 Club Champions Evelyn Calder and Lindsay Wealands who recently competed in a new Pairs competition for Club Champions throughout Victoria held at Berwick. The competition was 3 games of 12 ends with Evelyn and Lindsay winning their first 2 games against Ferntree Gully and Kyneton who boasted a girl of 16 years of age who is in a Victorian Development squad. However our team were narrowly defeated in the final game but with 2 out of 3 winning games Evelyn and Lindsay did our Club proud.

The Men's Pairs final has been played and won. Leading all game the combination of Rex Alexander [s] and Rob Matthews defeated Ron Ingram [s] and Ray Brown. Two of our newer and emerging members fought out the "B" grade Championship with Matt Stevens winning against Peter Butera. Another of our newer members in Bob Mason beat established star in Ron Ingram in the 100 Up hcp. Congratulations to all finalists.

Together with Lang Lang B.C. the Men will also be playing mixed Triples every Friday during the Winter months commencing on 11th May. All days will be played at KooWeeRup. To enter a team please contact Charlie Masters (KWR) or Ken Mynard (Lang Lang).

The final day of the Friday Summer Triples was played on 20/4 with 5 Two game winners for the day. The winners were John Van Vugt {Cardinia Waters} [s], Wally Noy and Jim Smith {Pakenham} with 36 pts and 28 shots up. The runners-up were John Williams {s}, Brian Vanina and Jack Burgess {Lang Lang} with 36 pts and 17 shots up.

Best 2nd game winners were Margaret Van Vugt {Cardinia Waters} {s}, Kon Kormas and Tony Van Vugt {KWR} with 18 pts. and 11 shots up. At the conclusion of a successful season Ken Mynard, Ralph Anderson and Geoff Patullo {Lang Lang} with 16 wins and 179 ends finished in 3rd place. Runners Up with 18 games and 185 ends were Adam Greenhill, Rex Alexander and Charlie Masters {KWR} with 18 wins and 185 ends. The winners for the season were John Van Vugt {Cardinia Waters}, Wally Noy and Jim Smith {Pakenham} with 20½ wins and 197 ends. The Club would like to thank the sponsors of the tournament in David Bull Funeral Director and Cardinia Waters Retirement Village for their support and all teams and players for the season.

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In attendance:

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Planning for the Koo Wee Rup bypass is nearing completion and VicRoads will shortly be issuing Land Acquisition Notices to properties affected by the new roadway.

Duffy & Simon Lawyers, in response to concerns regarding the progress of the proposed Bypass and concern from residents about being justly compensated, are holding an information evening on 10 May 2012. This evening will be free and open to the public to attend.

According to Duffy & Simon Solicitor Damien McKenna, "it is important for individuals and businesses affected by the acquisition to understand their rights, including the right to obtain their own valuations for the losses they have suffered or will suffer, as opposed to relying on the valuations provided by the government authority. It is also very important that people understand their right to have the cost of obtaining those valuations and legal advice paid for by the acquiring authority, in this case VicRoads."

Having acted on behalf of various clients in acquisition claims, Damien says the importance of understanding the obligations that attach to people when their land is acquired cannot be underestimated, including the obligation affected landholders have to take steps to minimise their losses.

"If people do not understand their rights and obligations, the potential is that the affected landholders will be under compensated for the true worth of the acquisition," says Damien.

The information meeting will be open to the public, and the attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions pertaining to their property and/or business interests affected by the acquisition, and concerns relating to the Bypass in general.

Duffy & Simon Lawyers are locally based, and have a strong working knowledge of issues affecting local landholders and business operators, having acted on behalf of numerous landholders, occupiers and businesses impacted upon by compulsory acquisition of their land.

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By Heather Arnold, on behalf of the Koo-Wee-Rup Swamp Historical Society.

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Leslie was born in Bentleigh in 1894 to David and Lucy (nee Burgess) Cochrane. The family moved to Caldermeade when he was eight. He enlisted in the First World War on May 2, 1916 at the age of 21. He was in the 46th Infantry battalion and saw war service in France. He returned to Australia in February 1918 and in the December of the same year he married Ivy, the daughter of Harry and Sarah Wildes of Yannathan. Leslie and Ivy moved to a soldier settlement block on the Pakenham Road. After the war, as well as running the farm, Mr Cochrane began a life of community service. He joined the Cranbourne Shire Council in 1930, representing the Koo-Wee-Rup Riding until 1964 and was Shire President on four occasions. It was said he never missed a meeting.

Mr Cochrane also represented Gippsland West in the Legislative Assembly from May 1950 until May 1970 for the Country Party. He held various Parliamentary positions and was the Country Party 'whip' from 1961 until 1970. When he died, the Premier, Sir Henry Bolte; the Leader of the Opposition, Mr Clive Holding and the leader of the Country Party, Mr Ross-Edwards, each presented a short eulogy on



Leslie Cochrane in AIF Uniform

Mr Cochrane in the Victorian Parliament. In fact, Sir Henry pointed out that Mr Cochrane was the last surviving member of this Parliament who served as a member of the Australian Infantry Forces during the First World War. Mr Cochrane was also the President of the Westernport Memorial Hospital Board and he was awarded a Life Membership for his work with the R.S.L. He was a Past Master of the Koo-Wee-Rup Masonic Lodge and an Elder of the Presbyterian Church and was awarded an O.B.E in 1971.



Leslie Cochrane presented with Party whip on retirement

Leslie and Ivy had two children - Irene (Mrs Jack Haw who died in 2001) and Stewart who died in 2000. Mrs Cochrane was also involved in community organizations such as the Presbyterian Ladies Guild and attended the first Koo-Wee-Rup Red Cross meeting. She was Foundation President of the Hospital Ladies Auxiliary and was awarded a Life Governorship of the Hospital in 1974. Mrs Cochrane died in September 1986, aged 91.

Cochrane Park was developed by the Apex Club in 1980 on Railway land. It was then taken over by the Lions Club who named it for Leslie Cochrane.

The Koo-Wee-Rup Swamp Historical Society meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 8.00pm at Mallow house in Rossiter Road, corner of Henry Street. New members welcome. The Museum is open on the second and fourth Sundays of each month from 1.30pm until 4.30pm.

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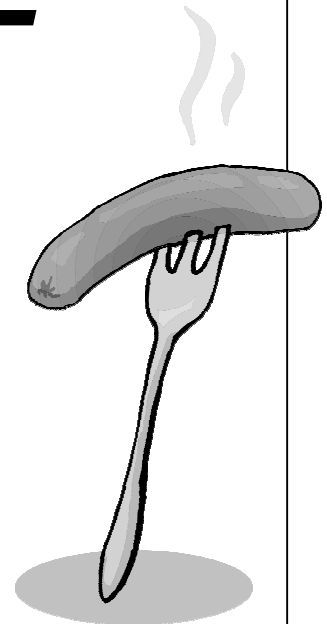
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