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DECEMBER 2015/JANUARY 2016

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Pictured are this year's KWR RSL Citizenship Award winners: Lachlan Spargo (KWR SC), Chloe Snooks (KWR PS), Seth George (St John's PS), Cameron Ward (Bayles RPS), Lily Howes (Tooradin PS), Noah Fischer (Cardinia PS), flanked by Cr David Young and KWR RSL Sub Branch President Ron Ingram

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They ask that the lack of academic ability and minor mischief not be held against candidates. Whilst they deplore malicious misbehaviour, many veterans were larrikins and not scholars.

Should there be a tie for the award, they ask that the student from the more disadvantaged background be selected.

THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES *(Edited Extracts)*

The Township held its AGM on Wednesday, 4 November. Township Meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 2 December at 7:30 pm at the Community Centre.

Last month the meeting had been told that the plaque on the artwork 'Embankment' in Cochrane Park was too small to read and should be tilted to allow run off. Cr David Young advised that council does not have the funds to replace the plaque and the Township Committee would need to fund any replacement totally. Ray Brown expressed surprise that the Council could not afford to put up half of the \$500 estimated to be the cost of replacement. Cr Young suggested that a photo of the artwork in the hall with an explanatory text next to it would be a suitable compromise. The meeting disagreed, feeling that the plaque needed to be with the artwork; not locked in a hall. Township President, Ray Brown, asked the members present to consider over the next month whether the committee should commit \$500 to fund the new plaque.

KOO WEE RUP TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE FOR 2016

President: Ray Brown.

Vice President: Joyce Light

Treasurer: Cathy McNulty

Secretary: Frank Cramer

General Committee Members:

Gavin Brock, John Farmer, George Fittock,
David McPherson, Audrey Mills, Gus Moore,
Rob Mure, Caroline Roff, Frank Worcester

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Jacqui will manage the practice and continue part time in her role as Project Manager at the hospital and Ferghal will be the foundation doctor at the clinic. Additional doctors will be joining them in February. They intend to open weekends and evenings in addition to normal working hours.

Dr Ferghal Armstrong graduated from the Queen’s University of Belfast (UK) in 1999. He became a member of the Royal College of General Practitioners (UK) in 2003. He worked in South Wales as a general practitioner until 2013. He then migrated to Victoria in 2014



and having become a fellow of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners has been working as a GP in inner city Melbourne. He is looking forward to starting work in Blackfish Medical Centre in January 2016.



Dr Ferghal Armstrong

Jacqui says: "We are both passionate about providing a good service to KWR. We understand that the community has been let down a number of times so want to re-assure people that we are here for the long term; we have bought a house in Bayles and my sister has lived in KWR for five years. We came to Australia from a small rural community in Wales UK, and we understand people need continuity and reliability of healthcare."

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10/1/2016	Rev G van der Tang
17/1/2016	R Dikkenberg
24/1/2016	Rev F Savage
31/1/2016	R Dikkenberg

Moderator Rev Peter Roberts 5996 3251

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

The township entry sign on the Bayles Road still needs to be replaced. Cr Young will follow up a suitable site with Mark Howard.

It was reported that the door to the disabled toilet outside the swimming pool has been open for some time. If this is an issue, it is likely to have been reported by the cleaner. Cr Young undertook to follow up to make sure this had happened.

Ray Brown, on behalf of the Township Committee, officially commented on the Koo Wee Rup Recreation Reserve Master Plan. He advised that the town needed a second oval or at least a practice ground to 'spell' the existing oval. Ray advised that a local property owner with land abutting the Recreation Reserve is willing to sell part of his land to the Reserve for development of another oval. The Recreation Reserve Committee should approach Bendigo Bank and the Shire for funding for the purchase.

Discussion was held around the Shire's planning scheme amendment in relation to gaming policy. Cr Young explained that the amendment would be presented to the State Government Planning Minister and, if approved, would give 'teeth' to the Council's current policy on the placement of gaming machines. The Shire currently has less gaming machines than the State Government mandated level and so will have to approve more machines. The planning scheme amendment being presented states where Council is willing to place these machines. In essence, Council would like to approve gaming machines only in 'destination' venues; ie places that can only be reached by driving, not a short walk from shops or schools. Studies show that machines within walking distance of other facilities are more open to abuse than 'destination' venues.

Ray Brown thanked Richard Roach for the years of support he had given not just to the Township Committee but to every community group in town during his tenure as Manager of the Koo Wee Rup branch of the Bendigo Bank.

Cr David Young reported on the following council matters:

- There is still time to comment on the Koo Wee Rup Recreation Reserve Master Plan; the consultation period has been extended to 13 November.
- There are still several sessions of the Big Budget Brainstorm to run and comment can be made online until 13 November.
- There will be an information session in Council Chambers at 5:30pm on 9 December to feedback to the community the results of the Big Budget Brainstorm; anyone is welcome to attend. The session will present the findings across the shire with ward and, in some cases, township specific information. There was comment from the floor that this could be used to justify a request for a rate increase differential request.
- A Walk against Violence will take place in Pakenham on 25 November. Brendon Gale from Richmond Football Club will lead the walk which will start at the Pakenham Library at 11am, walk through the streets of Pakenham and return to the Library around 12 noon for BBQ lunch, provided by the Lions.

David McPherson asked whether the \$40 million fund announced by the State Government for development of recreational and sporting facilities for interface councils could be accessed by Koo Wee Rup. Cr Young advised that the funding is specifically earmarked for areas within the growth corridor, such as Pakenham and Officer; Koo Wee Rup is outside the corridor and so not eligible for funding. Ray Brown expressed interest in pursuing this funding regardless.

The mentoring program at the Men's Shed is progressing in leaps and bounds. Areas outside of Koo Wee Rup have asked to be part of the program, but the shed have had to refuse because the local program keeps them so busy.

Gus Moore advised that a padlock was missing from the gate onto the grass in Cochrane Park. Gus was advised to lodge a merit with Council about the padlock.

HEART FOUNDATION WALKING GROUPS

Christmas is looming and we've been walking since daylight saving started in early October. We will celebrate the end of the year with a pub meal at the Koo Wee Rup Hotel at 7.30 pm on Thu 17th December after a short walk as usual from the Clock Tower in Rossiter Rd at 7 pm. Walks will resume Thu 7th January @ 7 pm. Please join us and enjoy good conversation as you keep fit.

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We are expecting 1000 people to attend this event over the Australia Day Weekend, with the highlight being the torchlight procession through the streets of Koo Wee Rup on Saturday 23rd of January starting at 8.30pm. There are 19 events over the weekend, all of which require training, discipline and hours of practice. There is a combination of dry work, events that use water and truck events. There is definitely something for everyone and we encourage the local community to come down and cheer on your local brigade throughout this event.

The Koo Wee Rup Fire Brigade Eastern Districts Committee would like to thank the following sponsors for their support:

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WHAT WAS THAT SIREN?

October/November 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.

- 20/10/15 – Motor Vehicle Accident fuel spill – Station St Koo Wee Rup
- 24/10/15 – Automatic Alarm – Rossiter Rd Koo Wee Rup
- 25/10/15 – Grass Fire – South Gippsland Hwy Koo Wee Rup
- 28/10/15 - Motor Vehicle Accident fuel spill – Ballarto Rd Koo Wee Rup
- 29/10/15 – Shed Fire – South Gippsland Hwy Koo Wee Rup
- 7/11/15 – Structure Fire – Ballarto Rd Bayles
- 15/11/15 - Motor Vehicle Accident person trapped – Koo Wee Rup Rd KWR
- 20/11/15 - Motor Vehicle Accident fuel spill – Westernport Rd Lang Lang

Fire Danger Period starts 30 November for Cardinia Shire

The Fire Danger Period is when CFA restricts the use of fire in the community. This is to help prevent fires from starting. Call the Victorian Bushfire Information line on 1800 240 667 for further information.

Once the Fire Danger Period has been declared, fire restrictions come into force. This means you cannot light a fire in the open air unless you have a permit or comply with certain requirements.

Contact Cardinia Council to obtain a permit if you plan on burning off. If you don't obtain a permit, you could be breaking the law and may be prosecuted. All burn-offs should also be registered with ESTA on 1800 668 511.

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KOO WEE RUP SECONDARY COLLEGE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I have had a most wonderful time this month visiting the new Transition students who are coming here for next year. They seem like a very good set of students who will like it here.

We have also been in the selection process for Captains for 2016. Student leadership has grown a lot in recent years and 2016 will be no exception. The role and the calibre of our leaders is exceptional.

The VCE exams are under way at time of writing. The students have been well prepared and on time and the process is coming to an end. I hope that all students behave in a safe and caring manner during their celebration time.

There are a number of staff retiring or leaving at the end of the year. One of the more memorable ones is Peter Bottomley. I too will be taking Long Service Leave for term one with a view to retiring from the 11th April 2016. I have thoroughly enjoyed working in such a fantastic college. The community is sensational and kids simply fantastic. They have a great set of nurturing teachers and now have tremendous facilities. Exciting times lie ahead for using the new facilities and trying to get stage two funded.

Other staff leaving include:- J.Columbus, Pat Chin-Dahler, Shane Woon, Megan Thompson, Sur Burhop, Paul Berger, Ben Schutz. There may even be more by the time of this notice.

I would also like to thank relief teachers who have assisted such as Ben Rizzuto, Sam Griffiths, Kari Warn, and Lucy Coghlin-Palmer.

The final Council dinner will be the Christmas Breakup with the Parents Assn and Staff Farewell. I take this opportunity then to wish you all the best for the holiday season and the future of this great school.

Kym Bridgford, Principal

NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

The Kooweerup Community Centre is a modern fully air conditioned venue with a commercial kitchen, modern tables and chairs, PA system and portable stages. It can cater for groups of up to 240 people for weddings, dinners and functions. It has a newly formed Committee of Management (all volunteers) most also members of other groups/committees in the Community.

The Committee is currently undertaking a review of the whole management of the facility from receiving the booking right through to completion of a hire, included in this review is a fee comparison of hire rates with like facilities in the Region.

Of note there have been some concerns with inconsistencies of hire rates charged in the past and the committee appreciate the need for some consistency in the charges; this issue is included in the review.

Once the fee for facility hire is finalised it will be advertised in the Blackfish for the information of all, it is intended that these rates will then, without exception, apply.

A little known fact is that the Kooweerup Community Centre Committee does not receive any funding from Cardinia Shire for the day to day maintenance of the facility; we rely and exist solely on income derived from the hire of the facility.

Some examples of ongoing expenses are electricity, water, telephone, security monitoring, cleaning (including carpet steam cleaning) as well as consumables, toilet rolls, paper towels, detergents, cleaning tools, etc. this is all paid for from facility hire.

Minor and in some cases major repairs to fixtures such as air conditioners, stoves, dishwasher, PA system not to mention tables and chairs, and any other breakables we also fund from hire income.

Like the rest of the Community groups in the Shire any upgrades planned by the Committee are subject to matching dollar for dollar through the Shire Community Capital Works Grants, these works and/or new assets are dependant/limited to the Committee having matching funding.

Some examples of this, the PA system has recently been upgraded, a shed for storage is planned at the rear of the building and the internal hall lighting is to be upgraded, all partly funded by the Committee.

Organisations planning fund raising activities should factor in their budget the cost of the hire in having a premium venue available to them for the purpose.

The facility operates as a non-profit entity, income from hiring's is used to operate and maintain the facility, surplus income is accumulated to obtain and match funding to ensure that this million dollar facility is kept in good condition and fit for purpose.



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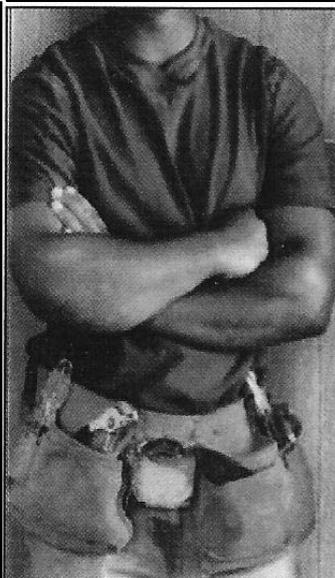
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This term's Swimming Program happily kicked off with a stint of fine weather. The children and staff would like to thank all those dedicated helpers who have generously given their time to walk each class down to the pool in safety. And on the topic of safety ... parents and visitors to St John's will now be aware of the new fencing surrounding the school. Entry can still be made at all times via the yellow gate on Salmon Street.

Our Whole School Sleepover this term was another extra-curricular activity

which highlighted the importance of having fun in a safe environment. Torch-Tiggy, the Spotlight-Night-Hike and 'camping' in the classrooms all added up to an enjoyable experience.

Parents from all Koo Wee Rup Primary Schools were recently invited to St John's to hear Mr Greg Geppart, from the e-Safety Commissioner's Office, talk about how we can make using electronic devices safer for our children. Greg encouraged the adults present to take control of how computers and iPads are used in the home. "After all," he said, "who is actually paying for the electricity and internet connection?" He urged all parents and children to have conversations about computer usage, both the benefits and the risks. And what was the most important tip parents believed they heard on the night? Almost unanimously ... keep electronic devices out of the bedroom!

Only one more extra-curricular activity remains this year, our Arts Night on Thursday, 3 December. You are all invited to attend this evening. Not only can you view examples of your children's fabulous artwork but a small drama performance by a group of Year Five and Sixes should also entertain you!

Recently we farewelled our Deputy Principal, Kristy Telford, who has commenced a stretch of Maternity Leave. We wish Scott and her all the best as they await the safe arrival of their first child!

And finally, our Graduating Year Six students have once again earned our thanks and respect. They have been magnificent leaders! We wish them every success in their future studies.

Happy Christmas, everyone!



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KOO WEE RUP Primary School

1st December

Year 5 Leadership Day
5:30pm Christmas
Carols

2nd December

2016 Whole School
Transition

3rd December

11am Parent Helper
Morning Tea

4th December

Manser Cup

7th December

2:45pm Assembly

8th December

State Wide Transition

10th December

Year 6 Graduation

11th December

Lions Club Carols

16th December

Reports go home

18th December

9:15am Assembly

Whole School
Transition

1:15pm Dismissal, no
canteen

Our Student Leaders attended one of their last official engagements at the Remembrance Day service held at the Koo Wee Rup War Memorial November 11th. The ceremony also included the announcement of the Citizenship Awards across the region. A special congratulations to Chloe Snooks who received an award.

I would like to take this opportunity to express how proud we are of how our Student Leaders have conducted themselves over the past twelve months, you have all done a wonderful job.



I would like to take this opportunity to wish our parents and students a Merry Christmas and safe New Year break. I hope to see everyone back on Thursday 28th January, 2016.

Nick Schneider



1st Koo Wee Rup Scout Group

Jiggai Joey Mob (6 – 7 yrs)

Cub Scout Pack (8 – 10 yrs)

Scout Troop (11 – 14 yrs)

Swamp Rats Venturer Unit (15-17 yrs)

Odonata Rover Crew (18-25 yrs)

meet every Thursday 6pm - 7pm

meet every Tuesday night between 7pm - 8:30pm

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New Members always welcome!

Contact June Wright our Group Leader on 0439 161 939 or 5997 1480

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Pick your section and pick your level of involvement (every little bit counts.)

- ❖ Joey Scouts (6-7years) Thu 6:30 - 7:30 PM
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- ❖ Scouts (10-14 years) Wed 7:00 – 9:00 PM
- ❖ Venturer Scouts (14-17 years) Fri 7:00 – 9:00 PM
- ❖ Rover Scouts (17-25 years) Fri from 8:00 PM
- ❖ Committee 1 Tuesday a month 7:00 – 8:30PM
- ❖ Other Roles – Contact June

Contact June Wright on 0439 161 939 to find out more info or join the team. Help us help the community prepare for adventure, prepare for life.

More info about scouting can be found at: www.vicscouts.com.au





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Left: Reaching for the seals! A Joey and Cub joined the rest of the Joey Scouts in the state to visit the Melbourne Zoo.

Right and below: We sent them out for a weekend of fun filled adventure, and here they are just hanging around. The scouts had a ball at Gilveroo at Bay Park.



Bottom Right: From 6-26 scouting is fun for everyone. Our youngest members (Joey scouts 6-7) joined the Rovers (17-25) for a fun day at the lanes.

Below: The cubs are on the top of the world! Well, the top of Mount Cannibal – all part and parcel of a standard pack night for the Koo Wee Cubs!



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KBA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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

Well, Santa's starting to gear up for his busy season. There's talk of plum puddings and family catch ups. The shop windows are dressing up and looking festive. There's a buzz in the air, it's an exciting time of the year. The association will be winding down a bit so as members can relax and spend some more time with their friends and family.

On behalf of the association I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continued support of Koo wee rup businesses and to wish each and every one of you a safe and happy holiday season.

Bye for now and take care.

Vicki Charlton

Our business showcase this month is on Andrea Vincent.

Andrea is the new branch manager of our local Bendigo Bank. With a 20 year background in finance Andrea joined the Bendigo bank 5 years ago. She initially started in the Bayswater area, then transferred to Beaconsfield. She took a short break before taking the Manager's position in our local branch. With her strong financial background, Andrea is more than able to help you with all your banking, lending and insurance needs.

ROTARY CLUB OF KOO WEE RUP - LANG LANG

Hope you all get some insight from our little reports to the Blackfish about the happenings of Rotary in and around Koo wee rup and Lang Lang.

We have two major fundraisers for the year, Charity Golf Day which will be held on the second Thursday in October of each year and Show'n'Shine being held in February each year of which I will have more information in the coming months.

The month of October saw a handful of us attend a Devonshire Tea at the Cora Lynn Butter Factory for a friendly afternoon. Lavinia and Richard couldn't have been more welcoming and generous in showing us around the B&B and the scones were so delicious. Lavinia and Richard have done an amazing job so far in refurbishing the butter factory so there plans for the remainder no doubt will be just as impressive. We wish them much success for their future plans.

We have a couple of little projects in the works with a monument in the pipeline for Lang Lang and the barbecue trailer is now completed and will have it's first outing at the Lang Lang Twilight Market on the 27th of November. As mentioned a number of times the boys do like doing a barbie so along with the twilight market we have a Clearing Sale at Pakenham South and a barbie at Lindawarra Equestrian Centre on the cards for December. It's going to be a busy month in the lead up to Christmas Day with those commitments along with our Carols on the 9th of December and our Christmas break up on the Tuesday the 15th of December, we will be glad of the two week break from meetings and then we have 2 social nights to get us back into full gear for the preparation of the Show'n'Shine in February.



President Graham with the Story of the Scarf received with much appreciation from the Koo wee rup Scouts.



President Graham & Past President Alan Laughton with a banner from the Rotary Club of Espiritu Santo, Vanuatu which Alan attended on his recent trip there to rebuild a much needed school after the devastating cyclone hit the region



The club held it's AGM at the Royal Hotel in Koo wee rup on the 26th of November. A great night was had by all at the newly refurbished pub.

The club had a very social evening at Harewood House with owner Pat McWhirter. Pat must be congratulated on the up keep of such an historic building in the area and providing us with a great understanding of the history of the house.

The club has a defibrillator which is available for hire at a very small fee to the public for community events or family gatherings etc. Please contact the secretary or Jan Kruizinga on 0408 307 458.

In 2016 the club will be holding a Debutante Ball and we are seeking anyone wishing to do their Deb to contact Val Williams on 0437 383 122.

For more information please phone our secretary Dean Turner on 0418 574 508. The club meets at the Lang Lang Sports Club every Wednesday at 6.30 for 7pm start. You don't have to have a meal to come along and check us out.



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KOOWEERUP LIONS CLUB

On the morning of Saturday 25th October the Lions Junior Public Speaking competition reached its climax, with the District final being held at Lakes Entrance as part of the Lions District Convention.

As you may recall, the aim of this competition is to develop in Year 3-4 and Year 5-6 primary school students the ability to research, develop and present a topic in front of an audience in the hope that the confidence and skills gained by these students can be developed further as they grow up to put them in a better position to face an ever more competitive world in the future.

There were three Year 3-4 finalists and the same number in the Year 5-6 age group, each of whom had the daunting task of addressing an audience of approximately 200 conventioners.

The winner from the Year 3-4 finalists was 8 year old Charlie McPherson Smith from Red Hill Consolidated Primary School and it is with considerable pride that the Koo Wee Rup Lions Club can confirm that its representative, Chelsea Haines from Koo Wee Rup Primary School was the winning contestant from the Year 5-6 age group.

Having followed Chelsea's progress from last year when she also represented her school in the Year 5-6 age group to the District final at Lakes Entrance this year, the development in Chelsea's public speaking prowess has been significant and is testimony to her commitment and dedication to the challenge.

Chelsea spoke about the devastating Black Saturday bushfires and so eloquent was she in her portrayal of the horrors those impacted by the disaster must have experienced it was almost like being there.

The poise and confidence of each of the contestants was extraordinary. All of these fine young people are a credit to their families, their schools and, of course, themselves.

Now for something totally different.

On Sunday 6th December the Club will once again participate in Lions Youth of the Year, which will be held at the Senior Citizen's Hall in Icke Street.

This year there will be four contestants, all of whom are Year 11-12 students from Koo Wee Rup Secondary College, which continues to give outstanding support to this competition.

Youth of the Year is designed to not only recognize the academic excellence and sporting achievements of the contestants, but also, and perhaps more importantly, to recognize the contribution the participants have made and continue to make to their communities. The public speaking component of the competition, as with Junior Public Speaking, promotes the student's abilities to develop and present topics to an audience.

Finally, with the relentless approach of the festive season the Club is once again pleased to host the Community Carols by Candlelight at the Community Hall in Rossiter Road on the evening of Friday 11th December, which will start at about 5.30pm with a free sausage sizzle.

We will again be entertained by very talented students from Koo Wee Rup Secondary College and the local primary schools, which will provide an excellent opportunity for the community to come together to enjoy an early start to our Christmas festivities. Hence, the Club is pleased to extend an invitation to everyone, particularly the little ones to come along and celebrate this very special time of year.



Chelsea Haines, Lion Ron Payne (Competition Organiser) and Charlie McPherson Smith



Lion Ron Payne (Competition Organiser), Chelsea Haines and her proud family

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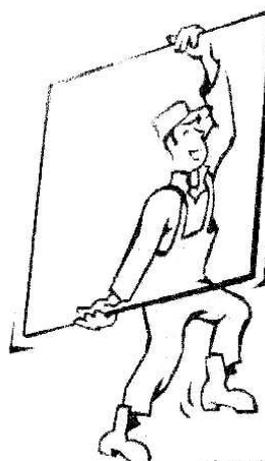
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President – Geoff Foster – kwrfjc@gmail.com – 0418 581 874 (BH)

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KOO WEE RUP RSL SUB BRANCH REPORT

Hello to everybody. Just three weeks or so to Christmas, Gee does it come faster every year? I think so anyway.

Since last month's report we have had our Remembrance Day ceremony at our Cenotaph. Once again a very moving ceremony to remember all of those who have died serving our great country. We had the TS Tingara Cadet Drum Band as part of our ceremony; once again they were brilliant with their displays of drumming. We also had a new bugler this year in Brendan Barker; "Wow" he was fantastic, a real professional, even surprised Mrs Barker of KWR Secondary College Music Department renown. He was so good that we won't let him go easily.

As part of the Remembrance Day service we had the pleasure of presenting a certificate and a wonderful book about Gallipoli to each of our school winners. The worthy winners this year were:

KWR Secondary College	Lachlan Spargo
St John the Baptist Primary School	Seth George
Bayles Regional Primary School	Cameron Ward
KWR Primary School	Chloe Snooks
Tooradin Primary School	Lily Howes
Cardinia Primary School	Noah Fischer

Congratulations to all our winning students. More details on the front page.

On Remembrance Day we held a service at the KWR Secondary College for the Year 7 students. This was a most moving and relevant service. The music and songs of wartime and the Vietnam Era Song "He was only 19" brought tears to our veterans' eyes. We would like to thank everybody at the College who helped to bring about such a service especially the students who were unbelievable in their attention and behaviour. We, the RSL members, are very impressed with our youth of today; our future is really in good hands. I would like to acknowledge three people for making our morning such a good ceremony: Marg Nicholson for co-ordination and bringing everything together - brilliant job; Claudia Barker who just continues to provide brilliant and relevant music to our services and thirdly thanks to Noel Speight, our special speaker, who outlined his service in Vietnam as a 'tunnel rat'. I am sure that our students have a greater appreciation of what some of our soldiers go through when in service of our country.

Finally a thank you to all those people in our community who bought a poppy. The poppy money goes to looking after our servicemen and women and their families when in need. A special thanks to all our RSL Sub Branch members and partners who gave their time to help sell poppies.

Finally, to all our members and all our wonderful community, it has been a great year, this our 100 year commemoration year of Gallipoli. We thank you for your wonderful support. We hope you have a great Christmas and that 2016 is the best year yet. We hope it is happy, healthy, safe and maybe even more prosperous if possible.

*Until next year, Yours in Service, Ron Ingram,
President, KWR RSL Sub Branch*





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The Club will continue with the Monday night Twilight bowls starting on Monday 18th January 2016. A sausage sizzle will be included in the \$5.00 cost and it is open to anyone who may like to try bowls. Come along about 5.45 p.m. for the sizzle at 6.00 p.m. followed by bowls. Relax in a friendly & social atmosphere for the night & bring some friends along.

Back to Earth for Tuesday Pennant teams with both teams being beaten. Div. 3 hosted the strong Karingal Club and were defeated 51-62. In a close tussle Bryan & Julie Walker, Lyn Jenkins & Charlie Borg lost 20-22. Leading for the majority of the game Pauline Gray, Mary Masters, Margo & Peter Dillon won 20-15. Never really close Rex Alexander, Pat Carlin, Betty King & Ken Walton lost 11-25. Div. 4 travelled to Baxter Village, where none of our players had previously played and lost 47-82. A close game for Darren Brown, Peter Stevens, Ken Hammond & Jill Roissetter losing 17-19. Also a close game for Dean Thomas, George Crynes, Glenice Jackson & John Dale down 21-25. Unfortunately Bill Files, Margaret Scullin, Pauline Mason & Janette Dale were well beaten 9-38. Round 4 saw Div. 3 travel to take on top team Mornington and in windy conditions came home with an impressive 52-43 win. In a game of not many shots, Rex Alexander, Pat Carlin, Betty King & Gerry Fuller lost 11-16. A good finish by Bryan & Julie Walker, Bill Files & Charlie Borg resulted in a 22-16 win. A similar story for Pauline Gray, Peter & Margo Dillon & John Hatton saw them record a 19-11 win. Div. 4 were at home to top team Beleura Village and lost 50-60. Darren Brown, Peter Stevens, Ken Hammond & Jill Roissetter were well beaten 7-23. Margaret & Ivan Royle, Margaret Scullin & Pauline Mason scored 12 shots over the last 5 ends to win 26-16. A close game all day for Dean Thomas, George Crynes, Lois Mahomed & John Dale losing 17-21. Rd. 5 had Div 3 score a 71-52 win against Mornington Civic. Bryan, Julie Walker, Bill Files & Charlie Borg won 26-16. Pauline Gray, Mary Masters, Margo & Peter Dillon won 25-19. Rex Alexander, Pat Carlin, Betty King & Gerry Fuller won 20-17. Div. 4 played at Mornington Civic and lost 57-64. Lyn Jenkins, George Crynes, John Dale & Glenice Jackson won 24-17. Margaret, Ivan Royle, Margaret Scullin & Pauline Mason lost 20-26. Darren Brown, Peter Stevens, Ken Hammond & Jill Roissetter lost 13-21. Another disappointing day for Sat. Pennant with all teams losing and many last minute changes to all teams. All teams played the City of Frankston. Div. 1 at home lost 66-108. A poor start again which led to 2 rinks just failing to catch opponents. Kim McMahon, Rex Alexander, Ray Brown & Lindsay Wealands lost 18-23. In another close game Arthur Giaccotto, Brad King, Bob Mason & Fred Forde lost 16-21.

Losing 10 ends in a row didn't help Max & Evelyn Calder, Dave Murr & Peter Butera going down 12-34. Playing catch up bowls Bryan Walker, Pauline Gray, Bill Files & Gerry Fuller lost 20-30. Div. 4 played away and were defeated 56-99. Again the consistent rink of Noel Speight, John Thwaites, Darren Brown & John Dale finished well over the final 3 ends to win 29-20. A somewhat forgettable day for Peter Stevens, Peter Dillon, Charlie Borg & John Hatton losing 8-55. We all have them. A final rink of George Crynes, Margo Dillon, Brett Condron & Irene Stanbridge lost 19-24. Div. 7 at home suffered from a number of team changes and did well to only lose 37-48. Giving away a big start Jill Roissetter, Richard Bricknall, Ken Hammond & Lois Mahomed (in her Sat. pennant debut) were finally beaten 17-25. In a close game Betty King, Charlie Masters (last minute sub.), Ivan Royle & Laurie Bell lost 20-23. Better results from all teams in Rd. 4 with Div. recording their 1st win for the season against Mt. Eliza at Mt. Eliza 118-94. A fighting finish from Arthur Giaccotto, Ray Brown, Bill Files & Fred Forde saw them register a narrow 26-25 win. Leading 24-6 after 13 ends set up an impressive 37-18 win for Bryan Walker, Pauline Gray, Gerry Fuller & Bob Mason. Despite making a good comeback Kim McMahon, Brad King, Rex Alexander & Lindsay Wealands were beaten 25-29. With new "skip" Dave Murr together with Max & Evelyn Calder & Peter Butera finished well over the final 4 ends to win 30-22. Div. 4 hosted 2nd place Mt. Eliza and despite a last minute change won by the narrowest margin 74-73. Noel Speight, John Thwaites, Darren Brown & John Dale lost 23-27.

Peter Stevens, Peter Dillon, Charlie Borg & John Hatton had a complete turnaround from last week to win 29-11. Dean Thomas Brett Condron, Charlie Masters & Irene Stanbridge lost 22-35. Div. 7 travelled to Seaford and lost in a close game 48-51. Betty King, Pauline Mason, Ken Hammond & Glenice Jackson lost 23-26 & Margaret & Ivan Royle, Jill Roissetter & Laurie Bell drew 25-25.

Rd. 5 had all teams playing the strong Hastings club and with a number of players unavailable in all teams we put in creditable performances. Div. 1 hosted top team and were beaten 83-97. Kim McMahon, Arthur Giaccotto, Rex Alexander & Julie Walker lost 14-22. Dave Murr, Max Calder, Peter Butera & Evelyn Calder were beaten 18-32. Bryan Walker, Pauline Gray, Gerry Fuller & Bob Mason won 30-19. Brad King, Ray Brown, Mary Masters & Fred Forde lost 21-24. Div. 4 travelled to Hastings and were beaten 66-84. Peter Stevens, Peter Dillon, Charlie Borg & John Hatton lost 20-29. Margaret Royle, Margo Dillon, Irene Stanbridge & Ivan Royle lost 22-30. Bill Files, John Thwaites, Brett Condron & John Dale lost 24-25. Div. 7 at home scored a 45-40 win. Pauline Mason [1st time skip], Jill Roissetter, Glenice Jackson & Laurie Bell lost 14-25. Ken Walton, Richard Bricknall, Ken Hammond & Jeanette Dale won 31-15.

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TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2014-15

The culmination of many years of hard work saw the opening of the town bypass. Congratulations to all of you from the committee that took part in traffic counts on the roadside to the continued lobby of politicians, in addition the support of the Cardinia shire played a major role in achieving our goal.

A special mention should be made of the contribution from our retiring member of State Parliament Ken Smith who worked tirelessly to get the Bypass on the agenda. Without his dedication and tenacity to see it through I doubt whether we would have had the Bypass by now.

The removal of heavy traffic through town has seen a much cleaner and safer Town not fouled by trucks and buses with their noise, the spewing of exhaust fumes and animal waste.

Next year should see the town connected to natural gas something that many believed would never happen but through the efforts of this town committee it will. Through the many surveys we undertook, to again, the relentless lobbying of politicians and our refusal to take no for an answer, has seen a positive result. Again I must acknowledge Ken Smith's contribution as well as the Cardinia Shire in bringing about the connection of Natural gas to our town.

Australia Day celebrations are a highlight of the year and this year was no exception, through illness our local larrikin Poet Mal (Function) Pugh was unable to attend, but, though very ill he again provided a poem ably read by Peter Bottomly. Sadly Mal passed away recently, he was a unique character who possessed a flair for turning the ordinary into the extraordinary, and if you visited his home Bewilderie you would know what I mean. Mal's dry wit of Australiana through his poems was always a highlight of Australia Day and this combined with his humorous poem relevant to the Australian Day Ambassadors facts, figures and career were a hit and treasured by the ambassadors.

Cochrane Park continues to evolve; the restored dragline has been positioned and with the addition of appropriate fencing and signage is expected to create interest. We now have our very own piece of public art (commissioned by Council) which was installed in the park this year. Our committee was involved in selecting the piece from submissions by various artists all with their own take on how they visualise Kooweerup. Interesting to say the least. A public competition was held on naming the piece and the name chosen was *Embankment*. Like most art everyone has a perception of what the art represents *Embankment* is no exception, you be the judge.

It should be noted that since the new Community centre committee took office facility improvements are starting to be made, in particular a lighting audit has been conducted and the main hall lighting is to be upgraded. The CC committee is now in the process of re-establishing the booking process back to them thereby alleviating the Regional Health service of the responsibility. The big ticket item for the CC committee is to place on Council's forward planning the extension of the facility to incorporate a stage and change area etc.

Congratulations to the Kooweerup RSL sub branch on the opening of the Kooweerup and District Avenue of honour, this avenue recognises those who paid the supreme sacrifice in WW1. It will remain for many years to come and as the trees mature a reminder.

The maintenance group ably led by George Fittock has continued its good work by timely advice to the shire regarding issues around the town to be addressed (fixing some) and following up on others with the Shire. Thank you George and your gang.

The Kooweerup Blackfish capably compiled, edited by Caroline Roff continues to be produced at a high standard and is a testament to Caroline's community commitment, Thank you Caroline.

To other sub committees that have undertaken duties, on behalf of the community. I thank you.

I also acknowledge and thank the Shire community strengthening officers, firstly Natasha Spicer and lately Allison Howard for their courtesy and professionalism whenever they were called upon to assist our group.

Thanks also to our Ward Councillors Graeme Moore and David Young who regularly attend our meetings to provide Council updates and follow up on issues presented to them. Their attendance is evidence of the high regard that Council has for Town Committees.

Thank you to previous Secretary Geoff Stokes, (fill in Secretaries Frank and Gavin) and Treasurer Richard Roach for the capable way they discharged their duties.

Finally to each and every one of you on this year's Town Committee. Thank you for your support and excellent attendance throughout the year.

Ray Brown

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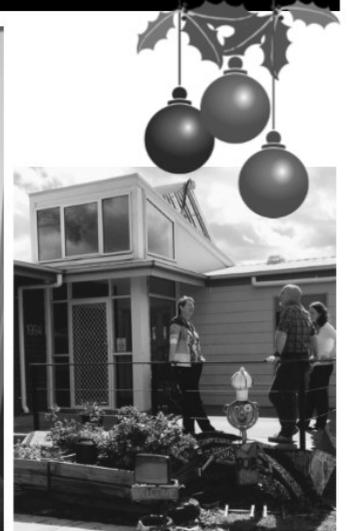
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KRHS a Finalist in Sustainability Award

Kooweerup Regional Health Service was delighted to achieve a nomination as a finalist in the 2015 **Banksia Foundation**, Small to Medium Business Sustainability Leadership Award.

The Banksia Award program raises the profile of current sustainability issues facing Australia and recognises initiatives which encourage and are an example for others to follow.

Kooweerup Regional Health Service (KRHS) is passionate about health, climate change and environmental sustainability for their patients, staff and the community.

CEO Terrona Ramsay says "Our goal is to ensure we support our community to become resilient to the health, social and environmental changes ahead. Recognition in the Banksia awards is a great achievement, as within Australia there are many initiatives and projects taking place which can make a real difference and ensure a sustainable future for generations to come."

In 2007, the organisation adopted a *proactive* approach to health which includes the *protection of our natural environment, conservation of resources and increased community connectedness* and is reflected in the values of the organisation. This can be seen in the adoption of green technologies, the wonderful innovative Community Garden and Men's Shed and the new Hewitt Eco house, which showcases sustainable living concepts, provides a meeting space and community education.



The KRHS Ladies Auxiliary wish to say Merry Christmas and thank everyone for their support this year.
 Congratulations to the Raffle winners:
 1st Tracey Green
 2nd Claudia Barker

If you would like to join the Ladies Auxiliary the next meeting is Friday 5th February 2016 in the Education Room at 9.30am.
 We would love to see you there.



Kooweerup Regional Health Service wishes everyone a happy, healthy and safe Christmas, please check with our service providers over this festive season for opening times.

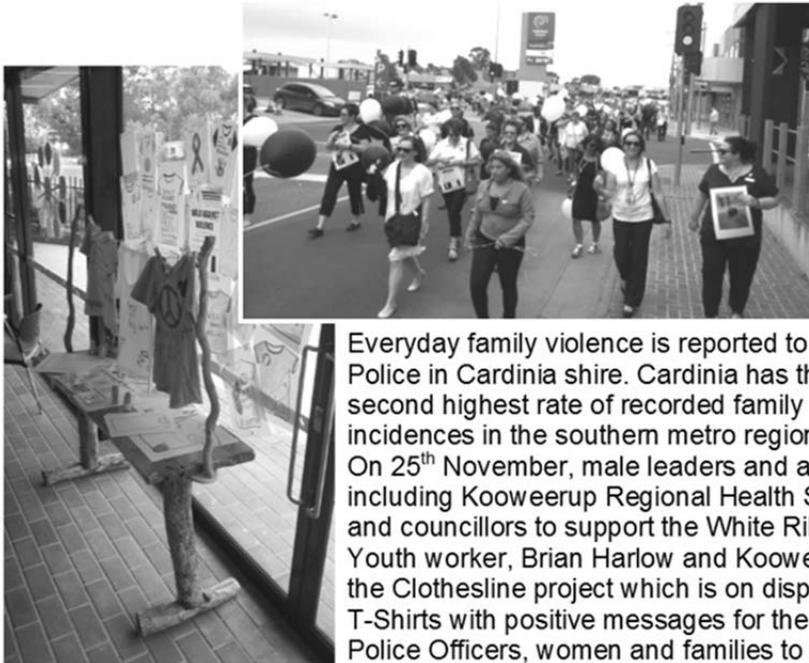


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Say No to Violence Against Women - White Ribbon Day 25th Nov 15



Everyday family violence is reported to Police in Cardinia shire. Cardinia has the second highest rate of recorded family incidences in the southern metro region with between 2 and 4 incidences daily. On 25th November, male leaders and a host of community and health organisations including Kooweerup Regional Health Service came together with Cardinia Shire staff and councillors to support the White Ribbon day. Kooweerup Men's Shed along with Youth worker, Brian Harlow and Kooweerup youth, constructed a beautiful table for the Clothesline project which is on display at the Pakenham Library. Participants made T-Shirts with positive messages for the Clothesline project and walked together with Police Officers, women and families to send home the message that violence in all its forms – physical, verbal, sexual, emotional or other forms of control is not OK.

Computer Classes 2016 Start Friday 5th February Enrol now



Classes are held in the Koo Wee Rup 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 5997 1974, or Brian 5997 9687

mat Pilates classes

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- ☺ Monday 1st February 6.00pm
- ☺ Friday 5th February 11.00am
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Koo Wee Rup Community Cooking Group

This year our community has run a small cooking group in the Kooweerup men's shed and we have seen each other through the year's ups and downs, we've laughed, cried, baked, boiled, toasted, grilled, blended, mixed and accomplished serving food most Mondays at the men's shed together. The men have also got involved and enjoyed being a part of the experience while allowing the group to frequently utilise and incorporate the seasonal fresh and local produce from the community garden. This group has been the highlight of many of the attendee's week's - increasing social connection and social support through increasing knowledge, skills, sharing recipes, learning tips, and tricks off each other. It has been a great year of cooking and looking forward to many more enjoyable times ahead.

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Music on the Grass 2015 - what a great day !



It was wonderful to see the community and all the very talented musicians get together and enjoy the day



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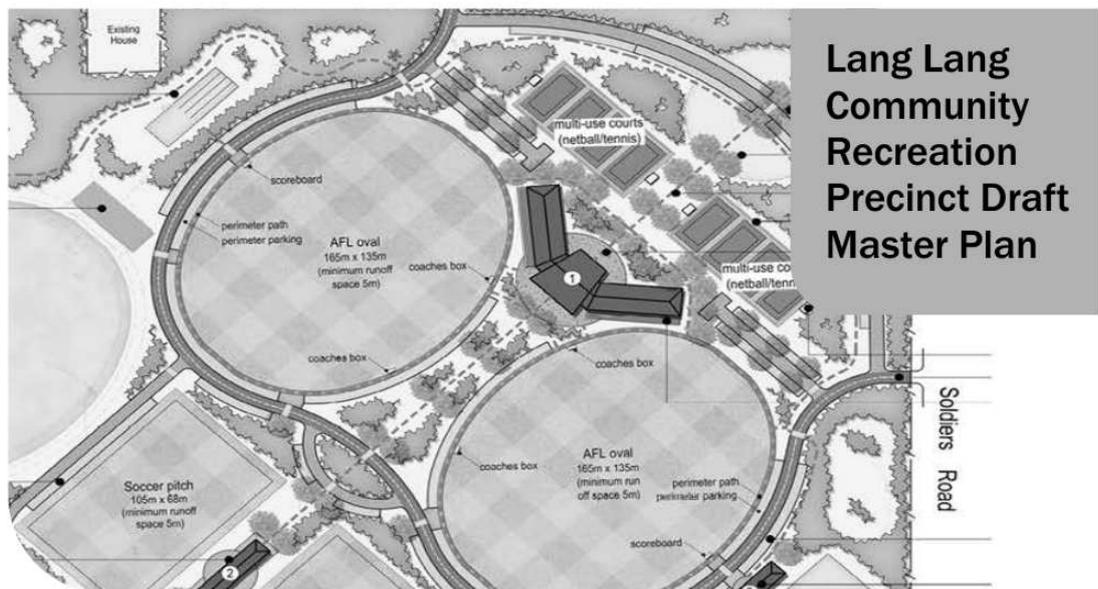
FUNDING SAFEGUARDS OUR ROADS

Cardinia Shire Council has received Australian Government funding to complete six new road safety projects. Just under \$1.5 million from the National Black Spot Programme 2015-16 will help provide safer road conditions for drivers.

The projects are:

- Heads Road/Caldermeade Road, Catani - \$496,000 - realign and reconstruct intersection from a cross road intersection to two T-type intersections.
 - Manks Road/Dalmore Road, Dalmore - \$361,000 - realign and reconstruct intersection from a cross road intersection to two T-type intersections.
 - Army Road (Princes Highway to Windermere Boulevard), Pakenham - \$354,000 – install street lighting.
 - McDonalds Track (Ranges Road/railway crossing curves), Lang Lang - \$119,000 - seal shoulders and install additional warning signs.
 - Rainy Hill Road, Cockatoo - \$118,000 - alter roadside drains and batters to improve the roadside and install crash barriers at one location.
 - McGregor Road/Henry Road/Webster Way, Pakenham - \$38,000 - install fully controlled right turn for southbound traffic (turning into Henry Road) and fully controlled right turn (off peak only) for northbound traffic (turning into Webster Way).
- All six projects will be completed by July 2016.

Council seeks your feedback



Lang Lang Community Recreation Precinct Draft Master Plan

Cardinia Shire Council is seeking feedback from the community on the draft Lang Lang Community Recreation Master Plan.

Council has been working with community and recreation groups to develop the draft master plan for a new community and recreation precinct in Caldermeade.

This master plan is a long-term plan for the site; development is planned in stages and initial works are intended to meet current community needs. The plan's overall timeframe is 10–20 years.

To view a copy of the plan and provide feedback:

- visit Council's website: cardinia.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay
- email: mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au
- contact: Council's Recreation team on **1300 787 624**.

Submissions close: Monday 11 January 2016

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YALLOCK WORLD WAR ONE HONOUR ROLL (Part 2)

Continued from November 2015 edition of The Blackfish

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

The Yallock Roll of Honour is at the Koo-Wee-Rup Swamp Historical Society. It is pictured here. It has 29 names on it. There is an article in the *Koo-Wee-Rup Sun* of July 31, 1918 about the unveiling of the Honour Roll on Wednesday, July 24 1918 by the Hon A. Downward, M.L.A. The Board is described as "this specimen is a particularly fine one and contains the honored names and photographs of 57 local boys. The date of enlistment is also given. The Board is of Australian blackwood and is the work of Mr. W.J Tiller of Little Collins Street, Melbourne". Obviously the Board at the Historical Society is not the original Honour Board and it must have been re-created at a later time and they didn't know all the original names. I wonder what happened to the original Honour Board?

Thanks to Lynne Bradley, President of the Narre Warren & District Family History Group, for telling me that the Yallock Honour Board with the names and photographs is at the Lang Lang RSL (the other Yallock Honour Board is at the Koo-Wee-Rup Swamp Historical Society). The mystery that remains is why there are two Honour Boards at all - perhaps one was at the Hall and the other was at the School - or maybe one went missing and new one was made and then the original was re-discovered later? I'd be very interested to know the answer.

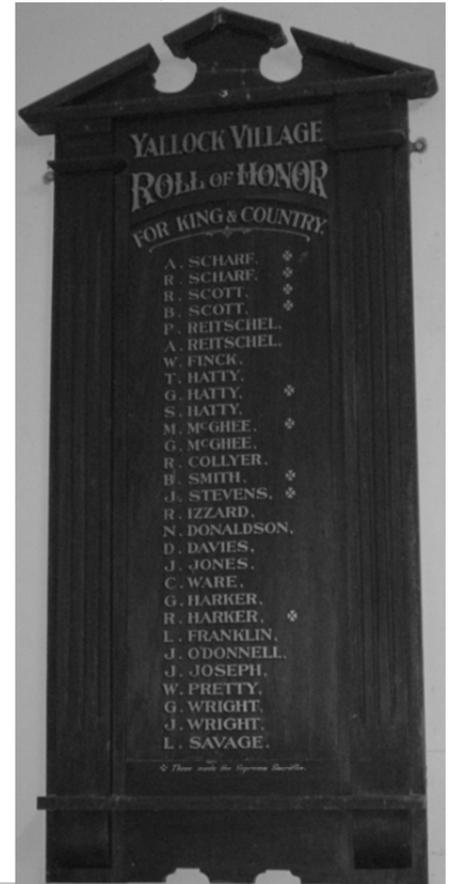
What follows is a list of the soldiers taken from the Honour Board and the *Koo-Wee-Rup Sun* article, their fate (when they Returned to Australia after active service or when they were Killed in Action) and their Service Number (SN) - so you can look up their full service record on the National Archives website (www.naa.gov.au). When I talk about the Honour Board, I am referring to the one with names only; the *Koo-Wee-Rup Sun* article I am referring to was published July 31, 1918. I have also used an article called 'Families at Yallock' written by H.J. Boxshall, which is published in the book *The Good Country: Cranbourne Shire* by Niel Gunson.

McGhee, Donald Malachi (SN 3416) Donald is listed in the *Koo-Wee-Rup Sun* article as Malachi M'Gee and also listed on the Honour Roll as M. McGhee but he is listed in the Victoria Births Index as Donald Malachi, born in 1895 to John and Margaret (nee Johnston) at Heath Hill. The address was Northcote at the time of enlistment, however his brother David Johnston McGhee was living at Yallock in 1914 according to the Electoral Rolls. Donald or Malachi was 19 when enlisted on June 24, 1915 and was Killed in Action in France on July 19, 1916.

McGhee, Gordon General (SN 22949)

Gordon was the brother of Donald Malachi and he enlisted at the age of 23 on October 27, 1915. Gordon Returned to Australia on May 12, 1919. Gordon is listed on the *Koo-Wee-Rup Sun* article as Rawdon M'Gee - not sure where the Rawdon name came from, but is on the Honour Board as G. McGhee.

McPhee, Charles Carey (SN 422) Charles was a Methodist Home Missionary and he enlisted at the age of 29 on May 10, 1916. He was reported missing in France in April 1918 and became a 'Prisoner of War in German hands'. He was released after the War and Returned to Australia on February 10, 1919. Charles has been stationed at the Methodist Mission at Yallock before his enlistment.



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YALLOCK WORLD WAR ONE HONOUR ROLL (Part 2) *(From previous page)*

O'Donnell, D According to the list in the *Koo-Wee-Rup Sun* there was a D. O'Donnell who served in the War. This was likely to be a brother of Joseph and Michael (see below) as there is correspondence from Joseph, dated March 1918, in Michael's file asking about the whereabouts of Michael as they had lost touch as 'we had parted for about five years' and it also mentions 'my youngest brother' who was serving in France. I haven't worked out who he is.

O'Donnell, Joseph Daniel (SN 3602) Joseph enlisted on September 17, 1915 aged 25. His next of kin was his father, M. O'Donnell of Koo-Wee-Rup and he was also born in Koo-Wee-Rup. He Returned to Australia on September 26, 1917 and had 'severe corns on the sole of the left foot'. Joseph was listed as Michael's next of kin, after he returned home because their father 'could not be traced'. **Collyer O'Donnell, Michael Alexander** (SN 730) Michael enlisted at the age of 25 on November 27, 1914. He was born in Ballarat. He had a colourful military history with a range of disciplinary issues. He received a gunshot wound to his shoulder, suffered a fractured skull and Died of Wounds on July 17 1918. Michael was living in Sydney when he enlisted but his next of kin was his father, Michael James O'Donnell of Yannathan. Michael's will, in his file at the National Archives has the family's address as Yallock.

Pretty, Albert George (SN 6944) Albert enlisted on March 9, 1917 at the age of 23. His next of kin was his father, Frederick Matthew Pretty of Yallock. He was promoted to a Lieutenant. Albert was a Military Clerk who served in England and France. When you read all the military records you realise what a massive administrative task it must have been to keep all the records up to date. Albert Returned to Australia on October 30, 1919. There is a W. Pretty listed on the Honour Roll, but I believe this is a mistake as I can't find any other Prettys with a local connection apart from Albert.

Rietschel, Arthur William John

Rietschel, Percy George Oscar

Mr Boxshall has O.W Reitschel living at Fincks Road - he was a bricklayer; the Honour Roll has A. Reitschel and P. Reitschel and the 1914 Electoral Roll has Arthur and Percy Rietschel listed at Wonthaggi, so that's three different spellings on the surname. Arthur (b. 1888) and Percy (b. 1889) are the sons of Otto William and Helen (nee O'Neil) Rietschel, I think that's the correct spelling. Helen is in the Electoral Roll at Yallock in 1905 and 1906 and then I can't find her and I believe Otto died in 1901. This is what I had found out about Arthur and Percy, but I couldn't find any trace of their enlistment until once again, Lynne Bradley from the Narre Warren & District Family History Group discovered the answer. It turns out that Helen (also known as Ellen) remarried in 1903 to William James Jones and the boys enlisted as Arthur Jones and Percy Jones. Perhaps it was because there was so much anti-German feeling at the time, they wanted to hide a German sounding name. Arthur (SN 2673) enlisted on July 28, 1915 aged 27, occupation wheeler, next of kin was his mother Ellen Jones of Hicksborough, Wonthaggi. Arthur Returned to Australia on January 8, 1919. Percy (SN 1403) enlisted a day later than his brother, on July 29. He was 26 years old and also a wheeler, Ellen was also his next of kin. Percy served overseas and then Returned to Australia on January 31, 1918 and was discharged on medical grounds on May 28, 1918 suffering from 'myalgia and muscular atrophy'.

Ridgway, Mark (SN 449) Mark was born in Lang Lang and he was a 23 year old Buttermaker when he enlisted on February 11, 1915. His next of kin was his father, William Ridgway of 'Hazeldean', Lang Lang. In the 1914 Electoral Roll, he was living in Yannathan. Mark received a gunshot wound to his knee and his tibia and fibula were fractured. He Returned to Australia on September 9, 1916 and was medically discharged on March 30, 1917. *(Continued next page)*



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Sanders, Robert Oliver (SN 13170) Robert enlisted on August 7, 1916 at the age of 23 years, 11 months. His occupation was chauffeur, and as might be expected, he joined the Auxiliary Mechanical Transport Company. His address at enlistment was Monomeith and he was born in London and his next of kin was his father, who lived in England. Robert was demobilized in England on October 31, 1919. There is an R. Saunders listed in the *Koo-Wee-Rup Sun* article, but I can't locate anyone of that name with a local connection, so I believe it should have been R. Sanders.

Savage, Leslie Hardwick (SN 50459) Leslie was 24 when he enlisted on December 14, 1917. He Returned to Australia on January 19, 1919. He was born at Poowong and his next of kin was his father, Francis Savage of Yallock.

Scharf, Alfred (SN 962) Alfred was a 26 year old carpenter when he enlisted on January 18, 1915. Alfred was Killed in Action in France on August 24, 1916.

Scharf, Richard Albert (SN 7961) Richard was 19, a shop fitter and he enlisted on July 13, 1915. He Died of Wounds received whilst fighting in France on May 1, 1917.

Alfred and Richard were the sons of Henry and Liselle (nee Fritz) Scharf. Mr Boxshall writes that Henry Scharf was a carpenter and had left Germany to escape militarism. They lived on Finck's Road at Yallock, although they were in St Kilda Road, Elsternwick when the boys enlisted.

Scott, Bert

Scott, Ray Bert and Ray, who both died in the War, are listed on the Honour Roll and in the *Koo-Wee-Rup Sun* article. I just can't find them on any list. I assume they are brothers - I have an Albert Scott (SN 3257) and a Herbert Scott (7561) both with a connection to Ensay and the sons of William and Kathleen (nee Leonard) Scott, but their next of kin was their sister, Mrs Ruby Murrell of Ensay, it may be them, but I can find no connection to the Yallock area. They were both Killed in Action in France, Albert on July 29, 1916 and Herbert on June 8, 1918. There are four soldiers with the surname Scott who have Raymond as a first or middle name and there are 98 soldiers with a surname of Scott who have Albert, Bert, Herbert or Robert as a first or middle name but none have any obvious connection to Yallock. Any help appreciated.

Sherriff, Alfred (SN 2994) Alf enlisted on May 23, 1916 at the age of 36. He was a farmer from Lang Lang and his next of kin was his wife, Sarah Janet Sherriff (nee Richardson) He Returned to Australia on January 2, 1919 and was discharged from the Army as medically unfit in March 1919 due to Rheumatism and Functional Dyspepsia. The 1917 Electoral Roll lists Alf and Sarah at Yannathan, so I presume that was the Yallock connection.

Smith, Bert Bert is listed on the Honour Roll as having died in the War. There are about 90 Albert, Bert, Herbert and Robert Smiths who died during the War and I can't find any obvious connection to the area. There is also a B. Smith on the Cora Lynn War Memorial and I believe it may be the same person - Smith, Beith. (SN 1436) His first name was also listed as Bert and Berth in some documents but I believe that Beith is correct. He was Killed in Action May 9 or May 10 in 1915 at Gallipoli. Beith enlisted at Tynong on September 21, 1914. at the age of 19. The Attesting Officer was William Carney, Shire of Berwick President, so that proves he was in the local area, so he may have worked at Yallock as well. His occupation was listed as a labourer. He was born at Rochford, near Kyneton and that is where his father lived. Any ideas as to who this is, I would love to hear from you.

Stephens, James Bennett (SN 2367) James enlisted at the age of 21 on August 7, 1916. His occupation was Drover. His next of kin was his father, Francis Stephens of Yallock. James was Killed in Action in Belgium on October 4, 1917. James is incorrectly listed as J. Stevens on the Honour Roll.

Ware, Charles William Francis (SN 3285a) Charles enlisted at the age of 23 on July 27, 1915. He was employed on the Railways. He suffered a severe gunshot wound to his right buttock and Returned to Australia on March 17, 1917 and was discharged for medical reasons on July 9, 1917. His next of kin was his mother Mrs Christina Wilson Ware who lived at Kongwak. His father was Charles Joseph Ware and the family had previously lived at Yallock.

Wright, John William (SN 646) John enlisted on September 24, 1914 aged 21. He was born in Yannathan and his next of kin was his mother, Isabella. John Returned to Australia on October 26, 1918. He was the brother of Marmaduke Wright, below.

Wright, Marmaduke George (SN 703) Listed as G. Wright on the Honour Board and Duke Wright in the *Koo-Wee-Rup Sun* article, so we'll call him Duke. Duke was the son of George and Isabella Wright, who lived in Hall Road, Yallock, although the 1909 Electoral Roll has their address as Yannathan, once again it seems that both names were used interchangeably. Duke was born in Koo-Wee-Rup and he enlisted on February 23, 1916 aged 20. Isabella was his next of kin and she was living in Shepparton East, she was there when John enlisted as well. Duke Returned to Australia on January 25, 1919.

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 ☎ 5629 4396.

NOMINATE SOMEONE FOR A KOO WEE RUP AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD

Are you aware of anyone in our community who should be nominated for a local Australia Day award?

We wish to identify people who have made an outstanding contribution to the local community. These are people who are always willing to lend a helping hand and have been active members of their community; often through their involvement with clubs, committees, schools or other community organisations, but sometimes just through their positive involvement with other people. Perhaps you know someone who goes above and beyond expectation in their contribution to our community.

If you know someone like this, please contact the KWR Australia Day Committee by sending an email to blackfish@live.com.au, or a letter to PO Box 64, KWR to let us know about your nominee.



**Celebrate
Australia Day
26th Jan
KWR Community Centre**

-  Free Breakfast at 8.15am
-  Ceremony at 9.00am
-  Local Awards
-  Guest Ambassador

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**Koo Wee Rup
Fire Brigade
Santa Lollie Run**

Wednesday 9th December
From 4pm onwards,

Listen out for Santa & his fireman helpers
Bring a Tin for Santa's Bin
All tin donations given to the Four C's
Charity for distribution to needy
Families in the area.

Merry Christmas

Santa visits all of the streets in the Koo Wee Rup town centre handing out lollies and collecting canned food for charity. As the town has grown so much Santa won't be going down every court but he will send his CFA helpers into your court so you know when to walk down the start of your court to meet Santa who will park at the start of your court. Find our facebook page to follow Santa's progress : - Santa Run Koo Wee Rup (maps of areas and times on facebook)

KOO WEE 4 KIDZ CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL

Saturday 12th December
2:30pm to 4:30pm
215 Rossiter Road, Koo Wee Rup

A Christmas event sponsored by Koo Wee 4 Kidz, Men's shed, TurningPoint Church Koo Wee Rup and Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service.

Come on down and enjoy a BBQ, jumping castles, fairy floss, and much more!

With a special performance by the children from Koo Wee 4 Kidz, singing Christmas carols.

So bring a picnic rug or a chair and come and enjoy the afternoon.







4.00 - Original Town Centre (Not Rossiter or Station St)

4.30 - Denhams Road, Milla, Quinny and Tesoro Estate

5.00 - Townley Estate, Alexandra Ave Estate,

6.00 - 7.30 Rossiter to Sybella, Sybella, Bailey Boulevard

7.00 - 8.00 Charles Street & Catani Ave

7.30 - 8.30 Station St, William St, McNamara Road, Boundary Drain Road