

# THE KOO WEE RUP BLACKFISH



**AUGUST 2014**

## KOO WEE RUP'S ECHOING GREEN FELLOW

In a world first, two Australians have won Echoing Green Fellowships. One of these is Justin Matthys, who grew up in Koo Wee Rup.



Echoing Green is a global organisation dedicated to supporting young people who have a vision for helping to solve world problems. Justin's area is that of education. <http://www.echoinggreen.org/about>

Around the world, social entrepreneurs tackle the world's biggest problems. The best and brightest of these vie for the prestigious Echoing Green Fellowship; according to Harvard University, this is harder to get into than the Harvard Business School. Since its inception in 1987, no Australian has won. Until now.

Along with Richard Wilson, Justin Matthys founded Maths Pathway. <http://www.mathspathway.com>. They left their jobs in consulting and astrophysics to teach in disadvantaged schools in the Teach for Australia program. It was there that they noticed a huge problem. Justin noted that students spend around 1500 hours in maths class, which should be sufficient for everyone to become confident and capable at maths, but 1 in 3 never reach basic proficiency.



*Richard Wilson and Justin Matthys*

When schools adopt Maths Pathway, they completely change the way they teach, using a new eLearning system, which focuses on individual rates of learning. And this appears to be extremely effective: in the dozens of schools currently using Maths Pathway, students are learning at double to triple the rate. Earlier this year, Maths Pathway was named the 6<sup>th</sup> most innovative company in the Australian SMART 100.

Maths Pathway is not doing this alone. Professors from The University of Melbourne act as academic advisors. Currently, Maths Pathway is running a pilot alongside the Mathematical Association of Victoria (MAV). On the technology side Microsoft is lending a hand, hosting web applications securely on their cloud systems.

But it's been a tough slog for Richard and Justin. Over 12 months ago they quit their jobs and have been working around the clock without pay. For the first 9 months, their 'office' was Richard's garden shed.

The Echoing Green Fellowship will help a great deal. For the first two years, they will receive funding, participate in leadership development, and connect with the powerful network of Echoing Green Fellows, partners, and friends.

"We still need help though!" Justin is quick to note. "We're currently in an investment round, but the thing we need the most are more teachers hearing about us. If any parents have children in grade 5 to 10, and their teacher isn't using Maths Pathway, let them know about it. We want all students to thrive in mathematics."

Koo Wee Rup Secondary College has been using Maths Pathway and St John's has recently come on board for the upper grades.

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

*The Township held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, 2 July. Township Meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 6 August at 7:30 pm at the Community Centre.*

Cr. David Young advised that visibility at the Manks Road/Dalmore Road intersection has been registered with the Shire Council for action. Asked whether the Shire Council had made a decision about installing a 'Danger Ahead' sign at the junction of Manks Road and Dalmore Road and were the rumble strips still functional, he advised that the rumble strips have been checked and are functional. An application has been made for 'Black Spot' funding of the site. He will advise next month about the timing of the installation of the 'Danger Ahead' sign.

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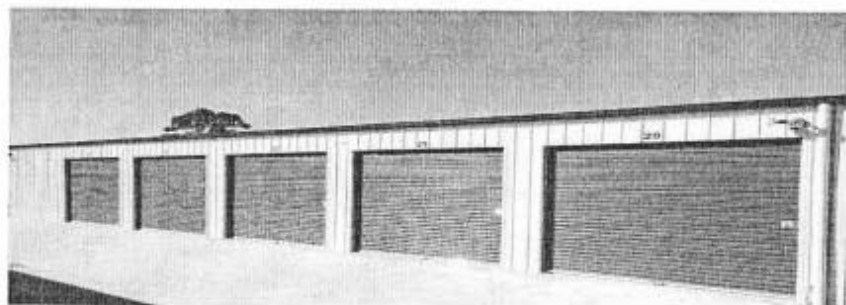
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There will be around 100 handmade quilts on display in a variety of colours and designs for people to look at and admire. The quality and craftsmanship that has gone into the creation of the pieces will astound you. Some of the quilts will be available for purchase, with a percentage of each sale being donated to the Breast Cancer Network to help with research into this disease.

There will be a number of top quality stalls with both handmade items and Patchwork supplies for everyone to see and purchase. It will also give you an inside view into the background of the quilting process. Some of these stalls will be coming from far and wide. There will be handmade cards, handbags, jewellery, cushions and much more.

At the Quilt Fest there will be a raffle running with First prize being a beautiful burgundy, cream and brown floral quilt. Second prize is a sewing hamper and Third prize is a set of embroidered towels. Plus other prizes as well. If you are up the street in Kooweerup and see us selling tickets please consider purchasing one to support the Breast Cancer Network fundraising effort. We will be selling and have raffle tickets available right up until the Quilt Fest and the prizes will be drawn on the Sunday at approx. 2:30PM.

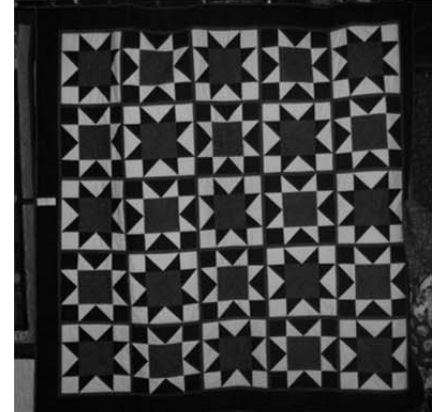
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Light refreshments will be available, so you can come and admire the beautiful quilts and then sit and socialise over a nice cuppa with family and friends. Maybe enjoy a Devonshire tea with delicious scones, jam and cream.

These are photos of some of the magnificent quilts from the last Quilt Fest.

So pop the dates into your diary and we can look forward to seeing you there. Come along and support this worthwhile cause that affects so many people and their families.

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

Cr Young advised on the following on-going issues:

- Potholes in the surface of the vehicle parking bay outside of the toilets in Rossiter Road are on the Shire Council's maintenance program.
- The building of toilets for the disabled at the swimming pool will now be funded by the Cochrane Park budget.
- Tables and chairs for O'Riordan Park are due to be installed in July 2014.
- The vegetation, interfering with visibility at the junction of the Princess Freeway and the Healesville - Koo-Wee-Rup Road (outbound off ramp), has been clipped back.

The proposed illuminated sign outside of the Community Centre is now the responsibility of the Cardinia Shire Works Department and progress on the project is being made. The cost will be covered in the new budget.

Cr. Young reported that the Shire Council's 2014 to 2015 budget had been accepted and carried at a Shire Council meeting on 16 June 2014 after a spirited debate.

Cr. Young announced the upgrade of Island Road, Koo-Wee-Rup. The roadway surface will be asphalted in order to assist the asparagus industry in the area. At present, dust from the many vehicles using the unsurfaced road causes gross contamination of the asparagus plants. The shared cost of this project will be borne by the State Government, the Shire Council, and a special shared charge on the abutting landholders. The Shire Council will liaise with the asparagus growers and organise the work during the low season for asparagus cultivation.

The upgrade of the unsealed part of Moody Street will also be undertaken by the Shire Council. The cost will be shared by the Shire Council and the adjacent landholders.

George Fittock brought up the problem of storm water drainage in Townley Road. He said the situation became critical after the recent heavy rain. George believes that the situation could be caused by the on-going development on Denhams Road. Cr Young said that he would inform Mike Ellis, General Manager Assets & Development Services of this problem, and ask him to get his engineers to clear out the affected drains.

Gavin Brock, the president, said that it was great news that the Bendigo Community Bank had approved a grant of \$5,000 for this year followed by \$2,000 in 2015 for the Township's 'Dragline' project. Gavin added that he hoped an application to the Shire Council for a grant of \$15,000 for the same project would also be accepted.

The agricultural drainage project in the land area at the rear of the Community Centre is under way with the Shire Council's contractor Brendon Nunn now submitting his ideas on how to stop the land flooding after rain.

The inaugural meeting of the new Community Centre Hall Committee will be at 7:30 pm on 23 July 2014. The latest news is that MECWACARE will be moving out of the Hall soon. This means the freeing up of much wanted room space and storage areas.

There was no Police report presented this evening. However, Ldg. Snr. Const. Brendan Dickson sent his apologies later on and explained that he had had to attend a truck rollover on the Koo Wee Rup - Longwarry Road. He was involved there from 5:30 pm until almost 9:30 pm. Brendan sent the flowing information by email.

*"It was a good month crime-wise in Koo Wee Rup. We had one burglary at the Fantastic Home and Gift shop, a theft of cash from the register at the Royal Hotel, an attempted theft of a chocolate bar from the IGA and an attempted theft from motor vehicle in Bailey Boulevard. A pretty good month with only 4 reported crimes".*

George Fittock presented the Men's Shed Report this evening. George said that the recent launch of the film, telling the story of the Koo-Wee-Rup Men's Shed on DVD, was very successful and most rewarding. Approximately 50 people came along to see this professionally shot short movie. The film can be viewed at the following link: - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TbOFWmM5ijs>.

The Men's Shed mentoring program continues with 12 to 30 students involved during the next school term.

The Men's Shed membership is now 47; an excellent increase in numbers in such a short time.

All is well with the Community Garden and the produce store. Many local growers have provided seedlings to the Men's Shed for culture in the Community Garden.

Ray Brown asked George Fittock about the object of the Koo-Wee-Rup Men's Shed and the reason so much time was spent engaged with the students and youth of the town. George explained that the primary object of the Men's Shed organisation is to establish a place for men that enables social interaction, and creates activities to maintain the health and wellbeing of those men. To build a culture in the Shed where all men are welcome and where mutual respect and trust are paramount, and to become a focal point in the community for the identification of men's health issues and further actions to resolve those issues. The men run an active youth program, mentoring and teaching their life-learned skills to young people. This results in a satisfying and educational interaction between the older and younger males of the Town. Not only that, the younger men can do things like heavy lifting which some of the older men can't do.

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

George Fittock presented the Maintenance Report this evening. George told the meeting that the VCAL students from the Secondary College were again seeking to undertake a town project. Last year it was a report on rubbish that had been dumped in Koo-Wee-Rup, together with a report on graffiti across the Town. George asked the meeting to think about suitable projects such as town beautification, planting, an overhanging bushes report etc. Roadside projects, including Town signage, would not be considered because of the inherent dangers to the working students. Cathy McNulty will see if there is a project the students could undertake for the Koo-Wee-Rup Fire Brigade.

George reported that the volunteer who tripped up and broke his arm whilst working at the Lions Club barbecue early on ANZAC Day morning this year is healing well and is now OK.

Although admitting the Township Committee cannot enforce any Shire Council rules, George asked if the rules concerning the responsibilities of property owners and renters for the clearing up of leaves and berries and vegetation from the frontages and footpaths of properties, could be publicised in the Town's newsletter, "Blackfish".

Frank Crameri told of the excess water after rain that lies on the pathway between Icke Road and Grange Court. Similarly, rainwater also lies on the access track from Townley Road to the park and the pathway to the kindergarten.

Gwen Lengersdorf reported bad potholes in the roadway at the junction of Boundary Drain Road and Station Street.

Gwen Lengersdorf asked about flood mitigation at the rear of her property in Boundary Drain Road. Robert Muré, the Township Committee's representative to the Melbourne Water flood mitigation group, said he would take this problem to the group on her behalf.

Robert McDonald, a resident and a retired construction engineer, expressed his concerns about excess cracking in the structure of new houses, and the wide spread cracking of road surfaces on new estates in Koo-Wee-Rup. This cracking is causing major problems and wondered whether the Shire Council made sure that the ground is properly compacted before allowing building to commence. The secretary was asked to write to the Shire Council and ask who is responsible, the Shire Council or the land developer, and what are the rules for compaction of foundations prior to the building of new houses and of roads.

Mr McDonald asserted that the problem for native bandicoots in Koo-Wee-Rup and district is the feral cat. These feral cats attack bandicoots and should be eliminated or controlled. Cr. Young said he would take this problem to the relevant Shire Council officer.

Frank Crameri resumed from last month's Township Committee meeting, his plea for ideas to improve the Town in addition to the published Koo-Wee-Rup Township Strategy Plan. In particular, the idea of a new Sporting Complex to cater for the ever increasing population of Koo-Wee-Rup. This theme was added to by Ray Brown who fully supported the proposed sporting complex, but suggested other improvements as well. For instance, the Community Centre building should be extended another bay in length with a fully equipped stage. A lively discussion took place with the

general theme of, "Koo-Wee-Rup needs to grow but so does its facilities and in particular, its Sporting Facilities". Finally, it was decided to elect a sub-committee to oversee and organise continuing action to present these forward thinking ideas to the Shire Council. The sub-committee that was formed this evening is represented by: - the president, Gavin Brock, Frank Crameri, Ray Brown and Frank Worcester. Their first action is to approach all the other sporting clubs in Koo-Wee-Rup to organise a combined effort to move forward with their plan of attack for a sporting complex with a new playing field oval.

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The predator control program aims to reduce fox numbers in the area through a controlled baiting program on private property. Clearly marked bait stations will indicate where baits are buried and warning notices on all appropriate entry points will be displayed.

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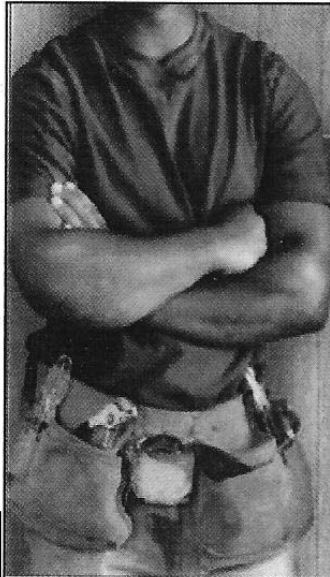
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A suggestion from the floor asked if surplus land, left over after the by-pass is completed, could be used for new Tennis Courts? Cr. Young advised that any surplus land that is available is already earmarked for environmental work with the native fauna and, in some cases, such as tree planting etc., already accomplished on this surplus land.

Another questioner asked about the plans for the future of the ex-railway track now the walking track, extending from Koo-Wee-Rup to Lang Lang. The meeting asked the secretary to write to VicTrack, the landholders, and ask VicTrack about their construction plans and timing for this walkway extension. Brian Paynter suggested that part of the proposal should be a link from the walking track to the new recreational facility in Lang Lang.

The president, Gavin Brock, announced that the 'Gas for Koo-Wee-Rup' project, to be constructed by Envestra, would commence with the installation of the pipework in October 2014. The recently installed pipework for the supply of higher-pressure potable water will be operational in September/October 2014. Gavin said that he would personally contact these two authorities to get the latest news of their progress in time for the August 2014 meeting of the Township Committee.

Sean La 'Brooy, representing the 'Turning Point' Church in Rossiter Road, told the meeting about his Church's activities in organising leisure time for the children of the Town. The Church intends to run a children's evening every Friday but they need a much larger venue, he said. He asked how they could book the Community Complex Hall for this time or maybe some other day. The Church charges a small fee of \$3 dollars for each child and they get 30 to 40 children attending and they all have a very happy time. Sean then described the various activities they organise for these children. Gavin Brock told Sean that the new Hall Committee will be in action very soon and now that MECAWARE will be vacating the premises, booking will be much easier. In the meantime booking of the Hall is done through the Koo-Wee-Rup Regional Health Service via Sharyn Gregory.

Robert Muré asked about the progress for the sealing of the open drains in Denhams Road. Cr. Young said that the Shire Council is still deliberating and talking to the landholders involved about the costing of this project. It is thought that Melbourne Water may be disinterested in helping with these costs so it may be that the landholders will be faced with a special shared charge for the completion of the project.

## **Extraordinary Meeting for the Koo Wee Rup Swimming Club**

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## KOO WEE RUP SECONDARY COLLEGE

Welcome back to another exciting term three! It is great to see everyone and hear about their experiences during the holidays and see a busy school back in action.

The whole school assembly was run by the College Captains on the first day. They did a fantastic job. The College Band played extremely well and we heard from the Musical "Hairspray" team as well. Bryce Zelno, Year 12 Music, played a sensational Drum solo. I spoke about appreciating your opportunities in school and making the most of each day. There is too much sadness and lack of educational opportunity in too many Countries and we are very lucky to have this school.

Pressures to take more students means that we are going to be slightly larger again next year with an expected enrolment of 1050+. The Government's long term projection is still 850. I think that this is a long way away. Getting Stage Two Funding would be fantastic so if you have time please write letters to Martin Dixon and Ken Smith reminding them of their commitment to rebuild the school.

Defibrillator: we would like to get one! We are looking for donations to buy one, perhaps from local service clubs. A past student who recently was given an Australian Order this year, Dr Daniel Norton made a generous donation of \$500.00 recently towards this.

Welcome back to staff who were absent last term: Sue Burhop, Chantelle Pumphrey, David Burford, Ingrid Muscat and Peter Scott. Staff absent this term are Gerard Bourke, Margaret May, Laura Elliott. They are being replaced by Stephanie Rouvrey, Katie Coggins and Jonathan Thomsen.

Term Events: Can I remind everyone that this term has some significant events in it: **August 5<sup>th</sup>** is House Athletics at Casey Fields, **August 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>** is our Musical – Hairspray, **September 19<sup>th</sup>** is the fantastic Big Breakfast.

The Buildings are progressing well. The Year 10 one will open at the end of this term and the Year 7 one with cafeteria and new canteen early in term 4. Then construction will change to the rear of the school where a Year 8 building will be erected. Staff are currently working out what services they want the Library to provide. It is likely that there will be a Literacy Centre and a much more developed ICT Resources Centre for seniors.

The school is now one of 1,000 schools selected from around the World which is engaged in a new program called "New Pedagogies". This program recognises that the World has changed and so has teaching. Students now want to learn in different ways and learn in the digital age. Our school staff will now have access to high powered training and techniques over a five year period.

Can I take this opportunity to thank the community for their continued support. The breakfasts, donations and time people give to our great school is always very much appreciated.

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Kids had great fun in the Community garden at Nature Play in July, facilitator Narelle led an exploration in the garden to pick herbs and vegies which were then used to make beautiful wood fired pizzas from the Pizza oven. Having the fire going was also great for the parents to keep warm and cosy.

Nature play is once a month, with outdoor play, craft and stories in the garden.



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This program is funded by Healthy Together Cardinia Shire



## ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PRIMARY SCHOOL, KOO WEE RUP

Welcome to Term Three at St Johns where we have had a very busy and exciting start. This term, we are delighted to have Mrs Jacqueline Dennis return from Maternity Leave. Mrs Dennis will be teaching for two days a week for the remainder of the year.

The Grade Five and Six students have begun Interschool Winter Sports and are demonstrating an outstanding level of sportsmanship. The sports that students participate in each week are Football, Netball and Newcomb. Interschool Winter Sports will continue until September and finish with the Lightning Premiership on Friday 5<sup>th</sup>.

The School Book Fair, held in Week Two, was a fantastic success and has raised a substantial amount of money for the school to put towards new books and library resources. Thank you to our school librarian, Di, for organising this event.

Other key events this term include:

- Mary Mackillop Liturgy
- School Disco
- Literacy and Numeracy Week
- Book Week Dress-Up Day
- First Eucharist (Grade Four)
- Father's Day Breakfast
- Responsible Pet Ownership (Grade Foundation/One)
- Grade Three/Four Urban Camp

Many of our Grade Four students are currently preparing to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist. A Commitment Mass was held on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July for students and their families. We wish the children all the best as they receive this Sacrament for the very first time.

If you are interested in enrolling your child/ren at St John's, guided tours are available with our Acting Principal, Mr Justin Greenwood. Please contact the school office on (03) 5997 1653 to arrange an appointment.

*Kind Regards, Kristy  
Telford (Acting Deputy  
Principal)*

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*Caroline Roff, Editor*



### KOO WEE RUP PRESCHOOL

We still have vacancies for 2015 in both the pre-kinder and kinder group. If you wish to make an appointment to view the centre or discuss your child please contact me on 5997 1276 or [kooweerup.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au](mailto:kooweerup.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au). I am available Monday to Thursday after 1-30pm.

We are setting up a mud kitchen for the children in the outside play area and would love any donations of metal pots, pans or utensils.

We have received a grant from the Cardinia Shire to upgrade the bathroom and foyer and to add a disabled toilet. Thank you to all present and past committees for your wonderful fundraising efforts. Thank you to the parents who have supported the fundraising.

*Marilyn Matthews*



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## KOO WEE RUP PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### Dates To Remember:

Assembly

2:45pm

Thursday, August 7th

Swamp

Curriculum Day

'Collaboration for  
Success'

Friday August 1st

Jack and the Bean  
Stork - The musical

7pm Thursday  
August 21st

River Gum  
Performing Arts  
Centre

Term 3 at Koo Wee Rup PS will be another term full of engaging learning for our students and also our staff. On Friday, 1st August our teachers and support staff will be joining other schools in a combined Swamp Schools Curriculum Day. Delegates number 200 from the combined schools. The focus for the day is 'Collaboration for Success' and we are very excited to have Sharon Butler from Silent Partners presenting the keynote address. Teachers and guest presenters will be sharing their stories, knowledge and expertise of the amazing initiatives being implemented in our schools throughout the day in interactive workshops.

Rehearsals for our school production 'Jack and the Bean Stork' are well on the way. The main cast spent a day over the holidays working on their parts. A big thank you to both Mr and Mrs Mizzi for organising and running this day and for the enthusiasm and commitment of our main cast. From what I saw, we have some very talented actors. All classes are learning their songs and dances. If you can help with the painting and making of sets, please contact Mrs Sue Brown or the school office.



'Jack and the Bean Stork' will be staged on **Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> August** at the River Gum Performing Arts Centre at Hampton Park. Ticket information is available at the school office.

Our 'Footsteps into Foundation' program begins for the year on Monday 4th August. We would like to make a special welcome to our new students and their parents to Koo Wee Rup PS. Further dates are listed below.

## KOO WEE RUP PRIMARY SCHOOL 'Footsteps into Foundation 2015'

### Term 3 Transition

2-3pm

Monday August 4<sup>th</sup>

Monday August 18<sup>th</sup>

Monday September 1<sup>st</sup>

Monday September 15<sup>th</sup>



### Term 4 Transition

1:45-3:15pm

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November

9am – 1pm

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Our 'Footsteps Into Foundation' program has been established for new Foundation enrolments. The program involves eight planned transition sessions as well as four new parent information sessions. As Principal of Koo Wee Rup PS, I invite you to visit our welcoming and friendly school and see for yourself the high quality teaching and learning programs on offer for all students. To arrange your personal tour, please contact Fiona Pratt on 5997 1272.

# **1<sup>st</sup> Koo Wee Rup Scout Group are urgently looking for Leaders**

Our Group is growing rapidly and with more youth members joining every day. We would like to avoid a waiting list so the search is on for more leaders. It is a fantastic opportunity to help develop and guide the youth of our community whilst having fun in the process.

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# 1<sup>st</sup> Koo Wee Rup Scout Group



Jiggai Joey Mob meets every Thursday 6pm - 7pm  
 Cub Scout Pack meets every Tuesday night between 7pm - 8:30pm  
 Scout Troop meets every Wednesday night between 7pm - 9pm  
 Venturer Unit meets every Friday night between 7pm -9pm  
 Odonata Rover Crew meets on Friday nights from 8pm



## **NEW MEMBERS WELCOME IN ALL AGE GROUPS**

**We are looking for new members in all Sections including Leaders.**

*If you would like to arrange a visit or would like some information about joining any section of the Koo Wee Rup Scout Group; Please contact June Wright (Group Leader) on 5997 1480 or 0439 161 939*



On the 21st of June 2014 the 1st Koo Wee Rup Scout Group lost a good friend and fantastic Scout Leader in Chris Burhop to cancer.

In the short time he was with us (both on this planet and with the Scouts) Chris brought fun and laughter to everyone around him as well as proving to be an inspirational role model for both youth members and other leaders within our group.

To a lot of us, red nighties & chocolate pudding will never be the same again and we hope that we can keep his memory alive in our heads and hearts by emulating his sense of humour and 'can do' attitude. Our thoughts, as ever, are with his friends and family and we will always treasure the time he shared with us.

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**SUICIDE PREVENTION  
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Wesley LifeForce will be conducting a Suicide Prevention Workshop at Melaleuca Lodge – Cnr Princess Highway & Brunt Rd, Beaconsfield VIC 3807 on Wednesday 10 September 2014 from 9am – 1.30pm. There is no charge to attend the workshop.

The program helps participants recognise when a person may be having thoughts of suicide, and provides a simple strategy to intervene and assist them.

If you know of any individuals or groups who may be interested in attending this workshop please ask them to register using this link:

<http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/wl-3143-wesley-lifeforce-suicide-prevention-4hr-workshop-beaconsfield-vic-tickets-12299138053>

The training is open to community members aged over 18 years.

Each participant will receive a certificate of attendance as well as support materials.

Morning Tea will be provided.

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## RSL SUB BRANCH REPORT

Hello to everybody again. Since my last report Lyn and myself enjoyed a wonderful retirement trip to Europe. I don't have the space here to expand on just how wonderful it was. Every country we visited was unique in some way and the history and culture amazing. We did visit the Normandy landing sites in France where the Allies landed in WWII, Flanders Field in Belgium, and the many cemeteries and museums of WWI and WWII. Visiting these sites, especially Menen Gate Memorial and Tyne Cot Commonwealth Memorial Cemetery, proved to be very moving. Australia has 1,353 soldiers buried at Tyne Cot, overall 70% of these soldiers are unnamed and marked with the phrase "Known Only to God". Enough of our trip.

I must make mention of ANZAC Day this year. 1,000 plus members of our community came to our Dawn Service. Truly amazing. Well done to John Camilleri and his team. Well organised and run. Once again the Lions Club somehow coped with these enormous numbers for Egg and Bacon breakfast. Fantastic. Special thanks to the ladies and workers in the kitchen, they deserve a star. Of course, the fire brigade and the torch procession, the scouts and venturers, our wonderful bugler, Darcy Manks, were all fabulous contributors to our day. I am sure there were many others who helped as well and, of course, our wonderful community took the time out to pause for a few minutes to acknowledge all those who served and especially those who gave their lives for our country.

Lastly, the RSL sub branch would like to invite our community and friends to a free talk by Mr Neil Black from the Shrine of Remembrance. His subject will be World War I. He has an impressive display of memorabilia and photos and, as we are currently commemorating the anniversary of World War I, we think this would be of interest to everybody. Details are:

Speaker	Mr Neil Black (from Shrine of Remembrance)	Supper Provided
Subject	World War I and Memorabilia Display	Entry Free
Where	Koo Wee Rup Community Centre	All Welcome
Time	7pm Wednesday 13 September	

Hoping to see you there.

*Yours in service, Ron Ingram, President KWR RSL Sub branch*

### KWR - LETS WALK. SUICIDE PREVENTION & AWARENESS WALK.

This event has just been registered and the organisers are awaiting confirmation.

Date, time and exact venue is yet to be confirmed but we are hoping for Saturday, 13 September.

The walk will be in KOO WEE RUP and will be no more than one km (an easy walk for those of all ages).

A facebook page with has been set up with the title above as its name.

Full details in next month's Blackfish.



### Married Life *ain't no picnic ...*

Wrapped an' tied with ribbon, an' presented with a hug,  
Grandma gave the couple a hand-made picnic rug,  
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So on a picnic they went, in their honeymoon week,  
In a grassy field, by a wandering creek,  
Unaware at the time, in the north-east corner,  
A bull stood grazing ... a niggly long-horner!

They spread the new rug, but before it was pinned,  
It lifted an' flapped with a brief gust of wind ...  
They grabbed it an' shook it, an' spread it once more,  
The groom in the style of a strange matador!

The bull gave a snort, an' pawed at the ground,  
Then started to run ... at a speed to astound ...  
An' before they could say, "as time came to pass",  
Grandma's hand-made picnic rug, once more left the grass!

Yeah, Grandma's hand-made picnic rug, in forty shades of wool,  
Now zig-zagged o'er the paddock ... full of raging bull,  
An' every time it thundered past, ground below would quake,  
Far as ruined picnics go ... this would take the cake!

The couple dropped their pre-cooked chook, both too stunned to speak,  
In unison they bolted, an' leapt across that creek ...  
An' just to spoil their day ... to end this little ballad,  
In their frantic getaway, they spilt the caesar salad!

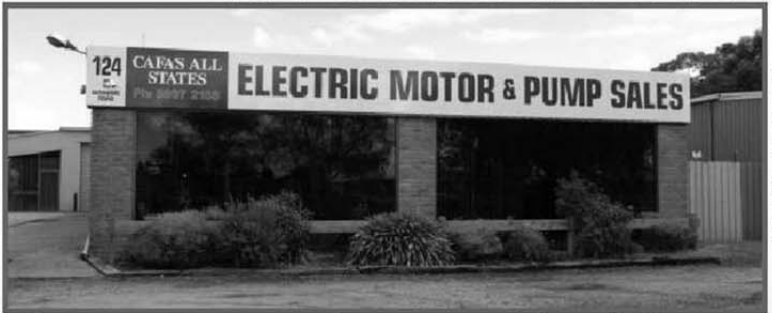
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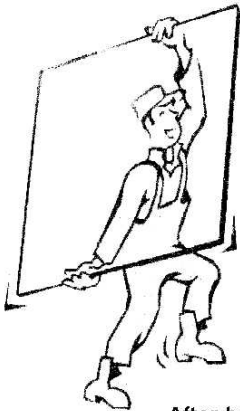
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## KOOWEERUP FIRE BRIGADE

In June this year the KooWeeRup Fire Brigade held their bi-annual elections. On this night Acting Operations Manager Sean Kerr came down to chair the elections in accordance with CFA regulations.

Acting Operations Manager Sean Kerr took that opportunity to thank the brigade for their continued efforts in responding to the local community in their time of need, he also thanked the outgoing brigade management team for their efforts in leading the brigade for the previous two years and declared all positions vacant.

Michael McNulty was again elected Captain, supported by Craig Lansdown as 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant and Michael Huxtable as 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant. Steve Woods was elected to the position of 3<sup>rd</sup> Lieutenant, David Algie Communications Officer, Damien Bassett as Brigade Secretary and Roger Smith as Treasurer and Training Officer.

After her State Championship win last year Kylie Lansdown was unanimously elected as senior coach for another season. There has been a change in the junior coaching team this season. Dean Alderson has been elected junior coach supported by Craig Lansdown and Sam Smith.

Both the senior and junior running teams will begin training in the next few months ready for the first competition at the end of November. There will be further information about the senior and junior running teams in next month's blackfish.

## KOO WEE RUP RED CROSS CENTENARY - WEDNESDAY 13 AUGUST!

On Wednesday 13th August, we will be celebrating the Centenary of Red Cross in Australia !

By happy co-incidence, the 13th. is the Woo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society's meeting night, so we are making a presentation - videos, local history, personal stories, even a song called "The Rose of No Man's Land" (Hope that doesn't put too many off ! Jane Coupe is a music teacher ...)

We still haven't established the exact day that the Koo Wee Rup Red Cross Unit was formed, but the Governor General's wife Lady Helen Munro Ferguson started an Australian Branch of British Red Cross nine days after the outbreak of the First World War. She wrote to every Mayor or Shire President in the country - and we are told that her letter was published in most local newspapers. So we are hoping to find mention in the 'local' covering Koo Wee Rup.

But the Koo Wee Rup Unit is in the records for the (membership) year 1914 - 15, so the foundation date of August 13 seems a good time to celebrate.

We are still looking out for descendants of our first office bearers - Miss C.M. Jack, Mrs. J.A. Morrison and Mrs. M. Hamilton. Please let us know if they feature in your family history !

### **CENTENARY TABLE OUTSIDE 'WOOLIES.'**

Thank you for all those people who stopped to visit our 'Red Cross Centenary Table' outside Woolworths on the 18th. Thank you for your donations and interest in our brochures on Red Cross membership and Blood Bank.

Numbers of people said "Oh yes, I should be a donor !" or "Yes, I used to be a donor ..." Please consider starting or resuming as regular blood donor - we are desperate for blood donations - supplies are low.

And a big "Thank you" to Woolies for allowing us to use their space.

### **BLOOD BANK - ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES AND MAKE A DONATION !**

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Cranbourne (Balla Balla Centre) - September 8 to 12

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**For information** (or to join Red Cross for \$5) contact Don or Lyn Jewell 5998 7734 or <dhjewell@surf.net.au>

## KOO WEE RUP BOWLS CLUB NEWS

Our next Winter luncheon will be at Wings & Fins Restaurant (Tooradin) Airfield on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August at 12.30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend regardless if you are a Club member or not. Contact Rosemary Read or the Club for your booking.

Results of the Friday Triples on 4/7 had the winning team of John Van Vugt, Wendy Titcombe & Simon Koning [Cardinia Waters] score 37 pts. The Runner Up rink with 36 pts. was Ray Brown, Bill Files & Lindsay Wealands [KWR] and the best last game winners with 19 pts & 15 shots were Gerry Fuller, Margaret Scullin & Albert Slefendorfas [KWR].

The 2<sup>nd</sup> last game for the season was played on 18/7 with the winning rink for the day being George Crynes, Wendy Pownall & Peter Dillon [KWR] with 36 pts. Runner Up rink with 35 pts & 14 shots was John Van Vugt, Wendy Titcombe & Simon Koning [Cardinia Waters] and Best last game went to Joyce Andrus, Fred Bekker & Graeme Andrus [Pakenham] with 18 pts.

The Peninsula/Casey Division have released their proposed Pennant structure for 2014-15 with our Club being placed in Divisions 1,4 & 6 for Saturday and Open Divisions 1 & 5 for mid week.



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## SHAPING A CREATIVE CARDINIA SHIRE – KOOWEERUP FORUM SUCCESS

More than 20 residents from across Cardinia Shire came together at Kooweerup on Thursday 24 July, to discuss the wants, needs and potential for arts and cultural facilities in the Shire. This event was the first community forum for Council's *arts and cultural facilities study*.

Guests included representatives from a range of community groups including township committees, arts groups and health organisations – as well as individuals both within and outside of the arts sector. The high attendance showed that many were interested in helping shape a creative Cardinia Shire.

Community members are encouraged to have their voices heard by attending the second community forum and by completing the online survey (hardcopies available on request).

The next forum will be held from 11am – 1.30pm, Saturday 2 August at Cardinia Cultural Centre.

The survey closes Sunday 10 August.

For details on the study, visit [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/artsstudy](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/artsstudy) or contact Cultural Development on 1300 787 624.

## KBA PRESIDENTS REPORT – 2013/14

I have pleasure in submitting this President's Report to the Koo Wee Rup Business Association ("KBA") at its AGM, Tuesday 15 July 2014.

### Meetings

Meeting dates in 2013/14 reverted back to the third Tuesday of the month with some success as attendances improved overall. Thank you to all attendees in 2013/14 for their efforts in getting to as many meetings as possible.

### Highlights

There have been a number of steps forward again this year that the KBA can be proud of including;

- Street Life Grant application submitted via the Cardinia Shire Council on 30 June 2014 (thanks goes to the working group of Beau, Gavin, Cath P and Frances for its work on this item)
- KWR Swamp Tower advertising (Richard for all of his work to get this up and running).
- South Gippsland Highway/Swamp Tower signage promoting a KWR stop-over (thanks to Cr David Young for his ward program funding and thanks to Vicki for the work she did on this which is now completed)
- Easter Raffle (thanks mainly to Cathy and Zoe for working on this very successful project and all of the businesses that donated something and congratulations to Bette for taking home the **big** prize!)
- Web page proposal in concert with the KWR Town Committee (this may necessitate an increase in fees in 2014/15, to \$80)
- KBA subsidised Black Fish Articles and individual business presentations (thanks to all that participated)
- Bruce Robertson from the Victorian Government Business office presentation to the KBA (resources on <http://www.business.vic.gov.au>)
- Super pages presentation – Dale Reid
- Consumer Law presentation – Yvonne Crute
- Final designs for the KBA Membership Certificate & Door Sticker (thanks to Cathy for the drafts)
- Various membership drives (Zoe, Richard and others)
- KBA Model Rules adopted (no changes)
- Referral service for training opportunities and other initiatives including collaboration with the Cardinia Shire Council to improve amenity and promote the KWR business area generally, e.g. the KWR business area Walk Through on 12 February, 2014, parking issues and traffic diversions in Denham's Road

### Acknowledgements

I wish to acknowledge the support of KBA Executive members, Treasurer Richard Roach and Secretary Cathy Anthony for their significant contribution to KBA activities again this year. Importantly, Richard and Cathy's effective co-ordination of a lot of KBA business and other activities has translated to a healthy financial position for KBA at end 2013/14.

I would also like to express my sincere thanks to Frances Grigoriou and the Economic Development Team at the Cardinia Shire Council for their continued support for the KBA.

Lastly, I would like to thank my family for giving me the opportunity to serve as KBA President in 2013/14.

### The Way Forward

I encourage all businesses in Koo Wee Rup to take an interest in KBA activities and help the KBA pursue a number of important initiatives in 2014/15 that are now underway. The changes that will happen with the KWR By pass in 2015 are a major challenge to the sustainability of the KWR business precinct and cannot be ignored.

*Yours faithfully, Peter Smith, President (Outgoing)*

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## KOO WEE RUP COMMUNITY INVITED TO HELP SHAPE NEW ARTWORK

Cardinia Shire Council is commissioning a public artwork for Koo Wee Rup, to be completed in 2015.

Council will soon select two to three shortlisted artists from applicants who have expressed interest in producing the artwork. These artists will then engage with Koo Wee Rup residents and business owners to develop a concept for the artwork by hosting community workshops and other consultation sessions. These forums will give people the opportunity to have their say on the future artwork and help shape the creative process.


Artists will then use community input to create a concept for the project. Based on this concept, a public art committee will then select one artist to produce the artwork.

Council has a budget of \$40,000 for the Koo Wee Rup public art project. It is inviting Koo Wee Rup residents and business operators to register their interest in participating in workshops with the shortlisted artists and receiving updates on the project.

Mayor Cr Graeme Moore said he hopes many people will become involved in the creative process.

“Council wants this artwork to be very much shaped by the people of Koo Wee Rup and its nearby towns,” Cr Moore said. “We want the artwork to reflect their thoughts, impressions and feelings about the town as well as its landscape, culture, history and identity. The local community will play a huge part in helping create a striking artistic feature of which Koo Wee Rup can be really proud.”

To register your interest in participating in or hearing more about the Koo Wee Rup public art project contact Council’s Arts and Cultural Development Officer on 1300 787 624 or [mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au](mailto:mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au)



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## GREEN WASTE COLLECTION TO GO SHIRE WIDE

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Council appointed JJ Richards and Sons as the new green waste contractor at the Council meeting on Monday 21 July. The new collection contract starts on 1 January 2015 and bin deliveries and collections within the new areas will commence shortly after. The service will be fully funded through the Green Waste charge, which is \$129 for 2014-15.

Residents who do not currently have access to Council’s green waste collection will be able to request a green waste bin for next year. This will reduce the amount of waste they send to landfill. The green waste collected within the bins is made into compost and mulch, which is much better for the environment than going into landfill. Residents wanting a green waste bin will be advised soon as to when to place their bin order. Households who do not wish to use a green waste bin will not be required to order one next year, however all residents who create green waste are encouraged to take up the service to help reduce waste to landfill.



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## KOO-WEE-RUP'S CYCLING HERITAGE

*By Andrew Slade, on behalf of the Koo-Wee-Rup Swamp Historical Society*

Koo-Wee-Rup has a great sporting heritage in football, cricket and netball, but is it cycling which has produced our greatest sportsmen? In the first part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century Koo-Wee-Rup had several cyclists who competed successfully on a national and international level. In 1907 Andrew 'AC' Colvin won Australia's richest track handicap; the Austral Wheel Race. With the prize money from the race he established a longstanding bike shop in Koo-Wee-Rup. Today the Austral Wheel Race is the oldest track bicycle race in the world and is regarded as Australia's greatest track cycling event.

Andrew Colvin's success and the establishment of a cycling shop in town promoted much local interest in professional cycling and a number of cycling stars subsequently came out of Koo-Wee-Rup. In 1909 Andrew's brother Oliver won Tasmania's most prestigious cycling event, the Scottsdale Wheel Race and, over a number of years he had a series of high placings in the Melbourne to Warrnambool. Today the Melbourne to Warrnambool is the world's second oldest one day road race and is an iconic event in Australia's sporting calendar. In 1926 another Koo-Wee-Rup rider, Les Eienseidel, had a victory in the Melbourne to Warrnambool, a fantastic achievement considering he was only 20 years old at the time. Les's prize was a brand new motorcycle which was estimated at the time to be the equivalent of an average Australian's 6 month salary. Other competitors in the 1926 Melbourne to Warrnambool included Oliver Colvin (who finished second), a young Sir Hubert Opperman and, off scratch, possibly Koo-Wee-Rup's greatest sportsman Percy Osborn.

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AC Colvin -  
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## KOO-WEE-RUP'S CYCLING HERITAGE *(continued from previous page)*

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Percy Osborn had many high placing finishes in professional races throughout Australia during this period and in 1927 the fledgling Malvern Star bike company sponsored the establishment of a series of 'European style' stage cycling events. In 1928 a number of leading Melbourne newspapers and business entrepreneurs came up with the plan to send an Australian team to the the Tour de France; 80 years before Cadel Evans and the 2013/2014 GreenEdge team. The team of 4 was led by Australia's world champion and future federal politician Hubert Opperman, and included Koo-Wee-Rup's Percy Osborn. The story of the Australian team's participation in 1928 is a fantastic one, and is one of courage and performance at the highest world sporting standards. Under great adversity Percy completed every day of the 22 stages and acted as one of the lead riders for Opperman to be able to finish in a prominent position and catapult his long and famous international career. The three Australians and one New Zealander were magnificent considering their vastly inferior bikes, lack of international competition experience, and that the Australian team of 4 compared to the European teams who had an average of 10 cyclists in their heavily sponsored and well managed operations. The Australian team's French sponsor assured them that they would provide French riders as additional support for the team. These never eventuated which left the Australian team seriously disadvantaged.

While Percy Osborn's role in the 1928 Tour de France is well documented, it is less well known that Les Einseidel was selected as 'first emergency' for the team and that the Koo-Wee-Rup local community raised hundreds of pounds to try and ensure Les went as well. At the very last moment the French cycling authorities rejected Les's registration for the race and in response to Koo-Wee-Rup's pleas for his inclusion were quoted as saying *"it makes no difference if they have 300 pounds or 1,000 pounds ... he is not going"*. The funds raised were subsequently returned to their donors except for a small amount which was used to purchase a travelling rug for Percy to take with him on his European tour. Perhaps with a second Koo-Wee-Rup boy on board, the Antipodeans may have done even better.

On a world stage the 1928 Tour de France is notable, as it was the first time a completely non-French speaking team competed (Percy's Australian accent and humour is referred to in many reports) and was the start of the internationalisation of major world sporting events. The efforts and trials and tribulations of the Australian team after each gruelling stage was reported daily in the Melbourne press.

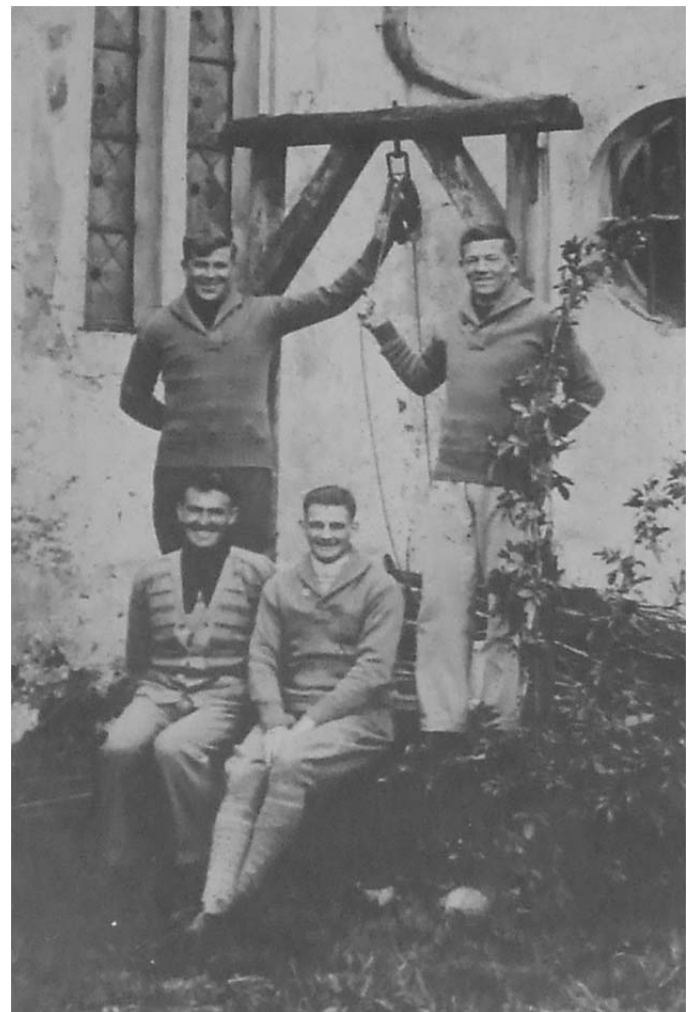
Percy's persistence and determination were key in his success; in Sir Hubert Opperman's autobiography 'Pedals, Politics and People' he remembers the first time he saw Percy ride: *"the seat of the saddle stamped him definitely as rural ... he was a farm boy from Koo-Wee-Rup ... his name was Percy Osborn and against the wind he had the strength of a Brahmin bull"*.

After the 1928 Tour de France Percy lived and worked in Koo-Wee-Rup for the rest of his life, and died while a resident at Koo-Wee-Rup's Killara hostel .

Sir Hubert came to Koo-Wee-Rup on a number of occasions to talk about his international cycling career and to celebrate Koo-Wee-Rup's contribution to the famous 1928 Tour de France.

There are a number of photos and associated memorabilia that pay tribute to Koo-Wee-Rup's cycling heritage at the Koo-Wee-Rup museum including a magnificent photo of the Australian team when they were in France in 1928 and a montage of the 1907 Austral Wheel Race which was held in front of 10,000's of spectators at the MCG.

**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.**



*Australia's team for the 1928 Tour de France, clockwise from back left: Percy Osborn, Ern Bainbridge, Hubert Opperman and Harry Watson*

## MEET THE NEW KBA PRESIDENT

Pictured is outgoing President of the Koo Wee Rup Business Association ("KBA") Peter Smith with Vicki Charlton who was elected as President for 2014/15 at the Association AGM on 15 July 2014.

"Vicki's election comes at a critical time for businesses in Koo Wee Rup with the By-pass of the Town being completed next year", Peter said. "Vicki is passionate about Koo Wee Rup, is a regular participant in KBA activities and has the full support of the Committee for her term as President".

In standing down as President Peter gives notice that with the Street Life mentoring program application to be considered in August and a joint web page with the Town Committee planned for later in 2004 there is some pressure on fees for 2014/15. A motion to increase fees to \$80 per annum was carried unanimously at the AGM.

Peter said that "KBA fees are lower than other similar groups in the region and represent good value as the Committee of the KBA always puts in considerable hours each year working on behalf of local businesses". "The KBA is well regarded in wider business networks and with the Cardinia Shire Council and provides a voice for local businesses to have issues addressed", Peter said.

Peter plans to continue as an active contributor in KBA activities and believes that with Cathy Anthony re-elected as Secretary and Richard Roach re-elected as Treasurer the foundations are in place for another very successful year. "I call on local businesses to get behind Vicki and the Committee of the KBA in this exciting but challenging new phase for local commercial operators", Peter said.



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