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SEPTEMBER 2014

ABBEY'S AFL DEBUT



Koo Wee Rup girl, Abbey Seuren, leads Richmond Football Club onto the MCG before their victory over St Kilda

THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES *(Edited Extracts)*

The Township held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, 6 August. Township Meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 3 September at 7:30 pm at the Community Centre.

'Gas for Koo-Wee-Rup'. Envestra are meeting with the Shire Council this week. Construction commences January 2015. Completion of all work is scheduled for late 2017 but Envestra are aiming for completion in 2016.

The toilet for the disabled at the Community Centre has no indicatory signage. The existing swimming pool toilets are in a disgraceful condition and money should be spent on refurbishing the toilets before building a new toilet for the disabled at the swimming pool. Many bus passengers use these toilets as a comfort stop. Cr. Young said that the refurbishing cost will be in the Shire budget and he will take the above to Council for a resolution.

Ms Jadah Pleiter, Cultural Development Officer, Cardinia Shire Council, presented details of a Public Art Commission for Koo-Wee-Rup Township and how residents can be involved in the concept development. Cardinia Shire Council is commissioning a public artwork for Koo-Wee-Rup, to be completed in 2015. Council will 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 from the short listed artists. Council has a budget of \$40,000 for the Koo-Wee-Rup public art project. This figure is not a lot for Public Art work with engineering, footings and construction involved. The Community Representatives will chose by themes, locations etc. The Council is aiming for Community engagement in October/November 2014. The first public meeting is to be arranged for about two weeks from today; details later. Ray Brown volunteered to be the Township Committee member of the selection committee.

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45 YEARS ON - 1969 PREMIERSHIP TEAM
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Front Row L-R: Peter Levey, Ron Ingram, Des Highfield, Ron Haughton, Phillip Woodhouse

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Front Row L-R: Vince Bucello, Don Wealands, Ron Ingram, Phillip Woodhouse

45 YEARS ON - 1969 PREMIERSHIP TEAM

Last month the 1969 Koo Wee Rup Senior premiership team held its 45 year team reunion. Players, officials and supporters of the premiership side met up at the Royal Hotel before heading up to the Recreation Reserve to watch current seniors team's 40 point victory over Lang Lang.

The 1969 premiership will be remembered as one of Koo Wee Rup football club's greatest achievements in its long and proud history; the flag was the first for senior team in 38 years.

Finishing second on the 1969 ladder, Koo Wee Rup went into the second Semi Final underdogs against the undefeated Longwarry. Other than Captain/Coach Milne McCooke and club stalwart John Glasscock, the side was made up of an extremely young group of local players versus the seasoned team of "imports" from Longwarry. Koo Wee Rup led early by nearly 5 goals but the team went down to a ferocious Longwarry who in the third quarter threw everything at the young Demons. The Koo Wee Rup Sun reported that "A collection for a pair of glasses for the umpire wouldn't go astray" in response to the lack of protection provided to the Koo Wee Rup youngsters.

The following week a battered and bruised Koo Wee Rup managed to hold on by just 4 points in the Preliminary Final against Cora Lynn, resulting in a rematch against Longwarry in the grand final.

Longwarry applied the same vigorous tactics in the grand final and the Koo Wee Rup Sun reported that the Koo Wee Rup youngsters "took more knocks than Cassius Clay" but kept coming back for more. The young Demon side was magnificent and "Koo Wee Rup's youthful team of local boys under the inspiration of



Koo Wee Rup bench just before half time: L-R Dick Florance, Ross Crameri, Jack Dwyer, Ron Haughton, Vince Bucello, Ian Seal, Tex Bryant, Jasper Bryant, Nino Depasquale



dynamic coach Milne McCooke took Longwarry apart with their fanatical approach, their teamwork, pace and determination".

The final scores were: Koo Wee Rup 14 goals 11 behinds, Longwarry 10 goals 10 behinds.

There are a number of team photos and memorabilia relating to the districts football history at the Koo Wee Rup museum which is open the second and fourth Sundays in Rossiter Road, corner of Henry Street.

Good luck to all the current Koo Wee Rup teams as we head into this year's final series.

L-R Keith Robertson (Longwarry), Dave Whitmore (KWR), Vince Ventura 56 (KWR), John Glasscock 21 (KWR), Wayne Morris 9 (Longwarry)

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 Then courteously asked me ... "How can I help?"

Now, I'm just a bloke who loves beer an' blue-heelers,
 An' not used to getting me hair cut by sheilas ...
 More accustomed to Barbers with a masculine stance,
 With nicotine stains, bad breath, an' long pants!

Blonde tips are not for me, likewise a permanent wave,
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 I didn't want a crew cut, or even a stunning mullet ...
 But me answering words got all tangled in me gullet!
 Regaining composure, I replied to her question,
 Politely declining any blue-rinse suggestion ...

A plain blokey haircut was all that I desired,
 Not to flashy or fancy ... or movie star inspired,
 So all around the chair, the Barber girlie scampered,
 She snipped, she clipped, she fussed an' she pampered,
 Sprayed a bit of water, to make the grey hairs wetter,
 Confident, she was, that I'd end up lookin' better!

Now I'm just a bloke who loves beer an' blue-heelers,
 Yet, I could get used to getting' haircuts by sheilas ...
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TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES *(Edited Extracts) (from Page 1)*

Cr. David Young presented the Shire Matters report this evening.

Road surfacing of Moody Street: Affected householders have been sent a letter outlining the special charge scheme that asks for a contribution from local residents for the cost of surfacing the remaining gravel of Moody Street. There is a set process in the implementation of the scheme and receivers must respond and indicate whether they agree to it or not. The Koo-Wee-Rup Secondary College will also be asked for a significant contribution.

When asked why only ten days given to residents to respond Cr Young indicated this was to ensure a speedy response.

Allen Schaefer, a resident affected by the proposed charges, was incensed with the Council's request and with the idea that residents, with no frontage on the unsealed section of road, should have to pay a fee for surfacing that road.

Cr. Young advised that once the responses are received, the Shire Council will review the replies and then call a public meeting to discuss the issue. The letter from the Shire Council is just the start of the process. Cr. Young said that objectors could go to VCAT if unsatisfied with the outcome.

Cr. Young advised SP AusNet has queried the appropriateness of the trees on Denhams Road and the arborist from Cardinia Council is following this up with the developer.

Irresponsible motorists are taking a short cut through the private property of the ex-Bamboo Flooring Company's premises to by-pass the traffic lights at the junction of Rossiter Road and Station Street. Gavin Brock will lodge a merit with the Shire Council. Cr. Young will take this to the Shire Council engineers and ask for strong bollards to be installed.

The proposed walkway from Station Street to Cochrane Park is still under consideration depending on the proposed local development at the site.

The president, Gavin Brock, and another Township Committee member attended the Capital Grants presentation night.

Gavin attended the arts and cultural facility feasibility study evening that will inform Council on current and future needs for facilities for arts programs, cultural activity, arts groups and community groups and offer options for the future provision of facilities to meet these needs.

The Cardinia South Sewerage Servicing Strategy is now finalised. There will be recycled water and a sewerage pipeline built between Koo-Wee-Rup and Lang Lang in tandem with South Gippsland water. SE water now has buyers for its grade 'A' and 'C' treated water.

Potable water pressure in Koo-Wee-Rup has now been increased by 15% since the completion of the upgrade project by SE Water. The pressure will be increased in increments of 15% until a 50% increase of the original pressure is achieved. This should be by the end of September 2014. It is to be noted that this successful project is the result of consultations and direct talks and action between the Township Committee representatives and South East Water.

Sue Van Gaal reported road damage caused by Garbage Trucks at the end of Simms Lane. She tabled a copy of a letter she has sent to the Shire Council.

Cathy McNulty announced that she and her sister are organising a 'Lifeline' event called 'Out of the Shadows and into the Light'. This is to highlight suicide issues in the community. Cathy wants residents to get involved by joining a walk in our local community, from the Fire Station to the Community Hall on Saturday the 13th of September 2014. This will be followed by a barbecue and a balloon releasing ceremony. This event is in honour and for memories of those who have so died and for their families and to raise awareness of the issue. Cathy said she needs to access funds and would like to know how she can do this. Ray Brown proposed that the Township Committee donate \$100 to the cause and this was seconded by Joyce Light. This motion was carried with a show of hands. Cr. Young said he would donate another \$100 from ward funds. Cathy thanked the meeting for their help.

Lou Bucello asked if the Historical Society wants, for posterity, the now redundant 'By-pass for Koo-Wee-Rup' roadway signs. Audrey Mills said she would get an answer from next Wednesday's meeting of the Historical Society.

The local Bus Company has organised a letterbox 'drop' for a survey to ask residents what they want from the Bus Company in terms of bus times, frequency, and extra stopping places etc. The answers to the survey will help the bus company to improve their services by showing community and Shire Council support.

Re the Lend Lease Environmental Community Day project. Gavin Brock will implement the suggested proposals and organise a meeting with Lend Lease to finalise the subject of the project.

Clare Le Serve, the Independent Candidate for the seat of Bass at the November 2014 State election, introduced herself to the meeting. She has a background of Farming and Community Development and is very keen to talk to residents about local issues that concern them. Clare is happy to talk to anyone at any time. She feels that an independent voice is important for the Bass Coast Shire.

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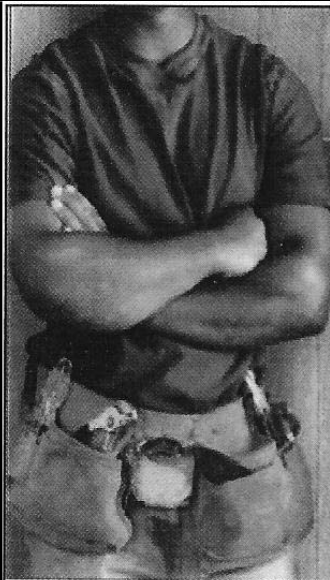
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Community groups from Lang Lang, Koo Wee Rup and surrounding townships were presented with grants and sponsorships at Our Community Company Ltd's annual Community Grants Presentation Night, held on August 12 at the Lang Lang Hall.



The evening event was attended by over 100 guests, including Port Ward Councillor David Young, Lang Lang & Koo Wee Rup branch staff, and board members from Our Community Company Ltd, which operates local **Community Bank**[®] branches in partnership with Bendigo Bank at Lang Lang and Koo Wee Rup.

Thirty Seven local groups, clubs, schools and organisations were beneficiaries of grants and sponsorship totalling over \$80,000, made possible by customer support of the local **Community Bank**[®] branch network.

An enjoyable night was had by all, including Bendigo Bank mascot 'Piggy' who got involved in the celebrations. During the event, two students from Koo Wee Rup Secondary College spoke about how the money their school received from Koo Wee Rup branch helped fund the Motorvate Driving Program for 25 VCAL students. They spoke about their new experiences, knowledge and skills they learned during this one day driver education program held at the Koo Wee Rup Recreation Reserve.

Koo Wee Rup Branch Manager Richard Roach was MC for the evening. "It's a great feeling to be able invest our funds back into the local community and we love to see the terrific projects being undertaken by a wide range of groups," Richard said.

Lang Lang **Community Bank**[®] Branch Manager Sue Carson said the annual grants and sponsorship event was a fantastic way of celebrating the great outcomes achieved in our communities. "Our ability to provide financial support to assist in the development and prosperity of our communities is the very reason why our **Community Bank**[®] Branch was established nearly 16 years ago," Sue said. "Awarding grants and sponsorships is one of the many ways we provide meaningful support to our local communities."



Cardinia Shire Council will host a public meeting about the upcoming Public Art Commission for Koo Wee Rup.

Monday 15 September, 7.30pm
Koo Wee Rup Community Centre
Rossiter Road, Koo Wee Rup

Information about the project and how you can be involved will be discussed at the meeting.

For more information contact the Cultural Development Officer on 1300 787 624 or

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As part of the state election travelling road show, Premier Denis Napthine braved icy winds and rain to stand at the abandoned service station at the end of Sybella Avenue and announce that the Coalition is funding an upgrade to the South Gippsland Highway.

Dr Napthine said a total of 3.1 kilometres of the South Gippsland Highway would be strengthened and restored between Caldermeade Road and Sybella Avenue.

"While patching has been carried out in the past to keep the road operative, this funding will enable these sections of road to be strengthened, providing a longer-term solution for motorists in this area," Dr Napthine said. "The South Gippsland Highway is a key section of dual carriageway that provides important linkages through to Phillip Island and Gippsland. Building a better road network is a key part of the Victorian Coalition Government's strategy to improve road safety in Victoria."



Local MLC Edward O'Donohue, KWR Township Committee Vice-President Ray Brown, Premier Dr Denis Napthine, Local MLA Ken Smith

Road works on the South Gippsland Highway are planned to commence in November 2014 and be completed in the drier summer months.

NEW PROGRAM FOR SPORTING CLUBS TO BUILD THEIR OWN FACILITIES

Under the recently announced *Local Facilities for Local Clubs Program* sporting clubs can improve their facilities by partnering with Victorian Government through their own fundraising and in-kind contributions.

The program rewards community clubs and organisations with dollar-for-dollar funding of up to \$50,000 for small sport and recreation facility projects.

Community clubs and communities looking to redevelop or upgrade their local facilities are asked to contact their local council to discuss their potential project. Local Councils can apply for up to \$50,000 towards two projects. Each project can have a total project cost up to \$150,000. Applications close on Monday 15 September 2014.

Funding is available for upgrades to new or existing sport and active recreation infrastructure which increases or maintains sport and recreation participation.

For more information about the *Local Facilities for Local Clubs Program* and other community sporting facility funding programs on offer, visit

www.dtpli.vic.gov.au/local-facilities-for-local-clubs.



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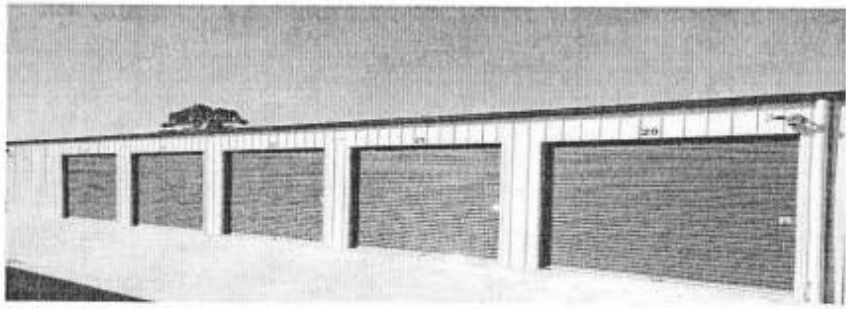
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So far this term, we have celebrated two very important events in the calendar of the Church – Mary Mackillop’s Feast Day and The Feast of the Assumption. We marked these days with a Whole School Mass and activities surrounding the lives of these two extraordinary women.

On Sunday 31st August, 19 Grade Four children received the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time. This Sacrament is the third of three Sacraments of initiation and is considered a great source of nourishment for all Catholics. If you would like more information about our Sacrament Program, please contact the school.

In other news, our Grade Four, Five and Six students enjoyed an excursion to the Old Melbourne Gaol on Thursday 14th August. Here, they had the opportunity to see what a grim environment the Gaol was for past inmates. They were educated on the history of the Gaol, including the execution of Ned Kelly and the objectives of punishment. The excursion was in support of their current Inquiry Learning Topic, ‘Bushrangers’.

On Wednesday 20th August, a number of our Grade Four, Five and Six



students competed in the District Athletics Carnival at Casey Fields. Congratulations to all competitors on their



fantastic effort and we wish the eighteen children going through to the next stage of competition all the best.

On the evening of Friday 22nd August, we had many extremely excited students attend the School Disco. The children enjoyed dancing, being involved in group games, having a Sausage Sizzle dinner and of course, dressing-up for the occasion.

As part of our Literacy and Numeracy Week celebrations during the last week of August, students made a formal invitation to their parents to be involved in our classroom activities. The week’s activities included a Book Character Dress-up Day, poetry writing, a whole school story, a Reading Line and many online Numeracy activities.

If you are interested in enrolling your child/ren at St Johns, 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
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5th September

Fathers Day Lunch &
Football Parade
12:30pm Friday 5th
September

Footsteps into
Foundation 2015
2-3pm
Monday 1st
September
Monday 15th
September

Last Day of Term
Friday
19th September

Jack has saved the day with a little help from his friends Napoleon Beanapart and the Bean Stork. On Thursday 21st August, Koo Wee Rup Primary School presented 'Jack and the Bean Stork', a new musical by Damien Mizzi at River Gum Performing Arts Centre. Over 170 students shared the stage acting, singing and dancing in front of a huge audience in the professional theatre.



Congratulations to our students who shone throughout the performance and to our amazing staff who supported and encouraged our students. Thankyou also to all of our parents who assisted with sets and costumes and a special thankyou to Damien Mizzi for the script and Katarina Mizzi for directing our very first whole school musical production. A great success for our school!



KOO WEE RUP PRIMARY SCHOOL 'Footsteps into Foundation 2015'

Term 3 Transition
2-3pm
Monday August 4th
Monday August 18th
Monday September 1st
Monday September 15th



Term 4 Transition
1:45-3:15pm
Monday 13th October
Monday 27th October
Monday 10th November
Monday 24th November
9am – 1pm
Tuesday 9th 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.

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Scout Troop meets every	Wednesday 7pm - 9pm
Swamp Rats Venturer Unit	Friday 7pm -9pm
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NEW MEMBERS WELCOME IN ALL AGE GROUPS

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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



A Scout is courageous Congratulations to Braydon, who despite all the obstacles thrown at the troop over the last year excelled in scouting and won the Best Scout Award (Above)

A Scout is loyal – Congratulations to Jarryd Tempest, Mark Woff, Caitlyn Downey (below) and Luke Ashby (absent) who were the first winners of the new Avril Coull award for youth members with 5 years continuous service to the group.



Congratulations to Cub Scout Leaders Chris & Bec who have successfully completed their basic training and were awarded their certificates of adult leadership and Cert III of Business Management

A Scout is cheerful Congratulations to Riley for being the inaugural winner of the Chris Burhop Award for being hard working, striving to succeed no matter what life threw at him and making people laugh (pictured below with the Burhop family).

Congratulations to Red Backs Patrol on best patrol (Right)



A Scout is helpful – Congratulations to Lara (above) for achieving the highest award in Joey Scouts, the Promise Challenge. As part of the requirements of this award 8 year old Lara helped out in the Senior Citizens Village.

This month the 1st Koo Wee Rup Scout group held their Annual Reports and Awards Presentation (ARAP) where the group, along with members of the local community celebrated the successes of the group as a whole as well as those of many of our youth members.

The focus of scouting is to develop the leaders of tomorrow and this leadership and team work was very much on display, not only on the night but over the course of the whole year.



Cub Scouts do not give into themselves – Congratulations to Brianna Condron and Black Six for their Best Cub and Best Six awards (above)



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The choir, which will be run in collaboration with the School of Hard Knocks, will enjoy experienced musical directors and some great performance opportunities.

No singing experience is necessary. Just come along and have a go. We welcome people of all abilities and ages.

When: Weekly sessions initially to run until the end of the year

Commencing: Thursday 4 September

Time: 10.45 am for an 11am start until 12.30pm, followed by a light lunch.

Cost: \$5 per session

Where: Outlook Community Centre, 24 Toomuc Valley Road, Pakenham

Bookings essential:

Phone 5940 4728 or email
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KBA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To the community of and visitors to Koo Wee Rup,

Hi, as you may be aware there is a lot of activity going on with the Koo Wee Rup Business Association. To re cap below are just a few of the ongoing projects at the present time.

1. Street life grant application via the Cardinia Shire Council.
2. Koo Wee Rup swamp tower advertising.
3. Web page proposal.

Other items that have been discussed include, quite obviously , the impending bypass which is of great concern to local business, shoppers and visitors (on a personal note, I would like to say that we must remember that the bypass is really a single lane detour, so that although there will an impact and a definite transition stage for sure, it will be a positive thing for the town, with trucks most likely to choose the detour but with car travellers most likely eventually choosing to continue through town)and is something that we will be putting major focus into.

Also the business association is looking at getting some more town signage for southbound entrance to town.

We are also teaming up with the council in an initiative to ensure the good health and wellbeing of business management and staff, it's all about making sure we maintain healthy (maybe the odd muffin) eating plans and fitness levels.

If anyone has any concerns/queries that the KBA can assist with please feel free to contact me .

We'll that's it for this month,

Please take care,

Vicki Charlton,

President, Koo Wee Rup Business Association

0413 384 480

RSL SUB BRANCH REPORT

Hello to everybody. Since our last report we have had a couple of very interesting events. Firstly, we were guests of the Secondary College VET class for a magnificent 3 course meal. The meal was of the highest quality, better than many meals I have had out lately. The service by the students was extraordinary; their friendliness and efficiency was of the highest calibre. We were so impressed we are hoping and praying for an invitation for next year, please!

Our second event of the month was the opportunity to put on a community event last week at the community hall. This was a talk given by Mr Neil Black. This talk covered events of the First World War and, in particular, some of the history on General Sir John Monash and General "Pompey" Elliott. This was attended by a very large crowd and to complete a great night, the hospital ladies auxiliary led by Joyce Mills, put on a fabulous supper for everyone. This evening and the success was largely due to Mr Geoff Pledge and his organisation.

The sub branch also attended the local scout group's AGM. What a great crowd, seems to be a healthy and vibrant group growing very quickly, congratulations to the scouts.

Lyn and I also had the opportunity to see the "Rolling Thunder Vietnam" Spectacular show organised by Nic Lind.

We have finalised the names of the district's 44 soldiers killed in the First World War, Geoff Stokes is now at the stage of ordering the plaques from our supplier. These plaques will be mounted in front of each tree down our Avenue of Honour before ANZAC Day next year.

Lastly, some of our precious members have been struggling with their health in recent times: Rita Mathews, Jack James and Charlie Adamson have all been on the sick list, we give them our best wishes and hope for some better days ahead.

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

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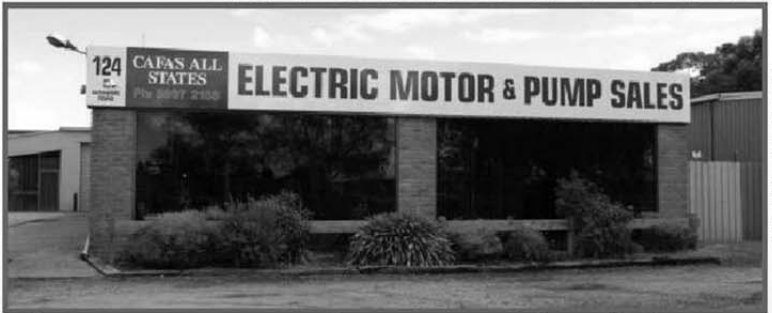
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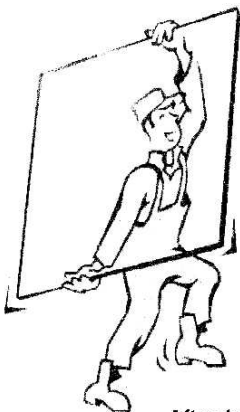
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BAYLES RURAL FIRE BRIGADE CELEBRATES 70 YEARS

On the 6th September 2014 Bayles Rural Fire Brigade will be celebrating not only its 70th Anniversary, but will be receiving a brand new, state of the art Fire Truck.

In 70 years we have come a long way. In 1944 the brigade tackled fires with Beaters and Knapsacks that were stored behind the Bayles Butcher Shop. We then had a trailer that was towed by a member's vehicle and was stored in a shed built from bricks made at the Bayles Brick Works.

The brigade has had a number of trucks since the arrival of its first; an Austin Tanker in 1966 supplied by the CFA, the Austin was joined by a Bedford tanker in 1984 that the brigade purchased. 1986 saw the retirement of the Austin, it was replaced by an International Acco that came from Langwarrin Fire Brigade. The Bedford was sold and an International Crew Cab was purchased by the brigade in 1994. The Acco was replaced with our current Isuzu tanker. In 2004 the brigade purchased a Toyota 4WD Land Cruiser (Slip On). Now, 2014 we see the arrival of a brand new state of the art Hino Tanker.

The day will begin at 11:30 with the official handover of the new truck to the brigade by the Hon. Ken Smith. Then from 12:00 to 03:00pm there will be a community celebration to mark our 70th Anniversary.

At the celebration there will be historic fire trucks, entertainment for children, food and drinks and brigade historic information. The CFA Community Education trailer will also be attending to assist you with preparations for the coming fire season.

So, if you are looking for something to do on the 6th September, wander down to Bayles and help us celebrate.

*Tim English, Captain,
Bayles Rural Fire Brigade*



**Celebrating our 70th Anniversary
&
the Arrival of a Brand New Fire Truck**

Saturday 6th September

New Truck Handover to Brigade -11.30 Am

Please join us for a Community Celebration -12.00 Noon til 3.00pm

	Free Face Painting		Free Sausage in Bread 1 per person (200 available)
	Free Fire Truck Jumping Castle		Free coffee & tea first 100 cups
	Free Soft Drink 1 per person (200 available)		Free Roast beef roll 1 per person (200 available)
	Display of Vintage fire trucks		CFA Community Education Trailer and information

'FIRE TRUCK' Poster exhibition- posters drawn by the children of our community

Come and join us to celebrate this milestone in our communities' history and get vital information to prepare your property for the upcoming fire season.

KOO WEE RUP BOWLS CLUB NEWS

Trish Morris has decided to transfer back to Ashburton BC after a season with us. We wish Trish good luck at her old Club. Our next 2 Pennant practice matches are on Saturday 6th September against Seaford at KWR and on Saturday 13th September against Corinella at Corinella. We had our first practice match in preparation for the forthcoming season against Cranbourne RSL at KWR with both Clubs trialling a number of new players in their teams. This game also appears as if it will become an Annual fixture. The final day of Friday Winter Triples was cancelled due to inclement weather. Friday Summer Triples will commence on September 19th. The Tuesday Triples season was completed on 19th August culminating in a very successful Winter competition. We would like to thank all the players from various Clubs who played regularly and assisted in making this competition worthwhile.

With regret the Club has accepted the resignation from the Committee of Management of John Thwaites due to work commitments. We value the time John gave the Club as the Senior Vice President, Junior Vice President and 7 years on the Committee of Management.

After many years of discussion with the Shire of Cardinia the Club has now a disabled toilet. This is due to constant lobbying of the Council by Pres. Ray Brown.



THE OLD CORA LYNN CHEESE FACTORY HAS A NEW EXHIBITION IN "the gallery"



During August/September "the gallery" will exhibit the works of a local artist, Leah Jane, and artist Ashleigh Maidment all the way from Sale. We invite you to view their contemporary mix of drawings. Some items will be available for purchase and the artists visit the gallery throughout the months so you may be lucky to catch them for a chat.

With each new exhibition comes a new cuisine, we are serving a special breakfast bruschetta (available all day) and a delicious selection of homemade slices for those who want something a little lighter. Of course our Devonshire tea and bottomless tea and coffee remain a favourite and this can be prepared for you on request.

To pre book "the gallery" for your special event email lavinia@westnet.com.au or phone – 0408 540 519.

The current exhibition remains open for each Sunday (from 10 to 4) until early September. The Gallery will then be closing to complete stage 2 of the renovations, Entry to the exhibition is **free**

PLAYGROUP VICTORIA IS COMING TO CARDINIA

Playgroup Victoria is running an open day Pakenham Uniting Church Hall in James Street on Tuesday 16 September to spread the word about playgroup.



There'll be free hands-on play experiences for children.

Playgroup Victoria is this year celebrating its 40th anniversary and is as committed today as it was when it first began to helping all Victorians find a playgroup that best suits their needs.

Playgroup brings children and their parents, grandparents or other carers together in the early years of a child's life. It remains the only place where you and your child meet with other local families in the community to learn through play.

Play is fundamental to a children's social, emotional, physical, and intellectual development. It enables them to learn about themselves and others around them.

As children play at playgroup they improve social skills, body control, hand-eye coordination, spatial awareness, balance and they discover shape, size, texture and quantity. These are all skills necessary for success in more formal learning environments such as kindergarten and school.

Families can find out more by contacting Rita on 1800 171 882 extension 100 email rita@playgroup.org.au

Open day details

Where: Pakenham Uniting Church Hall, 47 James St, Pakenham

When: Tuesday 16 September, 10am-2pm

KOO WEE RUP FOOTBALL CLUB

MEMORABILIA WANTED

THE KOO WEE RUP FOOTBALL CLUB IS SEEKING CLUB MEMORABILIA AND ITEM'S OF HISTORICAL VALUE.

THE CLUB IS SEEKING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING;

- **PHOTOGRAPHS & NEWSPAPER ITEMS**
- **PLAYER'S HISTORY**
- **COMMITTEE RECORDS & MINUTES**
- **GENERAL CLUB NEWS**

SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY OF THE ABOVE AND WISH TO DONATE IT TO THE KOO WEE RUP FOOTBALL CLUB IT WILL BE INCLUDED INTO A FUTURE PUBLICATION THAT IS BEING DEVELOPED BY THE HISTORY SUBCOMMITTEE

IF YOU CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE WITH THE CLUB'S QUEST TO COMPILE ITS HISTORY KINDLY CONTACT;

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KOOWEERUP PRESCHOOL

Our preschool was very lucky to be included in the latest Capital Works grants. We have received half of the cost to upgrade our toilets and foyer. This will include a disabled adult toilet. Thank you to all committees and parents over the last few years for participating in fundraising activities to make this possible.

Thank you also to Karen and Ian Williams for donating a water tank for the children's use. This has been included as part of our sustainability policy. Thank you also to Mick Allman for installing the tank for us.

Marilyn Matthews

HEART FOUNDATION EVENING



WALKING GROUPS

Spring and Summer are in the air and so is daylight saving. So there is no excuse to not get out and about with a brisk walk after tea.

The Thursday evening walking group will recommence as soon as daylight saving starts in the first week of October. So get organised and we'll see you at the Koo Wee Rup Clock Towers Rossiter Rd at 7 pm on Thu 9th October. There are also the K9 Walkers who braved the winter by walking early still meeting every Monday at 5pm at the clock towers, but they will recommence at 6 pm also from the clock towers every Monday night starting Monday 5th October.

Marlene Dalziel (Walk Leader 0429 814410)

Animal Action

If the animal kingdom accepted mixed marriages,
We'd likely see less of horse-drawn carriages;
With kangaroo-sheep produc'in' woolly jumpers,
An' grasshopper-pigs destroyin' car bumpers!

There'd be long-neck ponies, an' Shetland-giraffes,
An' large red finches with kookaburra laughs,
Plus wedge-tail budgies an' rodeo-rabbits,
An' brumbies with antlers, an' deer with wild habits!

There'd be cattle with humps, an' camels with horns,
An' rhinoceros-frogs wreaking havoc on lawns,
Plus echidnas with trunks an' elephants with spikes,
An' crocodile-dogs eating postmen off bikes!

With free-range canaries an' whistlin' cooks,
An' flyin' black emus an' six-foot rooks,
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September 2014

Nature Play and your child



Come to the Kooweerup garden for
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Saturday 27th September,
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*This activity is aimed at children under 8
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Invites all senior's to come along to the

"TAKING GOOD CARE OF YOURSELF" EXPO

Wednesday 8th October
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September 2014

Recently released VicHealth research summary on obesity paints **a worrying picture for the future health of Australians.**

To maintain a healthy weight, Australians are fighting against a tide of environmental factors that are driving the population towards ever-increasing obesity and the associated health risks.

In Victoria, one in four adults is now obese (Department of Health 2012) and, along with tobacco smoking, obesity contributes the greatest burden of disease (Department of Human Services 2005), By 2025, more than three-quarters of Australian adults will be overweight or obese.

The Report highlights findings from nine years of research by world-leading obesity expert Associate Professor Anna Peeters, a Vic Health Research Fellow from 2004 to 2013.

Key research findings:

By 2025, an estimated 83 per cent of men and 75 per cent of women will be obese or overweight, some 16.9 million Australians.

It is predicted that in 11 years, 44 per cent of people with the greatest disadvantage and least resources will be obese, compared to 31 per cent of those with the most resources. Multiple strategies, policies and programs will be needed to turn the tide as Australia is now home to the world's fastest increasing rate of obesity.

<http://www.vichealth.vic.gov.au/Media-Centre/Media-Releases-by-Topic/Healthy-eating>

WEIGHT ZONE

Healthy Weight Management Program

People living in Koo Wee Rup and districts expressed interest in a **weight management self-help group.**
 Morning and evening groups meet to support people who are aiming to lose, gain, maintain and achieve a healthy weight.
 Everyone is welcome to attend.

Venue:
 Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service Education Room
(portable building)

Time:
 Monday mornings at 10.30am
 and Thursday evenings at 5.30pm

Cost:
 \$2.00 per session.
 All funds will go to help support the activities of the group

Activities: Self weigh in and discussions around nutrition and lifestyle issues, as well as other topics based on the interests of the members.
 This group will be based on mutual support, including emotional support with lots of fun and laughter.

Morning enquiries to:
 George 5997 1648

Evening enquiries to:
 Marlene 0429 814410
 or ah: 5997 1860



Seniors Week

6th—12th October, 2014



Monday 6th October
 Walking in the Bush, A Tonic for Good Health.
 9.30am -12.00pm. Health information and free walk.
 Meet at the Kiln, cnr Beenak & Soldiers Rd, Gembrook.



Wednesday 8th October
 "Taking Good Care of Yourself" Expo at the Koo Wee Rup Community Centre,
 12.00 - 4.00pm with free afternoon tea
 Gold coin donation for entry
 Guest speakers and information on Diet & Healthy Food, Living with Dementia,
 Hearing Australia, Falls Prevention, available services, the Men's Shed,
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Please note that Koo Wee Rup Pathology is now open from 9.30am to 1.00pm Monday to Fridays.

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Community members at the defib training in the Men's Shed



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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We at TurningPoint Church are currently involved in a global charity called 'Operation Christmas Child' for which we are rallying to gain support.

Operation Christmas Child is a charity run by the Samaritan's Purse International Relief Organisation. It operates with the aim of providing disadvantaged children from all over the world with a 'shoe box' of usable gifts for Christmas. Donors are asked to fill their shoebox with the following:

- Something to love
- Something to play with
- Something for school
- Something for person hygiene
- Something to wear
- Something special

A \$9 donation is asked for online to enable the donor to 'follow their box' online.

Globally, more than 100 million shoeboxes have been given to kids in need in more than 130 countries since 1993. (<http://operationchristmaschild.org.au/>)

Many of the children receiving these boxes have never received a Christmas gift and their joy is so incredibly and overwhelmingly apparent as can be seen in the footage shown on the Samaritan's Purse website. Our local Pastor, Norma Cayzer,



was fortunate enough to travel to Papua New Guinea last year where she was able to witness firsthand the amazing impact these gifts had, not only on the children, but on their families and in turn, the local communities.

Here at TurningPoint Church, we have embraced this charity and this year we celebrate our 11th year of supporting the Samaritan's Purse. We are hoping and aiming to send 1000 'shoe boxes' to disadvantaged children.

Boxes can be collected from TurningPoint Church for a small fee of 50 cents. Fill them with goodies and return them to us by the 28th September. We in turn forward them on to Samaritan's Purse who ensure the boxes reach the children in time for Christmas.

Boxes can be collected from TurningPoint Church in Rossiter Road, Koo Wee Rup, or from **TurningPoint Church** 1785 South Gippsland Highway, Cranbourne, Vic, 3977 Phone 03 5996 3048

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ROTARY CLUB OF KOO WEE RUP - LANG LANG.

It's been a couple of busy 2 months for our club. Firstly our Annual Presidential Changeover which saw Bruce Thomas hand the reins over to Sam Loughridge late in June. A grand night was held at Warrook with many District and club dignitaries. The new team for 2014-2015 are Sam Loughridge as president, Dean Turner as secretary, Rudy de Jong as treasurer, new chairs are Bob Comber for Community, John McDonell for International & Youth and Hayden Giles for Vocational.

It is custom on these nights to recognise Rotarians that give of themselves to our club and many other community groups by awarding them a Paul Harris Fellow. Judy Walsh was recognised for her efforts with netball, Children First Foundation, community efforts & Rotary. Bruce Thomas was recognised a second time for his many years dedicated to Rotary and the community and was awarded a Sapphire Paul Harris Fellow. Sam's first meeting at Warrook was to be the last we would hold at Warrook Cattle Farm and we thank them for allowing us the privilege of holding our meetings there for the past few years and wish the new owners all the best. We now meet at the Lang Lang Sports Club every Wednesday.

8 members and their partners attended the changeover for The Rotary Club of Eaglehawk to witness former member Richard Epskamp inducted as president of his new club. Both clubs joined together the following day for a working bee at Camp Getaway to build a woodshed.

The club has been very active in July and August with assisting Bell Park Scout Camp in removing a fallen tree from the chapel and clearing a number of trees that were deemed unsafe which we will use for firewood in either raffles or sale, barbecues at Bunnings and Lang Lang IGA, a visit from new District Governor Charlie Speirs, inducting Geoff Reeve back into the club after a ten year break and welcoming Carol from Taiwan who is our exchange student who is attending the Koo wee rup Secondary College. Please say hello to Carol and we wish her all the best in her year with us and in our community.



Past President Bruce, Secretary Dean and District Governor Charlie Speirs at our annual check up



Carol from Taiwan



Rosemary Kruizinga, Bruce Thomas, George Anastasios & Bruce Thomas at Bunnings Barbecue



Some of our handy work at Bell Park

The club is also holding its Annual Charity Golf Day on the 7th of October at the Lang Lang Golf Club. We welcome all players and if you require any more information please phone John Williams on 5997 5358. Funds raised go towards community projects and assisting Carol in her exchange.

Once again we will be holding Carols by Candlelight at the Lang Lang Hall on the 8th of December. In February we are planning to hold another Show'n'Shine and hopefully the weather will be much more friendly to us this time round.

Please direct any inquiries to secretary Dean at either rckooweeruplanglang@gmail.com or to his mobile 0418 574 508.

THANK YOU

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KOO-WEE-RUP BRASS BAND

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

From *Mickle Memories* by David Mickle - April 1919: *An Enthusiastic meeting in the Koo-Wee-Rup Hall resolved to form a band. Mr G. F. Hopkins presided as Chairman. George Wain was elected President, H.D Mills as Secretary and the following signified that they would join the band - Vernon Mills, A. Purnell (the railway stationmaster), W. Ellett, Billy Ellett, Jack Dalley (injured in the level crossing smash later), D. Blackwood, H. Ellett, F. Boag (Frank or Fred they had a boarding house in Rossiter's road near Keighery's old store) Alf Jeremiah, H. Legge, L. Poole (either Lawson Poole of Tooradin or his cousin Lawson Poole of Cranbourne)*



Others who volunteered for the band were A. C. Colvin (Froggie), Harris D. Mills, Tom Jack, W. Holt, W. Dyer (probably the potato inspector) Ray Mills (Vern's brother), E. and B. Coates, Bill Petters and Jim Gardiner (mentioned as the Scottish lamp lighter).

Patrons elected were Cr D. MacGregor, Shire President at the time; J.T. O'Brien, a Councillor who lived at Yallock; W. C Greaves, A. Cameron, E Simpson Hill, a Councillor from Tooradin way; D.J Bourke of the great Bourke Brothers of Monomeith and J. A Mickle, my uncle. Quite a turn up of local enthusiasts to work and assist the band.

I don't know how long this band went for - they were still going in 1923. In 1923, Mickle also mentions the Koo-Wee-Rup Choral Society. In July that year they performed the play *Robin Hood*, conducted by Madame Bredin. Dave Mickle writes that at the full dress rehearsal he took his first flashlight photograph. The flashlight consisted of magnesium paper that was set alight by a match - the flash paper was on a metal tray and went off with a great flash. Dave was doubtful that the first flash worked so he decided to take a second photograph using two sheets of magnesium but many of the Choral Society were so frightened by the first experience they refused to take part a second time!

I was also interested to find that in 1932 Koo-Wee-Rup had a Mouth Organ band, with five performers and with Miss Mavis Colvin as pianist.

Cranbourne had Brass Band, which was founded in May 1899 and we have the Minutes book of another Cranbourne Brass Band which was established on March 24, 1928 - the Minutes book ends in 1934; I don't know how long the band went on for after that. At the other end of the Swamp, the Iona Brass Band was formed in 1909 and disbanded about 1916 when half their members enlisted in the War.

Mickle Memories by David Mickle is available at the Society for \$20.00.

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 of the month from 1.30pm until 4.30pm. Heather Arnold harnold@dcsi.net.au

*Koo Wee Rup Swamp
Historical Society*

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