

THE KOO WEE RUP BLACKFISH



AUGUST 2016

“YOGI” NOTCHES UP 250 GAMES

One of the Demons favorite sons has played his 250th game



Matthew “Yogi” Cameron has been a rock around his beloved club for so long that when asked the date of his first senior game he admitted that he wasn’t exactly sure and it didn’t really worry him as he has loved every single minute and more importantly the many lifelong friendships he has made along the way; both at Koo Wee Rup and all the other clubs he has competed against over the years. Not only has Matthew been a colossus on the field he has been a highly valued contributor around the club with a huge commitment as a fundraiser and committee person.



THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES *(Edited Extracts)*

The Township held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, 6 July. Township Meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 3 August at 7:30 pm at the Community Centre.

Council advised that the disabled toilet next to the swimming pool in Cochrane Park will be open from 7am until 7pm. Overnight it will be locked and will be accessible using an MLAK Key which is available from locksmiths. The Committee will send a letter of thanks to Steve Fernée for the satisfactory resolution of this issue.

Ray Brown advised that the slab for the storage shed at the rear of the Community Centre would be poured on Saturday. Council cleaned all the graffiti from hall and skate park prior to election day.

George Fittock reported that the Men's Shed had received two gifts of tools from families in Bayles and Catani. These gifts are greatly appreciated by the Shed.

George Fittock advised that there are many broken footpaths in town, particularly since the gas installation. The committee will write to Council to alert them to the problem so that they can inspect the damage and possibly speak to the gas pipe installers about the damage.

The cable for securing the boom on the dragline in Cochrane Park has been collected. The boom will be lifted and secured within the next week and the fence will be installed around it as soon as possible. All funding has been secured from Council. A signwriter has been selected to develop an information sign for the dragline.

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The Ladies Auxiliary would like to thank Koo Wee Rup and surrounding communities for supporting us for 61 years. We held a function recently to commemorate our 60 years of service (a little belatedly!) pictured left.

Thank you to Pat McWhirter for the use of Harewood House for our function. We were thrilled to welcome past presidents Joyce Murphy and Bev Worcester to the occasion.

The Ladies Auxiliary wishes Margaret Gregson a speedy recovery.

Secretary Janis Fox

Kooweerup Regional Health Services
Ladies Auxiliary

AGM

Will be held at the education room at KRHS

August 5th 2016

at 9.30 am

We would love to see some new faces!

Secretary Janis Fox 5997 2227

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Each month the nominated community groups will be provided with a voucher that can be redeemed at the Koo Wee Rup Newsagency. Community Groups can use these vouchers in a variety of ways:

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If you would like to know more, please don't hesitate to contact Cath Peterson at the newsagency on 03 5997 1456.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR - STOP MEANS STOP

Just wondering if mention could be made at some point re cars not stopping at stop signs? The Moody St and Station St one in particular is a shocker especially at school time traffic.

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

In response to Vincent Pepe's letter at right, Ray Brown advised that Council had appointed planners to develop the streetscape for the town's commercial precinct. George Fittock believes that Council is unlikely to install more lights due to energy conservation targets, but it was believed that it may be possible to have brighter lights in the commercial precinct. It was agreed that lighting in residential streets was adequate as a balance needed to be maintained between pedestrian safety and the amenity for residents who lived near street lights. George Fittock proposed that a letter be written to council to ask for a lighting review to improve pedestrian safety in the commercial precinct of Koo Wee Rup. Seconded Gavin Brock, carried unanimously.

In response to Vincent's suggestion that more prominent 'Welcome to Koo Wee Rup' signs be developed; it was agreed that with the difficulties the Committee faced getting Council approval for a 'safe' position for the current small signs getting approval to build larger signs was very unlikely.

A property currently under development has put in a second driveway which was not in the original planning document put on exhibition. The second driveway is not in accordance with the Koo Wee Rup Township Strategy. Township will send a letter to Council asking what procedures are in place for breaches of planning permission, particularly when the development is in breach of Township Strategy.

Noel Speight advised that there was a pothole two doors up from the Bayles General Store at 679 Kooweerup-Longwarry Road. It was 'fixed' a week ago and was almost immediately washed out. A merit will be raised for the pothole. Noel further advised that feedback had been received from VicRoads on the proposal to lower the speed limit to 50kph through Bayles township. VicRoads believed the town was too small and the pedestrian traffic too low to warrant the reduction in speed.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Over the last six months I have driven to numerous new estates, and the one factor that has stood out for me has been that the Entrances and Township names have been well lit and are quite imposing, in that the township names are set in some form of brickwork as is the Tesorio estate.

With work having commenced on the residential estate next to the Shelton estate, as a question to the Koo Wee Rup Committee, "Would it be possible to investigate a more modern, more impressive "Welcome to Koo Wee Rup" signage than what the township has at present?

My second question again stems from having visited numerous new estates and having been accompanied by a town planner during a night time drive through the main streets of Koo Wee Rup. The observation of note was that the main streets (both Station Street and Rossiter Rd) are not well lit and in fact somewhat dark (as is Gardner St and Henry St).

My question to Cardinia Council is would it be possible to engage a town planner to improve the look and feel of Koo Wee Rup's two main streets, as this would be a draw card to new businesses setting up in those two main streets?

Vincent Pepe

HAVE YOU GOT SOMETHING TO SAY?

Have you got some news, a photo, or an opinion you want to share with your community? Why not say it in the Blackfish?

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

Caroline Roff, Editor

Police Report to Township Committee

The following report was received from LSC Brendan Dickson, Koo Wee Rup Police:

The main offence for the month of June involves number plates and petrol theft. The service stations are being hit hard by vehicles with stolen or altered number plates affixed. This also means that theft of number plates from vehicles is also increasing. Although we have not had many number plates reported as stolen from our area, this would be a great time for people to check the security of their number plates. "One way" number plate screws are available from Police Stations. These screws are affixed using a normal screw driver, however they can only be removed by the use of a specific tool. This will help deter offenders from removing your number plates.

There have been a few reports for the theft of tools from vehicles. The thefts have all occurred from vehicles that have been left at the front of the victim's home address and tool boxes or vehicles have been left unlocked. Please lock vehicles/toolboxes and remove valuables such as wallets, computers etc from vehicles. Don't make it easy for the offenders. Generally they are not very smart and will move on to another vehicle if your vehicle is locked.

There was one offence of criminal damage to a motor vehicle in Supreme Close. This appears to be an isolated offence where the victim was targeted by the offender. In another report of criminal damage, an unknown offender threw a rock through the window of a house under construction in Gardner Street. ABZ Pizza had a rock thrown through the front window by unknown offenders and cash was stolen. Cardinia CIU are investigating this offence. There was one rural burglary reported in Ballarto Road. This was at a property where the owner does not reside there full time. The padlock on the front gate was cut and entry gained to a shed. A ride on mower and a whipper snipper were stolen.



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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.

29/6/16 – Burn off/false alarm – KWR Rd/Ballarto Rd KWR

2/7/16 – Car fire – Railway Rd KWR

16/7/16 – Burning rubber smell – Denhams Rd KWR

21/7/16 – Car fire resulting from accident – Sth Gippsland Hwy Monomeith

We took advantage of the quiet month to get stuck into some Breathing Apparatus refresher training.



Did you know Koo Wee Rup fire brigade is 100% manned by volunteers?

We have our usual day jobs with other companies, we have our families and friends over for a meal, we have birthdays and Christmas Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day, breakfast in bed; but when that pager goes off, we know someone else needs us more so we drop everything and go. We are on-call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

PLAY BADMINTON IN KOO WEE RUP

West Gippsland Badminton Association is currently recruiting members for its 2017 winter competition season starting next April.

We welcome individuals and families to come along and try this popular sport of badminton. Your first session is free. Regular practise sessions are at the Koo Wee Rup Secondary College, Sports Stadium. We practise on Wednesday nights starting at 7:30pm and finishing at 9:30pm. Cost is only \$6 per person. Rackets are available for practise.

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Age is no barrier. We have players ranging from their teens up to their 70s. For competitions we grade our players on their ability and rank them accordingly so that each player gets a fair go.

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Planning for 2017 has already commenced and please note that enrolments for 2017 Prep/Foundation students close in September.

To help prepare students for the transition from kinder to school, we have carefully developed a 5 session orientation program that allows us to really get to know your child before starting.

Our Prep/Foundation orientation sessions are on Mondays; 24th October, 7, 14, 21 & 28th November.

If you interested in finding out more, we can be contacted on (03) 5997 1653.



Students have also got off to a great start with Grade Fives and Sixes playing Interschool Winter Sports each Friday afternoon. The football matches have been played on our new oval, and with the greater space, players are showing great skills in a more freely flowing match. In netball and newcombe, students are showing fantastic sportsmanship and enjoying the chance to work strategically as teams. Our junior and middle school students are also enjoying the chance to observe and support their fellow students at home games.



Other key events this term include:

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

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



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

It is with great pleasure that we announce our school concert for 2016 as Seussical the Musical.

Our concert will be held on Thursday 27th October, with matinée and evening performances at the Cardinia Cultural Centre.





KOO WEE RUP Primary School

100 Days Of School!

On Wednesday 27th of July the Foundation students at Koo Wee Rup Primary School reached a humungous milestone in their learning. They accomplished 100 days of school!! To celebrate this exciting day we held a Foundation dress up day, where the gorgeous students dressed up as the **elderly** to celebrate them becoming old veterans at their school routine.

Our exciting day began with a parade to show off the student's fancy senior attire. Looking around the room we could see many walking sticks assisting the students to move about, glasses, slippers, grey hair styles and most importantly lots of smiles and laughing had by all.

The students then got busy writing about what they will be doing when they reach 100 years of age. We received lots of clever responses such as:

When I am 100 years old

"I will need a walking stick and glasses and a moustache" Seth

"I will wear my slippers down the street and have a cup of tea" Eric

"I will get younger people to help me do things" Kaiden

"I will be wise" Catherine

"I will wear glasses because I will not be able to see well" Ella

To end our exciting day the students got to enjoy a much anticipated class party with lots of yummy food and dancing. What an exciting day!

Congratulations to all of the Foundation students. Your school and your teachers, Miss Palser and Miss Aoun are incredibly proud of just how much you have achieved in just 100 days!





KOO WEE RUP Primary School

August 2016

Assembly

Every Thursday
2:15pm

Foundation Transition

Monday 1st, 15th and
29th August
2:15-3:15pm

Trivia Night

Friday 5th August

Student Led
Conferences

9th and 11th August

Book Fair

Wed. 31st August
3:15—3:45pm

Special Friends
Afternoon

Wed. 31st August



'Footsteps into Foundation 2017'

Term 3 Transition
2:15-3:15pm

Monday August 1st
Monday August 15th
Monday August 29th
Monday September 12th



Term 4 Transition
1:45-3:15pm

Monday October 10th
Monday October 24th
Monday November 7th
Monday November 21st
9am - 1pm
Tuesday December 6th

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.

To arrange your personal tour, please contact Nathan Jagoe on 5997 1272.

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Swamp Rats Venturer Unit (15-17 yrs)
Odonata Rover Crew (18-25 yrs)

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 meet every Tuesday night between 7pm - 8:30pm
 meet every Wednesday night between 7pm - 9pm
 meet every Friday night between 7pm -9pm
 meet on Friday nights from 8pm

New Members always welcome! Contact June Wright our Group Leader on 0439 161 939 or 5997 1480



Congratulations to Kayla for achieving her Grey Wolf Award in Cub-Scouts. The Grey Wolf is the highest award of the Cub-Scout section and can only be achieved by a very few of the best and brightest cub-scouts in the pack. Well done.

The Joey Scouts enjoyed the district campfire at Bell Park in Nyora with Baloo from cubs running an entertaining evening of singing, stories and toasting marshmallows.

Join the 1st Koo Wee Rup Scout Group on the 16th of August from 6:30 if you would like to share in our achievements of the last year. RSVP is essential so please contact June if you plan to attend.



M is for Rovers? The merry mob of mortals made music, manufactured Mars-bar Slice and manically moved mountains on M-night. Magnificent!

Above : The Koo Wee Rup Cub at Spy Camp

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KOO WEE RUP RSL SUB BRANCH REPORT

Hello to everybody. Wow! It's cold, wet and windy; must be winter time.

Since our last report, our museum and meeting rooms have been making slow but sure progress. We now have the internal dividing wall frames up, thanks to Mark O'Hehir, Ian Legg, Sean Dolan, and Leon Dolan who very generously donated their time and equipment Friday week ago and did a brilliant job. Thank you!

A little group of our members deserve a special mention as well, for their great efforts and I write of Dave, George, Ted and Darrell. These guys selflessly turn up every Thursday morning to our working mornings and on other occasions as well. We couldn't have progressed without them. Thank you!

As part of our 100 year commemorations of World War I this year, it is of great importance to take a few moments to remember the tremendous sacrifices made by our soldiers. Firstly, the worst day in Australian military history, the Battle of Fromelles, where we suffered 5,553 casualties in one day, July 19, 1916, a supposed diversion which failed dismally. The second major battle of the Western Front for the Australians in 1916 was at Pozieres commencing just four days later on 23rd July 1916. This battle operation lasted about 7 weeks and cost us 23,000 casualties, what a waste of our young nation's young men; a sacrifice we should never forget.

Another date of significance in our military history has its 50 year commemoration in August this year. August 18th is when we remember the heroic deeds of the Australian diggers at the Battle of Long Tan in South Vietnam. At this time we acknowledge the great service of all Vietnam Veterans and we hope as many as possible can attend the march at the Shrine in Melbourne on the 18th August this year.

Each year the veterans and service members of the Koo-Wee-Rup sub branch organise a 2-3 day bus trip to a relevant area of our state or country. This is an opportunity to visit museums and places of historic significance. This year's trip will be in October and commence at Bright and visiting Bandiana Army Museum and other attractions. This, of course, is at members expense.

Finally, I would like to thank everybody who has contributed materials or labour to our museum and meeting rooms. As I write, we received an almost brand new pie warmer, courtesy of the Light family and the Tooradin Bakery. This is a magnificent gesture and deeply appreciated. In addition, we are now getting ready the history of local service men and women for display; this, of course, is our main focus. So if you have any relevant military history or photos relating to our area, we would love to talk to you about it. Any duplication of photos or documents would be at our expense.

For now, yours in service, Ron Ingram, President KWR RSL Sub Branch, 0409 959 821

COUNCIL JOINS THE 'NEIGHBOURHOOD'

Cardinia Shire Council has been selected as one of three metropolitan councils to participate in The Neighbourhood Project.

Cardinia Shire Council will be provided with 12 months of mentoring, training and funding to empower and inspire local people to come together to activate underused locations across the shire, into highly valued community spaces.

Led by not-for-profit CoDesign Studio, with support from the Myer Foundation, this program encourages and supports Council and residents to work in partnership to establish thriving neighbourhood spaces.

Cardinia Shire Council Mayor Cr Jodie Owen is pleased to announce Council's selection in the program.

"The Neighbourhood Project will help us to lead positive and long-term change in our shire to enhance the wellbeing of all our residents, and create more connected, healthy and safe communities.

"This is a unique opportunity to empower our community to take an active role in shaping our public spaces and support the development of a strong sense of belonging for all members of our diverse and growing community," Cr Owen said.

Over 12 months, The Neighbourhood Project will see three community-led projects implemented within the shire. The aim of the program is to equip Council officers with new skills, tools and resources to successfully plan and implement projects in partnership with the community, introducing a more collaborative approach to planning and creating public spaces.

Cardinia Shire Council CEO Garry McQuillan is excited at the prospect of working in collaboration with community members to achieve engaging public spaces that promote health, happiness and wellbeing.

"Council recognises the value of community-led change through collaborative projects. Our role will be to develop a model that eliminates barriers and encourages community involvement in identifying underutilised public spaces and unlocking the potential of those spaces to better serve our community," Mr McQuillan said.

The Neighbourhood Project is part of the MAV's Future of Local Government Program, providing an opportunity for active participation between local government and communities, and forms part of the Resilient Melbourne Strategy endorsed by all metropolitan Melbourne councils.

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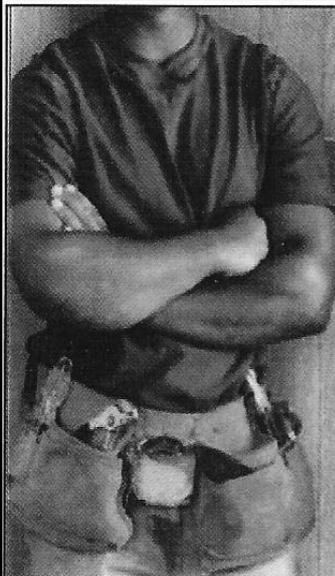
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KOOWEERUP LIONS CLUB

Well, here we are at the start of a new year in the life of the Koo Wee Rup Lions Club, filled with anticipation for what the next twelve months will bring.

The first major event on the Club's calendar will be the final of the Junior Public Speaking Competition, open to the Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 students from the local primary schools.

The reader may be interested to know that this competition was the brainchild of Lions Clubs in the northern part of Victoria and has been run very successfully for a number of years by these Clubs. Gradually, the competition was adopted by a small number of Clubs in other parts of Victoria with such success that the at the recent Australian Lions' Convention in Echuca the initiative was adopted as a national project, which means Lions Clubs all around Australia will now become involved with this wonderful competition.

Not only does the competition provide an outstanding opportunity for the participants to gain self-confidence, but it is also designed to develop skills the students will find valuable as they travel through their years of education and into their working lives. It also showcases Lions' commitment to providing a means of developing our young people to become valuable members of their communities.

The Club-level final will be held at the Koo Wee Rup Bowls Club on the evening of Wednesday 17th August.

Now we come to one of the Club's most important aims this year – to significantly increase its membership as well as to nurture and develop closer ties with other like-minded groups in the Koo Wee Rup and surrounding communities, in the belief that the greater the number of people who can be called upon to provide as wide a range of skills and services as possible to support those in need in our communities, the better the outcomes will be.

So, if this idea is something that appeals, why not find out more about Lions. Come along to one of the Club's meetings to see first-hand what Lions has to offer – you have nothing to lose and everything to gain. Making contact is as simple as picking up your phone and calling the Club's Membership Chairman, Derek Spraggon on 0401 944 464 or Club Secretary, Jack Napior on 0423 908 242.

KOOWEERUP BOWLS CLUB NEWS

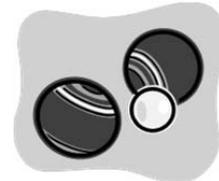
The Club has welcomed a new player to the game in Garry Birch. Garry has recently retired and was looking for a hobby to fill his "spare" time and came across our Website and made enquiries. I am certain that you will enjoy your stay with the Club Garry. Albert Slefendorfas & Wendy Pownall have

decided to return to our Club from Corinella & Hastings Clubs respectively after playing away last season. Welcome back Albert & Wendy both will again be assets to our Club.

Practice matches for the forthcoming Pennant season that have been finalized to date are against Cranbourne RSL at RSL on Sat. Sept. 3rd and against Belvedere on Sat. Sept. 17th at KWR. Our annual traditional game against Lang Lang has not yet been organized but it will probably be on Sun. 2nd Oct. at KWR.

For the 2nd scheduled day in succession we had to cancel our Friday Triples competition on July 1st due to the inclement weather forecast. Can't trust the weather to cooperate. Finally we were able to get a game in on the 15th July with the results being the Winning rink for the day with 38 pts & 17 shots up John Van Vugt, Graeme Wilde & Simon Koning (Cardinia Waters). A composit team of Don Jeffrey (Lang Lang), Nick Filius (KWR) & Ray Leggitt (Pakenham) was the Runners Up with 38 pts & 13 shots up.

Best Last Game was won by Brian Edwards (Corinella), Wendy Pownall & Albert Slefendorfas (KWR) with 20 pts. Bill Files slipped and had a fall on the surrounding concrete path after the 1st game and was attended by Paramedics, then spent a couple of hours at Casey hospital before being released. Nothing more serious that cuts & abrasions on face, arms & legs.



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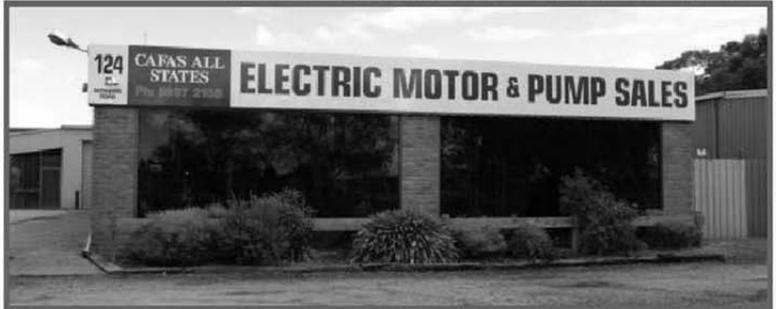
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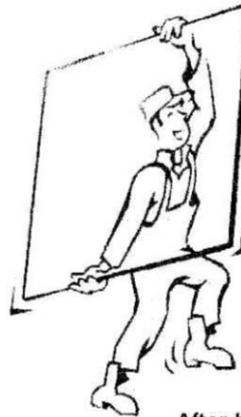
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KBA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To the community of, and visitors to, Koo wee rup,
Hope you're staying warm and dry whilst enjoying this wonderful Victorian winter.

Popped in and met Sarah, the new owner of 'the collective' at St. George's church. Sounds like she has some wonderful long term plans for the collective. Although she has never lived in Koo wee rup, her personal and ancestral connection to the area is very strong and goes back about three generations. She is very much looking forward to taking her place in this great community.

Wednesday 20th July. Happened to run into Ron Ingram at the RSL's new home (to be). He gave me a guided tour of the premises and an update of where they're at regarding renovations and floor plans. They're putting lots of work in and when it's all finished it will be a real asset to Koo wee rup. Ron especially has been talking 'forever' about getting a home for this project. It will be wonderful to see it come to fruition for him. Also great to have access to the table and seats outside the premises. I sat there and shared my breakie with the resident magpie the other week.

We held our July meeting on Tuesday 19th at the fire station. With all projects completed, and the new membership year here, the Kba will be working on its plans for the coming year. A few suggestions were raised and excited discussions took place. I see this as a positive view of how the attending members see the association and their belief in its support of the Koo wee rup business community.

David Young (councillor) presented yet another interesting report on what's going on and coming up with regard to council matters. Just to touch on a couple of the items; there's a new Stop 'n Drop zone at Bayles encouraging parents to park away from and walk children to school. An Ash Wednesday memorial has opened in Cockatoo. National tree day activity coming up on the 7th August at Bunyip Sanctuary.

As previously reported in July blackfish the association's AGM will be held on the 16th August. Please see attached invitation, also please note change of venue.

To any business who has, as yet, not become a member I would encourage you to join us at a meeting. Just to see what's going on and if it's something that might fit your requirements. If you're interested please feel free to give me a call to check out meeting dates and what's on the agenda.

Rainfall for period 26 June to 25 July (Lang Lang) was 92 ml.

So, till next month, take care and stay warm,
Vicki Charlton,
President,

Koo wee rup business association.

For any enquires regarding the association please contact:

Vicki Charlton, used to be new, 0413 384 480
Andrea Vincent, Bendigo bank, 5997 2266 or
Rob Mure, One Agency, 0417 553 324

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OPEN AIR BURNING POLICY IMPLEMENTED

Cardinia Shire Council is implementing its revised Open Air Burning policy, effective from 1 July 2016. The Open Air Burning policy, revised following recent public consultation, includes new burning off areas and conditions.

Anyone intending to burn off on their property should familiarise themselves with the policy and how they are affected, before lighting fires in the open air.

Key changes in the revised policy include:

- Simpler language
- Cardinia Shire is divided into 'Burn off areas' and 'No burn off areas'.
- Amended burn off conditions (days of the week residents can burn off, distance that fires can be away from buildings etc.)
- Larger properties (over 20ha) have specific conditions to better manage vegetation

Residents can apply for a permit to burn off if their property is in a 'No burn off area' or if they can't meet any of the relevant conditions in a 'Burn off area'. Burning off on Sundays is still prohibited for all properties under the revised policy.

Mayor Cr Jodie Owen said residents were encouraged to work with Council on putting the changes into action.

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"Residents are responsible for managing fuel loads on properties in bushfire prone areas and burning off can be a sustainable way to do that, but it must be managed carefully. With the revised policy we want to work with residents to make sure they have the ability to prepare and maintain their properties to reduce the risk of fire across the shire," she said

"Burning off should be the last resort to remove your property of unwanted dry vegetation. However, if you must burn off, I encourage you to look up the policy to find out how it may affect you."

The policy, in line with state legislation to ensure Victoria is 'fire ready', recognises that effective management of burning off on private land within Cardinia Shire is a shared responsibility between householders, communities, agencies and local government.

Visit the CFA website for more information on preparing properties for the fire season. Burning off during the CFA declared Fire Danger Period is restricted for all properties within Cardinia Shire.

For the full policy and changes, visit Council's 'Open air burning' web page, collect a brochure from the Civic Centre or call Council on 1300 787 624

Cardinia Planning Scheme Amendment C208 - Changes to the Municipal Strategic Statement



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Amendment C208 proposes to introduce initiatives detailed in Plan Melbourne into the Municipal Strategic Statement of the Cardinia Planning Scheme. Plan Melbourne is the Victorian Government's metropolitan planning strategy, guiding the way the city will grow and change over the next 40 years. The initiatives the Amendment is proposing to introduce are supported by two Council adopted documents, *Healthy by Design (2015)* and the *Cardinia Shire Airport Policy (2015)*.

Council wants to hear from you

Visit cardinia.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay for more information on the Amendment.

The Amendment is available for public inspection (free of charge) during office hours at:

Cardinia Shire Council Civic Centre, 20 Siding Avenue, Officer

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Council is now seeking written submissions on Amendment C208. Submissions must be in writing and received by Council by **5pm, Monday 22 August 2016** by emailing mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au or in writing to:

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ROTARY CLUB OF KOO WEE RUP - LANG LANG



The Rotary Club of Kooweerup–Lang Lang has had a slow start to the new year in Rotary but that won't last for long with a number of projects, community commitments and club activities.

Our club had it's Changeover at Tooradin Sports Club and what a night. John McDonell started the evening by presenting Incoming President Jan Kruizinga with a Paul Harris Sapphire Pin. This is the second recognition of Jan's tireless work for the community, we congratulate Jan and thank his family their for the support of Jan in his 'Service above Self' to the community. The event was less formal but none the less filled with activity. President Graham's wife Cheryl presented minor awards in the name of 'Mr Men' to a number of members for their contribution to the club throughout President Graham's year, needless to say they were received well. The chain of command was handed over to Incoming President Jan with the assistance of Outgoing District Governor Merv Williams. The evening was completed by a heads and tails in a much different format by Outgoing Presidents wife Cheryl, she does know how to get the room moving and laughing. Thank you Graham and Cheryl for your year, it certainly has been filled with a 'no fuss, get the job done' attitude. We look forward to Presidents Jan year and what he has in store for us.



Jan Kruizinga receiving his Paul Harris Sapphire Pin from Outgoing District Governor Merv Williams



Incoming President Jan Kruizinga, Outgoing President Graham Warry and Outgoing District Governor Merv Williams



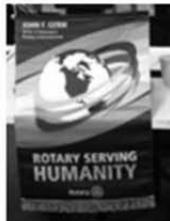
Alan Laughton receiving his Mr Men award for "Most Travelled" for his recognition of his tireless work in Vanuatu through Rotary



Incoming President Jan and wife Rosemary getting prepared for his changeover to President



I had one little job for the evening and that was to get the plants, ah well I got the top half. I can't take credit for that Di Fleming. Outgoing wife Cheryl with Incoming wife Rosemary.



Our theme banner for the year - 'Rotary Serving Humanity'

We are very excited to be welcoming Camilla Damvig from Denmark who will be attending Koo wee rup Secondary College. Camilla will arrive on Monday the 25th of July for her year in our community as an exchange student in Australia. Camilla will do a presentation on her country and other aspects of her life in the upcoming weeks, if your interested in attending please ring our Secretary Steu. One of Camilla 's first commitments will be to attend a weekend at Forrest Edge, Neerim South along with other inbound and outbound exchange students in the upcoming weeks.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Charity Golf Day on Thursday October 13th at the Lang Lang Golf Club. I was hoping to have more information for this edition but if you are interested in supporting the event please ring Steu. For those that have supported us in the past, contact will be made soon and we thank you for your past support.

The **Debutante Ball** on the 26th of August at the Lang Lang Hall is well under way with practice and behind the scenes preparations well on target with 11 Debutantes and their partners. Sam Loughridge is coming up with another wonderful invention for the Debs entrance, if past years are anything to go by we will be in for a treat. Any further enquiries please contact Val Williams on 5997 5358.

Inter Primary Schools Speech Night is coming up and I will have more details in later editions.

Christmas Carols have been set for December 14th in the Lang Lang Hall so save the date.

'**Show'n'Shine**' will be in February 2017 on the 12th, get those hot looking cars ready.

Along with our current upcoming events, our first couple of meetings were slow but added to the list is a statue in Lang Lang recognizing our Rodeo history, assisting with the St Sofia Festival in Koo wee rup and assisting with the Fathers Day breakfast at the Koo wee rup Primary School. The club also made a donation to a young boy to assist him with his Cerebral Palsy. Alan Laughton is planning another trip to assist Vanuatu but much needed funds need to be raised to enable the rebuild after such a devastating natural disaster.

For more information please phone our new secretary Steu Fleming on 0417 666 680 and yes I have spelt it right, I just checked. The club meets at the Lang Lang Sports Club every Wednesday at 6.30 for 7pm start. We are hoping to increase our membership so if you are interested please ring Steu, you don't have to have a meal so give a thought in coming along to check us out.





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FACEBOOK FOR SENIORS

Keep in touch with people you care about. Reconnect with long-lost friends and share photographs with others. Follow people during their travels and share in celebrations and achievements.

1.30pm - 4.00pm

Cost: \$25 plus manual \$10

Computer based: Mondays from 8 August for 2 sessions

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BOOK CLUB - DISCUSSION GROUP

Do you love nothing more than getting lost in a good book? Would you like to meet with other readers to discuss plots, characters and ideas of a selected book?

So if you are passionate about reading, come along to our first meeting and help decide how this group will evolve.

First Tuesday of the month commencing August 2

7.00pm - 9.00pm

Cost: \$5 per session

KEEPING SAFE AND MOBILE

A valuable session for older drivers, their friends and families. Free professional advice from driving educators and occupational therapists.

Get all the facts on: Safe driving strategies, Road rules, Vehicle safety, Health and mobility issues, Driver assessments, Using alternative transport, Local Council services

Tuesday 9 August 10.30am - 12.30pm Cost: FREE

FOOD SAFETY TRAINING

(SITXF5A001 - Use hygienic practices for food safety)

Ideal for those seeking work or working in the hospitality industry or intending to start their own restaurant/take away business. Also suitable for those working with children/ aged care workers, school canteens or people selling food at markets. All assessment completed in class on the day. Nationally recognized for the Hospitality/Retail, Community and Health Services and Food processing industries.

Monday 29 August 5.00pm - 9.00pm Cost: \$95

PROVIDE FIRST AID (HLTAID003)

This training will give you the skills and knowledge required to provide First Aid response to a casualty in a range of situations. Some homework prior to the class is required.

Friday 19 August

9.30am - 4.30pm

Cost: \$180

UNDERSTANDING DEMENTIA

How does a healthy brain work? What is dementia and what are the main causes, key signs, symptoms and risk factors? Learn about myths versus facts and what you can do if you are concerned? This session is a must for everyone.

Facilitated by Alzheimer's Australia Victoria and supported by Cardinia Shire Council.

Tuesday 30 August

11.00am - 12.00pm

Cost: FREE

RECREATIONAL BOAT LICENCE

Get ready for your next holiday or long weekend away.

This course teaches you everything you need to know to obtain your Boat and PWC Licence without pre-study.

Take an exam on the day and be issued with a Certificate to present to VicRoads to purchase your licence.

Saturday 6 August or 24 September

8.30am - 12.30pm

Cost \$125 for 1 session

BAYLES FAUNA PARK

Working Bee

Sunday, 7 August 9 am to 12 noon followed by a sausage sizzle

Annual General Meeting

Monday, 22 August at 7:30 pm at the Bayles Hall

All welcome

HOW KOO-WEE-RUP VOTED

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

The first Australian Federal Election was held over two days on March 29 and March 30, 1901. Victoria, Western Australia, New South Wales and Tasmania voted on the Friday and South Australia and Queensland on the Saturday. Koo-Wee-Rup was in the Flinders Electorate, which covered the Mornington Peninsula and all the way around the Bay to Dandenong, Phillip Island and Wonthaggi and West Gippsland to at least Warragul (and possibly further) A list of Polling Booths show that electors could vote at the State Schools at Koo-Wee-Rup, Lang Lang and Tooradin and the Shire Hall at Cranbourne, they could also vote at the Mechanics' Institutes at Pakenham, Nar Nar Goon and Bunyip South (Iona), so that effectively covered the Koo-Wee-Rup Swamp. A report in the *South Bourke and Mornington Journal* said that the contest for the seat of Flinders was of a very unexciting nature. Some people still think that elections are very unexciting, but I'm not one of them! There were three candidates in 1901 and just under 5,700 votes were cast. The successful candidate was Arthur Groom of the Free Trade Party. He was an Auctioneer who lived in Elsternwick.

Women could not stand or vote in the 1901 election, it wasn't until June 1902 when they gained that right thus they could vote at the second Federal election which was held on December 16, 1903. The 1903 Electoral Rolls are available on Ancestry Family History database. The roll is organised by polling place; the Koo-Wee-Rup polling place covers Koo-Wee-Rup and Yallock, the settlement which was based around Finck Road, School Road, Hall Road etc in what is now called Bayles. In 1903 there were 284 people listed on the Roll - 212 from Koo-Wee-Rup and 72 from Yallock; there were 138 women and 146 men.

In contrast at this recent election the Koo-Wee-Rup polling booth had 1406 votes cast on the day and Bayles 635. The two other closest Flinders booths were Lang Lang with 947 votes and Tooradin 729 votes. Catani and Cardinia, which operated at the 2013 election, were both 'abolished' as was Cora Lynn (which is just over the border in the McMillan electorate). Someone who worked at the Bayles booth told me there were around 110 McMillan absentee votes taken on the day. I wonder how many of them were disgruntled Cora Lynn voters who just went to their closest polling booth and then had to go through all the rigmarole of an absentee vote.

Back to the Election Day voting - as I said there were 1406 votes cast at Koo-Wee-Rup of which 725 or 54% went to Greg Hunt of the Liberal Party and 381 or 28.5% went to Carolyn Gleixner of the Labour Party. At Bayles electors voted 63.55% for the Liberal Party and just under 20% for Labour. Lang Lang voted 59.51% for Liberal and 25% for Labour and Tooradin voted 59.60% Liberal and 23% Labour. So these four Polling booths were all more 'Liberal' than the Flinders average where Greg Hunt received 51.77% of the votes on the day and, apart from Koo-Wee-Rup, less inclined to vote Labour than average where Carolyn Gleixner received 27% of the votes.

Of the other candidates - the Rise Up Australia Party received 3.31% of the vote over all, but 6.43% of the Koo-Wee-Rup vote and between 4.94% and 5.81% of the other booths we are looking at. The Animal Justice Party received 4.32% of the vote overall in Flinders - they did less than this at Lang Lang and Tooradin but Koo-Wee-Rup gave them 5.24% of their vote and Bayles 4.68%.

The Greens polled just over 10% of the vote overall in Flinders - but they were not so popular here. In Koo Wee Rup they received 2.77% of the vote and the best they did locally was Tooradin with just over 5% of the vote. The Independent, Shane Lewis, polled just over 3% of the vote and his vote here varied from 2.26% at Bayles to 3.95% at Tooradin.

The only votes left to cover now are the Informal votes - overall Flinders had an informal rate of 3.47%, well less than the National average of 5.02% and much better than neighbouring McMillan with a 5.52% Informal vote. Bayles and Tooradin can both pride themselves on their 'formality' as they had a 2.36% informal rate and 2.88% rate respectively; Koo-Wee-Rup 4.91% and Lang Lang was the most 'informal' with a 5.60% rate.

So looking at these four polling booths they were all much 'more Liberal' than the rest of Flinders and apart from Koo-Wee-Rup, they were all 'less Labour' than the rest of the Electorate and overall they were all well less in favour of The Greens. So that's it for another three years (we all hope!)

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 ☎0407 521 637.

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Sunday 28th August 2016
2pm - 4pm

Koo Wee Rup Community Centre

\$5 includes Afternoon Tea

Everyone is welcome to this informal group singing session including people who have never sung in front of others and people who think they can't sing.

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Rackets are available for practise

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