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AUSTRALIA DAY 2015



Children stand ready to lead the community singing the National Anthem at the start of Koo Wee Rup's Australia Day celebrations. This Australia Day the town presented 4 community service awards and 12 school awards. Pictures on back cover and details of award winners inside on pages 3-5.

THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES *(Edited Extracts)*

The Township held its AGM and monthly meeting on Wednesday, 3 December. Township Meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 4 February at 7:30 pm at the Community Centre.

Cr. David Young presented the Shire Matters report this evening. He noted that at the recent "White Ribbon" breakfast to promote resistance to male violence against women, there were mainly Shire Council officers present. This annual breakfast must be promoted widely and organised much better next year to attract more residents to the function.

The new Shire Council building has a few 'teething' problems. The main car park is nowhere near the main entrance and this has caused some frustration to first time visitors. Parking in the "Avenue" is much nearer to the main door. A letter in the Pakenham Gazette this week had criticised the deep and dangerous guttering that one has to negotiate and is a hazard to disabled visitors. Cr Young said that this particular problem would be fixed when the area is completed by "Places Victoria".

The question of 'Toilets for the Disabled' at the swimming pool was raised yet again and Cr. Young reported that the work on the toilets will now be a minimum upgrade refurbishment to be commenced at the end of the present summer swimming season. However there will be a new toilet built there for disabled people.

Re: the completion of the road surface in Moody Street. No timing or details are available at this date.

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AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2015

JANE COUPE

Jane has been with Bayles Regional Primary School since 1991 and is retiring at the end of January. In the early 90's she worked at four schools, being Catani, Iona, Modella and Bayles. When Catani and Bayles schools merged to become Bayles Regional Primary School, Jane was a founding staff member and has taught as a classroom teacher, and music and science teacher. Her work has been quite remarkable in the school, setting up the gardens, organising school concerts and floats for the Yakerboo Festival, and so much more.

Not only has she done a remarkable job in the school, but is also an active member in the following community groups: Secretary of the Mid-Gippsland Junior Badminton Association, Bayles Junior Badminton Club, Costume Mistress and singer in the Casey Choir, Secretary of the Gardening Club and contributor to the Red Cross.

She will be greatly missed at Bayles Regional Primary School.

MURIEL WINTER

Muriel grew up on a farm out the back of Iona, married and worked a dairy farm at Caldermeade and then moved into the township of Kooweerup in 1977.

Muriel has always been involved in sport, having played netball for many years including two seasons with the "Married Ladies" team at Kooweerup. After her daughter started playing netball in 1964 and she got her own car, she was able to attend the netball regularly, often picking up the netballers to take them to away games. She and her friends attended most games and helped out wherever they could. Muriel was made a life member of the Kooweerup Netball Club in 2005.

Muriel's son joined the CFA running team in 1975 and that started many years of volunteering. She has been a member of the Ladies Auxiliary since 1976. She has prepared food and done kitchen duties at catering events, helping to secure an income for the CFA. Muriel still attends CFA meetings but she is no longer active in volunteering. She is a life member of the CFA and this year received her 30 year service badge.

Muriel was a Kitchen Aide at the Kooweerup Hospital from 1972 until 1984. Along the way she became well known in the township, not only for her pleasant disposition, but also for her capacity to help others: taking people shopping or to visit the doctor, mending clothes, helping out a functions.

As a member of the catholic community at St John's in Kooweerup, she helped at church functions for many years and was regularly rostered for cleaning duties.

There are many things that continue to characterise Muriel's participation and contribution to the Kooweerup community in which she lives. She strongly values a sense of community and can be seen each day taking the time to

talk to people. She keenly understands how a community works and she understands that a healthy community leads to healthy and fulfilling lives.

TONY CAMMARANO

Tony Cammarano has been an exceptional member of the Koo Wee Rup Football Club for the past 30 years.

He started his football as a junior player and continued progressing up the ranks to go on and play over 250 senior games with the club. During his playing days Tony was always available to contribute his time to various jobs around the club such as boundary umpire, central umpire, goal umpire and water boy. All these positions were voluntary and played an important role around the Football Club.

Following his retirement from playing football, Tony continued to make himself available as a committee person, which eventually saw him take on the role of President in 2012.

Over the past 3 years we have seen the Football Club develop and embrace the growing population of our township. Tony and his committee carried out a dedicated program of encouraging new players to the club.

As player numbers increased, Tony led his committee on a Facilities Development Program, which resulted in new facilities such as the electronic scoreboard, new coaches boxes, full renovation of the change rooms, renovation of the oval surface and a new ground lighting system.

The result of Facilities Development Program is a huge increase in football players at the club, particularly in the junior ranks which augurs well for the future of the club.

In 2012 Tony's commitment was recognised when he was awarded a life membership of the Club.

MATT DAVEY

Matt has been a lifelong player, coach, committee man and servant to the Kooweerup Cricket Club. The Club would not be what it is today without his ongoing voluntary work.

Matt has played for over 20 years at the Club and continues to do so today. He has undertaken many roles in that time such as President, Secretary, Treasurer, Committee member, Junior Co-ordinator, Senior and Junior Coach. He has been a dedicated member who has always tried to make sure the club has progressed and been prominent within the community. He has earned the honour of life membership of the Cricket Club.

Communities and Clubs do not survive without volunteers such as Matt Davey. He, with the support of his family, has been dedicated to ensuring the Kooweerup Cricket Club is a healthy Club within the community as indicated by the Club winning four premierships last season.

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2015 - SCHOOL AGE

KOOWEERUP SECONDARY COLLEGE

LACHLAN LYONS

Lachlan has been appointed as Kooweerup Secondary College Captain for 2015. He is an active, highly motivated student with a mature sense of self-assurance. He excelled in the SEAL program for highly talented students and has received academic Honours and associated scholarships each year for his excellent results across the curriculum. He is studying Chemistry, Maths Methods, Physics, English and Specialist Maths. He also completed Year 12 Biology while in Year 11. He ran a maths and science help group where he would mentor and assist junior students who needed help.

Lachlan is a keen and talented sportsman with a passion for many team and individual sports. He competes at a high level in cricket and tennis and has been a member of College teams up to the State level of competition. Since Year 8 he has been a member of the College Boys Netball Team. Lachlan devotes his own personal time to assisting teachers in coaching junior teams and running sports days and tournaments.

He has had a role in the SRC helping them to transform Student Leadership processes. Lachlan is a personable, collaborative member of the SRC and the wider College community who is universally well-liked and respected by his teachers and peers. He is knowledgeable and quite perceptive when it comes to youth and community issues and can express his insights eloquently and engagingly to an audience.

Lachlan is committed to attending university and is especially interested in environments and architecture. He is part of the Kwong Lee Dow scholarship program. He also won the Federation University scholarship this year.

AMY DAVIS

Amy is a caring and concerned student who has just been selected as Kooweerup Secondary College Captain for 2015. She has already started her Captain's work on Grade 6 Orientation Day.

She has been involved with the KWRSC HPV (Human Powered Vehicle) team since Year 7 and has attended most events. She would have done a few thousand kilometres in her HPV career. She is instrumental in preparing the teams for their presentation and in helping keep the vehicles well maintained.

She is an excellent student who completed a Year 12 subject (Further Maths) while in Year 11 and is currently

enrolled in Psychology, Literature, English and Human Development.

Amy is a quiet achiever who works well with others and shows initiative, making sure that everyone is included and knows what is happening.

Amy was involved in the Boston Consulting Leadership Development Program and this year won an award for academic excellence and the Rotary Club scholarship.

THOMAS CLOSE

Tom is a member of the Human Powered Vehicle (HPV) team, where he has performed admirably. He is a good team leader in HPV, giving up his weekends to take part.

He is an excellent academic student, both hard working and polite.

Tom is a good team player not only in his HPV but in classroom activities. He is mature and exceptionally well behaved.

He has received a number of scholarships in past years including the Lions Club Scholarship and Westernport Roadlines Scholarship.

He is studying English, Physics, Chemistry, Maths Methods and Unit 3 Human Development. This year he was awarded an academic excellence award.

CAITLYN VAN DORD

Caitlyn has been elected as Mawson Vice Captain for 2015 so is well respected by her fellow students. She is a student who gets involved in activities across the College.

Performing Arts is her real area of expertise. She has written a musical and always supports the College community through performances.

She is completing English, Further Maths, Music Solo Performance and Theatre Studies. This year she won an academic excellence award and also the Shire of Cardinia Scholarship.

Caitlyn is a blessing to the College Music Department, organising both music and students. She plays the clarinet and performs with the band and as a soloist.

Caitlyn is also a part of the HPV (Human Powered Vehicle) team at the College.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PRIMARY SCHOOL

IMOGEN PAINE

Imogen Paine is dedicated to her school and schooling. She supports the ethos of the school at every opportunity. Imogen is an all-round positive person. She shows a sincere concern for others in the school community, happily assisting those in need. Imogen is honest and trustworthy. She has represented St. John's on several occasions in swimming and athletics at both district and regional levels. She can be very proud of her participation, attitude and effort. Imogen is a worthy recipient of a KooWeeRup Junior Citizen Award.

ARCHIE WHITTA

Archie Whitta has displayed good leadership throughout the year. He is an outstanding student in every way – in all areas of the curriculum and extra-curricular activities. Archie is thoughtful, kind and honest. Archie displays drive and ambition in all areas of school life. He is a credit to himself, his family and the St John's School Community, and as such he is undoubtedly a worthy recipient of a KooWeeRup Junior Citizen Award.

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2015 - SCHOOL AGE

KOO WEE RUP PRIMARY SCHOOL

GEORGIA SHARP

Georgia is always dedicated to her learning and shows a keen interest in all extra-curriculum activities by going the extra mile to be involved and help involve others. Georgia is a student that extends her learning outside the classroom and regularly attends community events such as going to the Community Kitchen Garden. She then brings her new knowledge back into the classroom to share with her peers. Georgia has shown a true dedication to Koo Wee Rup Primary School and the Koo Wee Rup Community. She loves working on sustainable projects that help the school such as the Buddy Stop that the Year 4 students introduced to our playground, and the huts made for the endangered Southern Brown Bandicoots that are located on our school grounds. She also take part in our Music Program as part of the Djembe ensemble group. Georgia is someone that allows us to envision a true positive role model for our school community and we thank her for all her efforts.

EMILY MAYS

Emily has shown a keen dedication to her learning and a desire for personal betterment. She has made a concentrated effort to expand her friendship group and to get along well with all. She has always helped others in need and done so without seeking praise or reward. Outside of school she is an active member of a local youth group and thoroughly enjoys this. When Emily is asked to complete a task she always did so without complaint and did so to the best of her ability. She is a naturally happy person who doesn't let adversity get her down. Emily is a child that personifies the qualities that make Australia the great country to live in that it is.

CARDINIA PRIMARY SCHOOL

SASHA SUTCLIFFE

Sasha is a helpful and caring student. She strives to do her best in everything she does. Sasha is well liked by her peers and has many friends. She assists in the feeding and care of animals in the Animal Farm regularly. Sasha has been elected as one of the School Captains at Cardinia Primary School for 2015 due to her dedication and commitment to the school and its community.

MAX WEINZIERL

Max, along with his family, have been involved in the school and local community for many years. He assists in many ways around the school, including involvement in working bees and other school fundraisers. Max gets along well with his peers and has many friends throughout the school. He has been elected as one of the School Captains at Cardinia Primary School for 2015 due to his dedication and commitment to the school and its community.

BAYLES REGIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

CAILIN MACUMBER

Cailin has been a dedicated and hard-working pupil since joining Bayles Regional. Whatever task she undertakes, she uses her initiative and self-motivation to 'go the extra mile'. She is keen on environmental matters, both in a practical and academic way. Cailin will happily push a wheelbarrow or empty a compost bin and she perseveres until the task is complete. She is also a great supporter of the school's music program and will take the lead in organizing music events. Cailin played the lagerphone in the school bush-band in the Bayles Fauna Park early in Grade 5, and later in the year performed with the school choir at the 70th birthday of the Bayles Fire Brigade. She plays her guitar at assemblies and other school functions, and is happy to assist other pupils with their instruments. Cailin has taken part in several Yakkerboo parades with others from Bayles Regional, and played important roles in the school's Musical productions. She recently undertook a leadership course aimed at preparing pupils to take on leadership roles within their school. All teachers who have worked with Cailin comment on her excellent manners and behavior, and her fabulous work ethic. She is a credit to herself, her family and her school.

ELLIE PILKINGTON

Ellie is what is commonly referred to as a 'model student'. She works hard both as an individual and as a member of a group. She is always polite and co-operative and will give her best to whatever task she is asked, or has chosen, to do. When working in the school's music program, in which she plays recorder, she is diligent about attending rehearsals and will take music home with her so that she returns to school prepared for the next step. She recently performed with the school choir at the Music on the Grass Festival here in Koo Wee Rup as well as many other school performances. She dances well within a group, assisting other pupils when necessary. Ellie was responsible for the welfare of the school's animals throughout her Grade Five year, and she carried out the task in an exemplary manner. When aged only seven Ellie saw another child in trouble in the swimming pool and immediately went to her aid, bringing the child to the surface. Out of school, Ellie has learned to ride and helps to look after her pony. She has also taken part in the Net Set Go program with Catani Netball Club and is joining other members of her family in learning Tae Kwon Do. Her mother reports that she is most responsible at home, is self-motivated in regard to her homework and keeps her bedroom tidy!

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

Ray Brown explained his frustration with the report in 'The Herald Sun' about violence in the suburbs. In this report, Koo-Wee-Rup is listed as being well up the table for homicides; five in four years. Ray questioned and objected to that and had asked for an explanation from the journalist who compiled the report. The reporter had defined 'Homicide' as several distinctly different crimes and not necessarily just murder as most people understand it to be. Recent publicity in the Pakenham Gazette had made known the Township Committee's disappointment and ire at the Town being tainted with such a sensationalised report.

Ray Brown asked Lyn van de Hoef to bring the Committee up to date with the artistic creation that will be exhibited permanently in the Town; a sculptural artwork financed by the Shire Council. Lyn explained that three artists had presented their models of sculpture to the selection panel who then decided on the work's suitability for the Community, the aesthetics, and if it is befitting to the Town. One has been chosen, and this Marque will be 3 metres tall with a spreading feature representing drains, steel and other attributes. The sculpture will be illuminated at night and it is to be hoped that it will create interest and comment from residents and visitors alike. The final task is to find a suitable place to position the sculpture; the artist intended it to be in parkland.

George Fittock presented the Men's Shed report this evening.

The 'Music on the Lawn' event held on November 16th was a great success with over 600 people attending the show that had music playing from 12:30 pm until 5:00 pm. Music on the Lawn will now be an annual event.

Men visiting from other Men's Sheds everywhere, are now a regular feature. Koo-Wee-Rup Men's Shed is now the "best in Australia" and one of the original five.

The Men's Shed members encouraged the young girls and boys of the Town to take part in the recent 'White Ribbon walk.

George Fittock presented the Maintenance report this evening.

The grass in the parks and playgrounds is very high and families cannot utilise these public spaces. Will the Shire council do something about this?

Cr. Young added that he is following up the problem of overhanging trees and bushes in the Town and the action the Shire Council will take.

A comment from the floor noted that on the Koo-Wee-Rup/Pakenham Road, the safety barriers were so close to the road that the RACV have refused to remove broken down cars because of safety hazards to their employees.

Another comment told of trucks turning into Rossiter Road from the South Gippsland Highway and entering against the one-way system. This action is a shock to drivers of vehicles going westward along the one-way road. It is believed that these trucks are masquerading as by-pass construction vehicles but, in fact, are driving on through the Town and beyond. The secretary was asked to write to Lend Lease and advise them of this problem.

The grass in Catani Avenue is very high and a fire hazard; especially around the high voltage transformer there. Cr. Young said the Shire Council will inspect this area and if necessary they will issue a compliance notice. A merit notice needs to be raised with the Shire Council for this.

Ray Brown gave the Township Committee an update on the establishment of the new Hall Committee that will now operate the Community Centre. Under the new management, all users will pay for use of the hall. The building is now 12 years old and the blinds, carpets, doors, PA system need serious on-going maintenance. The Hall Committee will decide if there is to be any discount offered to any users. It will now operate as a serious business and the Hall Committee will set and change the user rates from time to time. The Hall Committee members are: - Chairman - Ray Brown, Secretary - Lisa van Dord, Treasurer - Gavin Brock. Members: Lyn van der Hoef, Helen Lynch, Gwenda Woff, John Farmer George Fittock, Gus Moore.

Maintenance work will be carried out regularly and as required. There has been a lot of neglect over the years, this neglect will now stop and the Hall will be operated with viable efficiency.

Valmai Walker asked Cr. Young about who is responsible for the post and rail fence rails around the park at Bayles; there are nine posts that need repair or replacement. Cr. Young said that he would also follow this up with the relevant Council officers.

Valmai also asked again about the cul-de-sac situation in Townley Road. Can it be opened up through to John Street? Cr. Young said he would follow this up for her.

Cr. Young announced that the railway house (ex Cochrane Park), is now ready to be handed over to the Bayles Fauna Park committee. Everyone hopes that all will use it. Ray Brown asked, "What is the final cost of the move from Koo-Wee-Rup?" This will be known very soon after handover.

The secretary announced that the latest measurement for the water pressure in Koo-Wee-Rup is 300kPa (43.5 psi) an increase of 27% from the original pressure of 235kPa (30psi).

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Koo Wee Rup Natural Gas Project Public Meeting

Date: **7pm, Thursday 19 February 2015**

Venue: **Koo Wee Rup Community Hall
Rossiter Road, Koo Wee Rup
(rear of Cochrane Park)**

- **Meet the Project team**
- **Learn about the benefits of connecting to natural gas – both residential and commercial**
- **Understand the Project timeframe and construction activities**

Australian Gas Networks Limited, with the financial support of the Victorian State Government, will be extending their natural gas network to Koo Wee Rup. APA Group is the Operator for the gas asset owner Australian Gas Networks Limited, and as such will be managing the day to day activities of the project.

This Public Meeting is a great opportunity to learn about the project activities involved and the advantages of connecting to natural gas.

The construction works are expected to take around 12 months to complete. We are also currently developing a project website (www.naturalgasinkooweerup.com.au) to help keep the community up-to-date with all the project construction activities, as well as information on available rebates.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

KOO WEE RUP NATURAL GAS PROJECT SET TO COMMENCE.



Meet the gas team behind the Koo Wee Rup Natural Gas Project at a Public Meeting on Feb 19.

Australian Gas Networks Limited (AGN) is pleased to announce the extension of their gas distribution network to supply the Koo Wee Rup community with natural gas. AGN has been working closely with the local community and the Victorian State Government to bring natural gas to the township for the benefit of business, schools and homes. The financial support from the state government and the enthusiasm of the community for natural gas has made the project viable.

AGN is Australia's leading gas distribution company, previously known as Envestra Limited and supplies approximately 1.2 million consumers with natural gas throughout eastern Australia, South Australia and the Northern Territory. APA Group operates and maintains the AGN gas distribution assets and therefore will be managing the Koo Wee Rup Project as well as the ongoing operations of the infrastructure once it is installed and commissioned.

Construction is due to commence in early March and is expected to take around 12 months to complete. To assist the community with understanding the benefits and advantages of switching to natural gas, as well as how the construction will impact the town during installation of the pipeline and associated infrastructure, APA Group will be holding a **Public Meeting in the Koo Wee Rup Community Hall at 7pm Thursday 19 February 2015**. A project website (www.naturalgasinkooweerup.com.au) is also currently under development as a convenient go-to information source including rebates available, connection enquiry forms, construction activities and timelines.

With natural gas coming to Koo Wee Rup within the next year, AGN encourages the community to consider natural gas as an energy source and to **apply for natural gas via your preferred Energy Retailer** so that your house gets connected in a timely manner once natural gas becomes available. If you need to purchase an appliance in the meantime please consider selecting LPG appliance models that can be economically converted to run on natural gas and ask your plumber to locate and size the fitting lines appropriately to enable future switching to natural gas.

All residents and business members are encouraged to attend the upcoming Public Meeting to find out more about the construction project as well as the range of uses and appliances now available.

We hope to see you on Thursday 19th February 2015 at 7pm.



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KOO WEE RUP SECONDARY COLLEGE

I take this opportunity to welcome everyone back for another fantastic year at the college. I hope everyone in the community is well and had a great break.

We had excellent Year 12 results in all ways at the end of 2014, scoring higher results than many other schools. This trend has continued with our VCE students getting many first or second choices in their tertiary offers. Median study score of 30. Mean study score of 30.75. Six ATARs 90 and above. Top two were separated by 0.1. 95.85 and 95.75. We had a total of 34 (9.7%) results 40 and above - this figure in our best years is around the 4% mark, with one study score of 49 and one perfect 50.

Students resume January 30th as schools will back in full strength as we had Rollover last November. Please make sure all students settle into a new routine of revision, reading and study as soon as possible.

Term One this year is very short, finishing March 27th.

There is a new computer software program being implemented at the school this year called Compass. This will enable parents to monitor progress, check attendance and make payments, etc in a much better way. Details to come.

The new Year 8 building is well under way and will be completed by the start of next term.

Kym Bridgford, Principal

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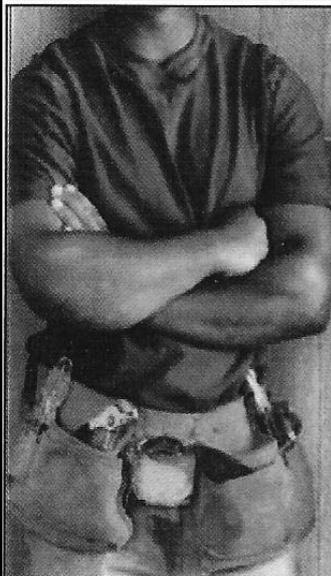
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This year, we also welcome two new staff members to our school. Mrs Narelle West will be teaching in Grade 3/4 and Miss Sarah De Koning will be teaching in Grade F/1. We are also thrilled at the return of Mrs Sarah Manelski from maternity leave to teach in Grade F/1 two days a week.

The beginning of the year is a very busy time. Many important events occur during first term and these are just some of the things we look forward to over the coming weeks:

- Grade Five/Six Adventure Camp
- Sacramental Information Night
- Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Welcoming Picnic
- District Swimming Carnival
- Reconciliation Commitment Mass
- St John's Swimming Carnival
- Trivia Night
- Sacrament of Reconciliation (Grade Three)

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Kind regards, Kristy Telford (Deputy Principal)



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KOO WEE RUP Primary School

I would like to welcome our school community back to an exciting 2015. We welcome our Year 1 to 6 students back on Friday, 30th January and our Foundation students begin on Monday, 2nd February. We know they are well and truly ready and rearing to go as a result of attending 8 Transition sessions in 2014 allowing them to feel safe and secure and positive about learning and school.

To our parents, a special welcome back, we welcome your positive support and contributions to our school. We have a number of community events planned this term including our 'Getting to know you' Student Lead Conferences and BBQ on Thursday, 5th February and the Twilight Games to be held on Thursday, 12th February from 3:30-5:00pm.

To our staff, a special welcome and thank you in advance for the commitment, enthusiasm and passion for teaching our students and providing the best educational opportunities for them to learn in 2015. The first 2 days of 2015 have provided an opportunity for our teachers to identify goals and focus areas for our work this year. Our whole school approaches to Literacy and Maths continue. Our Literacy consultant, Julie Shepherd is again working with our staff to ensure best teaching practice in Reading, Writing and Spelling. 'Together We Learn' continues to be a living motto at our school for all.

As a result of staff Action Research in 2014, all staff will be utilising the peer observation model to continually develop teacher practice. Our teachers work collaboratively with collective responsibility for all our students. We have high expectations, know our students and what they need to know to get to the next step. We want our students to be problem solvers and critical thinkers, be respectful, empathetic and curious and keep the love of learning. Our focus is 'Together We Learn'.

Congratulations to our 2015 Australia Day winners Emily Mays & Georgia Sharpe

Emily has shown a keen dedication to her learning and a desire for personal betterment. She has made a concentrated effort to expand her friendship group and to get along well with all. She has always helped others in need and done so without seeking praise or reward. Outside of school she is an active member of a local youth group and thoroughly enjoys this. When Emily is asked to complete a task she always did so without complaint and to the best of her ability. She is a naturally happy person who doesn't let adversity get her down. Emily is a child that personifies the qualities that make Australia the great country to live in that it is.



Georgia is always dedicated to her learning and shows a keen interest in all extra-curriculum activities by going the extra mile to be involved and help involve others. Georgia is a student that extends her learning outside the classroom and regularly attends community events such as going to the Community Kitchen Garden bringing back her new knowledge to the classroom to share with her peers. Georgia has shown a true dedication to Koo Wee Rup Primary School and Community. She loves working on sustainable projects that help the school such as the Buddy Stop that the Year 4 students introduced to our playground, and the huts made for the endangered Southern Brown Bandicoots. She also take part in our Music Program as part of the Djembe ensemble group. Georgia is someone that allows us to envision a true positive role model for our school community.

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Tuesdays commencing 24 February for 5 sessions
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4.00pm - 5.00pm Cost: \$75

PROVIDE FIRST AID (HLTAID003)

Learn basic First Aid skills to manage casualties at home, sports and in the workplace. Complete workbook prior to class. Includes CPR. (Previously called Level II First Aid).

Friday 13 March for 1 session

9.30am - 4.30pm Cost: \$180

PROVIDE CPR (HLTAID001)

CPR can be life-saving first aid. It increases chances of survival if started soon after the heart has stopped beating. Learn the skills to save a life.

Friday 13 March for 1 session

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1st Koo Wee Rup Scout Group



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

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME IN ALL AGE GROUPS

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

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

Happy New Year one and all, the long school holidays have finally drawn to an end and the kids (both young and old) are getting back into the routine of the New Year. Over the holiday period...

Our Scouts camped for a week on the Mornington Peninsular and did things like a day hike, beach activities at Mt Martha, a city wide game in Melbourne, geocaching, movies, disco, frat tent and construction.



In the meantime one of our Venturer Scouts travelled to South Australia to participate in a nation-wide camp called the Venture. Whilst there they visited the York Peninsular, went surfing, snorkelling and had a ball on the giant swing.

Below: Venturers on the York Peninsula Hike



All the while the Rover Scouts were busy doing service within the community, helping out at the Op Shop, helping with the catering at the Tooradin Tractor Pull not to mention all the track clean ups at the Nyora Speedway!

Right: Rover Crew Helping at the Tooradin Tractor Pull

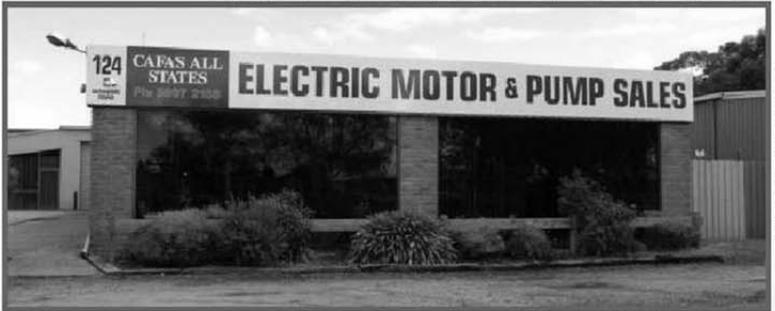
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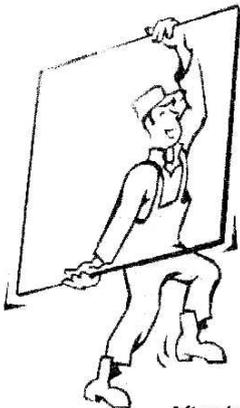
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KOO WEE RUP BOWLS CLUB NEWS



The popular Community Monday Twilight bowls commenced on Jan 12th Sausage sizzle at 6.30 pm and a couple of not too serious games of bowls at 7.00 pm. Including a game of Bowls Footy. Cost for the evening is \$5.00 so bring along family/friends and have some fun. The evening is usually concluded around 9.00 p.m.

Rd 9 results for Saturday Pennant – Div 1 at home to Somerville won 130-77. Div 4 at home to Karingal won 81-52. Div 6 had to forfeit to Mornington Civic due to lack of numbers.

Rd 10 Div 1 was away to Hastings lost 81-133, Div 4 at home to Mornington won 77-63 & Div 6 at home to Woodlands Park lost 36-57.

Rd 11 Div 1 away to City of Frankston won 93-92, Div 4 away to Mornington Civic lost 64-96. Div 6 received a forfeit from City of Frankston.

Round 12 Div at home to Mt. Eliza lost 70-114, Div 4 away to Hastings lost 47-90. Div 6 at home to Frankston RSL won 64-49.

Round 13 was the recommencement after the Christmas break with Div 1 travelling to Karingal and lost 72-113. Div 4 went to Frankston RSL and won 78-42. Div 6 were at home to Hastings and were beaten 31-63.

Rd 8 for Tuesday Pennant – Div 3 KWR at home to City of Frankston won 71-59. Div 4 away to Somerville won 88-62.

Rd 9 Tuesday Pennant results – Div 3 away to Mornington Civic lost 64-81. Div 4 at home to Mornington Civic lost 39-88.

Round 10 Div 3 at home to Blue Hills [2nd on ladder] and won 94-44. Div 4 was away to City of Frankston and won 71-70.

Round 11 All games were washed out with teams sharing the points.

Round 12 Div 3 at home to Frankston RSL won 85-59. Div 4 away to Blue Hills lost 84-69

The Club Champions for the season to date are – Max Calder [Men's Singles], Pauline Gray [Ladies Singles] Bryan Walker & Brad King [Men's Pairs], Pauline Gray & Mary Masters [Ladies Pairs]. Max & Pauline have played in the PBD Champion of Champions events with Pauline winning her 1st game against Karingal & the 2nd game against Frankston RSL to reach the semi-finals. Max defeated Frankston RSL in his 1st game but was then defeated by one of the favourites in City of Frankston in his 2nd game to bow out of the competition. Both players should be pleased with their performances and they represented our Club very well.

Special congratulations to Wendy Pownall on winning the Peninsula/Casey Region Novice Singles competition. Wendy then played the Winners from the other 15 Regions across the State. Playing against

Metro. West in the 1st game she won 21-20. Wendy then played against Eastern Ranges but lost 16-21. A very good effort indeed and Wendy should be very pleased with the results reaching the final 8 in the State.

Friday Triples winners for the 5/12 KenTaylor, Edna Adams & Fred Forde [Warragul], Runners Up Pauline Gray, Mary Masters & Lindsay Wealands [KWR] & Last Game Winners Paul Currie [Pakenham], Ken Walton & John Hatton [KWR]. This competition commenced again on 16/1 with the results being Winning rink John Williams, Brian Vanina & Neville Kitchen (Lang Lang) with 35 pts. Runner Up rink with 34 pts. was John Van Vugt, Wendy Titcombe & Simon Koning (Cardinia Waters). Best Last game was Jim Smith (Cardinia Waters), George Crynes & Irene Stanbridge (KWR) with 18 pts.

Approximately 60 Members, family & friends enjoyed the Christmas Break up Lunch at the Club. Great to see some of our old stalwarts attend especially Pauline O'Brien, Ray McMillan & Jean Mortimer. Also attending after serious health issues were Brendon Scullin & Lyn Jenkins. The lunch was catered for by Bunyip River Meats and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

The Club is holding a coaching /information day on Sunday 8th Feb. commencing at 10.30 a.m. Our guest for the day will be Nick McIntyre from Team Henselite. Nick is currently a member of the Australia "A" squad & Victorian squad. He has won many State, Association & Club titles over the years and is playing for Bundoora RSL Premier Division team in Metropolitan Pennant. We would like as many players as possible to attend and if you have a family member/s or friends interested in taking up the sport please invite them along. There will be a BBQ/Sausage sizzle lunch provided.

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Working Bee

Sunday, 8 February - 9 am to 12 noon

followed by a sausage sizzle

Next Meeting

Monday, 23 February at 7:30 pm
at the Bayles Hall

All welcome

KOO WEE RUP LIONS CLUB

As we begin the new year, it is satisfying to reflect on the Lions Club's activities during December 2014.

On the 7th the Club ran the Youth of the Year Quest at the senior citizens facility in Icke Road, an event which has been supported by Lions Clubs across Australia for 50 years and by the Koo Wee Rup Lions Club for over ten years. The Quest is designed to encourage Years 11 and 12 students' interest in leadership and the qualities required to take an active and constructive role in the community.

Students Amy Davis, Abbey-Rose Kerr, Lachlan Lyons and Selby McDonald, all from Koo Wee Rup Secondary College, participated in the Quest, which involved an interview with judges, Susanne Rutten and Michael Jackson, followed by responses to two impromptu questions and an opportunity to deliver a prepared five minute speech on a topic of their choice.

Amy discussed the merits of Operation Sovereign Borders. Abbey-Rose gave a reminder of the dangers of second hand cigarette smoke. Lachlan stressed the importance of women's rights to an education and Selby provided some chilling facts about mental health issues facing the youth of today.

Not only did all of the students do a fine job in answering the impromptu questions, but the subject matter and quality of delivery of the prepared speeches was outstanding.

After considerable deliberation the judges confirmed that Lachlan was not only the winner of the public speaking component of the Quest, but was also overall winner.



Amy Davis, Selby McDonald, Lachlan Lyons and Abbey-Rose Kerr

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KOO WEE RUP LIONS CLUB *(from previous page)*



Lions club President, Sheryl Blay, and quilt maker Suzanne Dayble with the ANZAC quilt

Two days later on the 9th the Lions Club enjoyed a combined meeting with the RSL at the bowls club in Rossiter Road. The highlight of the evening was a presentation by quilt maker, Suzanne Dayble about her ANZAC quilt.

Around its edges the quilt contains khaki-coloured patches, which represent the Army, on which have been embroidered the floral emblems of Australia and New Zealand. These patches are interspersed with red poppies of remembrance. The centre of the quilt depicts the flags of Australia and New Zealand and the two blues of the Navy and Air Force. Under the flags is an Australian soldier with head bowed standing at the foot of the grave of his fallen mate. The two white doves rising above this sad scene represent peace and hope for the future.

Suzanne then displayed several other beautifully made quilts. The designs, colours and intricacy of the stitching needed to be seen to be believed.

Now we move on to the 12th when the Club again ran the community carols by candle light at the community hall in Rossiter Road.

The Koo Wee Rup Secondary College, together with Koo Wee Rup and Bayles Primary Schools provided the musical interludes and lead the carol singing to the huge enjoyment of the almost 250 mums, dads and children in the audience.

Special guest, Emma Wallace, a former pupil at Koo Wee Rup Secondary College treated the audience to the rousing 'Oh Holy Night' and 'Jerusalem' and renowned recording star, Sophie Koh sang two memorable songs she had written.



Students of Koo Wee Rup Secondary College and Primary School entertaining the audience



Hannah addressing a Lions Club meeting in Japan

At the end of the evening Santa made an appearance, much to the delight of the younger members of the audience.

Finally, an update on how the Club's youth exchangee, Hannah McDonell has really enjoyed her time in Japan.

By all accounts, Hannah had a wonderful time and was very busy with sightseeing, travelling and visiting several Lions Clubs in the towns in which she was staying.

As mentioned in the last Blackfish, Hannah returned to Melbourne on 28th December and the Club is really looking forward to hearing all about her experiences.

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You may have heard a loud siren this month, no, it wasn't an air raid; it was the Koo Wee Rup Fire Brigade (CFA) 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.

The calls we attended in the last 2 months were:

- 3/12/14 Gas in a house – Tooradin
- 13/12/14 Investigate burn off – Main Drain Road Koo Wee Rup
- 17/12/14 Gas leak at service station – Sth Gippsland Hwy Lang Lang
- 19/12/14 Car Fire – Jam Jerrup
- 19/12/14 Grass & Scrub Fire – Lang Lang
- 21/12/14 Rubbish Fire – Lang Lang
- 23/12/14 Grass & Scrub fire – Stanley Rd Lang Lang
- 23/12/14 Spontaneous combustion of compost heap - Ballarto Rd Koo Wee Rup
- 24/12/14 Grass & Scrub Fire – Hall Rd Pakenham South
- 27/12/14 Motor Vehicle Rescue – McDonalds Rd Koo Wee Rup
- 27/12/14 Grass & Scrub fire – KWR Longwarry Rd Bayles
- 30/12/14 Motor Vehicle Rescue – Sth Gippsland Hwy Tooradin
- 5/1/15 (Malicious) sealant poured on road – Station St Koo Wee Rup



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I had expensive parrots stolen from their cages in early December in Kooweerup township and I'd like to warn everyone with birds to ensure they have padlocks on their cages and be vigilant, otherwise face heartbreak.

I had lorikeets sitting on eggs, which were close to hatching when thieves struck in an overnight raid on 16th December. Sgt Bailey from Kooweerup police station had officers attend the property, but the thieves were long gone.

It's a warning to all bird breeders in the district.

Elizabeth Peterson, Kooweerup

- 7/1/15 Motor Vehicle accident – KWR Rd and Ballarto Rd Koo Wee Rup
- 7/1/15 Grass & Scrub Fire from lightning Yanathan Rd Yannathan
- 7/1/15 Tree fire from lightning – Sth Gippsland Hwy Lang Lang
- 11/1/15 Motor Vehicle accident – KWR Rd Koo Wee Rup
- 12/1/15 Grass & Scrub Fire – KWR Rd Koo Wee Rup
- 13/1/15 Truck Fire – Whitta Lane Nar Nar Goon
- 13/1/15 Motor Vehicle accident – Tooradin
- 18/1/15 Burnoff in progress - Ballarto Rd Pakenham Sth
- 19/1/15 Van fire – Lookout tower Sth Gippsland Hwy Koo Wee Rup
- 21/1/15 Motor Vehicle Accident – Manks Rd/Tooradin Station Rd Tooradin
- 22/1/15 Investigate possible shed fire – McDonalds Drain Rd Koo Wee Rup

We have also obtained another fire truck (pumper) as an additional resource in our town to be used over the fire season which as you can see, has been quite busy for our members.

A Man of Compassion

The town would be hosting the Sheep Dog Trials,
Dogs, sheep an' people were travellin' for miles ...

A first for the town, so volunteers rolled up,
Preparin' the venue,
an' tizzin' things up!

They'd fenced off sections of the local Rec',
Where the PA system was new an' high-tech ...
The outer would cater for a range of market stalls,
Plus portable toilets to cover nature-calls!

The Judge would be McQuilty, apparently new at the caper,
Scored a little write-up, in the district local paper ...
Used to be a Magistrate, before he left the 'Smoke,
Fair and level-headed ... a decent sort of bloke.

The Sheep Dogs fronted, all lookin' their best,
An' followed instructions with bright-eyed zest,
Trained to respond to odd whistles and shouts,
Impressing the Judge ... an' leavin' him no doubts.

Spectators gathered, all wearing anxious smiles,
Keen to hear the outcome of the Sheep Dog Trials ...

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RSL SUB BRANCH REPORT

Well 2015 is upon us, may it be the best year yet for you all.

2015 is going to be an extremely busy one for our sub branch. We will be commemorating the 100 year anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli in 1915. We will be commemorating this in the following way:

Firstly March 22 (Sunday). An 'ANZAC on the Swamp' at Harewood House, the historic homestead on the South Gippsland Highway near the airfield. 10am until 3pm.

Secondly April 12th. Opening of our "Avenue of Honour" along the original railway line up and around our Community Centre. This is progressing extremely well and will have a tree and plaque commemorating each of the 41 soldiers from our district who were killed in the First World War. Time 10:30am.

Thirdly April 25th. Dawn Service and Military Memorabilia display. This surely will be a service and day that will be fitting and memorable as is befitting our remembrance of the sacrifices made by our World War One veterans.

Fourthly April 25th 11am.
ANZAC service at Tooradin Foreshore. A service that we are extremely pleased to be part of, as we were in attendance with the original rock was set down some 15 years ago.

Fifthly A short service at the Lang Lang Rifle Range. This day will be featuring some special events which we are very much looking forward to.

Lastly But not least, we will be holding a pre-match ANZAC service at the Koo-Wee-Rup v Lang Lang match. The teams will then play for the ANZAC Cup. This is a great event and we are already looking forward to the match.

As you can see, we are looking forward to an extremely busy year. I am sure it will be our best year yet.

Once again Happy New Year, may all your dreams come true.

Yours in Service,
Ron Ingram, President,
Koo Wee Rup RSL Sub
Branch, 0409 959 821

HAREWOOD OPEN DAY *presents* Anzacs of Westernport



Family Entry \$25.00
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**Sunday 22nd March
2015**

10.00am-3.00pm

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Koo Wee Rup**

Anzac Service and Parade 12 noon
First World War Memorabilia
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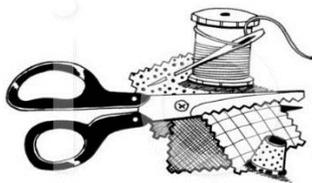
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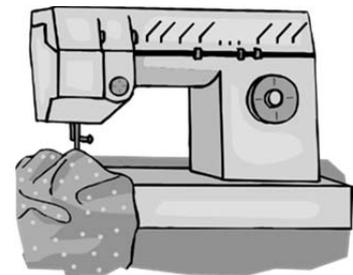
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PUBLIC ART FOR KOO WEE RUP

A Cardinia Shire artist has been selected to create a public artwork for Koo Wee Rup, to be completed in 2015.

The Public Art Selection Committee (including ward councillors, an Arts and Culture Reference group councillor, Council staff and two Community representatives) assessed proposals from three shortlisted artists. The artists were also required to run community workshops to gather ideas and inspiration from residents.

Local Mount Burnett artist Viktor Kalinowski was selected to create a corten steel sculpture. The artwork represents the relationship between man and the natural environment of the swamp region, by referencing the many drains which protect the township from floods and the way Koo Wee Rup residents live together in harmony with nature.

The work is expected to be finished by July next year and Viktor will welcome visits to his studio once construction is underway. The naming of the work and the placement within the town will be decided in consultation with the community representatives on the selection panel.

Public art beautifies the local environment and provides communities with a point of artistic curiosity that sparks discussion and reflection and fosters a deeper understanding and appreciation of place, identity and history.

For more information about the Koo Wee Rup public art project contact Council's Arts and Cultural Development Officer on 1300 787 624 or mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au

For more information about public art in Cardinia Shire visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/arts



Images of a Marquette (model) of the proposed sculpture



Koo Wee Rup Senior Citizens

Friday Lunch

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

Friday Hoy..

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

Monday Carpet Bowls

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Koo Wee Rup Football Club

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President: Tony Cammarano – 0400 551 795

Treasurer: Jackie Cammarano – 0400 882 807

Junior Co-ord: Geoff Foster – 0418 581 874

Juniors Email: kwrfc@gmail.com

FOOTY IS BACK...2015 SEASON BEGINS!

It's that time of year again to get behind your local football club! With the season approaching the committee and I would like to extend an invitation to you and your family to become a part of our club. This year the League has changed back to the original competition against all 15 teams in the Ellinbank District Football League. The teams fielded in this League are Under 16's, 18's, Reserves & Seniors all playing on a Saturday.

Junior Information: Under 10's, 12's & 14's

This year we will be fielding Under 10's, 12's & 14's in the South East Juniors which will be played on Friday nights or Sundays. We may also be fielding other teams **DEPENDING ON NUMBERS** we receive on Registration Night. **ALL PLAYERS REGISTERING FOR THESE SIDES MUST BRING A COPY OF THEIR BIRTH CERTIFICATE.**

Junior Registration for Under 10's, 12's, 14's, 16's & 18's will be held on **WEDNESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2015** between **6pm – 7.30pm** at the Koo Wee Rup Recreation Reserve. Training times for the Juniors will be advised on Registration night and a sausage sizzle provided. Family membership is included in Junior Registration which provides you with free entry to all home games.

Any enquires please contact:

- Under 10's, 12's & 14's: **Geoff Foster** – 0418 581 874.
- Under 16's Coach: **Gavin Bindley** – 0438 501 033.
- Under 18's Coach: **Dan Crowley** – 0407 540 868.

AUSKICK in 2015! The Koo Wee Rup Football Club will be running Auskick again this year. Auskick will commence in Term 2; dates & times will be advised shortly. Any enquires please contact: Geoff Foster on 0418 581 874.

Senior Information:

The Seniors & Reserves commence training on Wednesday 14th January; Under 18's are welcome to attend. They will be training on Monday & Wednesday nights at 6pm at the KWR Secondary College and will continue until further notice. All players are welcome to attend.

Any enquires please contact:

- Seniors Coach: **Matt Shorey** – 0427 775 372.
- Reserves Coach: **Brett Hobson** – 0419 346 383.

We warmly welcome any new players, trainers, volunteers, members and supporters and look forward to a successful 2015 season, both on and off the field. Hope to see you there to support your local club!

'Keep your eye on the Red & the Blue'

Tony Cammarano



KOOWEE RUP REGIONAL HEALTH SERVICE

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February 2015

Tuesday and Thursday **Walking Groups** have recommenced
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begin on Friday 6th February. 9.00am suites
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 Classes are held in the Koo Wee Rup Men's Shed,
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 If you would like to join us, or for more information
 please contact :
 Geoff 5997 1974 or Brian 5997 9687





Koo Wee Rup Football Club

Position Available

Head Trainer

The club is seeking the services of a head trainer to coordinate the training staff of the senior and junior teams

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Have you got some news, a photo, or an opinion you want to share with your community?

Why not say it in the Blackfish?

Just drop me a line at blackfish@live.com.au post to PO Box 64, KWR or phone 5997 2333

Caroline Roff, Editor



Message to the Community

Do you need help navigating your way around the maze of approvals to get your project up and running or obtain funding? If so, our experience at senior level in local government can help you give that stalled project momentum.

We are located at 150 Station Street Koo Wee Rup so drop in or contact us on 0427 841 096 to discuss the special limited offer we have available.

THE BEGINNINGS OF THE ROYAL HOTEL, KOO-WEE-RUP

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

The January 8, 1915 issue of the *Powlett Express* reported on the hearing at the Wonthaggi Licensing Court held on December 17, 1914. There were applications for 'certificates authorising the issue of victualler's licences' at various towns, including Koo-Wee-Rup.

There were six applications for Koo-Wee-Rup; three of the sites were in Station Street and three in Rossiter Road. All the applicants agreed that only one licence was required. The first applicant was Mr E.J Hayes. A Mr E. Brayshay appeared for Hayes and he said that accommodation was required in the town as there were 200 residents in the town and 500 people within a 4½ mile radius. Hayes proposed a 30 room establishment in Rossiter Road to be built at the cost of £3,750. Hayes had 14 years experience in the business and had hotels at Drouin, Watchem and Nhill.

The next applicant was Mr D. McNamara. McNamara was represented by Mr J.S Meagher. Meagher said that McNamara was a pioneer of the district who had supplied the navvies and settlers with provisions, sometimes wading through icy water to do so. He had conducted a hotel in Carlton and his site was in Station Street, on a corner, opposite the Railway Goods shed. In support of McNamara's application, Mr C.J. Moody said that Hayes' site was no good as it was under water four years ago, but McNamara's site was high and dry. McNamara's proposed hotel was to cost £4,000. McNamara then spoke and said that he was in Koo-Wee-Rup in 1893, storekeeping for six years.

The next applicant was Mr A.E Edney, whose site was in Station Street, near Rossiter Road. Mr A.W Stevens, in support of Edney's application, said that 75% of traffic in the town came along Rossiter Road, however the Presiding Magistrate, Mr Cohen, said that the court had evidence that 75% of traffic came the other way! Edney was a retired storekeeper from Leongatha and he proposed to erect a house of 34 rooms at a cost between £2,000 and £3,000.

The fourth applicant was Mr Lyman Wildes. His site was in Rossiter Road, south east of the railway line. His building was of 24 rooms and would cost £3,700. Mr Cohen (Presiding Magistrate) pointed out that Wildes' application had no provision for a bathroom for females. Wildes was the licensee of the Lang Lang Hotel, which he would get rid of if his application for Koo-Wee-Rup was successful. He said that his site was higher than McNamara's. Constable Cole of Lang Lang supported Wildes' application and said both he and his hotel were of good character.

The fifth applicant was William Clews, who had a site in Rossiter Road. Clews was represented by Mr P. Conant. Conant said that McNamara's site was hidden by the Goods shed and that it would take a 'Philadelphia lawyer to find it on a dark night when it was raining'. Clews had operated hotels for 16 years in Sale, Ballarat, Traralgon and Moe. Clews planned to spend £3,500 on his hotel.

The last applicant was Sarah Alice Kraft, her site was next to Mr Edney's in Station Street. Mr Dunn appeared for Kraft. He said that Koo-Wee-Rup was not a holiday resort and people went there on business and business was transacted in Station Street. He said that it wasn't just the building that was to be considered it was also comfort and convenience and making people feel at home. Kraft had conducted the Bunyip Hotel for 14 years and she had many testimonials. Her proposed building would cost £2,700.



Pumping the water out of the hotel cellar with a Fordson tractor, 1934. In spite of the evidence presented at the Licensing Court, the Royal Hotel site was obviously not immune to flooding.

Who was the winner? It was Denis McNamara. I can't find any reports as to why he was selected over the other applicants, however he wasted no time. Tenders were invited for the construction of the Hotel in February. Mr A. G Oliver won the tender for the contract price of £3,305. The finished building was a 'fine commodious building of nearly 30 rooms', according to the *Lang Lang Guardian*, and 'one of the finest edifices of the kind in Gippsland'. The rooms were fitted out by Mr McKee of the Royal Arcade 'in a most up-to-date and luxurious manner'. It was officially opened on Thursday, September 9, 1915 and thus Koo-Wee-Rup's Royal Hotel is 100 years old this year!

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.



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*Clockwise from top left:
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Jane Coupe and Cailin Macumber;
Caitlyn Van Dord; Amy Davis;
Archie Whitta; Ambassador Dr Hugh Wirth;
Muriel Winter; Imogen Paine;
Thomas Close
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