

THE KOO WEE RUP BLACKFISH



AUGUST 2015

CWA - A NEW BEGINNING

Last month over 40 local women met at the Community Centre to discuss the formation of a branch of the Country Women's Association in Koo Wee Rup. Three long time CWA members spoke of the CWAs commitment to community service especially with regard to women and children and of the friendships they had made through their work with the CWA. After a lengthy question and answer session, the meeting agreed to form a local CWA branch and office bearers were elected: President - Joss Larsen, Secretary - Rebecca Worthington and Treasurer - Kershel Elliott. Meetings will be held on the first Monday of each month at 7.30pm at the CFA building in Moody Street. The first meeting will be on Monday, 3 August. You can contact the local branch on kwrcwa@outlook.com, or you can call Joss on 5997 1005 in the evening.



*Rebecca Worthington (Secretary), Kershel Elliott (Treasurer)
and Joss Larsen (President)*

KWR has an early connection with the CWA; Mrs Patterson of Koo-wee-rup was an inaugural committee member of the Victorian branch in 1928. By 1930, according to 'more mickle memories of koo-wee-rup' she was the president of the KooWeeRup branch which was described as 'an active group'.

The KWR CWA branch closed in the late 1960s



THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Edited Extracts)

The Township held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, 1 July. Township Meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 5 August at 7:30 pm at the Community Centre.

KWR Resident Geoff Stokes will join local federal member Greg Hunt on his 500km Walk for Autism. Geoff will walk from Koo Wee Rup to Catani via Bayles. The Committee voted to donate \$200 to the Walk for Autism to support Geoff.

The President, Ray Brown, has followed up with Council about the number of tennis courts provided for Koo Wee Rup. Council said there is no Tennis Club and two courts are suitable for the current population. Ray will pursue this further.

Ray talked about the fall away of land from the concrete footings surrounding the community centre. He feels these are dangerous and will speak to council about putting more dirt next to the concrete and, possibly, laying instant turf on top to stop erosion.

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Koo Wee Rup branch



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KOO WEE RUP UNIT HISTORY

Koo Wee Rup Red Cross celebrated its centenary of community service on Tuesday 7th. July with a small ceremony at the Koo Wee Rup War Memorial and a commemorative lunch for members and friends.

Members of the Unit, which was founded on 7th. July 1915 met at the Koo Wee Rup War Memorial and laid some flowers in memory of all those who have served the community with Red Cross since 1915. They then enjoyed lunch together at 'The Chandelier Cafe' in Station Street, Koo Wee Rup.

The group's Secretary Don Jewell said that although Red Cross was not a military organisation, it was originally founded to give medical aid to wounded soldiers, and the town's magnificent War Memorial seemed the place to mark the occasion. A recent TV series explained how Red Cross nurses worked near the front line in the First World War.

Mr. Jewell noted that a news item in the Lang Lang Gazette of 21st. 1915 reported that a meeting in the Koo Wee Rup Hall had decided to form a branch of the Red Cross Society. Mrs. J.A. Morrison was the first President, Miss C. Jack - Secretary and Miss O'Riordan - Treasurer. The Committee consisted of Mesdames Eason, Colvin, Mc Namara, Hudson, Dunlop and Mahon. A "plain and fancy dress ball" was planned in aid of Red Cross funds.

The unit made a presentation to the Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society in 2014 to celebrate Centenary of Red Cross Australia - which was founded just nine days after the outbreak of World War One. Early records of the group are stored in the Society's Koo Wee Rup museum.

Koo Wee Rup Red Cross would be pleased to make contact with descendants of the original members. In 1943, the Unit had a membership of 261 - who paid 2/- each (20 Cents) - a total of £26-2-0 (\$13-20)

The service of the Koo Wee Rup Red Cross has not been continuous, having been active during the First World War (1914-19), the Second World War (from 1928 to 1949) and then continuously from 1962 up to the present day. But members consider that the centenary of the groups foundation is worthy of celebration.

Although the Koo Wee Rup Unit was formed in July 1915, the Unit has not operated continuously.

The First Koo Wee Rup Unit operated from 1915 to 1919 (which of course includes the First World War) It ceased to operate at the end of what was called "The War to end all wars."

The Unit was reformed in 1928 (first President Mrs. Tuffin, first Hon. Secretary Mrs. O'Riordan). This Second Koo Wee Rup Unit operated until 1949 (which included the Second World War) and in 1943-44 had 261 members who paid a subscription of 2/- (20 cents)! This Unit supported the "Koo Wee Rup Fallen Soldiers Memorial Hospital," as well as other Red Cross causes. It was disbanded in May 1949.

The present (and Third) Unit was reformed in 1962 with Mrs. Kath Burton as President, Mrs. Betty Huntingford as Hon. Secretary and Mrs. R. Whan as Hon. Treasurer. Koo Wee Rup Red Cross Unit celebrated its Golden Jubilee (1962 to 2012) in November 2012

Because of reduced numbers, the group is now known as a "Friends of Red Cross Unit' but is still active raising funds for Red Cross, helping to support the Red Cross Blood Bank, knitting 'Trauma Teddies' and providing service at emergencies such as fire and flood. Red Cross had organised registration, catering and emergency catering for bush fires, floods and cyclones in Australia as well as overseas emergencies - in co-operation with Red Crescent.

We invite you to join The Koo Wee Rup District Friends of Red Cross and continue the work of this world wide humanitarian organisation into its second century in the Koo Wee Rup district.

For further information contact: Don Jewell, dhwjewell@surf.net.au , 5998 7734

Lang Lang Guardian (Vic. : 1914 - 1918), Wednesday 21 July 1915, page 2

Kooweerup.

At a representative meeting held in the Kooweerup Hall on the 7th inst. it was decided to form a branch of the Red Cross Society. Mrs S. Kennedy, President of the Dandenong branch, kindly attended and explained the object of the Society. Mrs J. A. Morrison was appointed President, Miss C. Jack Secretary, and Miss O'Riordan Treasurer. Committee—Mesdames Eason, Colvin, McNamara, Hudson, Misses Dunlop and Mahon.

The plain and fancy dress ball on Friday night in aid of Red Cross funds promises to be a great success.

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

Frank Cramer has tried to contact Wayne Spencer to discuss the possibility of bringing forward the building of the public walkway between the rail trail and Station Street next to Woolworths. Wayne is away for 4 weeks so the matter has been deferred until his return.

Joyce Light advised that there is a lot of rubbish around the rail trail near the exercise equipment in Cochrane Park and asked whether a rubbish bin could be installed. David McPherson said that there is a similar problem on the other end of the rail trail near the end of the bus station. Council is currently performing an audit of bins across the shire to decide on appropriate placement. Joyce will lodge a merit request to ask for bins on the rail trail so they can be considered as part of the audit.

Joyce Light advised that the footpath outside Gippsland Truck Parts on Moody Street is still in need of repair. Joyce will lodge a merit request with Council to address this.

David McPherson asked if anyone had further information on the new local laws about the new limit of 5 birds per property in residential areas. He keeps pigeons and wondered if they were subject to the new limit. Members present thought that the law referred to livestock birds, such as poultry, but David was advised to contact Council directly to confirm this.

Cathy McNulty advised that the Koo Wee Rup Fire Brigade will be hosting the Eastern Districts Running Competition again in January 2016.

David McPherson asked about the piles of mulch around the trees in the Avenue of Honour in Cochrane Park. He believed that placing mulch against the trunks of the trees would cause them to rot. Gus Moore will lodge a merit with Council about the trees.

Draft Western Port Green Wedge Management Plan



Have your say!

The draft Western Port Green Wedge Management Plan is a strategic framework which will guide the planning of the southern primarily rural areas of the City of Casey and the Cardinia Shire over the next 20 years.

Council wants to hear from you

- Have we got the balance right?
- How should the area be developed?
- What should be protected?
- What should be Council's priorities?

How to get involved

Come along to a community workshop on:

Date: Monday 17 August 2015

Time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Venue: Koo Wee Rup Community Hall Function Room - 215-235 Rossiter Road, Koo Wee Rup
or

Date: Thursday 27 August 2015

Time: 2pm – 4pm

Venue: Garfield Community Hall - Beswick Street, Garfield

**Please note both workshop sessions have the same content.*

Please RSVP by calling 1300 787 624 or email strategic@cardinia.vic.gov.au

Visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay for more information and to review the draft document.

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Wesley LifeForce will be conducting a Suicide Prevention Workshop at Outlook Community Centre – 24 Toomuc Valley Rd, Pakenham VIC 3810 on Thursday 3 September 2015 from 9.30 am – 1.30pm. There is no charge to attend the workshop.

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

If you know of any individuals or groups who may be interested in attending this workshop please ask them to go to www.eventbrite.com.au to register and search for 'LifeForce'.

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

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

Morning Tea will be provided.

Wesley LifeForce Suicide Prevention Program Phone: 1800 100 024.



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Thursdays commencing 13 August for 2 sessions

6.30pm - 9.00pm Cost: \$15

MYOB Payroll

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Thursdays commencing 10 September for 2 sessions

9.30am - 12.30pm Cost: \$60

\$20 if you have done MYOB course at Outlook in 2015

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Saturday 12 September

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Mondays commencing 10 August for 6 sessions

1.00pm - 4.00pm Cost: \$20 plus manual \$10

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Ladies only: 12.00pm - 1.00pm OR

Mixed: 1.00pm - 2.00pm

Tuesdays commencing 28 July for 4 sessions OR

Tuesdays commencing 25 August for 4 sessions

Cost: \$50 for 4 sessions

Disability Awareness

A good insight to those wishing to enter the disability field, or even updating your skills, and includes gaining a better understanding of what is a disability, models for support and ways of interacting with people with a disability.

Thursday 3 September 6.30pm - 9.30pm OR

Friday 4 September 10.00am - 2.30pm

Cost: \$5

Provide First Aid (HLTAID003)

Gain skills and knowledge to provide first aid response to a casualty in the workplace, at sports events and the home. A workbook is completed prior to class.

Monday 14 September OR Monday 28 September

9.30am - 4.30pm Cost: \$180 per session



KOO WEE RUP PUBLIC ART LAUNCH AND NAMING COMPETITION

The Koo Wee Rup Public Art sculpture has finally been installed in Cochrane Park! Thank-you to all the residents and community members who contributed to this great work. A big thank-you also to those residents who entered the Public Art naming competition. There were many well thought out, quality entries submitted making for some great discussion followed by a difficult decision. All residents are invited to attend the official launch of the sculpture and the announcement of the competition winner on Wednesday August 19th at 1pm at Cochrane Park. We hope to see you there!

To RSVP for this event please contact Jadah Pleiter Cultural Development Officer Cardinia Shire Council Ph: 1300787624 or Email: arts@cardinia.com.au

WHAT WAS THAT AIR RAID SIREN?

July 2015

It was the Koo Wee Rup Fire Brigade back up siren to alert all of the volunteers to attend the station for a turn out call. It's also used to let the local community know we are about to be out and about on a call.

- 24/6/15 – False Alarm - Sth Gippsland Hwy Tooradin
- 28/6/15 – Car Fire – Koo Wee Rup bypass Koo Wee Rup
- 28/6/15 – Car leaking gas – Koo Wee Rup bypass Koo Wee Rup
- 8/7/15 – Kitchen Fire – Icke Rd Koo Wee Rup
- 8/7/15 – Automatic Alarm – KWR Secondary College
- 8/7/15 – Car accident – Cnr Sth Gippsland Hwy and Sybella Ave Koo Wee Rup
- 23/7/15 – Truck and Bus accident – Cnr KWR Rd and Mckays Rd Koo Wee Rup

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- How they will exit from upstairs if your home has a second storey
- An agreed-upon meeting place outside, such as the letterbox
- How they will call Triple Zero (000)

Children are less likely than adults to wake up to the sound of a smoke alarm. Think about how you might be able to reach children's bedrooms if regular access is blocked by fire.

Download and print a home fire escape plan template to help create your plan here http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/fm_files/attachments/plan_and_prepare/escape_plan_template.pdf



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This month we had our first Whole School Assembly since October 2014. During construction we had to have two assemblies in the Hall but on this occasion we could return to the pattern of a Whole School One. It was a great event and run by the School Leaders. The Captains and Vice Captains started the Assembly and other captains of Performing Arts, Sport and Sustainability ran various sections. The Senior Choir led us in the National Anthem and also sang a solo later. It was a great assembly.

On July 24th the Staff have Professional development. Hawker Brownlow will be presenting to them on how to run the Learning Communities more effectively.

We have the Musical this term, "Les Miserables" which is now online for ticket sales.

I have stressed to the whole school to continue their education as much as they can. We would like students to finish Year 12 or its equivalent if they can. During this term I encourage parents to take their students to Open Days and Careers Expo's where they can find out career options. Often a day out asking questions is a fantastic way of motivating students to see their futures.

Koo Wee Rup SC is a school for all. Recently we have had our students competing in Equestrian events and even Clay Shooting as well as the traditional sports. This is great to see. It is also fantastic that we do so well. Our facebook site has many of these successful reports in pictures.

I welcome new Principals to a number of local primary schools AT KWR: Nick Schneider, Lang Lang: Rebecca Knight and Tooradin: John Mace. There has been a lot of change in recent years!

Kym Bridgford, Principal

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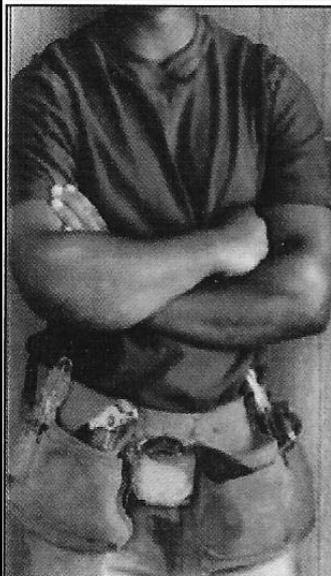
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Over the first two days of term, our staff enjoyed some outstanding Professional Development on Personal Wellbeing and Spirituality. These days gave staff the opportunity to reflect on their own health and faith and consider how these things can influence their practice.

Students have also got off to a great start with Grade Fives and Sixes playing Interschool Winter Sports each Friday afternoon. The students are showing fantastic sportsmanship and enjoying the chance to work strategically as a team. Our junior and middle school students are also enjoying the chance to observe and support their fellow students at home games.

Other key events this term include:

- Grade Four First Eucharist Mass
- Literacy and Numeracy Week
- Book Week Dress-up Day
- Father's Day Breakfast
- Grade Three/Four Urban Camp

In news from our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program, Grade Three and Four students were delighted to return to school after the holidays and see that many of the winter vegetables they had planted were ready to be harvested. Feedback from parents and students regarding the program indicate that the hands-on learning activities have been a great success so far. One of the main aims of the program is to promote healthy eating habits and it has been fantastic to see many of the students making a big effort to taste new foods. If you or anyone you know is able to donate vegetable seeds and/or seedlings or even fruit trees, we would greatly appreciate your support in the program as it assists in making it a sustainable community project.

Students were able to choose from a great selection of books at discount prices during our School Book Fair in July. The Book Fair was a fantastic success and has raised a substantial amount of money for the school to put towards new books and library resources.

If you are interested in enrolling your child/ren at St John's, guided tours are available with our Principal, Mr Justin Greenwood. Please note that enrolments for 2016 Foundation students close in September. We can be contacted on (03) 5997 1653 to arrange an appointment.

Kind regards, Kristy Telford, (Deputy Principal)





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 8:15am
 Assembly
 Monday 3rd, 17th,
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 House Athletics
 7th August
 Curriculum Day
 10th August
 District Athletics
 19th August
 Science Open Night
 27th August

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself, my name is Nick Schneider and I will be the Acting Principal of Koo Wee Rup Primary School for the next 6 months.

A little bit of history about me, I live on the Mornington Peninsula with my wife Jacquie and my two children. My son Harvey is 4 years old and my daughter Evie is nearly 2.

I have been teaching for 14 years and was previously the Assistant Principal at Clyde Primary and undertook the Acting Principal role there for the past 6 months.

I began my teaching career at Skye Primary School and also taught for a year overseas in London.

I am really looking forward to meeting all of the students and parents of the Koo Wee Rup community as I hope to build strong relationships with everyone involved in the school.

Thank you to everyone who has made me feel so welcome and please don't hesitate to call in and say hello.



NICK SCHNEIDER



Together We Learn

KOO WEE RUP Primary School

'Footsteps into Foundation 2016'

Term 3 Transition
 2-3pm
 Monday August 3rd
 Monday August 17th
 Monday August 31st
 Monday September 14th



Term 4 Transition
 1:45-3:15pm
 Monday October 12th
 Monday October 26th
 Monday November 9th
 Monday November 23rd
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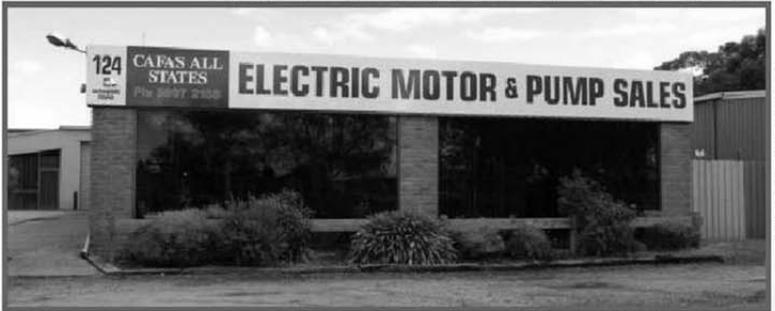


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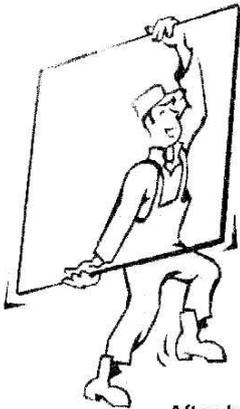
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LIONS CLUB

On 19th June the Lions Club of Koo Wee Rup and District held its Changeover Meeting at Warrook Homestead at Monomeith. This is an important occasion for the Club because it gives the members an opportunity to thank the outgoing Club directors for their commitment and leadership and to look back over the year at the successes the Club enjoyed and those things that we can do better next time. It is also the time the members can formally welcome the Club's new directors for the 2015-2016 Lions year.

It was wonderful to have 93 Club members and guests in attendance to share in the celebrations.

The aim of the Club is to continually build on mutually rewarding relationships with the community, evidenced by the following.

Koo Wee Rup Secondary College, whose students participate in the Lions Youth of the Year Quest, was well represented, as were Koo Wee Rup, Lang Lang and Bayles Primary Schools, whose students continue to amaze in the Lions Junior Public Speaking Competition. These schools also provide the music and voices for the Lions Carols by Candlelight.

We were honoured to welcome Cardinia Shire Mayor, Letitia Wilmott and her husband, together with Ward Councillors Graham Moore and David Young and their wives. The Shire continues to be most supportive of the Club's efforts.

There was also strong representation from the Koo Wee Rup RSL, for whom the Club is privileged to cook the Gunfire Breakfast each ANZAC Day, the Koo Wee Rup Men's Shed and the community groups which provide the volunteers to ensure the Koo Wee Rup Community Op Shop functions like a well-oiled machine.

While on the subject of the Op Shop, this year almost \$50,000 in profits was equally distributed among the volunteer groups, which is a magnificent result and proves how important the Op Shop is to the Koo Wee Rup community.

The other news item is that the Lions Junior Public Speaking Club Final for 2015 has been scheduled for Wednesday 2nd September at the Koo Wee Rup Bowls Club, Rossiter Road with a 6.30pm for 7.00pm start, with dinner provided, the cost of which is yet to be confirmed.

As in previous years, the Koo Wee Rup, Bayles and Lang Lang Primary Schools will be competing for the Club Final perpetual trophy and a chance to go forward to the District Final at the Lions District Convention at Lakes Entrance in October this year.

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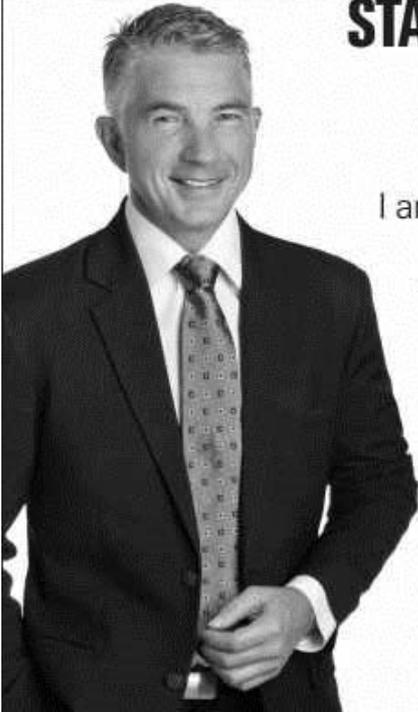
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KOO WEE RUP FOOTBALL CLUB UPDATE

Following a fragmented mid season of the EDFL with byes, split rounds, public holidays and Interleague football, the Koo wee Rup club is looking forward to the next five rounds of uninterrupted home and away games and the final series that commence on August 29th.

The seniors are still in contention to play in the finals however they have to keep winning and depend on a number of clubs to drop a game. Coach Matt Shorey is under no illusions and is fully committed to keep the pressure on his players to ensure that they apply themselves to the task of a final's berth.

The U/18s and the U16s are looking good to be part of the finals, with all players working hard on the training track to ensure that they lock in a strong finish to the 2015 season. The reserves would have to win all of the remaining games however, due to injuries at the senior level, the job becomes harder each week.

On a very promising note, young Demon Nathan Voss is to be congratulated on his debut with Gippsland Power when they played the Oakleigh Chargers on July 18th. Still only a 16year old player Nathan preformed well against the top age players who will be part of the AFL draft later in the year. Nathan has been playing in the Demon seniors over the past months and has been among the best players.

Not bad for a young kid playing against the big boys, particularly as he is yet to fully develop physically, but it hasn't stopped young Nathan from throwing himself into the play and getting the hard ball, which has pleased his coach and team mates.

The club will conduct its major fund raising event on August 2nd. The annual \$12,000 draw has become a highlight of the clubs social and fund raising calendar every season with supporters keen to get their tickets and be part of the final draw. Tickets can be purchased from players and committee members and the tickets are limited.

The Koo Wee Rup Junior Club has been performing well in the SEJFL with all four sides matching it against the stronger suburban clubs such as Berwick, Pakenham and Cranbourne. The junior committee main aim is to ensure that the kids are learning the game and equally enjoying playing with their mates and developing new friendships.

The Demon Auskick squad played a grid match at the MCG recently and they certainly enjoyed the occasion playing in front of the huge AFL crowd.

The junior committee have hats and beanies for sale so if any supporters and parents want to ward off the freezing winter weather we are presently experiencing, just speak to one of the committee who will solve your winter blues.

With the end of the season fast approaching the committee is looking for sponsors to assist with the purchase of trophies for the junior presentation night, which will be held in September on a date to be advised. If any parents can help out it would be greatly appreciated.

The Koo Wee Rup Football club will be hosting the EDFL 1st Semi Final on Saturday 5th September. This will be a great opportunity for local football fans to watch the cream of the crop of country footballers strut their stuff on the best playing surface and venue in the EDFL

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Then she'll take the photo of her Husband from the fridge!

Magnets hold it firm in place, that picture of her Hubby,
Holding her with one arm ... his spare hand on a Stubby ...
But through the Footy season, at least till late September,
That photo of him on the fridge, helps her to remember!

She'd remember what he looks like ... at least she's fairly sure,
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GIVE A DOG A HOME By Roger Clark
Following a story in a local community magazine The Bass Valley News last year about greyhounds as pets, San Remo's Bickham family decided to consider adopting a greyhound when youngest daughter Molly lost her cat just before Christmas 2013.

Mum Sally contacted then BVN editor Roger Clark who wrote the Greyhounds as Pets story and an appointment was made for Molly, Sally, Dad Leigh and eldest daughter Jessie to go to the Lang Lang greyhound track to meet up with Raina who is pictured here with Molly and Jessie.



Didn't take Raina long to settle in

animals join their family.

In addition to Greyhound Racing Victoria's Greyhound Adoption Program (GAP) and the Friends of the Adoption Program, there is also the Greyhound Safety Net organisation who are all looking to assist people willing to open their homes to a retired racer.

Details of all of these groups can be found on the internet through various websites or you can contact Roger Clark direct at rogerclark49@gmail.com or write to **PO Box 184 Grantville 3984** for

Raina was previously owned by Bryan and Bart Scanlom and trained at Crossover by David Dawson who deserves much of the credit for successfully transforming her from racing greyhound to much loved family pet.

Mum Sally describes Raina as the most beautifully natured dog and so faithful with her and Molly now almost inseparable. The family have already joined the Friends of the Adoption Program Group from whom they have received great support and friendly advice.

They are all so grateful for having been given the opportunity to welcome Raina as part of their family and would like to see more people open the hearts and homes to these wonderful dogs.

Raina is just the start of the successful transformation from racing greyhounds to couch potatoes for Roger and Sally who are looking for more people who are interested in having one of these beautiful

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Greyhounds are a largely misunderstood breed in terms of most people believing they are vicious animals because they are muzzled when they are out in public and when they race.

The muzzles are there to protect other dogs who may not be on leads and who may decide to attack them or become too boisterous in an attempt to get them to play when they are still in training mode.

Once they have been away from the track and out of the training environment for a short while the biggest problem is trying to get enough room to sit on the couch with them.

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Contrary to popular belief they do not require a lot of exercise, just the normal amount you would give most large family dogs however they do require a good healthy diet and an eye kept on their weight which is a rule that should be applied to all family pets.

The Lang Lang Greyhound track is used for Coursing events from May to September each year and trainers use it for trialling on most Sundays during the year.

Coursing is where greyhounds race against each other out of slips not boxes in pairs in a series of elimination races before the last two run off in the final of each event.

The greyhounds chase a fake rabbit skin on a drag lure up the middle of the track.

Roger currently has several retired greyhounds who are looking for new homes.

He has been involved with greyhounds for over 60 years and has spent the last 41 years as an independent greyhound journalist so is certainly qualified to answer any questions you might have about these amazing family pets.



Do I look relaxed or not?



Greyhounds coursing at Lang Lang earlier this year. The lead greyhound is Baines Park, named after the track and raced by Roger Clark's wife Vicki

KWR RSL SUB BRANCH REPORT

Hello to everybody again. Since my last Blackfish report, Lyn and I have enjoyed a trip to Cambodia and Vietnam. Some wonderful things to see and do although, in my view, the rural area of Vietnam hasn't changed since my Tour of Duty in 1968-1969. However, the cities and coastal areas have certainly become quite modern. I was fortunate enough to visit 'Nui Dat' the 1st Australian Task Force base in South Vietnam. Although time has seen great changes, some of the things in the 'Dat' were recognisable. All in all a most wonderful trip and we were glad to 'go back'.

Very recently we attended our annual Secondary College VET Hospitality 'Restaurant Night'. This is an opportunity for this group to work in a restaurant setting. There were about 30 of us from the RSL and what a night and 3 course dinner. The students were terrific, their greeting, table service, friendly manner and, of course, the magnificent meal was beyond expectations. Teacher Lucy Coghlan-Palmer, helpers Leonie and Rachael and students obviously worked wonderfully well together and provided a great experience for us. Congratulations to all involved and we hope that this experience and night was of great value to you and your course in VET Hospitality.

The Sub Branch is now focusing on finishing the little bits and pieces on our Memorial and Avenue of Honour and then it's almost time for planning Remembrance Day activities.

Finally, some of you may have seen this hunched up 'old bloke' humping a backpack around the traps. Yep, that's me, hoping to walk the Kokoda Track soon. The pack seems to get heavier by the day; maybe I am not as young as I used to be (definitely). Really looking forward to walking the Track as a lot of World War II Veterans of Kokoda were from our town and area. I am half way through training and, apart from normal aches and pains, I am doing enough to think I might make it. More in the next report.

For now, Yours in Service, Ron Ingram, President Koo Wee Rup RSL Sub Branch, 5997 1665, PO Box 102, KWR 3981

KOO WEE RUP BOWLS CLUB NEWS



The Friday Winter Triples competition is now well under way with the results from games played on 29th May being – Winners for the day with 37 pts. Don Jeffrey, Trevor Butcher (Lang Lang) & Bob Mason (KWR). The Runners Up with 36 pts. were Geoff Barber, A.Provis & G.Turton (Loch & District). Best Last game went to Joyce & Graham Andrus (Pakenham) & Garry Salomons (Cardinia Waters) with 19 pts. Games played on 12th June with the results as follows, unfortunately with Lindsay & Rex not available, we do not have a complete list of various team members. Winning rink for the day with 39 pts. was “skipped” by Geoff Barber (Loch & District). The Runner Up rink with 36 pts was “skipped” by Bill Files (KWR), Best last game was won by Mick Knight (Cardinia Waters). The results of games played on 26/6 were the winning rink with 35 pts was George Crynes, Irene Stanbridge (KWR) & Phil Wright (Corinella). The Runner Up rink with 34 pts & 8 shots up was Rex Alexander, Bill Files (KWR) & Jim Smith (Cardinia Waters). Best last game was won by Geoff Barber, Tom Loughridge & Graham Turton (Loch & District) with 20 pts. The results from the games played on 10th July are Winners for the day with 38 pts were Rex Alexander, Tim Knight & Kon Kormas (KWR), The Runner Up rink with 36 pts & 17 shots up was Don Jeffrey, Trevor Butcher (Lang Lang) & Bob Mason (KWR). Best last game was won by Gerry Fuller, Margaret Scullin (KWR) & Peter Bott (Pakenham) with 19 pts & 14 shots up. Another round of games were played on 24/7 with the following results. Winning rink for the day with 36 pts & 10 shots up was George Crynes, Irene Stanbridge (KWR) & Dean Thomas (Landsborough). Runner Up rink with 36 pts & 7 shots up was Darren Brown, Ivan & Margaret Royle (KWR). Best last game was won by Don Jeffrey, Trevor Butcher (Lang Lang) & Bob Mason (KWR) with 18 pts & 8 shots up. The final day for this competition will be 7th August.

The Tuesday Triples organized by the Ladies finally played a game on 16th June with a team led by John Van Vugt (Cardinia Waters) with 39 pts. The minor placings went to Berwick teams led by Cliff Fothergill & Alan Thompson with 36 pts & 35 pts respectively. The results from the Ladies organized competition on 7th July saw the Winning rink “skipped” by Alan Thompson [Berwick] with 37 pts.

The Runner Up rink also from Berwick was “skipped” by Cliff Fothergill with 35 pts. Best Last game was won by the team from Cardinia Waters “skipped” by John Van Vugt with 20 pts. The games scheduled for 21st July were cancelled which allowed for a number of our regular players to attend the funeral of Ralph Anderson from Lang Lang BC. Ralph passed away after a long illness. He was a regular player at our Club in the Friday Triples competition and on Invitation days. He will be sadly missed by everyone.

Our Club is very grateful for the sponsorship gained for both these competitions.

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KBA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To the community of, and visitors to, Koo wee rup,

Well, the business association has just finished off their year with the AGM being held on Tuesday 21 July at our new meeting place, the fire station. Below is an edited version of the presidents report presented at the meeting.

President's report for 2014/15

The association would all agree that we have had a busy year with some very positive outcomes. Below is a list of some of those achievements.

We started the process of updating the business directory out by the swamp tower. This has been a work in progress. As we are all aware there have been quite a few changes within the business community this year so we feel that the time that has passed since the process started has been to our advantage as it seems the business community has once again stabilised. We should see this project completed in the near future.



The KBA Executive Committee for 2015/16. Cathy McNulty - Secretary, Vicki Charlton - President, Rob Muré - Treasurer

A very keen sub committee was formed to come up with a promotion to reclaim our town after the bypass opened. The iWatch campaign they developed was very successful with lots of locals in particular taking part, it created quite a buzz in town.

A special meeting was convened to hash out a Mission Vision and Values statement. It was presented at the AGM and was very well received.

We've had the opportunity to present some wonderful speakers:

- Paul Tero from 3SER Community Radio talked to us about his work in radio, and how they support small business by offering interviews on his show.
- Rosie Hopgood from D'Angelo wines gave a fabulous presentation on marketing and presentation, I think it's safe to say everyone enjoyed the evening.
- Frank Bourke, who is bringing the old Hume hwy back to life with some fantastic strategies spoke to us, suggesting some ideas we can use in keeping the business street scape of Koo wee vibrant.
- The presentation on building business resilience to disaster by the SES and the council was brilliant, all who attended left with new strategies which will allow them to be more prepared in a crisis event.

Two things that I believe stand out especially are:

- The workshop/mentoring program. This program went for three months, with three workshops and one on one mentoring sessions for the participants. The program, among other things, helped increase business's awareness of their business. It also seemed to open up better communication between the businesses in Koo wee rup. All in all a very positive event.
- The other, The opening of the bypass, We believed in our business community, We maintained a positive attitude, And we worked hard on our business community's ability to survive. We did it!

And so ends our year. We would like to thank all the association members for their input and participation, there is strength in numbers.

We would also like to thank our council representatives, who are always an amazing support.

So till next time bye and take care, *Vicki Charlton*

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The financial counselling with qualified professionals is available to help residents deal with debt issues such as credit cards, debt collection, loans, fines, overdue utility bills or money management. The sessions, by appointment only, are held from Toomah Community Centre on Mondays.

The counselling sessions are a great opportunity for residents to get advice on their financial issues. Any residents with debt or money concerns are encouraged make an appointment and take advantage of the free services available. Money problems can spiral out of control quickly but CNCISS is here to help before that happens.

For more information, or to make an appointment, contact CNCISS on 9705 6699.

RATES CHANGES

Property owners will notice some changes on their 2015-16 rates notices, which will be issued next month. Council has introduced an electronic delivery of notices and changed the main payment option to four instalments.

The four instalments are due for payment on or before the following dates:

- First instalment: Wednesday 30 September 2015
- Second instalment: Monday 30 November 2015
- Third instalment: Monday 29 February 2016
- Fourth instalment: Tuesday 31 May 2016

The pay-in-full option by 15 February is no longer available. Ratepayers who prefer to pay in a lump sum, can continue to do this, however this amount must be paid by the first instalment due date.

Additionally, ratepayers can now choose to receive, pay and store rates notices online through BPAY View; it also has a reminder function.

Council still offers the option to make part payments by weekly, fortnightly or monthly instalments. Anyone experiencing difficulties paying the instalments by the due dates should call Council's customer service team on 1300 787 624 to set up a repayment plan.

A brochure explaining the changes and information on how Council's rates revenue is spent will be included in the rates notices. For more information about rates in Cardinia Shire, visit Council's 'Rates' web page.

For more information about BPAY view, visit the BPAY website.

OPEN AIR BURNING POLICY OPEN FOR FEEDBACK

Cardinia Shire Council is seeking community feedback, following a review of the Open Air Burning policy.

The Open Air Burning policy defines the rules, restrictions and procedures that apply within Cardinia Shire to ensure burning off is conducted in a safe, considerate and controlled manner. The policy was adopted in 2014 and a review planned after 12 months. The review has resulted in some changes to make the policy easier to understand and clarify some issues. It also proposes to allow burning off on Sundays in some areas and changes to the issuing of annual exemptions.

Anyone who intends to burn off should make themselves familiar with the policy and are encouraged to provide their feedback on the proposed changes. Council want this policy to help residents prepare and maintain their properties to reduce the risk of fire across the Shire as well as protect other residents from potential impacts.

Key changes from the previous policy include:

- Maps of the burning off zones included.
- Inclusion of information on alternatives to burning off.
- The Burns Register renamed the Open Air Burning Register.
- Requirements to burn off in some zones have been aligned.
- Clarification regarding burning off on public land and nature strips.
- Proposed changes to allow burning off on Sundays, where burning is currently allowed.
- Increase the number of annual exemptions issued.

It is important that residents understand that allowing more opportunities to burn off green waste and vegetation will lead to increased smoke. So if you are concerned about this, please provide your feedback.

A full copy of the revised policy is available on Council's '[2015 Open Air Burning Policy review](#)' web page.

Submissions close 5pm Monday 24 August. To provide feedback email via the council's website www.cardinia.vic.gov.au or write to PO Box 7 Pakenham 3810.



Pakenham Auto Club Inc
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PAKENHAM VIC 3810
Email: secretary@pakenhamautoclub.org.au
ABN 16410529545
INCORP. A0011601E

Invitation to Pakenham Auto Club Junior Development Driver Training

When? Saturday 8th August start 12 noon, finish 4.30 pm.

Where? 405 McGregor Road Pakenham. Exit Pakenham bypass road to the south. The motorsport ground is under the power lines

Who? Girls & boys over 12 and under 18 years. Participants must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult, who remains at the venue throughout the day.

What? The Event is designed to give participants a basic understanding of motorsport and the opportunity to drive some motorkhana tests under the guidance of experienced competitors.

Cost? \$5. Instructions and use of a Pakenham Auto Club Junior Motorsport Club car are free.

More information? Glad Fish, Pakenham Auto Club. gladfish@netspace.net.au, 0410 148 058.

Are you going to participate? Please indicate how many people may attend.

ALSO

9th August. PAC multi-club Motorkhana everyone welcome, including Driver Training participants.

KBA BUSINESS MENTORING PROGRAM

Local traders recently undertook a business workshop and mentoring program facilitated by Cardinia Shire Council and sponsored by the state government. The aim of the program was to ensure that they have the necessary strategies to move their businesses into the future in a positive manner. Three workshops were followed up with five one-on-one mentoring sessions. Over the next few months, we will be talking to businesses who undertook the course.

OneAgency Real Estate



Proudly supported by Cardinia Shire Council and Koo Wee Rup Business Association



Rob Muré found the mentoring program very worthwhile. The program made him look at his

business from a different perspective and come up with different ideas on how to grow the business.

OneAgency had been getting great feedback from their customers who see them as honest, professional and a business which does what it says it will do. They work hard to provide excellent customer service and to keep buyers and sellers, landlords and tenants informed.

The program encouraged Rob to put more formal business planning in place, creating a 3 month plan and a year plan setting out goals for the business.

Although not reliant on passing trade, the bypass can only have a positive effect on OneAgency's business by making Koo Wee Rup a more pleasant place to visit and live.

Smile you're in Koo Wee Rup

Ziggy Hair Artistry



Suellen Conway says it was fantastic to have someone to talk to about her business expressly because she works alone. After having been in Koo Wee for two years it was refreshing to work out what she had completed and to plan what's next.

Suellen has created a welcoming atmosphere at the salon with a small refurb and with her sunny personality. She had put together a few handbooks of her work and the story of Ziggys! She also offers some amazing winter specials!

The program encouraged her to have a lot more contact with her clients, through social media and more traditional methods, and a new look for the salon is coming soon!

Suellen's business hasn't suffered at all from the opening of the bypass; she is enjoying the trucks being out of the Main Street.

BAYLES FAUNA PARK

Working Bee

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

Next Meeting

Monday, 24 August at 7:30 pm
at the Bayles Hall

All welcome

Lang Lang & District Historical Society

Welcome visitors to our Heritage Centre situated in Kester Kitchin Park, Lang Lang

We open each Wednesday
10.30-3pm
or by appointment

Secretary Joy Adderley 5997 5489

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August 2015



50 shades of health

Ladies, be motivated to keep healthy and happy.



Dates: Tuesday 31 March
Tuesday 28 April
Tuesday 26 May
Tuesday 30 June
Tuesday 28 July
Tuesday 25 August

Time: 10am to 12.30pm

Venue: Pakenham Regional Tennis Centre
Webster Way, Pakenham

Morning tea provided.

For more information contact Cardinia Shire Council's Health Promotion team on 1300 787 624 or email HealthPromotion@cardinia.vic.gov.au

The June session of 50 Shades of health was well attended, don't miss out on the August session, book now



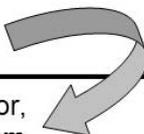
Over 20 people came to a 'Dementia Awareness Day' where they learnt about dementia, diabetes, respite and more.



There was a great turnout on a very wintry day for the men's shed first aid course in July



Please Note: New time for Fridays' Pilates



pilates

45 minute class with a qualified instructor, Mondays at 6.00pm and **Fridays 11.00am** \$5.00 per session at the KRHS Physio room. concession available RSVP is essential. Call Aileen for more information 5997 9681 or to register: Sharyn Gregory 5997 9761



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Work is progressing on the Kooweerup Community BBQ Van. This is the major building project for the Kooweerup Men's Shed Mentoring Program. Eleven boys from KWRSC come down to the Men's Shed each Monday and work alongside the men. This year they are learning metal work, welding, wood work, fibre glassing and spray-painting. Once complete this van will be available to service groups of the community to use for their fund raising sausage sizzles



Great fun with worms at July's Nature Play



Koo Wee Rup Men's Shed and Community Garden Saturday 29th August Meet and Greet Day

Beginning with Nature Play 9.30 - 11.30,
 at 12.00 be entertained by a magician.
 The BBQ lunch starts approx. 12.30pm.
 2.00pm there's a Worm Farm Workshop.

During the day, member's of the Men's Shed will give talks about what they do and what they try and achieve.

Everyone is welcome at any time.



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.

August - Fairies!

Run by 2 local mums,

Linny & Lyndsay

Sponsored by KWR Men's Shed & Community Garden

Location:

215 Rossiter Road, Koo Wee Rup

Cost: Gold coin donation

BYO snack and drink for story time includes tea & coffee

When: **Saturday 29th August**
 9.30 - 11.30am

All craft activities supplied

For more information:
 call Brian on 5997 9687



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August 2015

Seniors Week Free Event at Kurth Kiln

*"Looking after yourself
 as an older person"*

Monday 5th October 2015

We would love to see you at 9.30am
 at the Kurth Kiln Picnic Ground
 corner of Beenak and Soldiers Road, Gembrook

There is a choice of walks, 2, 4 or 6km's

Followed by refreshments and a short talk about
 looking after yourself as an older person
 with our Guest Speaker Geoff Stokes
 awarded the 2014 Victorian Active Senior.

Please contact Aileen Thoms
 Health Promotion Manager,
 Kooweerup Regional Health Service
 5997 9681, aileen.thoms@krhs.net.au
 or
 Alfred Klink
 Friends of Kirth Kiln
 5967 4201
 alfred.ursula@bigpond.com



KRHS is again participating in the 10,000 step challenge this month, if anyone would like to form a team or join a team here, you are more than welcome. Please contact Lea at duffl@krhs.net.au for more information.

Wonderful Tea!

Teas are great! They warm you up and can make you feel good!



Here are three tea's and their benefits:

Peppermint Tea: This tea is commonly used to enhance digestion or soothe an upset stomach.

Cinnamon Tea: Great for regulating blood sugar levels and managing sugar cravings.

Black Tea: Studies in the US found that women who drank two cups of tea daily were 27% more likely to become pregnant.

Computer Classes

Classes are held in the Kooweerup Men's Shed, 215 Rossiter Road, KWR Friday mornings suit absolute beginners at 9.00am and more advanced at 10.00am. Bookings essential as places are limited to 5 per group. Please phone Geoff on 5997 1974 or Brian on 5997 9687







Walk for a cure at the 2015 Kidney Health Research Walk. Register today!

www.kidney.org.au Freecall 1800 454 363

Date: 13 September 2015

Location: Pillars of Wisdom, Royal Botanic Gardens, Melbourne VIC

Time: 9:00am

Distance: 1.2km, 3.8km, 7.2km

Cost: Adults: \$10
Teams of 10: \$50
Children under 12: Free

Volunteers Needed !

Do you have a hobby or craft ? Do you play the piano or guitar ? Do you have a bit of spare time to spend with our residents ? We would love to hear from you, please call Mariana -our volunteer co-ordinator on 5997 9792 for more information.



KOOWEERUP QUILT FEST 2015

On Sat. 19th and Sun. 20th of Sept. at the Kooweerup Community Centre, Rossiter Rd, Kooweerup there will be our 3rd Quilt Fest in Kooweerup. This is a fundraiser for Breast Cancer Network Australia.

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

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

This year the Quilt Fest is sponsored by "Gwenda's Mending Service" which is a local Kooweerup home based business that has been operating for over 20 years. Gwenda's Mending Service now has an agency at the KWR Newsagents in Station St., where you can drop off items for repair and pick up repaired items when complete. Whether you need some jeans taken up or a wedding dress altered Gwenda's Mending is the place to ring. Her mending service has always offered Quality work, Friendly service and reasonable rates, with appointments available by phone. We appreciate that Gwenda has been able to sponsor the Quilt Fest this year. Please keep her phone number for future reference.

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

If you are a quilter and would like to enter a quilt for display OR for sale:

Please contact Di Patten on 0427 540 494 with your details.

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

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

So pop the dates into your diary, tell your family and friends so we can look forward to seeing you all there. Please come along and support this worthwhile cause that affects so many people and their families.



Join us at the annual KooWeeRup Quilt Fest

Quilt Display and Sales

9.30am - 3.00pm
Saturday 19th and
Sunday 20th September 2015

at the Koo Wee Rup Community Centre
Rossiter Road, Koo Wee Rup

Stalls including quilting fabric, cards,
cushions, hand-made bags,
jewellery and much more!

Devonshire teas and light lunch available

Raffle prizes to be won

\$5 entry, with proceeds going to
the Breast Cancer Foundation

For more information,
contact Di on: 0427 540 494



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9/8/2015	J Roberts
16/8/2015	R Dikkenberg
23/8/2015	S Mehani
30/8/2015	P French

Moderator Rev Peter Roberts 5996 3251



Saturday 22nd August 2015

Koo Wee Rup Community Centre (Rossiter Rd Koo Wee Rup)

Car parking at the Swimming Pool

Doors Open at 7:15

Tickets are \$35 per person

To book online please go to: <http://www.trybooking.com/HQYT>

To make a phone booking and to organise payment please contact

Kat on 03 5997 2250 or Katrina on 0420 224 497

Bookings close on Wednesday 19th August at 5pm.

Get some friends together and head out for a night full of fun and laughter.
Come dressed in your best Bogan Clothing. (Where else can you get away with
tracksuit pants, flannelette shirts and slippers?)

It's more than Bingo it is an interactive stage show. Everyone
becomes involved and everyone has a great time.

All funds raised will go towards the youth members of the 1st Koo Wee Rup Scout Group.

**BYO: Drinks
and Nibbles**
(Alcohol is permitted)



**18yo+ EVENT
ONLY**

Koo Wee Rup Senior Citizens Club

Friday Lunch

2 Course Meal and Refreshments
Starts 12 Noon \$5.00 for Members

Friday Hoy

Card Game with Prizes for Everyone
\$2.00 1.00pm to 3.00pm

New Members Welcomed

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For New Membership ring Diane King 0408 663 655

Monday Carpet Bowls

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All Welcome

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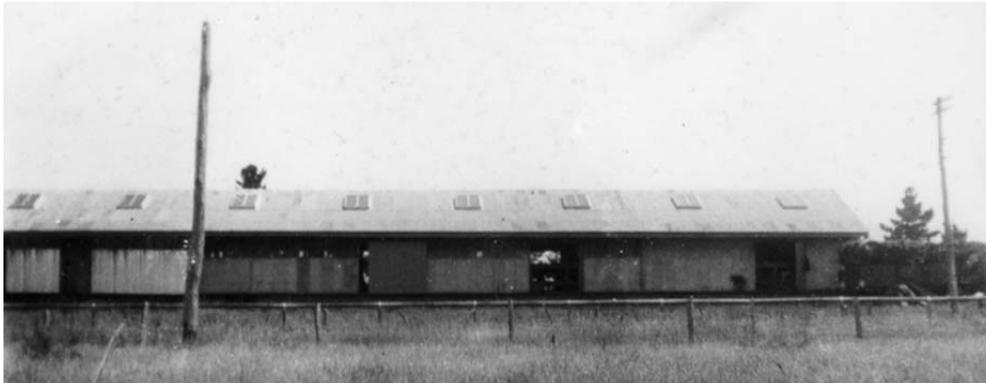
THE FLAX MILL AT KOO-WEE-RUP

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

In 1940, the British Government asked Australia to produce more flax for the War effort. Britain had previously been supplied with flax from Russia, Belgium and Ireland, but as the War interrupted these supplies they looked to Australia. Flax was used for all sorts of clothing and equipment such as coats, parachute harnesses, ropes and tarpaulins.

England sent out 400 tons of flax seed to Australia and the Victoria Department of Agriculture approved 14,000 acres of land as suitable for flax growing. In the Koo-Wee-Rup area 1,374 acres were approved for planting.

The Flax Mill opened in the former Gippsland and Northern Produce shed at the Railway yards in December 1940 and the opening was celebrated with a 'sumptuous repast' at the Royal Hotel on New Year's Eve 1940. The Manager, Mr H.E Clark, had previously been employed at the Drouin Mill. The *Koo-Wee-Rup Sun* of March 6, 1941 reported on a meeting of the Koo-Wee-Rup and District Branch of the Victorian Flax Growers Association. In spite of over seventy growers



being notified there was only a 'meagre turn up the meeting'. The President was Cr Dan Kinsella and the Koo-Wee-Rup Branch included growers from Berwick and Pakenham. The report goes on to say that the district had 73 growers, growing 1,560 acres, with an average cultivation of twenty one acres. In August 1941, two railway truck loads of flax fibre

were being sent each week to the City.

In March 1943, thirty Land Army women arrived to work at the Flax Mill. They were housed in fifteen, newly built fibrolite huts in Station Street. The complex also had a shower room, mess room, kitchen and dining room. The arrival of the women was reported in the *Koo-Wee-Rup Sun* of March 18, 1943. The Australian Women's Land Army (AWLA) was formed in 1942 to provide labour to farming areas to replace the men who had gone off to war. The women had to be aged between 18 and 55 and be 'strong and intelligent' to carry out the 'essential national work connected with Victorian Flax centres' Conditions included a five day week at award rates, plus overtime.

In September 1944, the Mill was destroyed by fire and the thirteen AWLA women on night shift were lucky to escape unharmed though about £800 worth of fibre was destroyed. At the time of the fire the Mill employed forty six males and thirty four females. The Mill re-opened in temporary premises a month later. The closure of the Mill was announced in the *Koo-Wee-Rup Sun* in November 1946 and by March the following year the buildings were disposed of.

The amenities building of the Flax Mill was purchased and used as a Scout Hall. Another building, an army hut, was erected on land adjoining St John's Primary School where it was used as a 'temporary' hall until 2009. At its peak the Mill employed up to 70 men and 40 Land Army women.

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
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Lifeline

Supporting World Suicide Prevention Day

Join us in Koo Wee Rup as we walk *Out of the Shadows and into the Light*
Show your support to preventing suicide and remember those lost to suicide by joining us

Date: Saturday 5th September 2015
Time: 10:00am (the walk will be 1km of easy to negotiate flat surface)
Place: CFA Fire Station, Moody Street, Koo Wee Rup
RSVP: via the website or email kwroutheshadows@gmail.com

Suicide is the leading cause of death for Australians under the age of 44.
Lifeline believes most suicides are preventable and we all have a role to play.

TO REGISTER TO WALK AND FOR MORE EVENT DETAILS VISIT outoftheshadows.org.au



1st Koo Wee Rup Scout Group
Presents
*Beyond the Swamp, Scout & About
Scavenger Hunt*

Sunday 9th August 9am start
Registration opens from 8:30am

**Starting at Koo Wee Rup Scout Hall (3 Mickle St, KWR)
Concluding with Afternoon Tea at final destination**

Put together a team, follow the clues, and see what the local district has to offer while collecting points along the way. There are some physical activities involved throughout the course.

This event is based on points and **NOT timed**. There are points to earn at every checkpoint and then there is bonus points that can be collected throughout the event.

*"The car with the most points at the end
of the day wins the Scavenger Hunt"*



\$30 per car to be paid when booking (non-refundable)

To book your vehicles please follow this link: <http://www.trybooking.com/HRNV>
Or alternatively call Katrina on 0432 427 169 to organise booking and payment.



This is a fundraiser to help the Koo Wee Rup Scouts get to the Australian Jamboree, January 2016.

BYO LUNCH AND DRINKS OR PURCHASE THEM IN YOUR TRAVELS. PLENTY OF PLACES TO STOP AND HAVE A BREAK ALONG THE WAY. -SEE YOU FOR AFTERNOON TEA (PROVIDED)

1st SUNDAY EVERY MONTH

KOO WEE COMMUNITY MARKET

CRAFT, TRASH, TREASURE & TRINKETS



8:00am -1:30pm

Contact : 0418289847

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Koo Wee Rup RSL & CFA

This month Greg Hunt will be at the Market from 9:45 am until 10:15 am as part of his 500km Walk for Autism