

# THE KOO WEE RUP BLACKFISH



NOVEMBER 2015

## A PIECE OF LOCAL HISTORY



A joint project by the Cochrane Park Development Committee and the Koo Wee Rup Township Committee received funding from Cardinia Shire Council, Bendigo Bank and Melbourne Water to purchase and restore a Dragline which has been installed in Cochrane Park.

Draglines were used to construct and maintain the drain network that protects our town and enables agriculture to thrive on the Koo Wee Rup Swamp. The Dragline is a machine like an excavator only the bucket is controlled by wire cables, pulleys and winches rather than an hydraulically driven arm.

The Dragline was purchased locally and transported to Sam Papa at Dalmore for sandblasting and painting. Sam has completed a fantastic job and the Dragline is now looking amazing. There are still a few minor things to be finished such as the replacement of the windows and painting of the steel tracks now the machine is installed at Cochrane Park

The Dragline will be fenced and information signs will be displayed describing its role in the draining of the swamp, protection of Koo Wee Rup from flooding and the management of over 500kms of drains.

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

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

The issue of the build up of mulch around the trees in Cochrane Park has been brought to the attention of the responsible council team, and they assured that there was no risk to the trees.

The Koo Wee Rup Township sign at the entry to town from Bayles needs to be replaced. A safe visible position at that entry needs to be found so that the Township Committee can look after it. Councillor Young will follow this up with Mark Howard.

The disabled toilets adjacent to the Swimming pool are now open.

The bus car park line markings should be referred to VicTrack as owner of the site for upgrade.

The Dragline is being moved in to Cochrane Park within the next couple of weeks (was moved on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October).

Cr David Young reported on the following occurrences involving council over the last month:

- Eleven Mile Road bridge at Iona, replacement works commencing in October. About 12 weeks to complete, 50% funding from Federal Government.
- Council have applied for Federal Funding to undertake similar bridge replacement works on the Bunyip – Modella Road bridge.

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## MALCOLM LAURENCE PUGH

On the 3rd of October Koo Wee Rup lost our loved and valued poet Mal Function the Poet Larrikin.

Mal was a true original; an artist with both words and wood; generous with both his talents and his time. As a young man, he was Victorian Apprentice Carpenter of the Year four years in a row. In retirement, Mal continued to carve beautiful pieces, including the lectern which is used at the KWR Community Centre.

Mal's poems have been a bright spot in the Blackfish for the 8 years I have been editor and for some time before. Often funny, sometimes

gently serious, but always entertaining.

In his eleven years in Koo Wee Rup, Mal

was called on to write poems to order, to entertain at local functions and to show his quirky backyard to interested visitors. His willingness to share his gifts with his community were recognised when he was given a Community Appreciation Award at the 2012 Koo Wee Rup Australia Day ceremony.

Whether you know Mal through his monthly contributions to the Blackfish, or from his regular appearances on ANZAC Day and Australia Day reading original poems crafted for the occasion, or whether you have been privileged to visit 'Bewilderie' and take the backyard tour, or spend an hour or two in conversation in the Bull Bar you will recognise that Mal had the gift of joy; time spent with Mal left you feeling happy. Even during his illness, Mal always had the time and generosity to spin a yarn, laced with his trademark 'punny' humour.

Mal leaves behind his wife of over 30 years Margery, daughters Brianna and Lyndsey, and stepson Michael.

I have chosen two poems for this tribute; the last poem he wrote and submitted to the Blackfish 'The Avenue of Honour - Koo Wee Rup' and one of my favourites 'The Rider in the Rain'.

*Caroline Roff, Editor*

### The Rider in the Rain

The day was dark an' stormy, angry clouds hung low,  
Swirling wind was building, in readiness to blow,  
Chooks were in the chook-house, dog was on the chain,  
Thunder shook the air again, an' with it came the rain.

The heavens had opened, without word of a lie,  
As thunder blew holes in the wintry sky,  
Mud-stained water soon sullied each drain,  
While eager eyes watched for the Rider in the Rain.

They'd witness from a distance, time an' time again,  
The familiar silhouette of the Rider in the Rain,  
Coming into focus through the wet an' windy mist,  
Controlling his mount with skilful flick of wrist.

Postman was his title, they didn't know his name,  
But noted throughout Winter, how regular he came,  
Sometimes he'd pass 'em by, that Rider in the Rain,  
An' disappear in silence, much further down the lane.

Well, that's it in a nutshell, so ends my little tale,  
Of the Rider in the Rain, who brings the daily mail ...  
A tribute to the Postie ... told in all its glory ...  
(They also ride in Summer, but that's another story!)

*Mal Function ... the Poet Larrikin*

### The Avenue of Honour - Koo Wee Rup

The morning sky was cloudy, with sunshine peeping through,  
An' with every passing moment came the dawn of something new ...

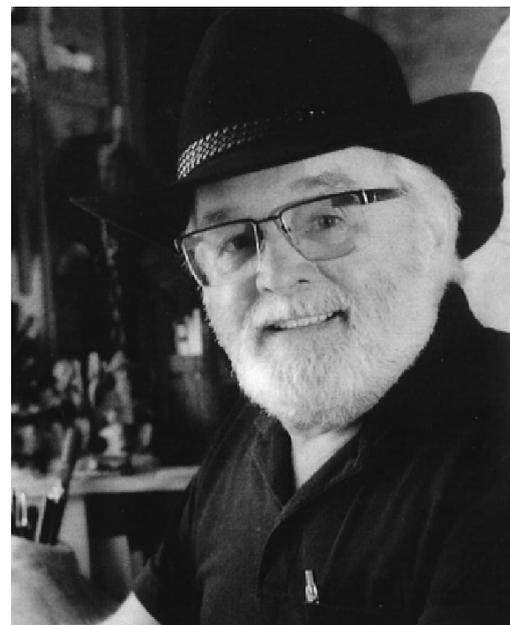
An Avenue of Honour was destined for the town,  
An' the day of dedication had finally come around.

Sturdy young Oak trees stand guard along each side,  
Soon to throw shade, both welcome an' wide,  
Personal plaques abound, to help tell the story  
Of these men, these soldiers, their deeds an' their glory.

A stirring re-enactment, well planned to start the day,  
With a mine of memorabilia placed proudly on display ...  
All of which remind us of the sacrifices made ...

May their memory live forever ... beneath the Oaken shade.

*Mal Function ...the Poet Larrikin*



## Thank you

for all the love and good wishes, cards and flowers given to me on the passing of my husband  
*Margery Pugh*

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

- Rate Capping discussions has resulted in community information sessions for council budget being brought forward. The Brain Storming sessions will be more inclusive and several sessions will be held around the shire. The Koo Wee Rup session will be Wednesday 7<sup>TH</sup> November. Cardinia Shire will probably apply for a rate variation, which will need to be approved by the Essential Services commission. Interface fund promised to be set up by State Government to assist 10 "interface" councils is still only a promise and not yet in state budget, however council will be submitting projects based on this funding.
- Workshop at Gembrook to investigate alternative agriculture for the area around Gembrook where soils have been affected by past practices and uses. The workshop was well attended by older generation farmers but not many next generation farmers. Council's objective was to provide information with the support of the Victorian Farmers Federation and Sate Government specialists to increase productivity in this important agricultural area.
- A Safer Communities Worship is being held at Koo Wee Rup community Centre on Thursday 8 October 6.30pm to 8pm. If you are unable to attend a survey is available on the Cardinia Shire web page until 31<sup>st</sup> October. Information collected from the workshops and survey will be used to improve conditions within the shire and guide work with other agencies.
- The new Cardinia Youth Theatre will have its gala opening night of the play "Ordinary Days" on 30<sup>TH</sup> October at 8pm. This new youth theatre will compliment the Cardinia Players (CPAC) and will be supported by Outlook who will be involved with back stage activities.
- On Thursday 8<sup>TH</sup> October there will be a meeting at Rythdale Reserve regarding an application for a Buddhist Centre on farmland at the corner of Watson Rd and McGregor Road.

The construction of the reticulated gas pipe system within Koo Wee Rup has commenced and work on the connecting pipe from Pakenham is also under way. The application process for people to connect to gas has also started. The work within Koo Wee Rup is expected to be completed by the end of this year with the connection from Pakenham taking up to 12 months to construct.

There was no Police member present this evening but a report had been submitted via email to be presented at the meeting:

### **In Koo wee Rup –**

- Assault
- Possess Drug of Dependence (Offender has been processed)
- Petrol theft x3
- Damage to vehicle
- Theft of trailer
- Attempted Burglary
- Theft of mobile phone
- 1 Family Violence Incident reported

### **In Lang Lang –**

- Theft from motor vehicle x4
- Damage to vehicle
- Discharge missile – (2 Suspects have been processed)
- 3 Family Violence Incidents reported

### **In Dalmore -**

- Breach of Intervention order. (Offender has been processed)
- Theft from motor vehicle

### **In Bayles –**

- Theft of a trailer
- Burglary

### **In Caldermeade –**

- Theft of petrol
- Theft of petrol – (Offender has been processed)
- Handle stolen goods - (Offender has been processed)

### **In Yannathan –**

- Theft of motor vehicle
- Burglary
- Fail to store firearm and ammunition correctly. (Offender has been processed)

*Please join us for an afternoon of*

**Old Time Dancing**

*Next Dance*  
*1pm - 4pm*  
*on Wednesday, 11 November*

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

*Bring a partner or come on your own*

**Everyone welcome**



The next meeting will incorporate the AGM. The President urged people to consider having a go, especially taking on some of the vacant office bearer roles Treasurer, Secretary and vice-President. David Young emphasised that it makes the job of councillor easier because of the improved connection to the community.

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## KOO WEE RUP COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

*Our next meeting is on November 9th 2015.*

*7:30 pm at CFA Station, Moody Street, Koo Wee Rup.*

The Koo Wee Rup CWA recently brought home 5 firsts and 6 seconds from the West Gippsland Group Creative Arts Exhibition. Well done to all the ladies and family members that entered.

Closer to home, Lyndsay Sharp was voted the 2015 Scone Queen in a highly competitive field.



*Above: Winner of the 2015 Scone Queen, Lyndsay Sharp.*

*Left: Our winners from the West Gippsland Group, Creative Arts Exhibition.*

### TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES *(Edited Extracts) (from previous page)*

Sue Smith presented a letter to the meeting from the Koo Wee Rup Swimming Club. The letter detailed the efforts made to keep the club running, but the current committee has come to the realisation that the club must be put into recess for 5 years. If after 5 years a new committee cannot be formed the club will be disbanded. The KWRSC constitution calls for the Koo Wee Rup Township committee to take custody of the Swimming club's assets during the recess and if the club does not reform the Township Committee has the discretion to use those resources in any way it sees fit to promote swimming in Koo Wee Rup. Sue asked that the Township Committee agree to this arrangement.

The Koo Wee Rup township committee agrees to take control (in trust) of the assets of the Koo Wee Rup Swimming club for a period of five years whilst the KWRSC is in recess, and further agrees to use those assets to promote swimming in Koo Wee Rup if the Swimming club does not reform after those five years have elapsed.

The Koo Wee Rup Recreation Reserve Master Plan has been released for comment; council is receiving comments until Friday 23 October. There is no provision in the Master Plan for a second oval despite current high levels of usage. It includes a proposal to transport junior teams to Cardinia to play home games. A number of alternative ideas were suggested by the meeting including: purchasing land adjoining the current reserve to provide another oval, finding an alternative location for the horse club to allow that area to be used as a second oval.

Valmai Walker raised an issue of overhanging branches from trees in the reserve on Townley Road. A merit to have them assessed by council will be lodged.

**HAVE YOU GOT SOMETHING TO SAY?**

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

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## **Koo Wee Rup Fire Brigade Eastern Districts 2016 - Committee**

[easterndistrict2016@gmail.com](mailto:easterndistrict2016@gmail.com)



The preparations are well underway for the 83<sup>rd</sup> Eastern Districts Competition on January 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> 2016 which will be held in Koo Wee Rup.

The Koo Wee Rup Fire Brigade pride themselves on being competitive on the competition track and have had a number of successes over the last few years. Both the junior and senior running teams competed at the state championships and brought home a number of trophies. The Eastern Districts Competition is the seconded biggest event, only being beaten by the State Championships.

Koo Wee Rup Fire Brigade last hosted the Eastern Districts Championships in 2012. These championships were hugely successful and part of that was due to the support we received from the local community. We would like to take this opportunity to publically thank the following companies who have already sponsored this event:

Westernport Roadlines	Briemar Nominees	Huxtable Transport	Sharps Concreting
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Mercedes Benz	Pakenham Racing Club	Valley & District Garage Doors	Anne O'Mahony Tax Solutions

We would also like to acknowledge the Hardy Family who opened their doors to support us, as the doors were closing on their business. The Hardy Family has been a supporter of the Koo Wee Rup Fire Brigade for a number of years and we would like to recognise and thank them for their help.

On the Saturday night, there will be a torchlight procession through the streets of KooWeeRup. Due to this there will be a few road closures. When the route through town is finalised we will advertise the street closures in the blackfish and Pakenham Gazette.

If you would like any further information on the competition or would like to be a sponsor, please contact our Competition Secretary at: [easterndistrict2016@gmail.com](mailto:easterndistrict2016@gmail.com)

## **WHAT WAS THAT SIREN?**

**October 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.

- 26/9/15 – Motor vehicle accident – Rossiter Rd Koo Wee Rup
- 27/9/15 – Motor vehicle accident – South Gippsland Hwy Lang Lang
- 1/10/15 – Gas leak – Westernport Rd Lang Lang
- 3/10/15 – Shed fire – McCraws rd Nar Nar Goon
- 4/10/15 – BBQ fire – Gardner St Koo Wee Rup
- 6/10/15 – Bush fire – Pooley Rd Nar Nar Goon
- 12/10/15 – Car Fire – South Gippland Hwy Caldermeade
- 13/10/15 – Automatic alarm – Rossiter Rd Koo Wee Rup

**We are having a CFA open day.....**

**Come join us.....**

**When:** Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2015

**Time:** 10am – 2pm

**Location:** Fire Station – Moody St Koo Wee Rup

There will be activities for the kids, they can check out the trucks and even put the lights and sirens on if they want to. We will also be running a BBQ all day.

Come down and have a chat and **learn more about becoming a CFA volunteer**. Chances are there is a role just waiting for you.



### **Lang Lang & District Historical Society**

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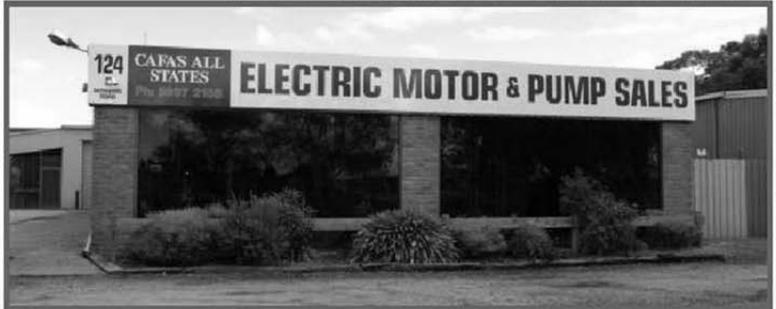
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## KOO WEE RUP SECONDARY COLLEGE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It has been a hot start to the term but nearly everyone has coped very well! There was some damage during the holidays as some locals came up to the school and used it as a climbing venue apparently. Police were called.

Georgia Denton did very well in X Factor! Congratulations.

The Camp from Italy safely arrived home, as you would hope! Many thanks to Ben and Sonia for their work in going with the students on this trip.

The Camp from QLD and NSW also returned safely and they too had a great time.

The Minister of Education came to the school for the Opening of the new Buildings on October 14<sup>th</sup> for a special assembly.

The local Masons who do so much for the school had a lunch here prepared by our students. This was to say thank you in recognition of all the Masonic Lodge does for the school.

Mrs Nicolson is planning with the RSL, our Remembrance Day Ceremony.

I would like to thank Peter Bottomley for all he has done. He will be retiring at the end of this year. Council will need to think about an appropriate way of recognising this. Claudia Barker will also reach a 50 year connection with the college at the end of this year.

The Year 12 students are leaving us. They had a special send off assembly and other events to assist them in closure and to celebrate their time with us. I am sure we all wish them the very best!

New Shade sails are being installed this term and over the break the concrete will be finished in the bus bay.

The extra funding from the government is most welcome. We have commenced planning. The funds cannot be used for any other purpose than improving results for students. More information will follow.

*Kym Bridgford*

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## HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE FUTURE OF KOO WEE RUP AND GARFIELD RECREATION RESERVES

Cardinia Shire Council has developed draft master plans for Koo Wee Rup Recreation Reserve and Garfield Recreation Reserve. The community is encouraged to provide feedback.

The master plans provide direction for the future development of the reserves and include a background report with recommendations for new works and upgrades at each facility.

Council has been working with the reserve committee and user groups of each reserve to establish a framework for the projects.

To view copies of the plans and provide feedback visit Council's Recreation strategies, policies and plans web page or contact Council's Recreation team on 1300 787 624.

Submissions close 13 November 2015.

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## BIG BUDGET BRAINSTORM

Cardinia Shire Council is calling on the community to share what services and support are most important to residents. The 'big budget brainstorm' is an opportunity for residents of all ages to have their say on how Council prioritises its spending.

The annual Council budget process involves difficult decisions balancing local and shirewide priorities, the needs, wants and aspirations of residents – both existing and future – against the limited resources available.

Council's goal is to ensure the budget is both realistic and sustainable, so that they are not spending beyond their means. It is an ongoing challenge each year to make sure the roads, bridges, sporting and community facilities, services and support are managed and maintained for our existing and future communities.

This budget consultation is your chance to get involved and tell Council what you think they should focus should on.

Community forums will be held at:

Koo Wee Rup – Wednesday 4 November, 1–2.30pm; 6–7.30pm at Koo Wee Rup Community Centre

Gembrook – Thursday 5 November, 1–2.30pm; 6–7.30pm at Gembrook Community Centre

Pakenham – Tuesday 10 November, 1–2.30pm; 6–7.30pm at Cardinia Cultural Centre

Bunyip – Thursday 12 November, 1–2.30pm; 6–7.30pm at Bunyip Hall

To register for any of the community forums, visit the registration web page through the Shire's web page.

Residents can also post their views to the OurSay Big Budget Brainstorm consultation page at [oursay.org/cardinia/bigbudgetbrainstorm](http://oursay.org/cardinia/bigbudgetbrainstorm), by email or mail to Cardinia Shire Council – Big Budget Brainstorm, PO Box 7 Pakenham 3810.

For more information, visit Council's Big Budget Brainstorm web page or phone 1300 787 624.

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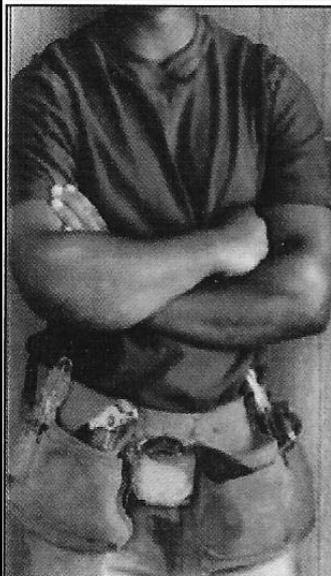
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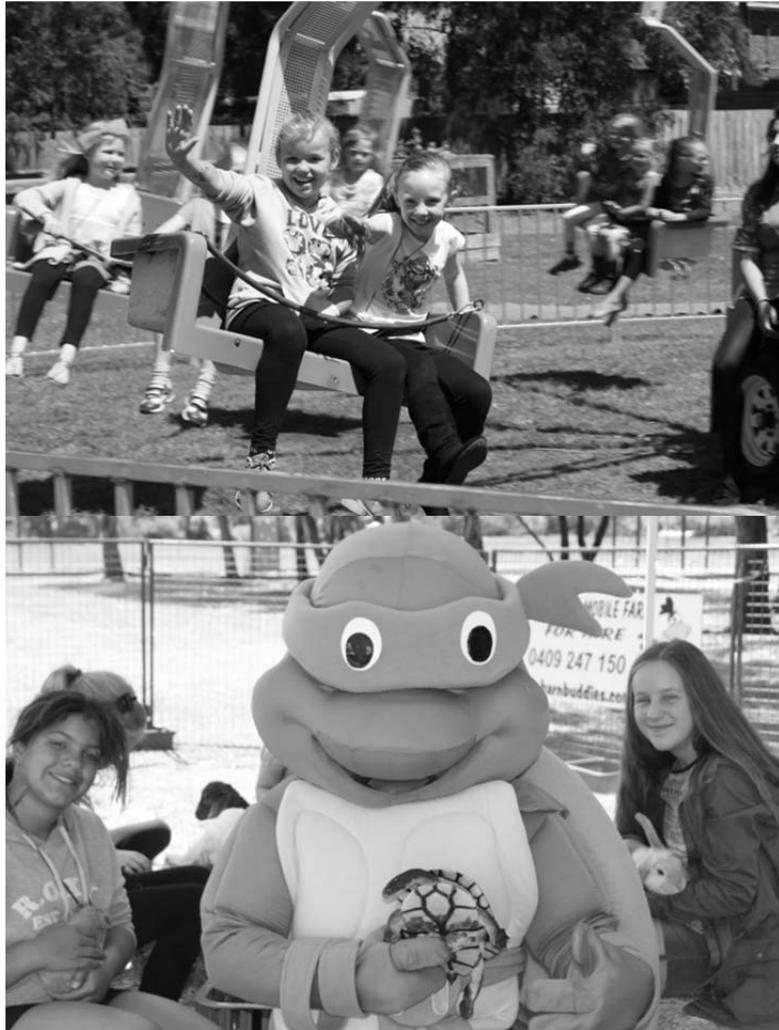
# ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PRIMARY SCHOOL, KOO WEE RUP



Our annual school fete, held on Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, was a great success with perfect weather conditions and a healthy amount of funds raised! As our major fundraiser for the year, the money raised will be put towards the installation of a cricket pitch and goal posts on our new oval. We would like to thank all in the community who supported the event, either by assisting on the day,

donating goods or simply by coming along to join in the fun.

Congratulations to Renee, Sarah, Reanna, Imogen and Seth who competed in the Regional Athletics Carnival on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> October. It is a fantastic effort to qualify for such a high level of competition and we are extremely proud of you all!



The first session for our 2016 Grade Foundation Orientation took place in October. The children were very excited but also nervous about coming to school for the first time. They enjoyed a tour of the school and some classroom activities including reading and drawing. Remaining orientation sessions will take place on the following dates:

- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November (2:00-3:00pm)
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November (1:30-3:10pm)
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November (1:30-3:10pm)
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November (12:00-3:10pm)

We would like to extend an invitation to all in the Koo Wee Rup community who are interested in attending a Cyber Safety Presentation on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November. This information session will be run by the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner and is for parents and carers to get tips on how to keep your child safe online. It will take place in the St John's School Hall from 6:30pm-8:00pm. Tea and coffee will be provided. Please contact our IT coordinator at [ecrowley@stjohnskwr.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ecrowley@stjohnskwr.catholic.edu.au) if you wish to attend.

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*Kind regards, Kristy Telford, (Deputy Principal)*

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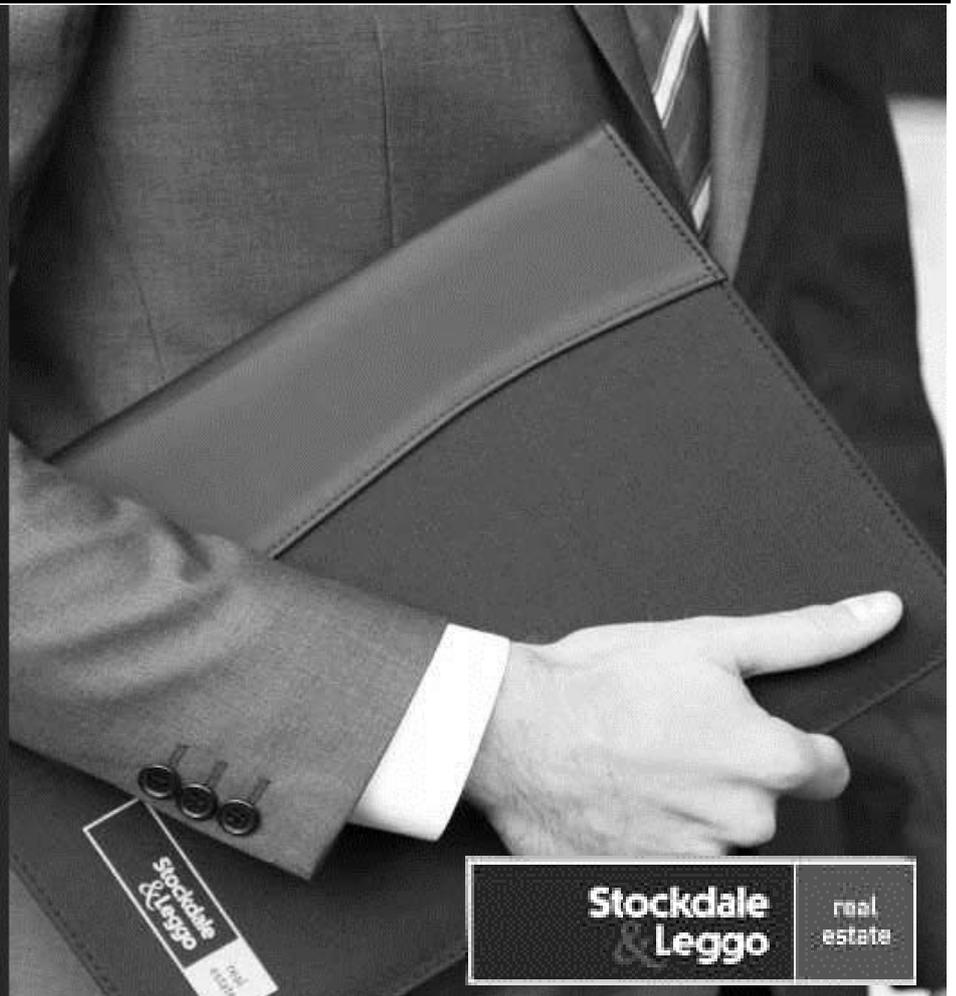
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## NOVEMBER 2015

2nd November

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Holiday

Assembly

2:45pm

9th November

23rd November

Foundation 2016

Transition

1:45pm

9th November

23rd November

Year 7 2016

Transition

13th November

Thank you to everyone who joined the walk from Cochrane Park this week to celebrate Activate Tuesday. It was great to see so many of our students, parents, grandparents and friends getting active.



Congratulations to Chelsea Haines who competed in the Regional final of the Lions Club Public Speaking Contest last weekend. We were not at all surprised that Chelsea was the Regional winner in her age level. Congratulations Chelsea. We are very proud of you.

NICK SCHNEIDER

## 'Footsteps into Foundation 2016'



Term 4 Transition  
1:45-3:15pm  
Monday October 12<sup>th</sup>  
Monday October 26<sup>th</sup>  
Monday November 9<sup>th</sup>  
Monday November 23<sup>rd</sup>  
9am - 1pm  
Tuesday December 8<sup>th</sup>

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# 1<sup>st</sup> Koo Wee Rup Scout Group

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**Cub Scout Pack (8 – 10 yrs)**

**Scout Troop (11 – 14 yrs)**

**Swamp Rats Venturer Unit (15-17 yrs)**

**Odonata Rover Crew (18-25 yrs)**

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**New Members always welcome!**

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



Some of our Scouts were on top of the world over the weekend as they participated in a day hike along the Two Bays track up to Arthurs Seat and on to the King Falls and back. The hike was planned and run by our youth members; everyone had a ball and returned safely.



**Just around the corner in Nyora is the fantastic Bell Park Scout Camp.**

The Joey Scouts had a blast on the low ropes during their regular mob night last Thursday and the Cub Scouts proved they were 'Smarter than the Average Bear' at their weekend camp this month, cooking on the open fire then relaxing on the low ropes.



**Happy Birthday to us,**

**Happy Birthday to us!**

The Cardinia District Joey Scouts celebrated the 25th Anniversary of Joey Scouts in Australia, with a minion themed birthday party at the Pakenham Scout Hall. Fun, friendship and lots of cake were shared by all.

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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 is now being held 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. Our Charity Golf Day this year had a number of changes one of which was a follow up from last year in just having one 'shotgun' start and the other a change of day from a Tuesday to this year being on Thursday 15th of October. This small change had a huge result with 106 players taking the course on a very warm day. At this present time I can't inform you as to the financial result as we will be assessing the day at our meeting this coming Wednesday. Our sponsors and supporters are an important part of our fundraising efforts and we thank each and everyone of you for your continued support and also to our newcomers, the list is long and hope I don't miss anyone.

Of course our major sponsor is our Community Banks along with Lang Lang IGA, Duffy & Simon Lawyers, Briemar Nominees, Volvo, Sibleco, Lilydate AG Lime, Westernport Roadlines, David W Bull, Robertson & Wouters Accountants, Lang Lang Post Office, GA Thom Builders, J & R Kruizinga, Polyfoam Australia, Bob Comber Electrical, Jasper Hill Winery, Middy's Pakenham and Cranbourne, Mulnot Pty Ltd, Lindsay Brown & Associates, Lang Lang Pharmacy, G & J Light Mechanical Repairs, Koo wee rup Motors, Larmax Trading, Kitco Transport, Lang Lang Newsagency, Brown Bros Transport, MAJ & JE Kneebone, The Bakery Cafe Lang Lang, Frank Reedy, A Kracht Water Filters, Shep Signs, Cafe Alfresco, Alliance Engineering, Origin Energy, Lang Lang District Funeral Service, Once Bitten Twice Smitten, Browns Fertilisers KWR, Mitre 10 Grantville, Yannathan Park Boarding Kennel & Cattery, John Duff & Co, Ric's Classic Resto's, Alex Scott & Staff Korumburra, Gray Water Boring, Ponderosa Timber & Hardware, Bayles Service Station, AWM Electrical Wholesalers, Gendore Enterprises, Fronterra Australia, Irwin Stockfeeds, One Agency. Our veggie sponsors each year donate fresh produce so that we can make up great boxes to raise even more funds, to each of you thank you so very much for your continued support. A list I am sure is not complete but again thank you for your most valued support. As mentioned 106 golfers hit the Lang Lang Golf Club course with a mixed bag of expertise in the area golfing. The course, as always, was magnificently presented and to all associated at Lang Lang Golf Club the hugest of thank you's for you allowing us to overrun you course each year to raise these funds. JP & Shannon, a special thank you for everything you put into the day behind the scenes to make the day a success in all aspects. Thank you to Max & Joan for allowing us to mess up your new shed with the packing of the veggie boxes for sale and auction. To that point thank you to Glenn Barwick who each year comes along to extract money from the players with auctioneering of items that have been donated.

We were fortunate to support Mathew West and Jack Gilchrist who went overseas to further their interests and both gave a detailed presentation to the club. We also supported Tamara Salmon to attend a RYPEN camp at Forrest Edge Neerim. Tamara attended a meeting of the club to thank us and also gave a detailed report to the club. Our future will be enhanced by these young people if their presentations are anything to go by.

October has been a mixed bag, our cook is away so we had a pizza night for the first week, the second was the packing of the veggies and the third saw many members attend a cluster group movie to support Polio eradication at Fountain Gate which was Bridge of Spies. We have a couple of little projects in the works with a monument to be built in Lang Lang and a barbecue trailer to complete so as you can see, we don't sit around much.

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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## KOO WEE RUP LIONS CLUB

On the evening of 7<sup>th</sup> October the members of the Koo Wee Rup Lions Club met at the Koo Wee Rup Men's Shed on Rossiter Road, next door to the hospital at the invitation of Secretary, Brian Harlow, so that we could get a better appreciation of the role the Men's Shed fills in the community.

We were warmly welcomed by Shed President, George Fittock and member, John Farmer as well as Brian, who gave a most eloquent overview of the youth related programs the Men's Shed successfully run to provide much needed support for young people in and around Koo Wee Rup who, for whatever reason, become disconnected from their schools and families. The Men's Shed also gives young people in the community a safe place in which to meet and socialize, the success of which can be measured by the fact that almost 90 young people each week visit the Men's Shed.

We also learned that men in the community with disabilities are always welcome to become members and participate in the activities, which for many would, no doubt, give a sense of worth and belonging.

The programs offered are all aimed at developing health and wellbeing in the participants, whether it be working with wood, lead lighting, metalwork, tinkering with engines or getting ones hands dirty working in the veggie gardens. If these things are not of interest, the young people can simply come along, listen to music or play a DVD and enjoy each other's company.

After a comprehensive and most interesting guided tour we were treated to a lovely supper and Club President, Peter Martin presented a cheque for \$250 drawn from the profits of last May's Koo Wee Rup Lions Club's Art & Crafts Show to the Men's Shed.

The Koo Wee Rup Hospital is to be congratulated for the magnificent support it continues to give to the Men's Shed and its endeavours, particularly with the youth of the community. It really reinforces how much can be achieved if we all work together for the betterment of our community.

The Zone Final of the Junior Public Speaking Competition was held at the Tooradin Sports Club on the evening of 8<sup>th</sup> October.

Our Club Final winners, Cooper Bassett (Bayles Regional PS), a Year 3-4 contestant and Chelsea Haines (Koo Wee Rup PS), a Year 5-6 contestant joined winners from other Lions Clubs in our Zone to find out who would advance to the District Final to be held on the morning of Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October at the Lions District Convention in Lakes Entrance.

The quality of the presentations by all contestants was excellent, with Chelsea winning the Year 5-6 section and Cooper being pipped at the post by an excellent contestant from Red Hill Primary School.



*L to R Men's Shed President George Fittock, member John Farmer, Secretary Brian Harlow and Lions Club President, Peter Martin presenting a cheque for \$250.*

### BAYLES FAUNA PARK

#### Working Bee

Sunday, 8 November - 9 am  
to 12 noon  
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#### Next Meeting

Monday, 23 November at  
7:30 pm  
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*BACK L-R Chelsea Haines, Lion Ron Payne (Organiser). FRONT Cooper (3<sup>rd</sup> from left)*

After the Club Final, both Chelsea and Cooper were presented with their trophies at their respective school assemblies and the judges at both Club and Zone Finals remarked on the level of improvement in the presentations of the students this year compared with previous years.

The Club would also like to take the opportunity to thank the teachers, parents and managements of the local schools involved this year in the Junior Public Speaking Competition and congratulate them on their contribution to their students.

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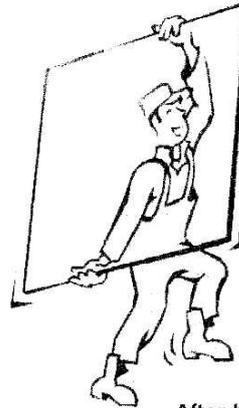
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## KOO WEE RUP RSL SUB BRANCH REPORT

Hello to everyone. Much has happened in the last few weeks.

Firstly, at our last meeting we had Cr. Graeme Moore to speak about his charity bicycle ride through Cambodia. It took a while to get the video going- technical difficulties of course- but the wait was worthwhile. The talk and video showed us that not only did Graeme complete the arduous ride, but he had a great time as well. We thank Graeme for taking the time to share this experience with us, especially when we know he has such a busy schedule. He always manages to fit in attending our functions and ceremonies. Brilliant!

Secondly, we took 21 members of our Sub branch on a tour of HMAS Cerberus Museum and base at Hastings. This is a 4000 acre site with approx.2500 personnel. Museum Guide/ Curator, Toni, showed us through the magnificent museum and regaled us with her wonderful knowledge of the memorabilia displayed. She made it very interesting with her sense of humour and little side stories. Ivan Royle was able to catch up on a lot of his father's history relating to HMAS Cerberus and excited Toni with the photo album that he took along that showed Cerberus base as it once was.

We enjoyed a personal tour of the base and had a wander inside the two beautiful churches. The parade by 100 plus cadets was enjoyed by all. We finished our day with lunch at the Westernport Hotel in Hastings.

We had a truly great day. Thanks to Ivan and Margaret for all their hard work and planning -it all went like clockwork.

Thirdly, Remembrance Day.

We would like to invite everyone from the community to come and join us in our Remembrance Day Service. Details as follows:

- Service commences 10.45am
- School Awards 10.50am
- TS Tingara Drum band entrance
- Ceremony 11.00am
- At the conclusion of the ceremony the TS Tingara cadets will do a special drum presentation.
- Poppies will be supplied by the RSL Sub Branch to lay.

Anyone wishing to lay a wreath should arrange to do so by ringing

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Ron 5997 1665.

Hope to see you there.

Poppies will be available to purchase before Remembrance Day at various locations around the town and at schools. The proceeds from sales go into a welfare fund to help returned soldiers and their families when in need.

Dates for Members to keep in mind:

- Christmas Lunch Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December 12.00 noon in Bowling Club rooms
- Christmas Lights Tour in December Leaving at 5.00pm. Smorgasbord Dinner at Casino, Tour of lights, supper provided. Cost and date in next blackfish.

*Yours in Service, Ron Ingram, President*

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# Walking



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## Thursday Night Summer Walking Group RESTARTS

Thursday Night Evening Walkers recommence  
7.00 pm Thu 8<sup>th</sup> October from the Koo Wee Rup  
Clock Tower and every Thursday over daylight  
saving time.

Enquiries to Marlene on 0429 814410

NOTE: If there is interest we can also do Tuesday evening:

Koo Wee Rup is fortunate to have a number of opportunities for  
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## HEART FOUNDATION WALKING GROUPS

The summer season walkers started well with 9 to 10 showing up each week for a great walk and chat. All abilities included slow and fast walkers, some with challenges such as a sore back or knee. We welcome anyone trying to be active. We meet at the clock towers at 7pm on Thursday evenings.

I've seen the dog walkers out too so get out there in the fresh air over the coming months.

**Dog Group:** Monday night at 6.30 pm and the Thursday Evening Walkers at 7 pm every Thursday night (and some also walk same time Tuesdays), from the Koo Wee Rup Clock Towers in Rossiter Rd.

Daytime walking is also an option at 9 am Monday and Thursday mornings from the entrance to Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service .

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# Late night Christmas Shopping has arrived In Koo Wee Rup!!

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## KOO WEE RUP BOWLS CLUB NEWS



Friday Triples was played on 2/10 with the winning rink being Shane Holmes, John Williams & Neville Kitchen (Lang Lang) with 40 pts. The Runner up rink with 36 points was Ken Taylor, Edna Adams (Warragul) & Fred Forde (KWR) and best last game was won by John Moore, Peter Bott & Ken Clifton (Pakenham) with 21 pts. Results from the Friday Triples games played on 16/10 were winning rink for the day with 38 pts. Pauline Gray, Mary Masters & Lindsay Wealands (KWR). Runner Up rink with 35 pts & 17 shots up Jim Smith (Cardinia Waters), Charlie Borg & Bill Files (KWR). Best last game was won by Brian Edwards, Albert Slefendorfas (Corinella) & Wendy Pownall (Hastings) with 19 pts.

Tuesday Pennant got under way on 6<sup>th</sup> Oct. with Div 3 visiting Blue Hills and in very trying conditions scored a good 59-42 win. Bryan Walker, Lyn Jenkins, Charlie Borg & Julie Walker won 20-17. A 15-15 draw was the result for Rex Alexander, Pat Carlin, Betty King & Gerry Fuller. A convincing 24-10 win for Pauline Gray, Mary Masters, Margo & Peter Dillon.

A good win was the result of the visit from Somerville in Div 4 with KWR winning 65-50. A good final 4 ends resulted in a 29-19 win for Darren Brown, Peter Stevens, Ken Hammond & Jill Roissetter. Leading throughout the game Margaret Royle, Bill Files, Pauline Mason & Ivan Royle won 21-15. Margaret Scullin, George Crynes, Glenice Jackson & John Dale lost narrowly 15-16

A visit to Yamala Park for Div 3 resulted in a very good win 60-47 on a slowish green. Down 8-18 after 13 ends a complete turnaround for Rex Alexander, Pat Carlin, Betty King & Gerry Fuller to 25-18 win. Leading 13-4 after 11 ends was enough for Bryan Walker, Lyn Jenkins, Charlie Borg & Julie Walker to win 19-13. A close game all day for Pauline Gray, Mary Masters, Margo & Peter Dillon resulted in a 16-16 draw. Div 4 also continued their winning start to the season with a hard fought win at home against Blue Hills 71-67. Scoring 12 shots on the final 4 ends saw new Skip Dean Thomas, George Crynes, Glenice Jackson & John Dale win 29-21. Down 4-17 after 9 ends was not an ideal start for Darren Brown, Peter Stevens, Ken Hammond & Jill Roissetter finally losing 12-30. In direct contrast Max & Evelyn Calder, Bill Files, Pauline Mason won impressively 30-16.

A disappointing start for the Club in Saturday Pennant with both Div 1 & 7 playing away to Mornington Civic and being well beaten 115-67 & 75-31 respectively. Arthur Giaccotto, Brad King, Bob Mason & Fred Forde lost 16-28. A devastating display of team bowls resulted in a 14-36 loss to Max & Evelyn Calder,

Dave Murr & Rex Alexander. Playing an experienced team Bryan & Julie Walker, Pauline Gray & Gerry Fuller lost 16-27.

Closest game was a 21-24 loss by Kim McMahan, Mary Masters, Ray Brown & Lindsay Wealands. Two heavy losses in Div 7 with Margaret Scullin, Brett Condron, Ken Hammond & Janette Dale losing 17-35 and Margaret & Ivan Royle, Richard Bricknall & Laurie Bell beaten 14-40.

Fortunately Div 4 was able to continue with their form from last season, despite losing a number of players from that side, winning at home against Mornington Civic 84-65. A strong all round performance from Noel Speight, John Thwaites, Darren Brown & John Dale for a 30-14 win. A high scoring game and a brilliant final part of the game for Peter Stevens, Peter Dillon, Charlie Borg & John Hatton saw them record a 35-27 victory. Giving away a big start Bill Files, Dean Thomas, George Crynes & Irene Stanbridge had too much to overcome losing 19-24. Round 2 resulted in the heaviest loss Div 1 have suffered since promotion with a comprehensive 57-131 defeat to Karingal at Karingal. Arthur Giaccotto, Bob Mason, Bill Files & Fred Forde struggled all game losing 17-36. Down 0-11 after 5 ends, Rex Alexander, Mary Masters, Ray Brown & Lindsay Wealands held their opponents for the remainder of the game losing 15-30. In a totally forgettable day Bryan Walker, Pauline Gray, Gerry Fuller & Julie Walker were beaten 8-43. In an even contest all game Max Calder, Dave Murr, Peter Butera & Evelyn Calder were defeated 17-22. Div 4 hosted Woodlands Park and lost narrowly 64-70. Noel Speight, John Thwaites, Darren Brown & John Dale won 28-22. A 19-22 loss for Peter Stevens, Peter Dillon, Charlie Borg & John Hatton. George Crynes, Dean Thomas, Brett Condron & Irene Stanbridge also lost 17-26 Div 7 travelled to Mt. Eliza and came home with a 52-39 win.

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## KOO WEE RUP FOOTBALL CLUB UPDATE

The Koo Wee Rup Football Club held their Annual General Meeting last week and it was pleasing to see a number of new members who made themselves available to join the committee for season 2016

Outgoing President Tony Cammarano thanked all members for their support over the past five years that he has been president. Tony stated that the highlight of his five year term was the tremendous improvements that have been carried out at the reserve which has made the Koo Wee Rup football ground and its facilities among the best in the Ellinbank and District Football League.

Projects such as the complete rebuild of the playing surface with its new drainage and automatic irrigation system, the electronic score board and storage facility, the new twin level coaches boxes, the upgrade of the showers and renovation of the change rooms, are just a number of projects that have been delivered over the past five years.

Another major achievement was the formation of the Koo Wee Rup Junior Football Committee, which in 2015, fielded 4 teams in the SEJ Football League plus conducted the Auskick program. In all there was approximately 200 junior boys and girls playing in the Demon colours, which augurs well for the future of the club.

Tony particularly thank Junior President Geoff Foster and his dedicated subcommittee for their commitment over the past two years

Before vacating the chair Tony expressed his thanks to his wife Jackie who has been Treasurer during his term. Jackie Cammarano who is also stepping down has been more than Club Treasurer, as she has carried out many projects outside the role of treasurer, and she will be greatly missed although not lost, as she will be available to guide the new treasurer in the complexities of the role.

To Tony and Jackie Cammarano, the players and supporters express their thanks for a job well done

The election for the 2016 committee were held and the following members were elected

**President:** Daniel Crowley

**Vice Presidents:** Matt Cameron & Peter Huxtable

**Treasurer:** Amber Ventura

**Secretary:** Gary King

**Registration Secretary:** Joy Osborne

**Junior President:** Geoff Foster

**General Committee:** Rob Cameron, Sonja Drommell, Ian Legg, Geoff Miller

On taking the chair, incoming President Daniel Crowley thank all the new committee members and stated that he is looking forward to the 2016 season and further stated that a great deal of work has been done over the past month to put together a new senior coaching panel and a number of high profile signings which should see that the demons are a competitive force in 2016. All other coaching position have been filled.

Additional information will be highlighted in next month's Blackfish.

### Meet the Coach Day

A meet the coaches day will be held at the Koo Wee Rup football ground on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November commencing midday

All u/16s, u18s, reserves and senior players are expected to attend and hear what their respective coaches expect from them during preseason training and throughout the 2016 season

The club would also welcome all supporters to attend and help kick off season 2016.

**MUSIC ON THE GRASS 2015**

**Sunday 15th November**  
**12.00 - 4.30pm**

**Live Music, Market Stalls,  
BBQ, Children's Activities,  
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The weather was perfect for celebrating the official opening of the Hewitt Eco house, on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2015 by Dr Ian Hewitt. Dr Hewitt together with his family; father Dr Alan Hewitt and brother Dr John Hewitt, provided medical and obstetric services to the Koo Wee Rup district from 1925 until Dr Ian's retirement in 1996. He was joined by enthusiastic members of KRHS staff, Health service executive and board, distinguished guests; The Mayor; Leticia Wilmot, Cardinia Shire Counselors; Graeme Moore and David Young, Sponsors, representatives from environment, health and local government and community members.



Many of the community members, who attended the day such as the Mens Shed members, participated in the rebuild of the house, which has been upgraded from a 1 star old home into a 6.5 star combined education and staff office areas for District Nursing and Health Promotion. The facilities now provide an engaging space for community education, activities, environmental tours and workshops. For example, sponsors provided "green" technologies such as solar panels and lighting as examples of what can be achieved in sustainable homes.

Local environment groups are invited to host meetings, workshops and activities within the house which links seamlessly to the Mens Shed and Community garden, providing an inviting space for community activity.



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## Harvesting Health

Currently, just 3.4 per cent of Cardinia Shire residents eat enough fruit and vegetables every day for good health.

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## YALLOCK WORLD WAR ONE HONOUR ROLL (Part 1)

### Part 2 of this article will appear in the December 2015 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?

What follows is a list of the soldiers taken from the Honour Board and the *Koo-Wee-Rup Sun* article, their fate (i.e. 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](http://www.naa.gov.au)). When I talk about the Honour Board, I am referring to the one pictured here; when I talk about the *Koo-Wee-Rup Sun* article I am referring to the one 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.

**Angus**, William (SN 2101) William Angus enlisted on July 22, 1915, at the age of 26. He was Killed in Action in France on August 26, 1916. His next of kin was listed as his aunt, Mrs A. Yeaman of Wonthaggi. Annie Yeaman is in the Electoral Roll at Yallock in 1903 and Mr Boxshall says that a J.Yeaman, who was an Engine Driver, lived on Fincks Road, so I believe that this William's Yallock connection.

**Bateson**, Archibald Clarence (SN 4735) Arch was born in Yallock and he joined the Navy on April 23, 1915 when he was 16. His next of kin was his mother, Mary. He remained in the Navy until April 1924. Arch is the brother of George, below.

**Bateson**, George (SN 1307) George was born in New Zealand and he enlisted on November 10, 1914 at the age of 21. His next of kin was his father, Elias Bateson of Yannathan. George Returned to Australia on December 30, 1918. Mr Boxshall writes that Mr Elias Bateson was a member of the first School Committee and donated land for the Methodist Church.

**Boxshall**, Albert Victor (SN 3481) Bert enlisted on July 7, 1915 at the age of 29. He was a Tram Conductor. He Returned to Australia on May 8, 1919. Bert was the brother of Henry John Boxshall who wrote the "Families at Yallock" paper.

**Casey**, George Henry (SN 2603) Known as Harry, he enlisted on July 16, 1915 aged 28. He was born in Drouin and was a teamster. Harry Returned to Australia on April 13, 1919.

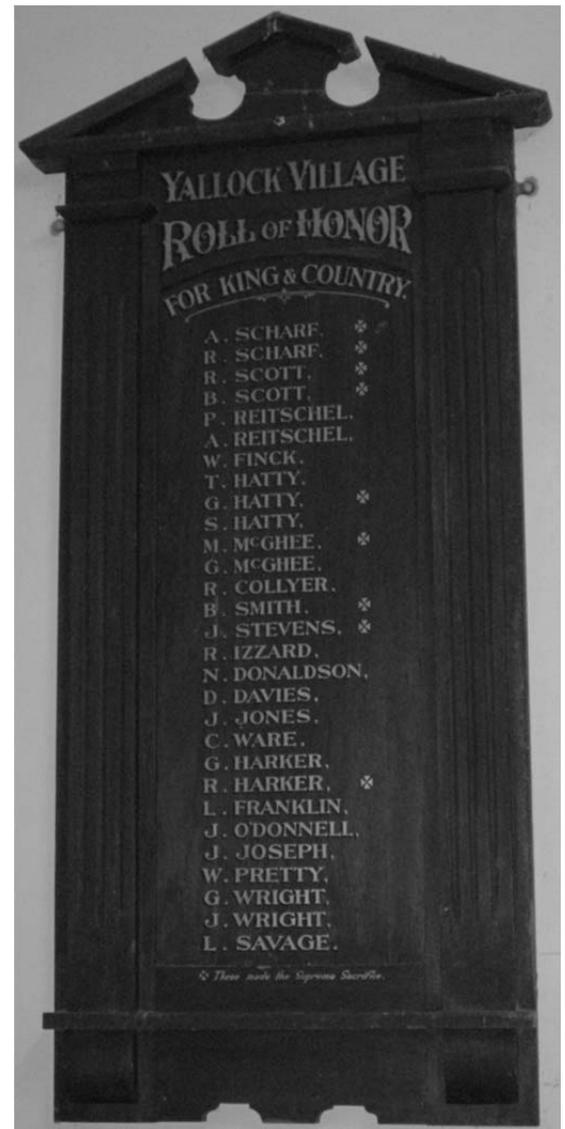
**Casey**, John Alfred (SN 2593) John enlisted on July 13, 1915, three days before his brother George. He was a 20 year old farmer, born in Lang Lang. John was Killed in Action in France on August 23, 1918.

**Casey**, Victor (SN 57423) Victor was born in Lang Lang and was 18 years old and a farmer when he enlisted on January 5, 1918. Victor Returned to Australia on July 17, 1919. George, John and Henry were the sons of George and Lydia (nee Gardner) Casey of Yannathan.

**Coates**, Benjamin Wilson (SN Depot) Benjamin enlisted on October 5, 1918 and was discharged on Christmas Eve 1918 as the war had ended. He was a 21 year farmer from Yallock.

**Coates**, Lawrence (SN 2623a) Lawrence enlisted on July 19, 1915 aged 21. He was born in Koo-Wee-Rup. Lawrence was Killed in Action in France on August 18, 1916.

Benjamin and Lawrence were the sons of Laurence and Mary Jane (nee Wilson) Coates of Yallock.



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**Collyer**, John Clements Leslie (SN 1018) Known as Les, he enlisted September 15, 1914 at the age of 19. His next of kin was his father, Eli Collyer of Yallock. He suffered a number of wounds including a bullet wound to the left hip and he Returned to Australia on March 11, 1916 and was discharged on medical grounds.

**Collyer**, Russell. Russell is listed in the *Koo-Wee-Rup Sun* article but I cannot find him on the National Archives or War Memorial sites. I believe this is Stanley Russell Collyer who was born in 1899 to Eli and Francis Collyer and thus he was a brother of Les, above.

**Crespin**, Frederick Legassick (SN 26791) Fred was 42 and a widower with four children when he enlisted on March 18, 1916. According to Mr Boxshall, *Fred was a share farmer at Quamby for a few years prior to 1914...he was an accomplished organist and piano player....and a good cricketer and captained the local Eleven during his stay at Yallock....on his return from the War he was unable to take up farming again owing to failing health and was given employment in the Land's Office in Melbourne.* Fred Returned to Australia on August 24, 1918.

**Davies**, D The Honour Roll lists a D. Davies and the *Koo-Wee-Rup Sun* article lists a D. Davis. This is probably Douglas James Davies (SN 1524) who enlisted on March 21, 1916 aged 20. He was living in Rossiter Road in Koo-Wee-Rup at the time, with his mother, Ellen, who was his next of kin. Douglas Returned to Australia on June 12, 1919.

**De Forest**, Gilbert (51347) Gilbert was a 32 year old farmer from Monomeith when he enlisted on December 27, 1917. His next of kin was his wife, Margaret. He Returned to Australia on June 19, 1919. Gilbert is incorrectly listed in the *Koo-Wee-Rup Sun* list as G.D. Forrest.

**De Little**, John Cyril (SN 220) John enlisted on July 17, 1915 aged 23. He was a farmer and his next of kin was his father Edward Vernon de Little of Koo-Wee-Rup. John was Killed in Action in France on October 10, 1916. John is incorrectly listed in the *Koo-Wee-Rup Sun* article as J.D. Little.

**Donaldson**, Norman Stanley ( SN 84) Norman enlisted on August 18, 1914 aged 22. He was living in Elsternwick and his father, John Walter Donaldson, was his next of kin. Norman Returned to Australia on July 12, 1919. What was his Yallock connection? He was the son of John Walter and Mary Jane (nee Waring) Donaldson and a Mary J. Donaldson owned land at Yallock according to the Cranbourne Shire Rate Books in the early 1910s. There is a report in the *Lang Lang Guardian* of June 24, 1914 about Mrs Donaldson selling her Finck's Road property. There is also a Walter R Donaldson owning land in the Rate Books at Yallock - this may be the W. Donaldson, a brick layer referred to by Mr Boxshall. This is, I believe, Walter Rehm Donaldson who is in the Electoral Roll at Koo-Wee-Rup in 1914. His wife, Leah Agnes (nee Robinson) is listed at Yallock. Not sure how these families are connected.

**Finck**, Louis William (SN 339) Listed as W. Finck on the Honour Roll. William enlisted on July 10, 1915 aged 22. His next of kin was his father, Louis, of Yallock. William Returned to Australia on April 13, 1919. Finck's Road is named after the family.

**Franklin**, Leslie (SN 878) I am not one hundred per cent sure who this is - there were five Leslie Franklins who enlisted, three are from New South Wales; the other Victorian one was Killed in Action and we know that 'our' Les survived the War, so by eliminating those four, it just leaves this Leslie - but I have not as yet found a connection to the area. He possibly worked locally or had lived there with his parents when they were alive as his next of kin was listed as his grandfather, John Franklin of Yea. Les enlisted on March 24, 1915 aged 19. He was born in Yea, he was a labourer. Whilst he was overseas he married Margaret McKay in Scotland on May 24, 1919. He Returned to Australia on November 7, 1919.

**Harker**, George Ernest (SN 3840) George enlisted on December 6, 1915 aged 21. His next of kin was his father, Thomas, of Yallock. George was awarded the Military Medal and he Returned to Australia on April 13, 1919. George was the brother of Robert and William, listed below.

**Harker**, Robert Herd (SN 345) Robert enlisted on July 19, 1915 at the age of 28 and was Killed in Action in France, one year later, on July 20 1916.

**Harker**, William Thomas (SN 16235) William enlisted at the age of 34 in January 1916 and was discharged as medically unfit in February 1917, he then enlisted again on July 2, 1917, served overseas and Returned to Australia on May 6, 1919. William had been born in Quorn in South Australia, his brothers were born in Dandenong.

**Hatty**, David Samuel (SN 279) Known as Sam, enlisted at the age of 22 on August 25, 1914. He served overseas and Returned to Australia on March 8, 1917 and was medically discharged as he suffered from chronic rheumatism.

**Hatty**, George Frederick (SN 66) George enlisted March 27, 1916 at the age of 21. George was Killed in Action in Belgium on October 12, 1917.

**Hatty**, Thomas Alfred (SN 5607) Thomas enlisted on November 25, 1914 when he was 24. He Returned to Australia on February 19, 1919.

The Hatty boys were the sons of William and Jessie Augusta Hatty and the family was living in Timboon when they enlisted. According to the Electoral Rolls they had previously lived in Yallock for a number of years.

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**Henry, Robert** (SN 344) Robert enlisted on July 8, 1915 at the age of 19. His next of kin was his father, William Henry of 'Grassmere', Yallock. Robert was reported missing in July 1916 and had been captured by the Germans. He was released when the War ended, repatriated to England and Returned to Australia on March 2, 1919.

**Izzard, Horace Valentine** (SN 373) Horace enlisted on February 22, 1915 aged one month off 28 years. He Returned to Australia on March 9, 1919.

**Izzard, Ralph Charles** (SN 2636) Ralph enlisted on June 9, 1915 aged 22. He served overseas and Returned to Australia on November 12, 1916 and was discharged in February 1917 as medically unfit, it mentioned in his record that he suffered from rheumatism.

Horace and Ralph were the sons of Charles Izzard of Yallock. Mr Boxshall writes that Charles was a saddler and the Secretary of the first Yallock Progress Association.

**Jones, John Owen** (SN 2674) John enlisted on August 2, 1915 at the age of 26, he was a miner and his next of kin was his mother, Marian, of Campbell Street in Wonthaggi. He suffered a severe gunshot wound to the right thigh in France on April 24, 1918 and Returned to Australia on December 24, 1918 and was medically discharged in June 1919. I believe that this is the correct record even though John's record does not directly link him to Yallock. There is a J. Jones listed in the *Koo-Wee-Rup Sun* article and Mr Boxshall writes that Mr J. Jones was a saddler by trade and had land in Hall Road. The 1909 Electoral Rolls show a John William Jones, Marian Jones and Maud Jones at Yallock and an article in the *South Bourke and Mornington Journal* of August 24, 1911 says that Mr W. Jones has sold his farm at Yallock and intends settling in Wonthaggi. Based on all that, I believe that we have the correct J. Jones.

**Joseph, J** This man is listed on the Honour Board. The only J. Joseph listed is from New South Wales. There is a Joseph Josephs on the Electoral Roll at Yannathan in 1909 - this is possibly the same person (slight difference in surname) or some connection. There is a James Rolphes Joseph (SN 2608) - next of kin is father James Josephs of Prahran and there is also a Joseph Isaac Josephs (SN 3824) - next of kin is Clare Letitia Cutts of Ringwood. He was 27 when he enlisted on July 13, 1915, so would have been around 21 in 1909 and thus old enough to be on the Electoral Roll. I tend to think that the J. Joseph on the Honour Board is Joseph Isaac Josephs. Joseph was discharged on medical grounds, due to rhuematism on December 3, 1917 having Returned to Australia on August 25 of the same year.

**Kenny, Harry Phillip** (SN Depot) Harry enlisted on June 29, 1915 aged 29. He was born in Yallock and his next of kin was his father, Harry Kenny, of Nar Nar Goon. Harry was discharged on October 9, 1915 as medically unfit due to the loss of the index finger on the right hand. A report in his record said the finger accident happened around October 1914 in Poowong when it was cut off by an axe. Harry was recommended for Home Services.

**Leeson, Alfred Ernest** (SN 485) Alfred was 22 when he enlisted on November 1, 1915. He Returned to Australia on March 16, 1919.

**Leeson, Arthur Leslie** (SN 4797) Arthur enlisted on July 13, 1915 at the age of 28. He Returned to Australia on May 29, 1919.

**Leeson, Claude Albert** (SN 3103) Claude enlisted on October 5, 1916 aged 18 years old. He Died of Wounds (a gunshot wound to the skull) in Belgium on October 18, 1917.

The Leeson boys were the sons of Arthur and Mary Leeson of Yannathan; Arthur had already died at the time of their enlistment. They were all born locally - Alf in Clyde, Claude in Caldermeade and Arthur's birth place is listed as Monham Heath, but I believe this is actually Monomeith. The *Koo-Wee-Rup Sun* list has an R. Leeson - this is possibly a mistake, as they don't list Arthur.

**Light, Alfred Percy** (SN 5042) Alf was a 29 year old butter maker when he enlisted on January 27, 1916. He Returned to Australia on December 4, 1918.

**Light, Norman** (SN 1958) Norman was 26 when he enlisted on March 15, 1916. He suffered a gunshot wound to his right leg, whilst fighting in France, and it fractured his tibia. He Returned to Australia on March 16, 1918 and was medically discharged in the November.

**Light, Thomas Reuben** (SN 1959) Thomas enlisted the same day as his brother, Norman. He was 27 and eleven months old and was discharged as being medically unfit on July 3, 1916.

Alf, Norman, and Thomas were the sons of Thomas and Maria Light. Maria, address Yallock, was the next of kin listed for Norman and Thomas. The father, Thomas, was the next of kin listed for Alf - the address at the time was Tarwin Lower.

**Lineham, William James** (SN 2711) William enlisted on July 19, 1915 aged 20. His next of kin were his parents, Benjamin and Eliza Lineham of Yannathan. He was born in Clyde. William Returned to Australia on April 13, 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](mailto:harnold@dcsi.net.au) ☎5629 4396.**



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Ceremony 11.00am

Drum presentation by TS Tingara cadets

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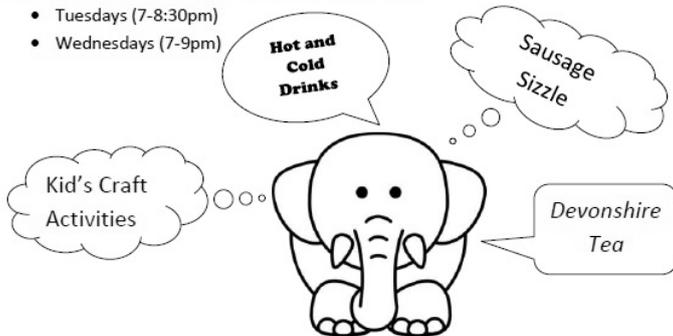
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Donations will also be accepted of sellable items (no clothing) 2 weeks leading up to the sale. Any questions, please contact Kerry on 0400 939 022.

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