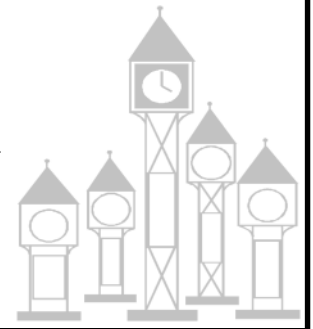


# THE KOO WEE RUP BLACKFISH



MAY 2013

## ANZAC DAY IN KOO WEE RUP 2013



↑ The photograph above was taken by Jake Reeve, 11, from KWR Primary School (great local talent!)

## THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES *(Edited Extracts)*

The Township held its AGM and monthly meeting on Wednesday, 3 April. Township Meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 1 May at 7:30 pm at the Community Centre.

Frank Cramer asked if anything had been decided about the walking track alongside Woolworths' supermarket or through adjacent private land. He added that Natasha Kukanja, the Community Strengthening Officer, had promised to set up a meeting to discuss this item together with other outstanding work that has to be done around the town.

Cr. Young said that an evaluation of the land was taking place but the effort to work out the cost had been somewhat tardy. The owner of the land wants the Shire Council to take full responsibility for the roadway across the land. Cr. Young said this project might or might not be in this year's Shire Council budget.

Philip Jackson, Strategic Planner Cardinia Shire Council, will attend the May meeting of the Township Committee to present the Koo Wee Rup Township Strategy Review.

See Page 7 for further details of the Review

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## RSL SUB BRANCH REPORT - MOST SUCCESSFUL ANZAC DAY YET

On a bright, clear morning, although a little bit on the cool side, a record crowd of between 600 and 750 joined us at the form up post (the clock towers) to march to the Cenotaph. "Sar Major" Geoff Stokes positioned the piper, the school flag bearers and, of course, Kade driving our World War II Veterans, flanked by the fire brigade torch carriers and 400-500 men, women and a large contingent of children. What a spectacular sight coming down the road and into the Cenotaph. Congratulations to everybody for being part of what has become our traditional start to ANZAC Day.

**The Ceremony** Bob Krog did a fantastic job of coordinating a very solemn ceremony. Joan with a prayer, Deacon Tony with the Blessing, Geoff Pledge the 59 fallen soldier names, Geoff Stokes the Ode and wreath laying and, of course, Darcy Manks playing last post and rouse. And how good was the piper! When our national anthem failed, he jumped in and played a magnificent rendition of our national anthem; the crowd joined in and sang along and made it even better. We also had some 20 odd wreaths and hundreds of poppies laid; this made for a spectacular sight around the memorial and cenotaph.

**The Breakfast** I cannot begin to express our thanks and congratulations to the Lions Club and the ladies in the kitchen for somehow giving everybody a gunfire breakfast and coffee and tea. Many people came in and helped from among the crowd. A special thanks to you.

**Ceremony of Thanks** Thanks to Geoff Pledge for being MC for this and his introduction of Greg Hunt, Ken Smith, David Young, Mal Function and, of course, introducing me (the President) to thank everybody who helped in some way. If I missed anybody, I am sorry, but I truly do want to thank absolutely everybody who contributed to our ANZAC Day. Thank you.

It would be remiss of me if I didn't say a very big thanks to three groups of special people:

1. Our sub branch committee and members, not for one minute do I think there is a better group or sub branch in Victoria. Great team, thanks guys.
2. Our World War II veterans Rita, Peter, Jack, Don and Ken. It is fantastic to think these "guys" in their eighties and nineties get out of bed at 5am to pay their respects. It was with great pleasure that we presented each WWII veteran with a commemorative tin of ANZAC biscuits, I believe that these are a little softer than the original. We hope you enjoy them and, once again, we thank you for your outstanding service to your country.
3. This last thank you is to all you people who came out very early to pay your respects and support our sub branch and town at our dawn service. We are tremendously impressed with the district's youth, their willingness to be part of this day is astonishing and augers well for the future of our great nation.

Once again, thank you.

*Yours in service, Ron Ingram, President, Koo Wee Rup RSL Sub Branch*

### From a Distance

I saw them from a distance  
As they stood before the Wall,  
A mother, I presumed,  
With a daughter half as tall.

Standing side by side  
They hardly spoke at all,  
As the youngster raised her arm  
And reached to touch the Wall.

With a posy of flowers  
Clutched tightly in one fist,  
Her other hand moved slowly  
Down the names upon that list.

Then upon one name  
Her small hand seemed to linger,  
She matched her mother's smile,  
And softly tapped her finger.

Knelt before the cenotaph,  
She placed her posy there,  
Then standing close together,  
They bowed their heads in prayer.

I saw them from a distance  
As they turned to walk my way,  
And as our paths did cross  
We paused to say "G'day".

*Mal Function ... the Poet Larrikin*



*Koo Wee Rup residents, Joan and Ron Kane, recently travelled to Canberra to congratulate their grandson, Patrick, on his acceptance into the Australian Defence Force Academy as a Pilot Cadet. They are justifiably proud of his achievement; only 20 cadets were selected from around 600 applicants.*

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES** *(Edited Extracts) (continued from Page 1)*

The president, Gavin Brock, said he had spoken to a representative at the SES Crisis Centre about the promised "Flood Booklet". He had been informed that it is almost ready to leave the printer's premises. On Saturday, April 13th, the SES will deliver the booklet to all householders by a direct door knock. They will also leave spare copies at various places around the town.

Val Walker complained about the deteriorating state of the Town name sign on the approach road to Koo-Wee-Rup from Bayles. Cr. David Young said he will follow this up with the Shire Council officers and organise a replacement sign.

Cr. Young gave the meeting some information about the removal of the Railway House from Cochrane Park. He said that the Bayles Fauna Park committee had an "in principal agreement" with the Shire Council to a certain level of cost and the committee is keen to go ahead. Cr. Young said that there should be a positive outcome after the next Shire Council meeting.

Cr. Young said he will arrange a meeting between Charles Taveira, Manager Operations, Cardinia Shire Council, and George Fittock from the Koo-Wee-Rup Men's Shed, to discuss the requirements and training needed to comply with the Victorian Occupational Health and Safety Regulations for volunteers undertaking maintenance operations around the Town.

Actg. Sgt. Michael Jackson and Snr. Const. Steve Raciti of Koo-Wee-Rup Police presented the police report this evening. Actg. Sgt. Jackson said that it had been relatively quiet in Koo-Wee-Rup but there had been the theft of a trailer from the Koo-Wee-Rup cricket ground. Two people had been arrested for drug offences, one in Caldermeade and the other in Koo-Wee-Rup. There had been some graffiti daubed at St. John's and on the clock towers in Koo-Wee-Rup. He added that although the recognising tag on the graffiti suggested a known local person, that person now lives in Queensland.

Cr. Young noted the Shire Council's blitz program on graffiti. Offenders will be made to clean up any graffiti found around the Shire.

There was then some discussion about traffic gridlock in the town and Sybella Avenue during last weekend, Easter weekend. Actg. Sgt. Jackson said that fixing this traffic gridlock is somewhat beyond the powers of the police. He asked that anyone wanting to contact the police should ring Koo-Wee-Rup police station and the call will be automatically transferred to a duty officer's mobile phone or to Pakenham police station; or, in cases of emergency, ring triple zero.

Ray Brown asked if police could direct traffic away from Sybella Avenue during traffic gridlock at holiday times into Rossiter Road. This would help in unblocking the junction of Station Street and Rossiter Road. The answer was that doing this would create a further traffic problem at the junction of Rossiter Road and the South Gippsland Highway.

Cr. Young reported on the Shire Council Plan that is now on exhibition for public comment. The Budget for the Shire should be completed in about six to eight weeks, however the preview is already out for public comment.

He also commented about the complaints that had been made of the condition of many unmade roads in the Shire. The extended dry weather period over the past weeks has been the cause. The rain over recent days has seen the roads being graded successfully, holes filled in, and the roads brought back to a good condition.

The problem with the flooded hollow ground in Shelton Park is exacerbated by the land being of Aboriginal overlay and heritage. The council wants to fill in the hollow ground, he said. The original design of open excess water flow through the estate via artificial lakes and open drainage is now seen to be a problem and has possible water level issues at the outfall into the Rossiter Road drain.

Frank Worcester asked for action by the Shire on the amount of rubbish accumulating in the walkway between Grange Court and Icke Road. Is it possible to have a rubbish bin placed at the Icke Road end, he asked. Frank also alerted Cr. Young to the cracked concrete slabs within the same walkway.

Township President, Gavin Brock also commented on the gridlock of traffic in and around the town during the recent Easter break. He welcomed the coming bypass road and told the meeting that draft approval of the environmental report had been finalised by the Federal Government. A contractor for the construction of the bypass will be appointed in June/July 2013, and construction is due to commence later in the year. There was a further discussion on the effects of the bypass on endangered species such as the Southern Brown Bandicoot and the Growling Grass Frog. It was noted that the environmental report laid down provisions and rules for the continuing protection of species during construction and operation of the By-pass road.

Frank Worcester presented an overview of the Men's Shed activities. He told of their recent outing to Philip Island, calling in at the Vietnam Veteran's Museum on the way. Lunch was at the Philip Island RSL Sub-Branch premises and all had a good time.

He added more information on the forthcoming session that will look at requirements and training for volunteers undertaking maintenance operations around the Town in order to comply with the Victorian Occupational Health and Safety Regulations.

*(continued next page)*

## TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES *(Edited Extracts) (from previous page)*

Gavin Brock reported on a meeting with South East Water for an update on the joint sewerage scheme investigation being undertaken with South Gippsland Water. Gavin attended the meeting with Frank Cramer and Geoff Stokes.

South East Water, in partnership with the Stakeholder Reference group (SRG), will determine the preferred solution for an effective sewerage servicing strategy; this solution to be local treatment and local reuse. At the same time, South Gippsland Water has been working with the communities of Poowong, Loch and Nyora to provide backlog sewerage services in the area. This service will require a treatment plant and effluent reuse to be established. South Gippsland Water has purchased land at Hills Road, Nyora for this purpose. The three agreed medium list options will be further developed over the coming months. They are: -

**Option A:** Two treatment plants and an integrated Class C scheme.

This involves constructing two plants; a plant at Lang Lang to service Koo-Wee-Rup and Lang Lang and a plant at Nyora to service Poowong, Loch, and Nyora.

**Option B:** One treatment plant and an integrated Class C scheme.

This involves constructing one treatment plant at Lang Lang to service all five towns and establishing a combined recycled water reuse scheme. This scheme also includes recycled water storage at Hills Road, Nyora.

**Option C:** One treatment plant and an integrated Class A and Class C scheme.

Similar to Option B, Option C also involves constructing one treatment plant at Lang Lang to service Koo-Wee-Rup, Lang Lang, Poowong, Loch and Nyora. Class C recycled water would be supplied to agricultural reuse schemes in Lang Lang South. In addition, this option also allows the facility to be upgraded in the future to provide Class A recycled water.

Recommendations and a preferred strategic option will be presented to the South East Water and the South Gippsland Water Boards later in 2013.

Gavin noted that both Koo-Wee-Rup and Lang Lang plants were now 40 to 50 years old and nearing capacity. Already there were 12 to 14 expressions of interest for the uptake of Class C water from the new plant(s).

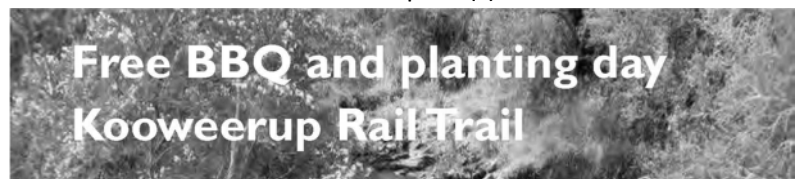
Sue Van Gaal asked about the state of the surface of the roadway at Sims Lane. It was difficult to go about business there, she said. Cr. Young said he would bring this problem to the attention of the relevant Shire engineers.

Ray Brown presented to the meeting a drawing of the proposed upgrade of the playground and landscape refurbishment in Alexandra Avenue. It is proposed to replace the existing swings with passive recreation equipment for younger children, together with a drinking fountain and new fencing. After some discussion, it was proposed by Ray Brown, and seconded by Joyce Light, that the design as shown on the current Landscape Plan be accepted. The motion was carried unanimously on a show of hands.

Caroline Roff protested about the avenue name – Alexandra. She stated it should really be Alexander as the avenue was originally named after Alexander Mickle.

Geoff Stokes said that there is a large dump of household furniture rubbish about 250 metres from the bus station towards Lake Sybella in the bushes on the south side of the walking track. Anthony Beckett added that there was also household rubbish dumped directly opposite this on the town side of the walking track. The secretary will write to the Shire Council and alert them of this eyesore.

It was asked if there could be a cover placed over the new gym equipment in Cochrane Park. This matter will be raised at the next meeting of the "Friends of Cochrane Park".



**Come and lend a hand for the bandicoots!**

**Saturday 25th May**  
**10am–12.30pm**



The Western Port Biosphere and Cardinia Shire Council are working with the Friends of Kooweerup Rail Trail and local community to enhance this important local reserve. Planting locally indigenous plants helps restore natural habitat and provides resources for the endangered Southern Brown Bandicoot. A free BBQ will be provided, followed by a walk and talk through the reserve with local botanist Trish Stewart.

**Where**

Planting activities will take place along the railway line behind Cochrane Park.

**Meeting place**

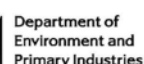
Meet at the Kooweerup swimming pool car park, off Rossiter Rd, at 10.00am. From there we will walk through Cochrane Park to the rail trail.

**What to bring**

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## COUNCIL SEEKS INPUT ON DRAFT KOO WEE RUP TOWNSHIP STRATEGY

Cardinia Shire Council's draft Koo Wee Rup township strategy is now on exhibition and is available for public comment until Friday 17 May.

The revised strategy will guide Koo Wee Rup's direction for the next 10 to 15 years in key areas including housing, business and economic development, transport, infrastructure, community services, heritage, urban design, recreation, and environment and open spaces.

"Council hopes many residents will take this opportunity to give their feedback on the framework, objectives and actions outlined in the township strategy," said Council's Strategic Planning Team Leader Steven Hines. "By commenting on the draft strategy, residents will be helping to shape the future of Koo Wee Rup. Their input will influence the character of the town and the vision for its future."

Residents can view the draft strategy and have their say at an open house event at Koo Wee Rup Community Complex on Thursday 2 May from 5.30pm to 8pm. The complex is located at Cochrane Park in Rossiter Road. Short presentations on the draft strategy will be made at 6pm and 7pm.

Council representatives will be at the event to explain and discuss the draft strategy. They will also be at the May meetings of the Koo Wee Rup Township Committee and the Koo Wee Rup Business Association.

The draft Koo Wee Rup township strategy is now on Council's website [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au) on the 'Have your say' web page. Hard copies of the draft strategy are available from Council's offices in Henty Way, Pakenham, or on CD from Koo Wee Rup post office. To request a hard copy or CD to be mailed out, contact 1300 787 624 or [mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au](mailto:mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au)

To make a submission on the draft strategy, a written response can be sent to Cardinia Shire Council, attention Strategic Planning, PO Box 7, Pakenham 3810 or emailed to [mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au](mailto:mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au) with 'submission to draft Koo Wee Rup township strategy' as the subject. Submissions close on 17 May.

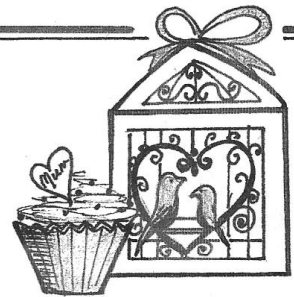
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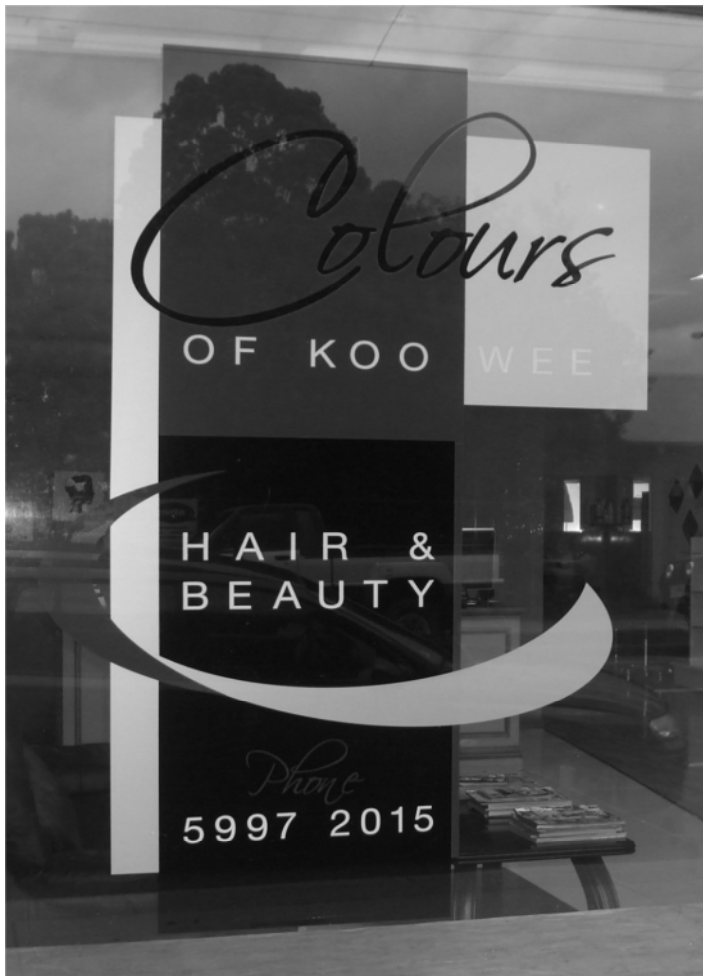
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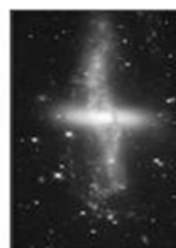
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12<sup>th</sup> May ~ *Speaker to be announced,*

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My property is only ¼ of a kilometre from a suburban housing estate in Koo Wee Rup and there are pet dogs and cats all around. I believe these baits should not be laid so close to housing.

It is well known that foxes frequently dig up a bait and carry it away, sometimes dropping some, and sometimes burying it elsewhere to dig it up again later.

So dogs can pick up some bait a considerable distance away from the bait station.

I strongly feel that NO animal, foxes included, should have to die such an agonizing death, as my poor little dog did. The authorities should look for a more humane method to kill foxes, and one with an antidote.

I have notified the Department of Primary Industry and I have been told that they, or one of their departments, will be doing an investigation which will take up to 2 months. I have been informed that the baits have been removed. Apparently there will be no compensation paid, even if fault is found with the procedure, to help me buy another pedigreed Miniature Pinscher.

*Dawn Juddery*

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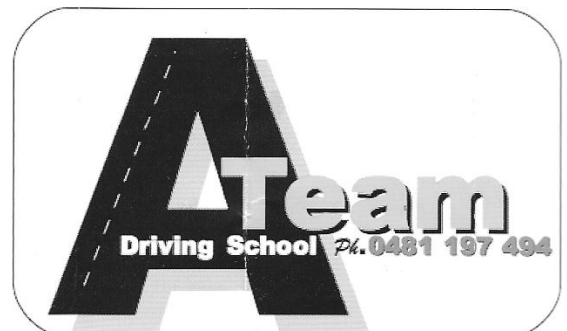
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Education has become an integral part of media coverage in recent months. The Gonski Report has made it clear that if Australia is to move forward we need to look at school funding. The Prime Minister and Federal Minister for Education have also strongly indicated that they want more money put into improving our standards of Literacy and Numeracy. The State government and Union have come to an agreement about teacher salaries. Education does seem to be moving in our state and country.

Closer to home the new Turf Area is being well accepted. Some tree removal is planned as the nuts from the trees will damage the turf in the long term. However a tree planting program is going to be put into place to plan for the future. When the nature area is fenced and planted a lot of trees will be put into the ground as well.

I congratulate Fiona Pratt on her new position at the Primary School and look forward to developing closer links between the schools. On May 22<sup>nd</sup> we will be hosting a training centre after school for a lot of other schools to come to and learn more about the skills of iPads. Our Year 7 students this year have enjoyed having the new digital devices.

This term we have a number of significant events. There will be two Deb Balls in early May, Parent Teacher evening, mid year exams and Year 10 work experience. As well as this are two long weekends and a Professional development Day.

I congratulate new members of Council and in particular our new college council President Gideon Cox. I would like to thank Jill Bennett for her fantastic work in recent years as President.

*Kim Bridgford, Principal*

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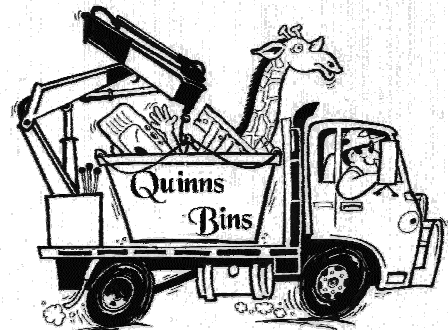
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Welcome back everyone to Term 2 at St John's Primary School. The students have made a great start and are settling into work for another busy and exciting term ahead.

Over the school holidays the large plantation of pine trees at the back of the school oval were removed. These trees were diseased and identified as being very dangerous, we had no choice but to bring them down for the safety of everyone in our school community. This being the case it has opened up a large amount of land and we are now exploring options as to what we can do with the available land.

On Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> of April 14 students from grade 6 received the Sacrament of Confirmation. We were very blessed to have Bishop Christopher Prowse confirm the students. A big thank you also to Deacon Tony Aspinall, Marie Wright, Marlene Scanlon, Bill Speekman and Louise Hennessey for all their work in preparing the students for the Sacrament.

This year our school is again involved in the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program. Last year we very fortunate and received some fantastic resources for our school. If anyone has stickers they would like to donate if you could please send them in to the school office or drop them in the box outside Woolworths Koo Wee Rup.

On Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> of May St John's Primary School is holding a Market Day. If you would like to have a stall on the day they are available for \$20 outside or \$25 dollars for inside the school hall. To book your stall or for further details please contact Amber Ventura on 0417 502 927 or email [amberventura@bigpond.com](mailto:amberventura@bigpond.com).

Enrolments are now being taken for the 2014 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.

*Yours sincerely, Justin Greenwood, Deputy Principal*



*Confirmation candidates with Bishop Prowse*

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If you suffer from a health problem and have considered seeing a chiropractor, this could be a very important article for you to read.

My name is Dr. Robbie Hunt, DC. I chose to start my practice in Pakenham over four years ago because I felt there was a big shortage of chiropractic services in the area. Since then, I've used chiropractic treatments to help many in our community feel better and live healthier, more productive lives.

### "Does Chiropractic Really Work?"

Chiropractic has been around for over a hundred years, and has been used on everyone from tiny babies to the elderly. Even top sports people see chiropractors... including Tiger Woods, Pat Rafter, Lance Armstrong and Usain Bolt, just to name a few!

In addition to this, here's what some top medical researchers had to say about chiropractic... "Manipulation, with or without exercise, improved symptoms more than best care (medical care) alone after three and 12 months." - *British Medical Journal* 2004; 329 (7479): 1377-1381.

A scientific study concluded that patients with chronic neck pain showed "clinically important improvements from a course of spinal manipulation..." - *Journal of Manipulative Physiol Ther.* 2007 July; 30(6): 473-8.

### "Isn't Chiropractic Just For Back Pain?"

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Dr. Robbie with some of his patients

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Sincerely,  
Dr. Robbie Hunt





TOGETHER WE LEARN

## KOO WEE RUP PRIMARY SCHOOL

It is with delight that I inform the Koo Wee Rup community that I have been appointed Principal of Koo Wee Rup PS. I feel fortunate and honoured to be able to lead the school into the next exciting phase of development. I am passionate about giving the best educational opportunities for all our students and developing partnerships that will benefit our school.



### **PAL ( Play and Learn) Koo Wee Rup Playgroup**

Koo Wee Rup has its own Playgroup. The Cochrane's Park Community Playgroup have relocated to our school hall and will meet every Wednesday morning between 10 am and 12noon. We are proud to promote our partnership with Chisholm; Berwick Campus who will be providing placement students from the Diploma of Early Childhood Services to support this program. If you have children 0-5 and would like to join in, please come along.

### **Story time at Koo Wee Rup PS**

We are delighted to introduce **Story Time** to the Koo Wee Rup Pre-school community. We provide an environment to introduce your children to books and libraries in an enjoyable atmosphere. Each week your child will be able to borrow from our library, using their own special library bag that will be provided on their first visit. Children will listen to a large range of stories and participate in exciting activities. **Come along every Wednesday from 12:20 – 1:20pm.**

### **Old School House**

Can you assist?

We are putting together an Action Team for the refurbishment of The Old Schoolhouse. If you have an interest or skills in design, carpentry, or any other relevant area and would like to assist, please contact me at the school for a chat.



### **Anzac Day**

On Friday April 19<sup>th</sup>, the Koo Wee Rup RSL Branch visited our school to speak to the senior students about Anzac Day and what it represents. It was visible from their reactions, and the many questions asked, they were moved by his visit.

To all past and current serving members of the Australian Defence Force we say "Thank You".

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Kind Regards,  
Fiona Pratt, Principal



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## BAYLES REGIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Yakkerboo Festival

Bayles Regional Primary School participated in the Yakkerboo festival on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April and I am very pleased to let everyone know that we were the winners of the "Champion Float" for the second year in a row. With this award came a lovely trophy and a further prize of \$300 worth of Coles/Myer vouchers from the Coles group. The creation of our two floats entitled "Pioneers of the Swamp" was possible only through the coordinated efforts of all our parents in ensuring the children were dressed up in early pioneering costumes and an array of props such as a spinning yarn, old metal iron, cross saw, and of course the outback toilet complete with a red back spider hanging from the door. The two beautifully presented red and grey Fergie tractors added to the authenticity of our floats. I would like to thank all the parents and community members who helped out with our floats and for those that came along to cheer us on.



### Wood Carvings:

As many of you would be aware, our school community was very upset last year at having to remove a large number of diseased eucalyptus trees that surrounded our school oval. With all the rain and sodden grounds, it took us a long



time to remove the trees and branches and we were left with quite a mess including a large number of stumps in the ground. During the school holidays we engaged a very talented wood carver – Mark Rosenbrock – to create some sculpture pieces with our tree trunks. Whilst the project is by no means finished, the first part was the carving of two kangaroos (pictured-not quite complete). We are delighted with how beautiful these sculptures are looking and how realistic they appear. The children spent all of their recess and lunchtimes climbing over, and playing with the kangaroos when they returned after the school holidays. The next phase of the



project is for Mark to create a park bench with carvings of bandicoots and other native fauna and a picnic table, followed by a large trunk with our school logo scorched onto the side. In Education Week we will be planting over 300 suitable plants to revegetate and beautify our school grounds. I will have some more photos to share with you in the next edition of the Blackfish.

### Woolworths Earn & Learn Program

Thank you to all families and community members who supported our school through the Woolworths Earn & Learn Program last year. Our school is participating in this very valuable program during 2013 and we are looking forward to once again receiving the support of the wider community. If you have any stickers, we have a box in our office to post them in. We would be most grateful for your support.

### 2014 Prep Enrolments

We are welcoming enrolments for the 2014 school year. Please feel free to request a personal school tour with myself or for enrolment forms contact our school office: 5997 7261.

*Warm wishes, Fran Van Lambaart, Principal, Bayles Regional Primary School*

## BAYLES FAUNA PARK

### **Working Bee**

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### **Next Meeting**

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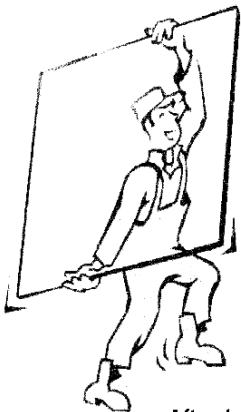
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## KOO WEE RUP BOWLS CLUB NEWS



The McNulty/Twyford Memorial tournament has been played with a full Green of 8 rinks. The Club appreciated the number of teams from the old West Gippsland Assn. who made the effort to support the tournament. We welcomed members of both the McNulty & Twyford families who assisted in the presentations. Paul McNulty made the presentation to the Best Last Game winners to Brenton Hackett, Jenny Miller {Loch & District}, Bev Button & Graeme Cobbett {Lang Lang} with 18 pts. In 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 47 pts. & 13 shots up were Bob & Maureen Lamport, Jillian Rouse & Don Knight {Garfield}. This was presented by Denise Grigg. Doing the presentation to the Runner up team was Channelle Twyford to Graham & Monica King {Hoppers Crossing}, Bob & Pauline Mason {KWR} with 47 pts. & 17 shots up. The Winners for the day were Finlay Luke, Greg & Charlie Hodge & Thelma Sexton {Loch & District} with 50 pts. Presenting the winners award were Val & Michael McNulty. A great day was had by everyone in honour of the memory of Brian & Garry and the esteem in which both men were held was evident as we had players from KWR, Lang Lang, Berwick, Cranbourne, Cardinia Waters, Garfield, Loch & District & Hoppers Crossing. Many thanks for the organisers, Ladies & a special thank you to our sponsor of the tournament.

Results of Friday Triples for the 5<sup>th</sup> April – Best Last Game Winners were Bill Files, Don Jeffrey & Ray Wilson (Lang Lang) with 20 pts. Runners Up for the day Pauline Gray, Mary Masters & Noel Speight (KWR) with 36 pts. The Winners were George Crynes (KWR), Jim Smith (Pakenham) & Wendy Pownall (KWR) with 37 pts. The final day of Friday Triples was played on 19<sup>th</sup> April with Best Last Game Winners being Kon Kormas (KWR), Marijan (Cranbourne RSL) & Maree Hodges (Lang Lang) with 17 pts & 12 shots up. Runners Up for the day were

John Van Vugt, Gunter Baumbach & Mike Knight (Cardinia Waters) with 35 pts & 17 shots up. The final day Winners were Sam Granieri, Peter McMahon & Fred Bekker (Pakenham) with 36 pts. The aggregate winners for the season were John Williams, Brian Vanina & Neville Kitchin (Lang Lang) with 19.5 wins & 193 ends. The Runners up were Ken Mynard, Ralph Anderson & Geoff Patullo (Lang Lang) with 18.5 wins and 211 ends.

The Club conducted the Jason Giaccotto Memorial tournament on the 20<sup>th</sup> April. Again we had a full 16 teams playing with representatives from Berwick, Corinella, Cranbourne, Cranbourne RSL, Garfield, Glen Waverley, Keysborough, KooWeeRup, Korumburra, Lang Lang, M.C.C., Mt. Waverley, Narre Warren, Pakenham, Wonthaggi, Yamala Park.

This tournament was generously sponsored by Arthur & Shirley Giaccotto in memory of Jason who began his bowling career with KooWeeRup BC. The Club would like to thank those members who obtained raffle prizes for the day and especially the Ladies who did the catering of the meal etc. Results for the day – Winners Graeme Cobbett (Lang Lang), Walter Brannan (Cranbourne RSL), Maree Hodges & Don Heffrey (Lang Lang) with 48 pts. Runners Up were Arthur Giaccotto, Rob Matthews, Brad King & Kon Kormas (KWR) with 38 pts. In 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 36 pts were Alan Thompson, Bob Gladman, Eddie Wilson & Charlie Azzopardi (Berwick). The best Last game winners with 19 pts. were George Crynes, Rob McDonald, Peter Butera & Albert Slefendorfas (KWR). Old friendships were renewed & new ones made.

The popular Hoy afternoons are commencing again at the Club on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 1.30 p.m. Come along and bring some friends for a fun afternoon.

### SHIM-BU-KAI KARATE Grading Results

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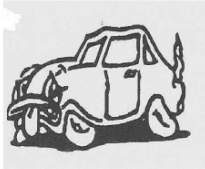
Congratulations must go to the Koo Wee Rup RSL for running a very successful ANZAC Day Dawn Service this year. Thanks also to the sponsors who helped make the event so enjoyable for the large crowd attending. It was a pleasure to catch up with so many residents at the breakfast afterwards.

The current Koo Wee Rup Township Strategy is being reviewed. This is an important document as the Planning Officers of the Shire use this document to assess the suitability of planning applications. The draft can be read online at the Council website ([www.cardinia.vic.gov.au](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au)). It is also available in hard copy or CD (phone: 1300 787 624 to get a copy). Residents are invited to comment on the draft Township Strategy and I encourage you to do so as this is a chance for the present community to have a say in the

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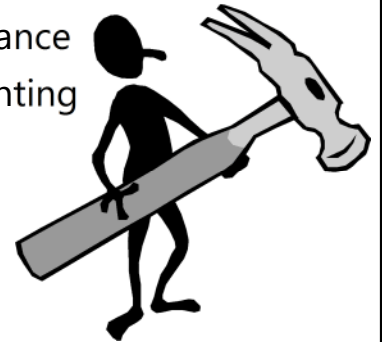
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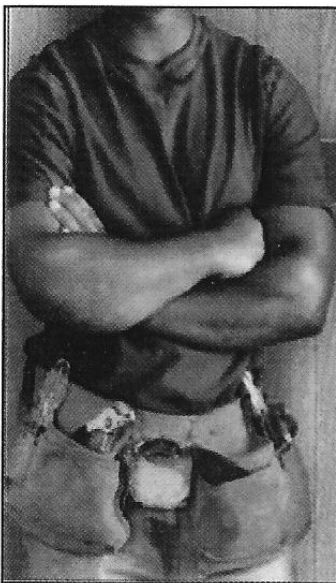
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## MCDONALDS TRACK

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

McDonalds Track originally went from the Tobin Yallock Bridge (where the South Gippsland Highway crosses the Lang Lang River) to Morwell, and it followed the ridges of the Strzelecki Ranges and was about seventy miles (about 110kms) in length. You can see the start of the track as it is the first turn-off into Lang Lang on the Highway coming from Koo-Wee-Rup, then it went to Nyora and Poowong. Remnants of the track are still named on maps, around Poowong East, Mount Worth (the highest point of the original track) then there is another section around Childers, Thorpdale and Narracan. McDonalds Track is not part of the Koo-Wee-Rup Swamp but I have always wondered what the origin was and who McDonald was, so I decided to do a bit of research.

The track was surveyed by Assistant-Surveyor George Thomas McDonald. He started in 1860 and it was finished in 1862. It was hoped that the track would provide an alternate route for stock to get from Gippsland to Melbourne. Once they got to Tobin Yallock they could then be shipped from Western Port Bay to Melbourne. *The Argus* of January 1, 1863 published a report by McDonald of his progress and he was very confident that *with the exception of a few places, a most excellent road may when cleared be had to Gipps Land ... there are no creeks to cross, consequently no bridges will be required the ground is almost all good and firm, SO that travelling may be performed with safety and comfort at all seasons of the year. The cost of clearing will be the chief item of expenditure, but that, together with the expense of making a few side cuttings ... should not exceed £10,000 pounds. Indeed for that sum I consider that thoroughly good road, one chain wide, could be made, which would be practical for travelling day or night. I specify a road one chain [20 metres] wide because the ridge for a large proportion of the distance would not admit of one wider, and in one or two places it cannot, without levelling, be made wider than forty-five or fifty feet [15 metres]. One of the greatest objections by the public to this road will be the scarcity of feed for stock but as the soil is generally good, I have little doubt that in the course of time hotel keepers along the road will clear and sow paddocks with grass for the accommodations of themselves and others.*

In the end the track was never used, apparently due to the fact that there were no permanent water holes along the route. What else do we know about the Track? When McDonald created the track it was about seven foot (just over 2 metres) wide to Mount Worth and from there it 'narrowed considerably'. All supplies and equipment had to come from Cranbourne. The area was steep, heavily forested, some trees were 300 feet high (about 90 metres) and often the surveying party found that they were following minor ridges and had to back track to the major ridge. McDonald also reported that he had found coal seams along the track.

Sadly for McDonald his hopes of the route becoming a major road never eventuated and no hotel keepers ever came to provide accommodation and hospitality. It was about 1874 that settlers began selecting land along the McDonalds Track around Poowong, and, by then, the reports were that the track was completely overgrown. Later settlers branched out from there to Poowong East and Poowong North. This area was also opened up by the establishment of a coach track from Poowong to Drouin after the Gippsland Railway was opened in 1878. The other local effect the Track had was the establishment of the township of Tobin Yallock.

The first store and hotel were built c.1867 by William Lyall (who owned Harewood) and located on part of the *Tobin Yallock* (or *Torbinurruck*) squatting run on the junction of McDonald's Track and the South Gippsland Highway. This store and hotel became the nucleus of the town of Lang Lang, as it was officially known, though the locals called it Tobin Yallock. Tobin Yallock would eventually have a church, a Post Office, Mechanics' Institute and other stores. Its decline began with the coming of the railway when the station, called Carrington (later known as Lang Lang), was built east of Tobin Yallock, in February 1890. By about 1894 most of the businesses and public buildings had transferred to the new Lang Lang based around the railway station.

What do we know of George Thomas McDonald? He came from Dumfries in Scotland and arrived in Victoria in 1853. According to the *State Government Gazette* he was employed in the Lands and Survey Office in August 1857 and was there until about 1879. On November 24, 1869 he married Amelia Margaret Mitchell. He was listed in the marriage notice in *The Argus* as the District surveyor, Castlemaine District. Amelia was listed as the second daughter of the Hon W.H.F Mitchell. Sir William Mitchell was President of the Legislative Council. They had eight children - the first being Isabel who was born in 1871, then four more were born in Victoria up to 1878; then three were born in Queensland from 1880 to 1885. In spite of giving birth to eight children in 14 years, Amelia lived to the ripe old age of 95 and died in Brisbane in 1939. George McDonald died on February 3, 1915 aged 79. His death notice listed his address as 'late of Rocklea and Gladstone districts'.

**The Koo-Wee-Rup Swamp Historical Society meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm at Mallow house in Rossiter Road, corner of Henry Street. New members welcome. The Museum is open the second and fourth Sundays from 1.30pm until 4.30pm. Heather Arnold [harnold@dcsi.net.au](mailto:harnold@dcsi.net.au) ☎5629 4396.**

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