

# THE KOO WEE RUP BLACKFISH



APRIL 2015

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

The Township held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, 4 March. Township Meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 1 April at 7:30 pm at the Community Centre.

Frank Cramer asked if the recent music event was successful. Cr. Young said it had been very successful and there had been no complaints from the neighbourhood.

Mr Steve Heinz, Cardinia Shire Council, Team Leader, Strategic Planning Department addressed the meeting to explain the recent letter to all property owners in Koo-Wee-Rup, from the Shire Strategic Planning Department.

Steve explained that the letter told ratepayers that the proposed 'Planning Scheme Amendment C189' will make the recently adopted Koo-Wee-Rup Township Strategy legally part of the Cardinia Planning Scheme. The amendment will ensure that any proposed use or development of land within the Koo-Wee-Rup Township boundaries is in agreement with the Koo-Wee-Rup 'Township Strategy (November 2014)'. The 'Strategy' sets out the key issues facing the township, it sets out objectives, policies and actions, and guides land use and development in Koo-Wee-Rup for the next ten years.

A discussion on the subject took place and various opinions were aired and questions answered by Steve. He finalised his explanatory address by reminding residents that if they may be affected, or have an interest in land affected by the proposed changes in the Strategy, they can make a submission to the Strategic Planning Department by 5:00 pm Thursday 2nd of April 2015.

Mr Rob Pearson: Team Leader, Project Delivery, VicRoads, and Mr Luc Colombies: Project Manager, Koo-Wee-Rup Bypass Engineering, Lend Lease addressed the meeting.

Rob explained that the reason he and Luc were here tonight was twofold. First to give an update on the progress of the construction of the By-pass and secondly to discuss the ideas put forward for a celebratory 'Peoples' Day prior to the official opening of the By-pass.

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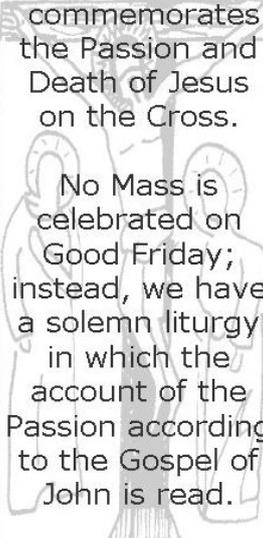
## St John the Baptist Parish Easter Celebrations

Please feel welcome to join us for any of the following celebrations during Holy Week .  
 Our Ecumenical Stations of the Cross at 11am on Good Friday will be held in the Church.  
 We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Easter break.



# Holy Week



<p><b>Palm Sunday</b>                  marks the beginning of Holy Week.                  At Mass we distribute palms to be blessed in remembrance of Christ's triumphal entrance into Jerusalem when palm branches were placed in His path and waved in welcome by all.</p>	<p><b>Holy Thursday</b>                  marks the day that Christ celebrated the Last Supper with His disciples, In telling them to "Do this in remembrance of Me," He instituted the Mass and made them the first priests.</p> 	<p><b>Good Friday</b>                  commemorates the Passion and Death of Jesus on the Cross.                  No Mass is celebrated on Good Friday; instead, we have a solemn liturgy in which the account of the Passion according to the Gospel of John is read.</p> 	<p><b>Holy Saturday</b>                  We celebrate the Easter Vigil Mass, which takes place after sundown.                  We enter a darkened Church by candlelight. During this Mass individuals are welcomed to our faith through Baptism and Confirmation.</p> 	<p><b>Easter Sunday</b>                  During Mass we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.                  Jesus died for our sin and rose again to give us New Life                  Easter Sunday comes at the end of 40 days of prayer, fasting and giving known as Lent.</p>
<p><b>9.30am Mass</b>  <b>St John's KWR</b></p>	<p><b>7.30pm Mass</b>  <b>St John's KWR</b></p>	<p><b>11am Stations</b>  <b>3pm Liturgy</b>  <b>St John's KWR</b></p>	<p><b>7.30pm Mass</b>  <b>St John's KWR</b></p>	<p><b>Mass:</b>  <b>8am Lang Lang</b>  <b>11am NNG</b></p>

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## BACK TO BACK PREMIERS

Kooweerup Cricket Club have achieved a rare feat with both its under 13 and Premier sides winning back to back premierships.



*Demons Captain Michael Giles celebrates watched by WGCA President Brett Armitage*

The Under 13 Blue team defeated Upper Beaconsfield to see them crowned premiers and champions going through the season undefeated.

Also batting first the young champs amassed the good score of 175. Mitch Cammarano finished his fantastic season by making 30 retired and was well supported by Mitch Alderson with 27, Riley Dolan 24 & eventual man of the match Jai Lewis 16.

Batting second Upper Beac batters were never allowed to settle due to good bowling from the young demons and were bowled out for 85. Jai Lewis took 2/6, Devlin Parker 2/8 while the rest of the wickets were shared around.

The club is now on the lookout for new players that want to be part of this great club.

Any senior or junior players interested in joining can contact President Paul West on 0400 652 859.

### BAYLES FAUNA PARK

#### Working Bee

Sunday, 12 April - 9 am to 12 noon  
followed by a sausage sizzle

#### Next Meeting

Monday, 27 April at 7:30 pm  
at the Bayles Hall

**All welcome**

### Frivolous Verbalization on the Foolishness Situation

The penny dropped this mornin', at twenty-five past three,  
An' I felt kinda foolish, I think the joke's on me ...  
*April First* may do the trick, for you an' you an' you,  
But a serial fool like me ... seems *any* month will do!

A perennial fool since early days at school,  
The token *silly sausage* ... the *exception to the rule* ...  
*St. Patrick's Day* for instance, I look the proper *nong*,  
Me Irish jokes are worthy, but me accent's always wrong!

*Taurus* is me starsign, I'm a bull of *minor* note,  
Cos most days I'm guilty of acting the *Goat* ...  
Got water-skis at Christmas, They came without a rope,  
So I've been busy searchin' for a lake that's got a slope!

I've often wound the cat, an' thrown out the clock,  
But I avoid *drag-racing*, cos I don't possess a frock ...  
As a fulltime family fool, it's quite a daily battle,  
They'd put me out to pasture, but it might upset the cattle!  
I'm first to climb the roof, when drinks are *on the house*,  
I can leav me pants on, an' *still* amuse the spouse,  
She said I won't get *high*, if I sniff me whiteboard pen ...  
*But lookin' down from here ... think I've been fooled again!*

Folks may hear my story, an' start to sympathize,  
Reachin' for the tissues, to wipe their misty eyes,  
Throats may get all lumpy, an' tears wil fall in pools ...  
*An' if you believe all that ... then you're the April Fools!!*

*Mal Function ...the Poet Larrikin*

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

Working with the sub-committee on various ideas for a Celebratory Day, a date of the 3rd of May 2015 has been proposed. To this end the following is suggested.

- Allowing pedestrians and cyclists to walk or cycle the road and especially to view the bridge and environs
- Hold the Koo-Wee-Rup Community Market complete with a barbecue at the South Gippsland Highway end of the By-pass with entry at Gate 40. Here there would be a car parking area with market stalls and tents, and also areas for representatives of the various Township groups to promote their activities
- A shuttle bus to convey elderly or infirm residents from the town to the By-pass road site and from one end of the By-pass to the other if people wished to park at one end and walk the length of the new road in one direction only.
- At the northern end of the By-pass road there would be another car parking area and a barbecue, possibly run by the Koo-Wee-Rup Men's Shed

The official opening of the By-pass will be later on in May.

Luc announced that the sealing of the By-pass road is imminent and the following questions were answered.

**Q.** What are the expectations of traffic build up at the South Gippsland Highway round-about?

**A.** Joining traffic will all give way to the right including traffic coming from Lang Lang direction. It is guaranteed that merging traffic will be better than it is now. At busy periods, e.g. public holidays etc., there will be a build-up of traffic; however, the build-up will be on the By-pass road and not through the Township as it is now.

**Q.** What is the plan for Railway Road traffic?

**A.** Right up until the time of the opening of the By-pass, Railway Road traffic will drive up and cross over the By-pass. After the opening, this traffic will have to drive to the Manks Road round-about.

**Q.** Because of continual heavy traffic, the surface of Sybella Avenue is very rough and dangerous. Will the road, at present the responsibility of VicRoads, be re-surfaced before being handed back to the Cardinia Shire Council?

**A.** Re-surfacing of Sybella Avenue is not part of the By-pass project. However, it is anticipated that Regional Funds will be used to carry out this necessary work.

**Q.** When will McKays Road be open?

**A.** In approximately two weeks. There is an issue with Melbourne Water about drainage at the site that has yet to be resolved.

Luc continued by saying that the team was working hard to get the asphaltting of the road done before Easter. At this point Luc tabled some recent photographs of the work already done. He explained that in order to keep a good traffic flow, the Rossiter Road round-about had to be built in five stages for traffic continuation. At the Manks Road round-about, there are still a few more traffic flow changes to be made before completion.

Luc finished his talk by saying how much the project team appreciated the on-going support of the Township Committee and the Community.

Cr David Young advised that the graffiti on the walls of the Community Centre has been painted over. The Grass has been cut in Catani Avenue. The question of the post and rail fence in Bayles Park was raised again. Cr. Young said that he had once more taken up this item with the Shire engineers. No reply yet.

Re: the footpath from Moody Street to Cochrane Park. When the development of the micro-brewery starts, the easement will be signed over to the Shire Council. The footpath will be built during the construction phase of the micro-brewery project. Until this happens, there is no guarantee that the pathway construction will take place.

The question about the asphaltting of the lone length of dirt road on Moody Street was again asked and Cr Young advised that this should be in this year's budget.

Cr. Young is still not sure if the re-located 'railway house' at Bayles Fauna Park is completed or not. He will find out the present situation and present it to the next Township Committee meeting.

Lou Bucello again raised a question about the danger of the junction of Dalmore Road and Manks Road. Recently there had been two bad accidents at the site and something has to be done at the junction to prevent more similar calamities. Cr. Young said that the Shire Council was very much aware of this dangerous road junction and had applied for 'Blackspot Funding' but such applications always take a long time to get a decision made.

George Fittock presented the Men's Shed report this evening. He said the Community Garden is progressing well and he would like to have more volunteers. The Saturday Community morning is very successful and over twenty people regularly attend. There is a free breakfast every month put on for people who help. The youth members of the Mentor program are building a Community barbecue van that in future can be used by any of the Town's organisations.

George told the meeting, that he had been informed by the Principal of the Secondary College that four of his students, who had become very close to being expelled from the College, were now in a leadership group after being involved in the Men's Shed Mentor program.

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## RSL SUB BRANCH REPORT

Hello to everybody. Our 2 major events for 2015 will take place as follows:

1. Opening of Avenue of Honour on 12 April at 10:30 am between the rail trail and the Community Centre in Cochrane Park.
2. ANZAC Day, first time marching on our new Avenue of Honour. Forming up at the Clock Towers prior to the march at 5.40 am. Service at 6 am followed by egg and bacon breakfast.

All welcome and hoping to see you there again.

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

## TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

### MINUTES *(Edited Extracts) (from Page 4)*

Twenty-four young people who are working towards a Duke of Edinburgh award come along to do odd jobs in the garden. There is also a Youth Group on a Monday evening. In total, sixty young people a week are in one or another Men's Shed programs for the young.

Brian Paynter MP, congratulated the Men's Shed members on their mentoring program.

He backed up the protest about the state of the road surface in Sybella Avenue and promised to write to VicRoads to ask them to complete the triangle of roads (Rossiter Road, the South Gippsland Highway and Sybella Avenue) by resurfacing Sybella Avenue before handing the road responsibility back to the Cardinia Shire Council.

Brian congratulated the Principal of the Koo-Wee-Rup Secondary College, Mr Kym Bridgford on the VCE results of his year twelve students this year. They compare very well with Nossal High School, the State Government selective school; the Koo-Wee-Rup students are only a few points behind.

Brian agreed that the advent of natural gas in the town was excellent news and it will only be good for the township. However, he did make it clear that residents did not have to switch over to natural gas if they did not wish to do so.

Brian also commented on the subject of the dangerous junction at Manks Road and Dalmore Road, Dalmore. He said he would personally contact Russell Broadbent MP, the member for McMillan and advise him of the problem.

Brian finished by saying that he is always happy to take on any problems residents may have and get to resolve the situation.

Frank Crameri asked if the Township Committee and/or the Men's Shed members could help by cutting and pruning overhanging bushes and trees in the Town. The answer is no because of health and safety problems and because of Shire Council regulations. There is also an inherent danger from nearby moving vehicles. Cr Young said it is better if a 'Merit' is raised with the Shire Council and then the property owner will be notified and instructed. Cr Young said he would get clarification from the Shire Council's Compliance Officer.

Joyce Light advised that the surface of the Walking Track, parallel to Boundary Drain Road is dangerous to walkers and cyclists. The recent maintenance on the nearby open drain using heavy and tracked vehicles, has deeply rutted the surface especially at the Denhams Road end of the track. Fast growing weeds and plants are also destroying the surface; there are also blackberry bushes flourishing together with household rubbish and furniture. Cr. Young said he would discuss the matter with the relevant Shire Council engineer.

It was advised that the Township website being set up with the Koo-Wee-Rup Business Association is ready to go ahead to the next stage

Frank Worcester asked if there was any fresh news of a new or second sporting ground for the Township. The answer was ... no.

## ANZAC Day

The scarlet poppy burns again,  
The tender grasses wave,  
The bitter almond sheds her leaves  
On many a nameless grave.  
The earth has healed her wounds again  
Where Turk and Christian met,  
And stark against an alien sky  
The cross of Christ is set.

From north and south and east and west,  
With eager eyes aflame,  
With heads erect and laughing lips  
The young Crusaders came.  
The waves still wash the rocky coast,  
The evening shadows creep  
Where through the dim receding years  
They tread the halls of sleep.

O sacred land, Gallipoli!  
Home of our youthful dead;  
How friendly is the springing grass  
That shields each narrow bed!  
The toiling peasant turns to pray,  
Calling upon his God,  
And little children laugh and play  
Where once their footsteps trod.

Mourn not for them, nor wish them back;  
Life cannot harm them now;  
The kiss of death has touched each cheek  
And pressed each icy brow.  
Yet, on this day when first they died,  
Turn back the troubled years;  
Pause in the press of life awhile;  
Give them again - our tears.

*Capel Boake (Miss Doris Kerr)*

Easter Sunday, 5 April

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## KBA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To the community of, and visitors to, Koo Wee Rup,

As an update to the report in the previous blackfish edition we are approaching our 3rd and final class as part of our business workshop and mentoring program. I know that all of the business' have benefited from this program, with the mentoring sessions as a follow up to workshops being a huge advantage. On a personal note I have gained lots of knowledge that is helping me grow with my business into the future.

Our website is getting closer to a launch date, very exciting.

Bypass opening date getting closer, also very exciting, and when it opens it will make the shopping precinct a much safer environment with the trucks being diverted to the bypass.

We know that it has also been difficult for the trucks, with station st. and rossiter rd. being their main route from North to South, manoeuvring their way through our town. They have generally been careful and respectful of the people and the community.

At the March meeting of the K.B.A it was decided that we would 'showcase' a local business regularly in the blackfish. We believe that this will give you a little bit of insight into the business community.

So, let us introduce Cathy McNulty from Right Choice Mortgages and Leasing (pictured right). Cathy has been operating her business since 2010 and opened her office at 150 Station st koo wee rup on the 30th April 2013. As the the business name suggests Cathy can look after all your



### RECYCLE FOR SIGHT

Would you like to join us in this humanitarian project? Last year, Australians donated over 500,000 pairs of unwanted glasses to their local Lions Clubs.

These glasses were sent to Africa, Moldova, India, Sri Lanka, The Philippines, Thailand, Vanuatu, Papua, Solomon Islands, Fiji, East Timor and the Pacific

Rim, where they were distributed at no cost among those who otherwise could never have afforded such a luxury.

The Koo Wee Rup Lions Club would be pleased to receive any glasses that are surplus to requirements. So, if you can help, please place your unwanted glasses in the 'drop box' at the Lions Opportunity Shop, Rossiter Road, Koo Wee Rup.

### USED POSTAGE STAMPS

Did you once save postage stamps and have a collection you no longer need, or do you know someone in this position? Do you have an opportunity to save the stamps from your mail, or from the mail received by the company for which you work?

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needs in relation to Mortgages, Home Loans and Finance. Cathy has been a member of the Koo wee rup business association since it relaunched in 2010 and is currently the secretary of the association, which is no easy task with all the responsibility that comes with the job.

The business association is open for membership to all local business and welcomes any enquiries that you, as a business owner, may have. It's a great way to keep up with what's going on in the wider business community and also local business seminars etc being run by Cardinia shire which is very supportive of the KBA with their representatives attending all our meetings,

We also encourage any feedback from the community with any concerns/suggestions that you may have with regard to business within your community. Please feel free to contact me, Vicki, on 0413 384 480.

Have a safe and happy Easter,

*Vicki Charlton, President, Koo wee rup business association, 0413 384 480*



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- Thursday 7:00pm Darren, Carlyle & Sriyani 0414 084 713
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- Friday 6:30pm Sean 0421 992 371

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## KOO WEE RUP SECONDARY COLLEGE

I can confirm that our enrolment is around 1,010 this year. We have 189 Year 7 students, a slight rise on last year. Our numbers should remain stable for some time to come. There are 13 new staff in 2015.

The Year 8 Building is progressing well and will be completed around the end of April. It is planned that Year 8 classes will gradually move in before the second semester timetable commences in June. It will be a stunning building with many interesting facilities to enhance teaching. Many great things are happening in the new Learning Centres already functioning and I remain convinced we are improving the learning of students through doing this.

The Assistant Principals and I attended a National Conference on "Future Schools" last week. This conference had visitors from many countries and teachers from around Australia. We learnt a lot of what school will look like in the next five years and we also gained an appreciation that our school is well down the path with this future and in fact leading it in many ways. We have come a long way. Digital devices are being used everywhere now and in fact we were told that the majority of parents now expect it to happen!

The sporting prowess of our student never ceases to amaze me. We have had some great victories in cricket so far, stay tuned to hear the final results. Did you know we also compete in Equestrian? We recently excelled and set many new records in Swimming as well.

The Production this year will be Les Miserables. This is an enormous act to take on. David Campbell will join the team to assist in making this happen. On behalf of the community I wish you all the best.

The school will be taking a group of 20 students to Italy this year as part of the Italian Program. We have also been invited to send a group of students to China. The international world is out there and we plan to meet it.

On Friday, 20 March we engaged the whole school in Anti-Bullying Awareness. Whilst this issue has been around for centuries we are always working to make our school a happier place.

Please enjoy the Easter Break.

*Kym Bridgford, Principal*

## THE COLLECTIVE

The Collective at St Georges opened with a bang, or rather a snip of the proverbial ribbon. The opening was a resounding success with an estimated 300 to 400 people visiting The Collective throughout the day. The attending stall holders were run off their feet with sales, customer servicing and enquiries for stock that may be available in the future.

And it has continued to be a place to check out, both for the local community and people travelling through. It has already become a popular destination for people from as far away as Fish Creek in South Gippsland.

As most of you know it's the type of place that you need to visit regularly as it is constantly changing with different stock coming in all the time.

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It's a great place to relax and lose yourself (the writer of this piece is quite often late for work because of the collective!)

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Easter is just around the corner and the bunny has offered to deliver some baskets of eggs, so if you're passing by on Easter Sunday, pop in, bring the kids, have a browse and pick an egg from one of the bunnies baskets throughout the collective.



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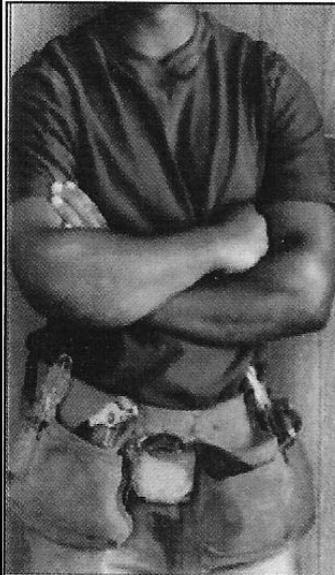
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On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February, students from Grades One to Six participated in our annual St John's Swimming Sports at the Koo Wee Rup Pool. It was a very enjoyable day and great to see many parents and grandparents come along to show their support. Congratulations to all students who competed hard in their events and especially to Yellow House for winning the 2015 trophy.

During the last few weeks leading up to the end of term, Grade Five and Six students were busy practising their roles to perform in our Easter Vigil. The vigil was held in St John's Church on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March and portrayed the events of Holy Week from Palm Sunday through to Jesus' death and resurrection. Congratulations to the students for their hard work, it was a very moving performance.

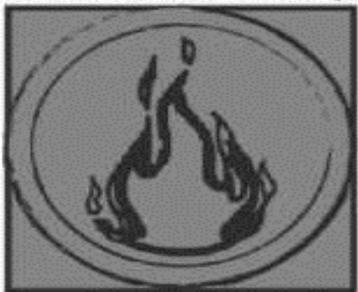


Many of our Grade Three students received the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance), for the first time, on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March. We were very pleased to see students and their families so involved in preparing for this during the weeks leading up to it. Thanks to Fr Hilarion, our Sacramental Team and the teachers for their efforts in readying the students.

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### 'Together We Learn'

Term one has been a busy learning term at Koo Wee Rup PS. We have an increasing number of parents who are volunteering to support our students with their learning in classes. We value parent partnerships at our school and welcome families and community into our school. We know that research demonstrates a strong connection between improved student learning and family partnerships. If you would like to volunteer to support our students in any way, please contact your child's teacher or the office.

Teachers at Koo Wee Rup PS are continually reflecting on their teaching practice. After participating in Action Research in 2014, we have developed a model to use for Teacher Peer Observations. Our teachers select a focus for improvement and through an agreed process, are provided with feedback. Recommendations are then applied to teaching. We are committed as a staff to build on our own teaching capacity to positively impact on our student's learning. Our students also have been involved in providing feedback to their teachers.

Our toilet refurbishment is well underway with this being the last building at Koo Wee Rup PS requiring significant work. From the beginning of Term 2, our students will be able to enjoy a much improved facility. Our fences at the front of the school are being repaired over the holidays and we have a new Greenhouse being erected ready for Sustainability sessions for our students.

### Term 2

School starts back promptly at 8:55am on Monday 13th April. We look forward to seeing our students refreshed and ready for a great term of learning.

We wish you a safe and relaxing break over the holidays.

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Yawn, what a quiet March we had, the Venturer Scouts went to AG (Top left) and donned their whites to see just how messy paint can get.



The Scouts (top right) joined with their mates and visited the Air Show which was just plane exciting. The Cub Scouts visited Korumburra including Coal Creek had a disco and a movie, just to fill out the day (Bottom L & R).



The Rover crew (Right) donned their prettiest Kilts and helped out with the Harewood House Open day and Sebastian was awarded his Promise Challenge badge, the highest award in Joey Scouts (left).



So that's all done and dusted, what does April hold for us?

The Joey Scouts are going on a HOP around the city, the Cub Scouts are going to the zoo, the Scouts are going to a competition camp and heaven only knows what the Venturer and Rover Scouts do.



**Join us and Prepare for Adventure, Prepare for Life!**

Have a great Easter, and we will see you all at the opening of the Avenue of Honour, the Opening of the Bypass and of course ANZAC Day. Lest we forget

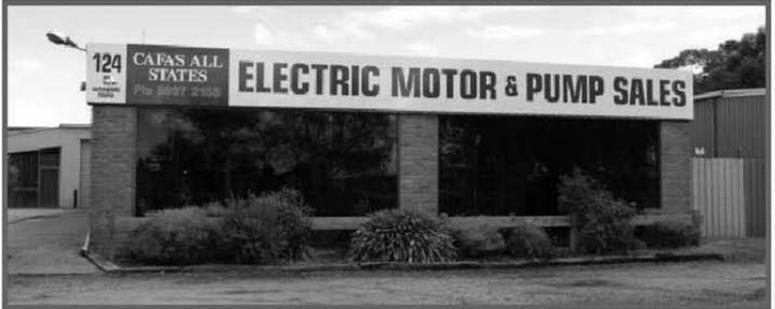


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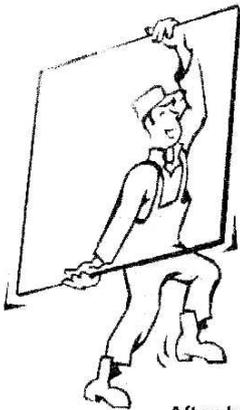
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## KOO WEE RUP BOWLS CLUB NEWS



Our Ladies recently held a very successful Gala day with 14 teams in attendance from afar a field as Morwell & Drouin. Winners for the day were Val Stecum, Kevin Clow, Alison Sutton & Desma Hill (Frankston RSL) with 39 pts & 29 shots up. The Runner Up rink was Maureen & Bob Lamport, Joe & Isabel Deane (Garfield) with 39 pts & 24 shots up. Best Last Game was won by Denise Eastick (Hampton Park), Helen Lambert, Toni Sutton & Daphne Camilleri (Dandenong Rec/RSL) with 18 pts & 7 shots up.

The next round of our Friday Triples competition was won by Ken Taylor, Edna Adams & Judy Petrie (Warragul) with 39 pts. The Runner Up rink was Noel Speight, Bryan Walker & Gerry Fuller (KWR) with 38 pts. Best last game was won by Les Pumphrey, Ron Saunders (Garfield) & Ashley Green (Pakenham) with 18 pts 17 shots up. In a shortened game of Triples due to the weather the results from the next round of Triples were – Winners for the day Pauline Gray, Mary Masters & Lindsay Wealands [KWR]. Runners Up were Ken Taylor, Edna Adams & Fred Forde [Warragul] & Best Last game Gerry Fuller, Margaret Scullin & Noel Speight {KWR}. Results from 20/3 were Winning rink Les Pumphrey, Ron Saunders [Garfield] & Ashley Green [Pakenham] with 39 pts. The Runner up rink with 37 pts was Ken Taylor, Edna Adams & Fred Forde [Warragul]. Best Last Game was won by John Van Vugt, Graeme Wilde & Simon Koning [Cardinia Waters] with 20 pts. With only 1 more round to be played there are still 4 teams in the running to win the aggregate. Due to Good Friday falling on our next day the final day will be played on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

The final round of Saturday Pennant was an anti climax especially for Div. 1 & Div. 6 teams with the excessive heat rule being enforced. Div. 4 made the finals so they will now play in the 1<sup>st</sup> Semi-Final. All 3 games were extremely close before having the rule come into being. Div. 1 travelled to Frankston RSL and were just behind 38-34 when play finished. Div. 4 went to Karingal and also were just down 32-33. Div. 6 played host to Mornington Civic and were narrowly leading 17-14.

Div. 4 went to Mt. Eliza to play City of Frankston in the 1<sup>st</sup> Semi-final and although starting as underdogs scored an impressive 77-59 win. Some brilliant bowling from Peter Dillon & George Crynes supported by Charlie Masters & Shane Green enabled a 28-17 win. Struggling at times and then some great “get out of jail” shots from Peter Stevens but then unable to contain their opponents over the final 3 ends, Peter Stevens, Albert Slefendorfas, Brett Condron & John Hatton were defeated 20-27. The “old” firm of Ray Bannon & Ken Walton were well backed by Margaret Scullin & Wendy Pownall who led fantastically all game scored a 29-15 win after leading all game. The

preliminary final now awaits where we played Mornington Civic at Karingal. Unfortunately we were unable to continue our recent form and were beaten 55-82 to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> for the season. Making a determined comeback after a slow start Albert Slefendorfas, Ken Walton, Margaret Scullin & Wendy Pownall lost narrowly 22-25. A similar story for Peter Stevens, Noel Speight, Brett Condron & John Hatton who lost 18-21. Unable to repeat the heroics from the previous week Peter Dillon, George Crynes, Charlie Masters & Shane Green were beaten 15.36 With 2 out of 5 teams reaching the preliminary final stage this season and Div. 1 being competitive in our 1<sup>st</sup> season in the top level it was considered an improvement again.

A very successful fundraising day for 4 year old Didi Morton was recently held with teams coming from Rosebud Country Club, M.C.C., St. Kilda & Yarra Glen {ARB} Clubs together with a number of local Clubs. All were impressed with our Club and the way the day went. Winners for the day Berwick [R.Benning, M.Garner, D.Bond & P.Ellis]. Runner Up rink was Hastings (1) [A.Worthington. B.Evans, W.Harris & S.Wynd]. Best Last game was Somerville [T.Griffin, M.Ralph, J.Griffin & C.Garner]. The organizers would like to sincerely thank all the sponsors who donated towards the day and the Club members who assisted on the day.



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## KOO WEE RUP FOOTBALL CLUB

### News Update

With the 2015 football season only two weeks away, all the players are looking forward to a competitive year of local grass roots country football

The committee has worked extremely hard over the past months to ensure all is in place for the players and equally important the dedicated supporters who follow the club.

The Demons first game is against our neighbours Catani who have also been committed over the off-season and as the game is at Catani, the Demons know they will need to be switched on from the first bounce. Both clubs look forward to a big crowd for the season opener.

Koo Wee Rup's first home game will be a replay of the 2014 Grand Final when we play Cora Lynn on Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup>. The Demon's hard working volunteer groundsman Peter Huxtable, has put in countless hours to ensure that the rebuilt surface is in pristine condition. The grass cover has been exceptional, which should produce a high-class standard of football in all grades.

### ANZAC Day Block Buster

Once again the Koo Wee Rup Football Club has linked up with the local RSL clubs to stage the KOO WEE RUP v LANG LANG on Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup> at Koo Wee Rup.

If the crowd is anything like last year's inaugural game, I suggest that you put the date on your "must see" sporting calendar. Played under the new lighting system at Koo Wee Rup and the fact that we are playing Lang Lang will ensure the Block Buster tag is warranted.

However the day is not only about football, it is more importantly about the fact that local football is recognising the 100th anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April 1915.

A full ANZAC tribute will be presented by the local RSL and to commemorate the occasion the senior playing group have designed a unique jumper featuring the ANZAC spirit for this historical event in Australia's history.

The football will commence after midday with the U/16s kicking off at around 2.00pm followed by the U/18s and the Reserves. The main game and the ANZAC ceremony will start at 6.30pm and all supporters are asked to be early for the big event.

### Junior Football

The Koo Wee Rup Junior Football Club is also geared up for a bumper season in the South East Junior Football League. Games will commence in April and a fixture is soon to be released. As previously reported, numbers have been excellent at training and now the all the summer sports have been completed, should any boy or girl wish to play football, you and your parents will be made most welcomed at the club.

Training for all grades is on Wednesday commencing at 5pm

For further information contact; Geoff Foster 0418 581 874

**DON'T YOU JUST LOVE THE GAME?**

## Koo Wee Rup Football Club



**AUSKICK 2015**



**DATE:** Friday Nights from 17<sup>TH</sup> April 2015.

(The season will run for approximately 15 weeks, excluding long weekends and school holidays.)

**TIME:** 5.30pm to 6.30pm.

**AT:** Koo Wee Rup Recreation Reserve. Denhams Rd KWR.

**COST:** \$81

- AUSKICK is open to Girls and Boys aged 5 to 12 yrs of age.
- All registrations and payments are done online.
- How to register:  
Visit: [www.aflauskick.com.au](http://www.aflauskick.com.au)  
Click Register; enter KOO WEE RUP into the Centre Locator.  
Follow steps to register your player's details.  
You will then be guided through the payment steps.
- Any parents willing to help coach the kids please contact Geoff as soon as possible please.

If you have any questions contact Geoff Foster, KWR FC Junior Coordinator:

**Email:** [kwrfc@gmail.com](mailto:kwrfc@gmail.com) or **Junior Co-ordinator:** Geoff Foster – 0418 581 874



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Take me to Koo Wee K9 Bootcamp**

**Training me is NOT  
an option, it is  
an obligation!**

**It's not something to be done only once I  
start causing problems. It's how to PREVENT  
problems from starting!**

**Stop thinking about it and call**

**Carol 0412 076 095** find us on facebook



 **KOOWEERUP**  
REGIONAL HEALTH SERVICE

 **Turning Point**  
CHURCH

**Easter Egg hunt**

**The Men's Shed and TurningPoint Church**

would like to invite you to their **FREE** Easter egg hunt.

**Childrens Easter Play**  
(from Koo Wee 4 Kidz)

Free Jumping Castles  
Sausage sizzle \$1  
Cans of drink \$1  
Fairy floss \$1  
And much more

**Saturday 4th April**  
**Time: 1pm-3pm**  
**Rossiter road Koo Wee Rup**

Free Hot Cross  
Buns, coffee and  
tea provided

For more information please contact Sean on 0421 9923 71 or Brian on 5997 9687



## KOOWEERUP REGIONAL HEALTH SERVICE

215 Rossiter Rd. Koo Wee Rup. Vic. 3981  
 Ph: 5997 9679 Fax: 5997 1248  
 Email: gregorys@krhs.net.au  
 Website: www.kooweeruphospital.net.au

April 2015

Hospitals are always busy places and coming up for Easter is no exception as our services such as District nursing, Killara and Westernport Unit are provided to the residents and inpatients 24/7.

Out-patient services such as Physio, OT, Dietician, Diabetes Educator and Social work will be operating on usual days other than the public holidays, just check with them regarding appointment times.

There is always lots of activities happening in the Community garden and Men's Shed so perhaps it's time to come down and say Hi, the shed is open 6 days a week and the garden is available for the community to come and spend time in, relax, walk around and even help out with weeding or harvesting. The Garden operates on a pick and pay system - you can pay by doing some work in the garden or by a gold coin donation and there has been lots of delicious produce such as egg plants, chilli's and tomatoes. Families are very welcome to spend time in the Garden, there are also chooks and bunnies to visit and we are looking forward to having a great time at Nature play which will start again in Nature play week 11<sup>th</sup> April, Saturdays are certainly going to be a great time in the Garden. We look forward to getting to know you.



### Fun and Easy Exercise SNACKS

Being Active is an important part of life – We are designed to move!  
 Moving helps to develop our sense of self, builds confidence, improves resilience and cognition and reduces our risk of disease (Blueearth 2015).  
 Each Generation of Australians are less physically active than the previous one resulting in a Sedentary epidemic. Nearly 70% of Australian adults have low levels of physical activity, while two thirds of children do not meet the daily Physical Activity Guidelines. Its not looking good for our future!

*Here are five easy tips to help you to get off the chair and start moving.*

- ♦ Park at the end of the shopping centre and walk into the shops
- ♦ Skip the lift at work and take the stairs
- ♦ Play Frisbee with the kids
- ♦ Walk the dog
- ♦ Get up off the chair each hour and do a few stretches

For more information  
[www.victoriawalks.org.au/smartsteps](http://www.victoriawalks.org.au/smartsteps)  
[www.health.gov.au](http://www.health.gov.au)  
[www.blueearth.org](http://www.blueearth.org)



# KOOWEERUP Men's Shed Youth

Starts back in

## Term 2

Starting Monday April 20th  
from 3.30 to 5.30

For primary grades 5 & 6 and  
secondary years 7 & 8

Food, Crafts & Games

\$2 per night

At the  
Koo Wee Rup  
Men's Shed

For more information  
call Brian 5997 9687



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April 2015



*Congratulations to Kath Fittock for her 'Services to the Community Award' at the International Women's Day 2015*



To celebrate International Womens Day, staff of KRHS and community members attended celebrations at the Council Chambers in Dandenong. We were inspired by Clementine Ford a Melbourne based writer, speaker and feminist thinker, encouraged by Womens Health in the South East CEO Sue Glasgow "to make it happen" and amazed at the strength and courage of Quashani Bahd. We were also delighted for **Kath Fittock** to receive an award for Service to the Community. This is great acknowledgement of the wonderful work Kath does quietly in the community garden and in providing support to the many groups including the Outlook groups who attend the Mens shed.



**Nature play with your child**

We welcome you to experience play time in our Koo Wee Rup Community Garden with your children. We encourage hands on activities, story telling, group play, smell, taste & touch activities. New and exciting theme every month. Run by 2 local mums, Linny & Lyndsay. Sponsored by KWR Men's Shed & Community Garden

Location: 215 Rossiter Road, Koo Wee Rup  
 Cost: free  
 BYO snack and drink for story time  
 Gold coin donation for tea & coffee  
 When: Saturday 11th April 9.30 - 11.30am  
 All craft activities supplied  
 For more information: call Brian on 5997 9687



## LIONS CLUB

It is very pleasing to provide an update about the Club's Youth of the Year Competition participant, Lachlan Lyons, a student at Koo Wee Rup Secondary College. Just to remind readers, early in December last year Lachlan won the Club level final of this competition resulting in him progressing to the Zone final. This was held early in February at the Tooradin Sports Club and attended by some fifty people, including the participants, their families, school teachers, judges and Lions Clubs members.

Apart from Lachlan, the other finalist was Kareena McNeely from St. Peters College in Cranbourne, who was representing Balla Balla Lions Club. Both students took part in the compulsory interview component of the competition earlier in the day before the public speaking section. Kareena spoke most eloquently about the problematic way the media portrays body image and Lachlan outlined the difficulties encountered by women in certain societies who try to get an education. Although Kareena won the public speaking component of the competition, Lachlan was the overall winner, progressing to the District final held at Trafalgar on 22<sup>nd</sup> March. The standard of public speaking by all contestants at the District final was outstanding. Unfortunately, Lachlan was unsuccessful, but during the whole competition he has done both himself and his school proud – well done, Lachlan Lyons!



*Lachlan Lyons with chief judge, Courtney Milner at the Zone final*



*(L to R) President Sheryl Blay, Derek Spraggon and 1<sup>st</sup>VDG Ian Gration*

At the Club's meeting in mid-February we were very pleased to welcome our newest member, Derek Spraggon, who was sponsored into Lions by Club President Sheryl Blay and inducted into Lions by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor, Ian Gration from Cranbourne Lions.

We all hope Derek has a long and rewarding association with the Club and the Koo Wee Rup community.

At the Club's first meeting in March, the members had the pleasure to welcome our Youth Exchange student, Hannah and her family. Hannah gave a most interesting overview of her time in Japan with her host families and gave the Club an insight into the differences between day to day life in Japan and Australia. At the conclusion of the presentation Hannah's mother, Tania, thanked the Club for not only giving Hannah the opportunity to visit Japan, but also for giving Hannah an experience she will always remember.

It was obvious from Hannah's enthusiasm that she had found the whole experience memorable and it brought home to the Club members the value of the Lions Youth Exchange Program.

Just an aside, for those who bought tickets on sale during the Club's BBQ outside Woolies in February in the raffle for a \$100 Woolworth voucher, the winner was Derek Spraggon.

One of the many exciting things the Club has on its calendar in

the next few months is its Art & Crafts Exhibition to be held at the Community Hall on Rossiter Road on 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> May from 9.30am to 4.00pm each day with all monies raised to go directly into community projects.

The Club's aim is to showcase the talents of the residents of Koo Wee Rup and its surrounding communities. With the support of the Koo Wee Rup RSL the theme for the exhibition will be '100 Years of ANZAC', which will be enhanced with the display of Suzanne Dayble's hand stitched 'ANZAC Quilt'.

### DISCLAIMER

The Koo Wee Rup Lions Club, as managers of the Op Shop, confirms categorically that no person involved with the operation of the Op Shop, volunteers or others, receive any payment, either monetary or in kind, for their services.

*Jack Napior, Secretary, Lions Club of Koo Wee Rup & District*

## THAT HAVEN UNDER THE HILLS: MEMOIRS OF YALLOCK VILLAGE 1928-1940 BY FREDA THOMAS

The Historical Society has a small booklet written by Freda Thomas about her time spent living in Yallock. The Thomas family - father Wallace, mother Louise and daughter Freda, had been living on a farm in Caldermeade when, due to the Depression, the landlord had to sell the farm so the family had to move and they began searching for a property. What follows are some of Freda's memories. I have transcribed it in the same manner that it was written. Heather Arnold.

'There's a fifty acre farm for lease at Yallock Village', said Uncle Tony Pellissier, who then lived near the Yallock Creek on the Koo-wee-Rup Swamp.

The said property was situated on O'Briens Road, near the Yallock Hall, advised Mr Albert Woodman, Land Agent in Koo-Wee-Rup township.

We motored out to inspect the farm and assess the possibilities in August 1928.

Yes, there it was, almost square in survey with surface fall to the back - creek direction to roadside frontage - a 5 roomed weatherboard house with a high 'snow thrown' corrugated iron roof and surrounded by an orchard of 'mixed' fruit trees. Further to explore big hay and milking sheds.

Acreage expanse also boasted 4 ironbark gum trees and 2 small conifers for shade and a boxthorn hedge for a



*Yallock State School in 1987 (now demolished)*

pursue dairy farming this would be suitable ground cover.

After much parental discussion and deliberation - 'this farm is exactly what we need' said my father - the one who made decisions - and he proved to be so right.

We moved into 'Avalon Park' on 6<sup>th</sup> October 1928. It was a beautiful spring day and as we gazed at the distant blue hills forming a half loop around the area, we were positive that we found our 'Haven under the hills'.

I, Freda May, soon settled in at the local school, about 30 pupils.

One schoolroom for all grades and one teacher, at that time Mr Harry Stride. He and his wife lived in the adjacent schoolhouse. The land block was about 2 acres in area and included playing area with tennis courts (2) shelter shed and a pony paddock (as many scholars travelled to school on horseback) Later teachers were Mr William Wilson and Thomas Dunne - temporary teacher was F.H Duffy.

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windbreak. Mid farm an antique windmill delivered waterstream from a bore. Pasture was poor - weeds mostly as the land had been ploughed in an attempt to grow root crops (potatoes)

Strangely, at a distance of half a kilometre the soil changes to a famous 'swamp peat strip', where many greatly productive potato crops were later grown. This was heavy clay soil and proved to be unsuitable for cultivation but with appropriate drainage and planned attention to topsoil would be ideal for growth of rye grass and clovers. As my parents intended to

*Please join us for an afternoon of*



*Old Time Dancing*

*Next Dance*  
*1pm - 4pm*  
*on Wednesday, 8 April*

*at Koo Wee Rup Senior Citizens Club*  
*Icke Road, Koo Wee Rup*

*Bring a partner or come on your own*

***Everyone welcome***

## THAT HAVEN UNDER THE HILLS: MEMOIRS OF YALLOCK VILLAGE 1928-1940 BY FREDA THOMAS *(from previous page)*

Local social areas also included a Large Public Hall with Soldiers Memorial Hall (1914-1918) attached (big hall later removed to Bayles), the Anglican Church (St Saviours) a Methodist Church and the Yallock Village Post Office was housed in a room at the home of Mr Richard Games. 'Post Office' was identified by a large red Posting Box at the gate - but in my memory always housed a hive of very active bees!!

School, Hall, Churches and Post Office were all situated some distances apart - School on School Road, Hall on Hall Road, Anglican Church on Games Lane and Methodist Church on Hall Road, half a mile from the Hall.

As a child I never could see the reason for this spread of buildings except to believe early settlers had expected a great city to develop in the years ahead. Later it was revealed that the donations of land by various settlers had dictated the building sites.

My parents soon went about their plans and endeavour to improve our farm buildings and pasture and establish a profitable way of life, erstwhile wrestling with attendant economic problems of the times which were many and extreme

We soon began to meet and know our neighbours and local community. As it was a farming area we had all in



*Yallock State School pupils in 1933 - the tall girl in the centre may be Freda Thomas*

common with shared problems. Very few people had cars, a few Fords and Chevrolets (4 cylinder jobs - indestructible engines) soft tops (£190 to purchase; petrol 29c per gallon.)

Horse drawn jinkers, bicycles or even walking was the general rule for visiting or business trips.

Meeting grounds socially were at Church or local hall. The latter being venue of bi-monthly Euchre Party (cards) and Dance (old -time!) or Christmas tree annual celebration. These occasions were organised by the ladies of the Church Guild or School Mothers Club and caused great excitement. Everyone attended; all ages came to enjoy the time spent together.

People visited from Catani, Bayles, Yannathan and Koo-Wee-Rup but it was evident that a definite Yallock Community existed. Those included came from an easily defined areas of about 50 farms.

**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.

### Koo-Wee-Rup Swamp Historical Society Annual Luncheon

Guest speaker is  
**Lambis Englezos, AM**

### Lost Soldiers of Fromelles

Lambis was part of the team responsible for discovering the graves of the 250 lost Australian soldiers from the Battle of Fromelles.

Sunday, May 24 2015 from 12 noon.

Community Centre, Rossiter Road

\$25.00 per head. BYO Drinks and glasses.

RSVP by May 20 to Audrey Mills on 5997 1357 or Heather Arnold 0407 521 637

[harnold@dcsi.net.au](mailto:harnold@dcsi.net.au)



Koo Wee Rup and District  
**AVENUE OF HONOUR**  
 Official Opening and Dedication

12<sup>th</sup> April 2015 10.30am  
 Cochrane Park  
 Rossiter Rd, near the  
 Community Centre



Come and join us as we proudly open our Avenue of Honour and unveil the plaques commemorating the death of our District's 40 servicemen, who made the supreme sacrifice for our country 100 years ago.

Following the opening there will be a morning tea in the Community Hall and a display of memorabilia. All welcome.

*Lest We Forget*



## ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE

**Saturday, 25 April**

5:40 am – Form up at Clock Towers

5:50 am – March to Cenotaph

6:00 am – Dawn Service

Followed by Breakfast

*Please come and join us for our march from the clock towers and ceremony at our War Memorial in Cochrane Park.*

*This will be a tribute to all those who served and in particular those who lost their lives for our great nation.*

*We encourage everyone to join our march, especially children.*

*We encourage medals of relatives to be worn.*

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 APRIL 18  
 10AM-12PM

**Family fun day**  
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**Koo Wee Rup Uniting Church are hosting a**

# GARAGE SALE

on Saturday, 2 May 2014  
 from 8.30am onwards

at the Uniting Church, Rossiter Road  
 Koo Wee Rup

**Loads of Bargains**

**and a Sausage Sizzle**

