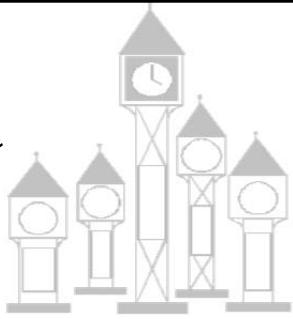


THE KOO WEE RUP BLACKFISH



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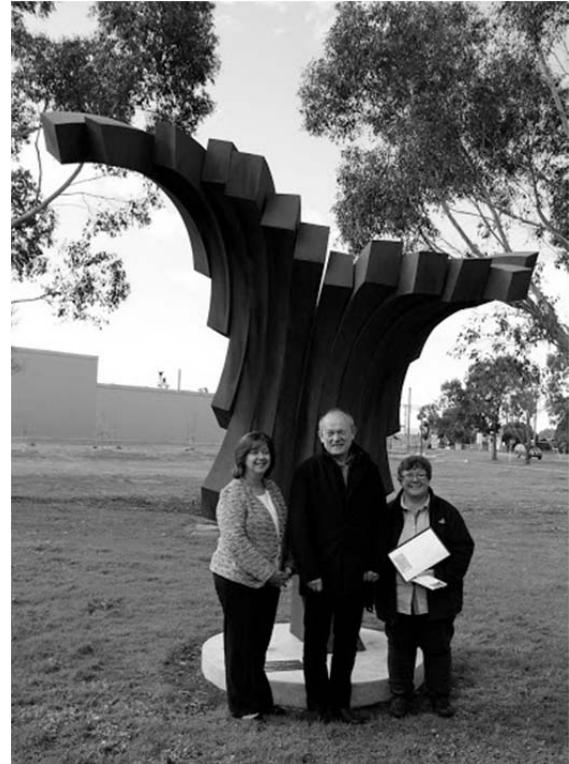
EMBANKMENT

The sculpture commissioned by Cardinia Shire Council was installed in Cochrane Park in July and officially unveiled in August. Artist Viktor Kolinowski created the imposing corten steel sculpture after meeting with locals and hearing their stories of Koo Wee Rup.

Cath Peterson, local resident and proprietor of the KWR Newsagent, won a public naming competition with her suggestion 'Embankment'.

Artist's Statement

The sculpture was inspired by the relationship between the natural environment and the hard work of man that built Koo Wee Rup. The brave project of digging the drains many years ago allowed the land to be liveable, without this, Koo Wee Rup would not exist today as a town and community. The drains also form the visual landscape today, and on a functional level they keep people above the water and safe from flood. Each channel like section of steel represents a drain where water travels to keep people safe, collectively gathered they become like wings in flight, hovering and allowing people to live above the water. The sense of graceful movement in the sculpture alludes to people living lightly on the land and the design intends a suggestion that man and nature need to live together harmoniously. The rusted surface shows the transition of nature, time and history and yet is strong and long lasting, the box like channels, welded together, symbolise working together to achieve a desired outcome. They are like the stepping stones of history that formed a town.



Cardinia Shire Council Mayor Leticia Wilmot,
Sculptor Viktor Kolinowski and Sculpture Naming
Competition Winner Cath Peterson

THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES *(Edited Extracts)*

The Township held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, 5 August. Township Meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 2 September at 7:30 pm at the Community Centre.

David McPherson advised that the trees in Cochrane Park with the mulch too close to the trunks he had expressed concern about last meeting were not the Avenue of Honour trees, but the large oak trees near the exercise equipment. Cr Young undertook to follow up with the Council's arborist.

Geoff Stokes accompanied Greg Hunt on 17km of his Walk for Autism raising over \$1,000 for the cause.

Cr David Young advised the following:

- The Toomah Community Centre at Lakeside Park in Pakenham is now open, providing the community with services, training facilities and meeting spaces. Jointly funded by Council, Windermere Child and Family Services and the State Government, the facility will deliver support services and programs to disadvantaged and vulnerable members of our community.
- The McBride Street Kindergarten in Cockatoo has been rebuilt and opened as an Ash Wednesday memorial.
- As part of NAIDOC Week the Council adopted its Reconciliation Action Plan. Also as part of NAIDOC Week Council hosted a showing of 'The Sapphires' with guest appearance by the playwright and son of one of the Sapphires, Tony Briggs, with a 'bush tucker' supper.

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The Eastern Districts Competition will bring approximately 1000 people in to the local area over the weekend, with a number of the visiting teams requiring accommodation and meals during their stay.

The weekend will begin on the Saturday morning at the Koo Wee Rup Recreation Reserve with a discipline marching competition before moving to the Koo Wee Rup Fire Brigade Competition Track (located between the swimming pool and bowling club). Saturday will conclude with a torchlight procession through the streets of Koo Wee Rup once night has fallen. The Sunday will bring another day of competition at the running track finishing in the early afternoon.

As this event will bring numerous visitors to our town, we feel we need to keep the local community updated on our progress in planning this event and recognise our supporters publically, please keep an eye out for an article in each edition of the Blackfish leading up to the event in January next year.

To hold such an event in our local area, the Fire Brigade will require the support of the local community and there are sponsorship opportunities available. If you would like any further information on the competition or the sponsorship packages available please contact our Competition Secretary at: easterndistrict2016@gmail.com

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- Kaiteki Fresh has opened a hydroponic spinach growing facility in Bunyip South with 5 hectares under plastic supplying local markets as well as exporting to Singapore. The facility will expand to 10 hectares.
- The Richmond Football Club provided speakers at a Shire development function to talk about developing meaningful partnerships particularly with sponsors.
- Bendigo Bank Garfield/Bunyip is hosting an Agricultural Business Forum on 11 August at the Garfield Bowling Club
- The Catani Netball Club rooms will be opened on 22 August.
- Cr Young tabled the first report of the Westernport Biosphere. The Biosphere is supported by the 5 councils around Westernport Bay, (Mornington Peninsula, Frankston, Casey, Cardinia and Bass Coast). It aims to protect the natural environment of the bay.
- Blackspot funding has been approved to create a double offset T-Intersection at Manks Road and Dalmore Road and also at Heads and Caldermeade Roads. Cr Young will follow up on when the funding will be made available to the Shire.

Cr Young was asked about a report that the Shire had said if the proposed airport at Caldermeade went ahead that around 5,500 hectares of land would be rezoned as industrial land. The resident wanted to know where that 5,500 hectares would be. Cr Young advised that the land would be immediately around the airport, wherever that airport was located.

Lou Bucello asked why there had been a change to the way rates could be paid. Instead of allowing four quarterly instalments commencing in September or one annual payment in February, Council will now only accept full payment in September. Cr Young advised that this was because Council had a problem with cashflow needed the money up front rather than waiting until February. There was an additional problem with Council being unaware that some residents were having difficulty meeting rate payments until they defaulted on the full year payment in February, not allowing enough time to put in a suitable repayment plan. Lou further asked why the Council didn't offer a discount incentive to pay in full up front. Cr Young said that this had been considered but the Council had decided not to offer an upfront payment discount.

There were 6 incidents reported to the police in Koo Wee Rup in June and July:

- Criminal damage (smashed car window) in Rossiter Road.
- Possession of a prohibited weapon. Knuckle dusters found in a car in Ballarto Road.
- Theft of roof iron from a house under construction in Jade Court.
- Burglary/theft of copper pipe from a house under construction in Jade Court.
- Criminal damage by fire. Car stolen from Pioneer Bay and found burnt out in Koo Wee Rup.
- Unlawful assault - road rage incident.

George Fittock reported that everything was going well at the Men's Shed. The mentoring program is going well. A meet and greet day with a BBQ, clown, worm farm and other activities will be held on 29 August.

The Men's Shed youth advisory group is working with Council to develop a strategy to meet youth needs in the town. They are looking at areas they could take responsibility for developing themselves, such as improving the skate park.

The Koo Wee Rup sign on the Bayles Road has been hit by a car and has split in half. Council will need to remove it and the Men's Shed are willing to repair it or make a new sign for Council to reinstall.

Lou Bucello advised that he had spoken to Greg Hunt about the delay in the Gas for Koo Wee Rup project. Greg Hunt had asked the Township Committee to send him a letter asking him to investigate the delay.

Gavin Brock advised that a new website for Koo Wee Rup has been set up by the Koo Wee Rup Business Association and is now live. Everyone is encouraged to visit the website at www.kooweerup.vic.au.

Gavin reminded the meeting that with the resignation of Geoff Stokes earlier this year and with the imminent resignation of Richard Roach at the AGM in November, the Committee will need both a new Treasurer and a new Secretary. Members were asked to consider taking on one of these roles or identifying an appropriate local person who could take on the role.

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August 2015

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Actually, you wouldn't have heard it all this month as we didn't have any fire calls in August.

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It is hard to believe that it is one month since the last report! This is a busy term and much of the day to day running of the college is as usual taking much of the time!

The use of the new building is resulting in changes in the old teaching styles. I am proud to say that staff have taken on this new role with a good deal of enthusiasm and seem to be enjoying the new environment. The change will evolve over a number of months and continue to result in better conditions for all at the College.

I must congratulate the new Leaders in the school as well who are adapting to the new roles and challenges. They are an integral part of the change which is taking place.

I am looking to a continuance of improving results for our students as we aim to provide the best educational experience we can offer.

Les Miserables was staged this month. Thanks to all those who have been involved from the students, the parents and the staff. It is a huge task to put on a musical production of this size and nature.

During the month we had several key visitors. Greg Hunt came to speak to Year 7 and 8 about Autism and as a result we had a very successful day to raise funds for that cause. We also had a group from DET come and talk to us about a trip to China for some students in Year 9 for six weeks next year. This would be heavily subsidised. Our trip to Italy takes off at the end of this term, I wish them all the best. We also had a talk from a group of people walking the length of Australia for soldiers families. All in all we are becoming quite International.

The deputy Premier, James Merlino, will be visiting the College to open the new buildings during October. This is also good for the college as our profile rises further and further.

I take this opportunity to ask VCE parents to monitor their children closely as the exam period is getting closer and closer. I also thank the VCE Captains for running an excellent whole school assembly this term. They have truly become sound citizens and a great representation of the students who lead us.

We are still trying to get stage two of the building program approved. It will take some time but we will continue to push for this. I know that our Council is very keen to see this happen as well.

From 2017 the College will be fully BYO device. Ipads are still preferred for 2016 but other devices are also possible.

For the coming holiday break, I wish you all the very best.

Kym Bridgford, Principal

Pardon the Wind

A visitor came to town, an' tried to stake a claim,
A creature full of wind, Gale Force was her name,
She blustered down the street, without a beg-your-pardon,
Bent our fence an' set about to rearrange the garden!

It put a lot of strain on me twin arthritic knees,
Leanin' to the left, to fight that stiffish breeze,
An' me trusty ol' Akubra hat, I'd worn for quite awhile,
Suddenly departed ... towards the Apple Isle!

That wind blew the bard off a firewood log,
An' the collar an' chain clean off the dog,
It whistled an' howled through the overhead wires,
An' took half the tread off me two back tyres!

Letterbox, it took the brunt, yet stood its ground with pride,
But the lid had disappeared, an' the slot's now 'round the side;
That wind attacked the citrus, an' shook the fruit all free,
Me lemons left the district ... followed by the tree!

Gate was stripped of paintwork, right back to the metal,
An' the rugged ol' daisy, was left with just one petal,
Me wife surveyed the damage, quietly takin' stock,
As another savage gust blew the pattern from her frock!

I sit now in the shed, gettin' in some practice,
Stickin' all the windblown spikes, back upon the cactus,
Wonderin' if Gale Force, again will pound our door,
An' thankful that me beer-fridge is bolted to the floor!

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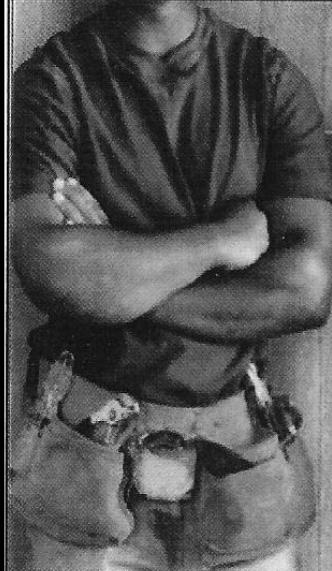
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August was a very busy month for the St John's school community. Early in the month, we held a Liturgy for the Feast Day of Mary Mackillop with Sister Cathy Dean. Our Grade Five and Six students also celebrated Mass with Father Hilarion for the Feast of the Assumption. This is what some of the students had to say about these two extraordinary women:

Lochlan – "Both of these women followed God. They spread God's word and love."

Levi – "Mary Mackillop was a Josephite Sister. The Josephite Sisters helped start our school."

Makenzie – "Mother Mary went to heaven body and soul."

Our F – 2 students were visited by Monash Health for a dental education session and check-up on Friday 14th August. Many were very shocked to see what their teeth may look like if not looked after properly! The children also discovered which food and drinks are good for our teeth, tying in with their current health-related inquiry unit.

On Wednesday 19th August, fifty-five students from grades three to six competed in the District Athletics at Casey Fields. Students took part in discuss, high jump, triple jump, long jump and shot putt as well as track events. Congratulations to the students who have made it through to the next round. We wish you all the best!



Fifteen Grade Four children received the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time on Sunday 30th August. This Sacrament is the third of three Sacraments of initiation and is considered a great source of nourishment for all Catholics. If you would like more information about our Sacramental Program, please contact the school.

As part of our Literacy and Numeracy Week celebrations during the last week of August, students participated in a range of activities including a Book Character Dress-up Day, a whole school story, a Reading Line and multi-age mathematic activities. It was great to see many parents get involved in these activities too.

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

Kind regards, Kristy Telford, (Deputy Principal)



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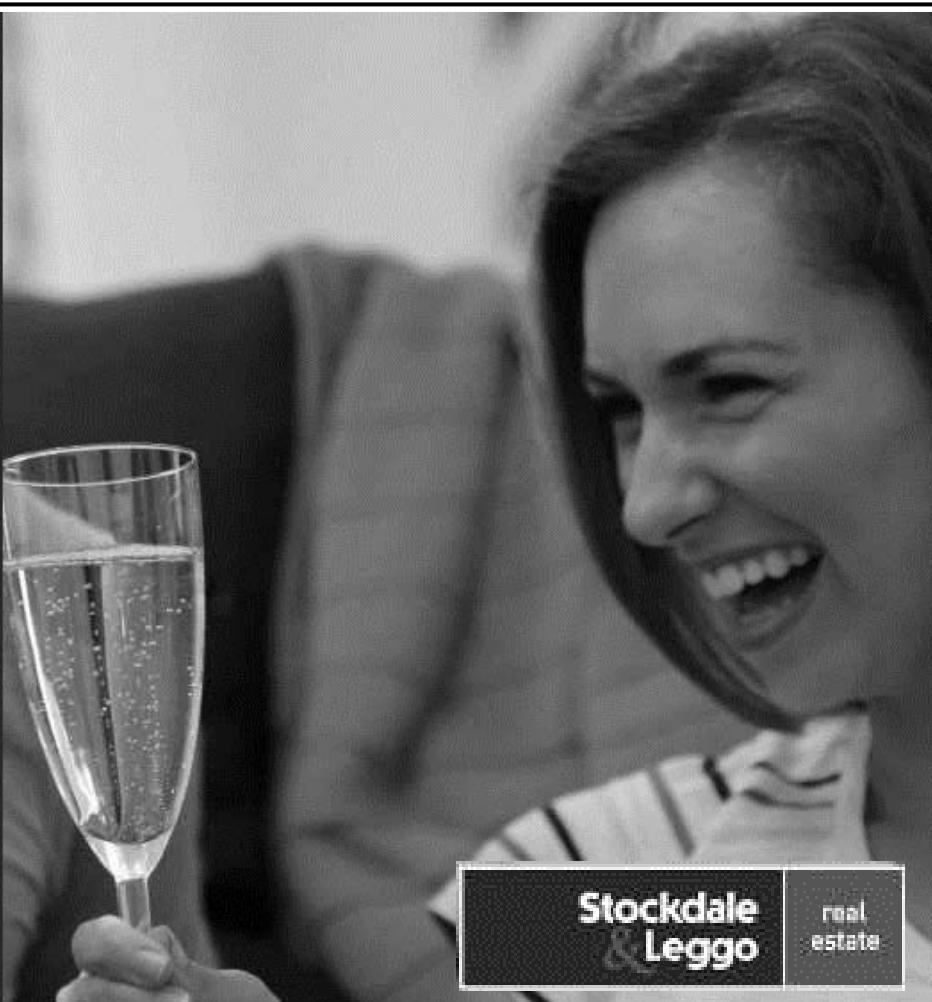
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Footy Day

Parade

Friday 18th at
12:15pm

Term dismissal

Friday 18th at
2:15pm

It was a very excited group of 25 students that attended our first transition session for Foundation 2016.

It is a reflection of the wonderful things happening in our school that we currently have 32 enrolments for Foundation next year and will offer two straight foundation classes in 2016.



If you know of anyone looking to enrol their child in the area, please encourage them to contact the office to arrange a personal tour with me on 5997-1272.

NICK SCHNEIDER

'Footsteps into Foundation 2016'

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



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

Our 'Footsteps Into Foundation' program has been established for new Foundation enrolments. The program involves nine planned transition sessions as well as parent information sessions. As Principal of Koo Wee Rup PS, I invite you to visit our welcoming and friendly school and see for yourself the high quality teaching and learning programs on offer for all students.

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1st Koo Wee Rup Scout Group Annual Reports and Presentation night began with 7 year old Olivia presenting her section report to a hall of 100+ people and concluded with the welcoming of the newest honorary members of our Scouting Family.



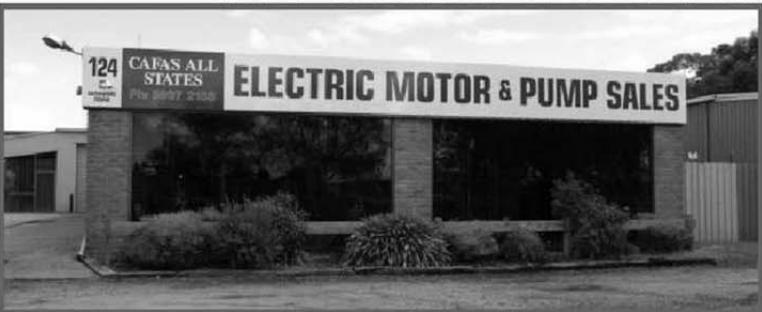
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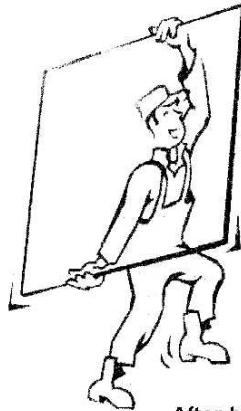
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LIONS CLUB

At the second meeting of the Club in July we had the pleasure of a visit from our new District Governor, Ian Gration, a member of the Cranbourne Lions Club.

The District Governor's visit each year is a special occasion. It gives the Club members and their partners an opportunity to find out what message our new International President has, as well as to learn about the hopes and aspirations our new District Governor has for the 63 Lions Clubs in the District.

At the same meeting the Club also welcomed Zone Chairman, Pamela Palma, a member of the Flinders & District Lions Club, who was accompanied by Lions Youth Exchange student, Antoine Coudert from France. Antoine was spending time with Pamela before heading to Western Australia to stay with another Lions host family.

A most enjoyable evening was had by all and the fun and fellowship really highlighted the strong bonds that exist in the Lions family.

The venue for our first meeting in August was the Koo Wee Rup Historical Museum at the corner of Rossiter Road and Henry Street, which came about because of a letter received from Heather Arnold and Andrew Slade, both members of the Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society, seeking financial support for the digitisation of the now defunct Koo Wee Rup 'Sun' newspaper, which would see every issue of the paper saved in a digital format on a CD providing an invaluable resource for those interested in local history.



District Governor Ian and Club 1st Vice President Daryl Allman exchanging bannerettes

Andrew most eloquently told the life story of the Koo Wee Rup 'Sun' and to be able to read and turn the pages of the early issues of the paper was a special experience, particularly from a nostalgic perspective.

Koo Wee Rup is most fortunate to have such a wonderful historical asset in the town and the dedication of Heather, Andrew and the other members of the Historical Society in ensuring the history of Koo Wee Rup and surrounding communities is preserved for future generations is to be wholeheartedly applauded.

Historical Society President Heather Arnold, Club President Peter Martin and Immediate Past President Sheryl Blay

So important did the members believe the project to be that it was decided the Club would donate \$500 towards the digitisation cost to be drawn from the profits of the recent Art & Crafts Show organised by the Club.

When Heather was advised of this donation it was arranged that the Club would have a tour of the museum followed by the Club's meeting during which Heather was presented with the \$500 cheque by Club President, Peter Martin and Immediate Past President, Sheryl Blay, who was the prime mover behind the Art & Crafts Show.



Governor Ian, Lions Youth Exchange student, Antoine Coudert and Zone Chairman Pamela Palma

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DRAFT INTEGRATED WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

Council are welcoming feedback on the draft Integrated water management plan (IWMP). The aim of the plan is to deliver a framework that will guide Council towards a more sustainable integrated approach to water management to reduce reliance on potable water and enhance ecological health of receiving waterways. The development of this plan and its targets are key actions of the Council Plan 2013–17.

Snapshot of plan

The Draft IWMP consolidates Council's management of water issues under the banner of integrated water management and includes the following elements of the water cycle:

Stormwater: to quantify and minimise stormwater flows and pollutant loads to the Shire's creeks, rivers and Westernport Bay

Potable water consumption: to ensure efficient potable water use within Council facilities and encourage the community to reduce potable water consumption

Alternative water supply: to reduce Council's reliance on potable water by identifying and utilising alternative water sources

Groundwater: to contribute to sustainable groundwater management, including exploring the option of alternative water sources for agriculture

Wastewater: to reduce the impact of waste water on the environment

Catchments and natural waterways: to protect the shire's waterway values and open these assets up to the community.

This plan is intended to reframe Council's approach to water management within the context of a more integrated water cycle that considers the role, benefits, issues and relationships between each element of the water cycle.

Get a copy of the draft plan

Online from www.cardinia.vic.gov.au, look in the 'Environment and Waste' section for 'Our environmental initiatives and strategies'.

Hard copy versions of the plan are on display at the following locations:

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Make a submission - have your say

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Written submissions should be made to:

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Draft Integrated Water Management Plan

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Right Choice Mortgages and Leasing



Cathy McNulty found the mentoring program extremely worthwhile. It was a great opportunity to meet local business owners and work together. She has built some great relationships from the exercise. In addition, she has learnt some new skills to assist in running her business.

Prior to the program the team at Right Choice had a strong long term vision and had procedures in place. The program has helped to focus and refine this. Right Choice's customer service had always been strong and they have a good, friendly, professional service which people value.

This program has really helped identify their business strengths and weaknesses. It helped to identify what makes Right Choice different to other brokers and the team are now working on a strategy to market those strengths. They have identified the importance of short term and long term planning and now have a 12 week strategy as well as longer term goals.

They are loving the bypass as they can now open the front door of our shop to let in the fresh air without being bombarded by noisy vehicles and smelly cattle trucks. Not to mention it makes it a lot easier to cross the road to Brent's for their much loved coffee.

KOO WEE RUP BOWLS

CLUB NEWS



After a season with many interruptions the Tuesday Triples competition was completed on 4th August. The Winners for the day were A. Thompson, P. Thompson & J. Hebart (Berwick) with 36 points. The Runners up with 35 points & 28 shots up were Mick Knight, Gunter Baumbach & Val Moore (Cardinia Waters).

The Friday Triples competition has also been completed with games played on 7th August. Winning rink for the day with 33 points was Rex Alexander, Tim Knight & Kon Kormas (KWR). The Runners up with 31 points was Dean Thomas (Landsborough), George Crynes & Irene Stanbridge (KWR). Best Last game went to Joyce & Graeme Andrus & Garry Salomons (Pakenham) with 18 points & 8 shots up.

We have arranged practice matches for Saturday Pennant – Sat. 12th Sept at Cranbourne RSL against Corinella at KWR, Sat. 26th Sept. against Seaford but both venues may be used that game as Seaford has only 1 green available. Sunday 4th Oct. against Lang Lang at KWR. The Pennant season will commence on Sat. 10th October.

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September 2015



George Fittock & Brian Harlow represented the Koo Wee Rup Men's Shed at the 1st Koo Wee Rup Scouts AGM.

They were presented with an appreciation certificate for their support of the Scouts during 2015.

The Men's Shed repaired and resurfaced all the Scouts trestle tables and built a trophy for their billy cart racing.

STROKE AWARENESS

Wednesday 16th Sept. 10.00am

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Seniors Week Free Event at Kurth Kiln

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Monday 5th October 2015

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Please contact Aileen Thoms
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KWR RSL SUB BRANCH REPORT

Hello to everyone. September has arrived and at last we are getting some higher temperatures. The sub branch is spending a couple of months catching up on some maintenance items such as finishing off the Avenue of Honour Board on our Wall. We need some surrounds fitted and another level of bricks added then another paint. Our cenotaph also needs some renovations, some names redone and spelling mistakes rectified. This will be our main task through to the New Year. Of course Remembrance Day will soon be here, this entails poppy selling, a service at the Secondary College, then our usual service at our memorial at 11am on the 11th of November. We are hoping you can join us for this very special service.

On a personal note, yes I finally got to trek the 'Kokoda Trail' a couple of weeks ago. Wow! Lots of training and purchasing of gear, worrying about whether I would be able to complete it and away we went. What an adventure, really tough, especially for an old bloke. Up and down extremely steep mountains, sleeping rough, perspiring like mad and being very tired each evening. I now have an idea of what our soldiers went through during the war, I am in absolute awe of the terrain, the jungle, the diseases such as malaria, dysentery, dengue fever, tropical ulcers, poor equipment plus our enemy trying to shoot them. Of course they were badly outnumbered as well. I will maybe relate more of my adventure on the track in later Blackfish editions, for now this old bloke needs to rest up and recover.

Yours in Service, Ron Ingram, President Koo Wee Rup RSL Sub Branch, 5997 1665

SHAPE YOUR SAFER COMMUNITY

Cardinia Shire residents and business owners are being asked to share their community safety concerns and how their communities could be made safer.

Council is working towards accreditation as a World Health Organisation International Safe Community. The International Safe Communities Model is an internationally recognised best practice model to reduce injury and enhance safety.

Community members are invited to complete the International Safer Communities survey and attend one of seven consultation events. The survey responses and consultation events will explore community views and help direct Council's International Safe Communities work.

The consultation events will be held on:

- Thursday 3 September, 6.30–8pm at Gembrook Community Centre, community room (1 Beenak East Road Gembrook)
- Tuesday 15 September, 6.30–8pm at Bunyip and District Community House (27 Main Street Bunyip)
- Tuesday 22 September, 6.30–8pm at Pakenham Library, supper room (corner John and Henry streets Pakenham)
- Wednesday 23 September, 6.30–8pm at Emerald RSL (3 Memorial Avenue Emerald)
- Tuesday 6 October, 6.30–8pm at Lang Lang Community Centre (7 Westernport Road Lang Lang)
- Thursday 8 October, 6.30–8pm at Koo Wee Rup Community Complex, function room (247 Rossiter Road Koo Wee Rup)
- Tuesday 13 October, 6.30–8pm at Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre (8 O'Neil Road Beaconsfield)

The survey is available on Council's 'Have your say' web page until 5pm Saturday 31 October.

For more information, contact Council's Safer Communities Project Officer on 1300 787 624 or mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au.



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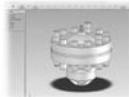
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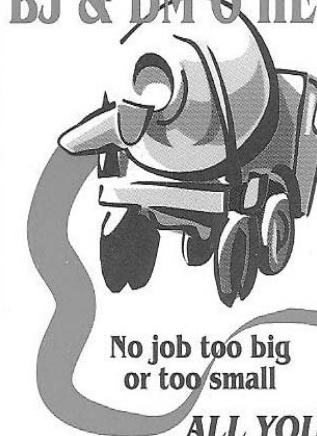
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CRANBOURNE SHIRE NATURALIZATION CEREMONY, 1960

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

I came across this article in the *Koo-Wee-Rup Sun* of December 14, 1960 which talks about a Shire of Cranbourne Naturalization Ceremony held at the Memorial Hall in Koo-Wee-Rup.

It is of interest for a number of reasons - firstly it lists the full name and address of each person - obviously no privacy concerns in 1960; secondly it gives us an idea of the main nationalities of the local migrants - Dutch and Italian - and lastly I love the bit about Mrs Glasscock inviting the ladies to join their local Country Women's Association branch. I am sure they would have been made welcome, but I wonder how many took up the offer.

This is what the article says:

Australia's march to nationhood was speeded on its way on Thursday evening when 37 people accepted full Australian citizenship at a Naturalization ceremony at the Kooweerup Memorial Hall. Shire President, Mr Russell Smith, administered the oath before a large crowd. Present also were Shire Councillors L.J. Cochrane, M.L.A.; P.B. Fechner; McL Greaves and H. Evans; Shire Secretary Mr Tom Grant and the Rev Father J. Opie.

Cr Smith congratulated the candidates on the wonderful steps they had taken in becoming Australian citizens and wished them every success in the land of their choice.

Mrs M. Glasscock on behalf of the Kooweerup C.W.A., presented each lady candidate with a spray of flowers and invited them to join their respective C.W.A branches.

Rev Father Opie warmly welcomed the candidates into full Australian citizenship. He said that the parents had made great sacrifices for their young families who were already full Australians in every sense of the word.

After the ceremony the people present enjoyed a supper provided by the Pre-School Association.

Those naturalized were: Mrs Elizabeth Catharina Boekel, Boundary Road, Kooweerup; Petrus Boekel, Boundary Road, Kooweerup; Vito Castello, Salmon Street, Kooweerup; Antonio de Pasquale, Station Street, Kooweerup; Alfridus Johanus Hoogenboom, Olive Road, Devon Meadows; Eugen Kohler, 79 William Street, Cranbourne; Mrs Hedwig Katharina Kohler, 79 William Street, Cranbourne; Mrs Ursula K. Meiberg, 84 Walter Street, Cranbourne; Gaetano Pepe, Station Street, Kooweerup; Mrs Marianna Pepe, Station Street, Kooweerup; Luigi Raffa, 28 Gardiner Street, Kooweerup; Adrianus van den Bogaart, McDonald Drain Road, Kooweerup; Mrs Petronella Gerarda van den Broek, 'Spring Meadows', Clyde North; Mrs Johanna van der Valk, South Gippsland Highway, Tooradin; Johannes van der Valk, South Gippsland Highway, Tooradin; Loduvicus van der Valk, South Gippsland Highway Tooradin; Catharine van der Valk, South Gippsland Highway, Tooradin, Mrs Catharina Susanna van Os, Victoria Road, Pearcedale; Wilhelm van Os, Victoria Road, Pearcedale; Douwe Winsemius, Pakenham Road, Kooweerup; Miss Janke Winsemius, Pakenham Road, Kooweerup; Mrs Trijntje Winsemius, Pakenham Road, Kooweerup; Mrs Francisca van den Bogaart, Kooweerup.

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37 Naturalized at Kooweerup Ceremony Last Thursday

Australia's march to nationhood was speeded on its way on Thursday evening when 37 people accepted full Australian citizenship at a Naturalization Ceremony in the Kooweerup Memorial Hall.

Shire President, Mr. Russell Smith, administered the oath before a very large crowd. Present also were Shire Councillors, L. J. Cochrane, M.L.A.; P. B. Fechner; McL. Greaves and H. Evans; Shire Secretary, Mr. Tom Grant, and Rev. Father J. Opie.

Cr. Smith congratulated the candidates on the wonderful steps they had taken in becoming Australian citizens and wished them every success in the land of their choice.

Mrs. M. Glasscock, on behalf of the Kooweerup C.W.A., presented each lady candidate with a spray of flowers and invited them to join their respective C.W.A. branches.

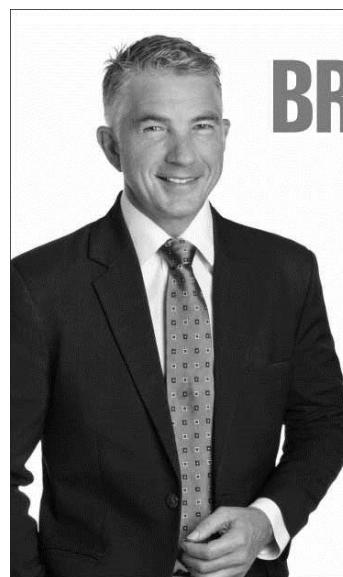
Rev. Father Opie warmly welcomed the candidates into great sacrifices for their young families who were already full Australians in every sense of the word.

After the ceremony the people present at the ceremony enjoyed a supper provided by the Pre-School Association.

Those naturalized were:

Mrs. Elizabeth Catharina Boekel, Boundary Road, Kooweerup; Petrus Boekel, Boundary Road, Kooweerup; Vito Castello, Salmon Street, Kooweerup; Antonio de Pasquale, Station Street, Kooweerup; Alfridus Johanus Hoogenboom, Olive Road, Devon Meadows; Eugen Kohler, 79 William Street, Cranbourne; Mrs Hedwig Katharina Kohler, 79 William Street, Cranbourne; Mrs Ursula K. Meiberg, 84 Walter Street, Cranbourne; Gaetano Pepe, Station Street, Kooweerup; Mrs Marianna Pepe, Station Street, Kooweerup; Luigi Raffa, 28 Gardiner Street, Kooweerup; Adrianus van den Bogaart, McDonald Drain Road, Kooweerup; Mrs Petronella Gerarda van den Broek, 'Spring Meadows', Clyde North; Mrs Johanna van der Valk, South Gippsland Highway, Tooradin; Johannes van der Valk, South Gippsland Highway, Tooradin; Loduvicus van der Valk, South Gippsland Highway Tooradin; Catharine van der Valk, South Gippsland Highway, Tooradin, Mrs Catharina Susanna van Os, Victoria Road, Pearcedale; Wilhelm van Os, Victoria Road, Pearcedale; Douwe Winsemius, Pakenham Road, Kooweerup; Miss Janke Winsemius, Pakenham Road, Kooweerup; Mrs Trijntje Winsemius, Pakenham Road, Kooweerup; Mrs Francisca van den Bogaart, Kooweerup.

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0414 084 713

Thursday 7:00pm Sean and Jade
0421 992 371

Thursday 7:00pm Young Adults
Kelly Murphy 0408 315 322

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A night full of fun: games, stories, crafts and supper. For children Prep to grade 6.

Friday 6.00pm – 8pm Koo Wee Rup
Community Hall
(Rossitor Road)
Cost of \$4 per child

Community Breakfast: TurningPoint Koo Wee Rup hold a Free Community Breakfast on a fortnightly basis on Thursday morning from 7.30–10.00am during School Terms. This initiative is to encourage our community to develop friendships with those in the community. All are welcome and the meals are simple and delicious.



We invite you to join us for

CHAT & CHEW

(Cuppa and Chat)

When: Wednesday 11am – 1Pm

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We run weekly throughout the school term

With lots of games, messy play, stories, activities and much more!

Friday nights 6pm – 8pm

Koo wee Rup Community Hall

\$4 per child or 3 for \$10

Term 3 – “Miracles”

For more information or to book your child in please contact Jade on 0430 280 793



CRANBOURNE SHIRE NATURALIZATION CEREMONY, 1960 (from Page 29)

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

As we are on the subject of Italian migrants I thought we would have a quick look at the history of Italians on the Swamp (the story of Dutch migration will have to be a story for another day). The most famous Italian of all is, of course, Carlo Catani. Carlo was born in 1852 in Florence in Italy. He was educated as a Civil Engineer at the Technical Institute of Florence. In September 1876, Carlo and his two friends, Pietro Baracchi and Ettore Checchi, arrived in Melbourne, via New Zealand.

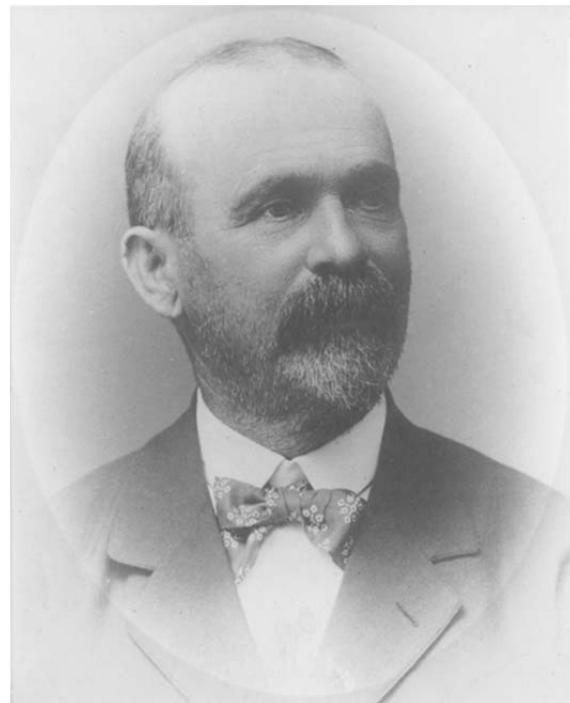
The trio were employed as draftsmen by the Department of Lands and Survey. In 1880, Catani was registered as a Surveyor and in 1882 he and Checchi joined the Public Works Department as Engineering draftsmen. By 1886, they were both assistant Engineers. Baracchi eventually became the Victorian Government Astronomer and Meteorologist and Checchi worked for the Public Works Department and later the State Rivers & Water Supply Commission. Catani was promoted to the Head of his Section in 1892 and in 1893, when the Public Works Department resumed the control of the Swamp drainage works from private contractors, Catani was appointed as the Engineer.

Carlo was naturalised in 1892 and never returned to Italy. He married Catherine Hanley of Port Fairy on May 18, 1886 at the Anglican Church at Fitzroy. They had six children, Edward (b.1886 and d.1887), Elvira May (1888-1947), Enrico Ferdinando (b.1891-killed in Action in France in 1916), Ettore Luigi (1893-1967), Eugenia Anastasia (1895-1915) and Enid Marguerite (1899-1950). Catani died in 1918 and is buried at the Brighton cemetery. Catherine died in 1925, aged 68. None of the children married

From the 1920s, Italian migrants had begun buying property in the Koo-Wee-Rup Swamp area. For instance, in 1926 it was reported that a group of land agents had sold 28 farms to Italians where they were worked in a communal system - several families would live on the one farm and some worked the farm and the others sought employment by working on local farms. In January 1927, it was estimated that 350 Italian potato diggers were working on the Swamp and in that year Italian interests owned 5,500 acres in the area.

Many of the Italians came from the Sortino region of Sicily. Some had settled here before the Second World War but most arrived in the 1950s when 170,000 Italians migrated to Australia. Of this number, around 3,400 came from Sortino to Melbourne and 60 families settled on the Koo-Wee-Rup Swamp. They continue with some of their traditions especially the veneration of their Patron Saint, St Sofia, whose festival is celebrated each year in October by a procession around the streets of Koo-Wee Rup, which attracts huge crowds, and a service at St John the Baptist Catholic Church, where a shrine to St Sofia was built in 1973.

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.



Carlo Catani

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

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

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

Special Resolution Meeting for the Koo Wee Rup Swimming Club

Venue: KWR Swimming Club Rooms
(At side of Pool)

Time: 4.30pm

When: Monday 21st September 2015

We are planning to voluntarily wind up the KWR Swimming Club due to lack of members and interest.

Any queries please call Liz Alderson 0408 368656 or email: deliz@bigpond.com

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KooWeeRup Quilt Fest
Quilt Display and Sales



9.30am - 3.00pm

Saturday 19th and

Sunday 20th September 2015



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Koo Wee Rup Community Centre Thursday 10th Sept 5:30pm- 9pm

(Official Welcome and walk starts about 7:15pm)

Come along and purchase your lanterns on the night for \$15 each.
Join us for a short walk around our town and shine a lantern of hope.
Everyone Welcome!!

Light entertainment, sausage sizzle and drinks for sale prior to the walk and stay after for a light supper and cuppa to say thank you to the community for their support.



For enquiries about the Koo Wee Rup Light the Night, please contact: organisers:

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