

# THE KOO WEE RUP BLACKFISH



DECEMBER 2016/JANUARY 2017

## REMEMBRANCE DAY

On 11 November, the town paused to remember those who had died serving their country in armed conflict.

Highlights of the service were Year 11 singers from KWR Secondary College with a beautiful a cappella rendering of Paul Kelly's 'Meet me in the middle of the air', the attendance of the TS Tingara cadets and the presentation of 'ANZAC Spirit' awards to local school children who display the values of mateship, courage, endurance and sacrifice. This year's winners were: Haydon Batiste (Bayles RPS), Connor Eades (Cardinia PS), Charlie Hobson (Tooradin PS), Keira Meekings (St John's PS), Nikita Stokkel (KWR Secondary) and Tahlia Travis (KWR PS).



## THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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

Ray Brown suggested that the fencing around the dragline should be higher perhaps with the posts extending above the capping. Gavin Brock undertook to refer this to relevant council officers for their opinion. It was also suggested that the Township committee could investigate installing solar powered lighting around the Dragline to illuminate it the evening to make it more visible and as a deterrent from vandalism.

Barry Barker the owner of the Woolworths complex had offered to attend a township meeting to discuss the issues raised regarding the centre toilets and provision of baby change table. Frank Cramer will invite Barry to the next township meeting.

Outgoing councillor David Young extended his thanks to the Township committee and the Koo Wee Rup community for their support over the last four years.

The President thanked David for his contribution and support in matters large and small during his term as Port Ward Councillor.

### New Township Committee

Following last month's AGM, the Township Committee for 2017 are:

**President:** Caroline Roff

**Vice President:** Joyce Light

**Secretary:** Gavin Brock

**Treasurer:** Cathy McNulty

**General Committee Members:**

Lou Bucello, Frank Cramer, David McPherson, Audrey Mills, Gus Moore, Rob Muré, Vincent Pepe, Sarah Romp, Trevor Westmore, Frank Worcester

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO 2016 TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AGM

The By Pass has turned out to be all that we expected it to be, the advent of heavy traffic bypassing the town has seen us with a cleaner and safer town; you can cross the road not dodging the trucks and buses that used to rumble through continuously.

The natural gas rollout seems to take forever, but it is happening, there have been some differences with Government bodies regarding the proposed route of the main connection but I am informed that this has been sorted. So the plan, and I am excited by it, is that homes should be connected before next winter, fingers crossed. If you intend to connect you need to act now to have the service taken into your property and a meter installed, this is at no cost and you are not obliged to any retailer.

The dragline project in Cochrane Park is one that we should place a priority on completing as soon as possible; there has been some vandalism, nothing major, just disappointing. The provision of fencing and signage will allow the project to achieve the outcome of presenting just one type of machinery used many years ago in maintaining the swamp.

The other project which will be completed in the coming months is to install some much needed seating along the rail trail, especially for us oldies.

This Community Centre in which we meet is undergoing some much needed changes new lights have been installed in the hall, a storage shed has been constructed at the rear, and the speaker system has been upgraded. In partnership with Cardinia Shire, a grant from the Federal Govt together with a Committee contribution an airlock is to be built at the front entrance together with automated doors. The Community centre should be the showpiece of the Community and I congratulate the centre COM for their efforts in working towards this objective.

Australia Day celebrations are a highlight of the year and this year was no exception and I would like to thank all involved in again making it a special event.

I would like to pay tribute and congratulate the Koo Wee Rup RSL sub branch on their Anzac and Australia Day commemorations in recognising those who paid the supreme sacrifice during wartime.

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

The Koo Wee Rup Blackfish capably compiled, edited by Caroline Roff (Kooweerup Citizen of 2016) continues to be produced at a high standard and is a testament to Caroline's persistence and community commitment, Thank you Caroline.

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

I also acknowledge and thank the Shire community strengthening department, Allison Howard and her colleagues for their courtesy and professionalism whenever they were called upon to assist our group.

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

Thank you to Secretary Frank (assisted by Caroline and Gavin) and Treasurer Cathy McNulty for the capable way they discharged their duties.

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

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thank you to all the residents of Koo Wee Rup and the surrounding district for your support during my four years as a councillor. I have certainly enjoyed attending the many meetings and functions within Koo Wee Rup and listening to the concerns of the members of the community while trying to gain support within Council for the issues raised. I know Ray Brown will represent Koo Wee Rup views strongly within Council, and I congratulate him on his successful candidacy.

*David Young, Cardinia*

### NOMINATE SOMEONE FOR AN AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD

Do you know a local person who should receive a Community Service Award in Koo Wee Rup on Australia Day 2017?

We are looking to acknowledge people who have made an outstanding contribution to the local community. These are people who are always willing to lend a helping hand and have been active members of their community; often through their involvement with clubs, committees, schools or other community organisations, but sometimes just through their positive involvement with other people.

If you know someone like this, please email me at [blackfish@live.com.au](mailto:blackfish@live.com.au) or post a nomination to PO Box 64, Koo Wee Rup, 3981.

*Caroline Roff*



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## TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES *(from page 1)*

Councillor elect Ray Brown addressed the meeting for the first time in his new role. He thanked electors for their support and noted that it was third time successful for him.

He had attended an introduction session for new councillors prior to the Township meeting, and was looking forward to working with Councillor Graeme Moore over the next four years for Port Ward.

Councillor elect Brown emphasised the value of the Township Committee to set the agenda for councillors, and urged that those in attendance encourage others in the town to attend and have input on matters affecting Koo Wee Rup.

He said that support and adherence to the Koo Wee Rup Township Strategy, the introduction of a more comprehensive Koo Wee Rup to Pakenham bus service, and another Football Ground for Koo Wee Rup would be a focus of his term as councillor.

Kym Ockerby – Community Development Officer at Cardinia Shire introduced herself to the meeting. Kym has worked with Cardinia Shire for four years mainly in Central Ward but now Port Ward had been added to her responsibilities. She emphasised that the Township Committees are a conduit to council for their communities to advocate for Koo Wee Rup.

A subcommittee of the Township committee is required to organise the Koo Wee Rup Australia Day celebration and awards for 2017. The following people nominated for the Australia Day committee: Frank Worcester, Frank Crameri, Joyce Light, Caroline Roff, Rob Mure, Cathy McNulty, Gavin Brock. (Joss Pohl representing the Koo Wee Rup CWA was later added to the Australia Day committee)

There was a query from the floor about the clearing of vegetation at the Lang Lang end of the Rail Trail. It was suggested that this could be related to the ESSO pipeline works.

The rubbish bins in Cochrane Park have been removed without consultation. It was asked that they be replaced.

The matter of the RSL museum suggested for construction along the Rossiter Road frontage of Cochrane Park was raised. The response was that the Township committee was still waiting for further information from the RSL.

Frank Worcester asked whether there was any further information on the audit of footpaths in Koo Wee Rup. There was no further information available Our Councillors will report back at the next meeting.

Sealing of Icke Road is still an issue for those that live in the street. David McPherson had spoken to the DHS manager responsible for the Koo Wee Rup units regarding drainage at the DHS site.

Frank Crameri said that he had recently spoken with ED O'Donohue, MLC for Eastern Victoria and he would be happy to attend a future Township Committee meeting.

Frank Crameri reiterated his suggestion from an earlier meeting to invite Daniel Mulino, MLC for Eastern Victoria. Frank Crameri will invite Mr Mulino to attend a Koo Wee Rup Township Committee meeting.

Vincent Pepe enquired whether the conditions of the approval of the Shelton Park development were available to be provided to the community. It was suggested that planning permit conditions may be available on the Cardinia Shire website.

Vincent also queried rate rises in the shire, stating that he was aware of some properties where rates had doubled. He asked whether council could provide the reasons for these increases and how rates are being spent within the shire. Vincent was advised that he should take this matter up directly with council as it was specific to individual properties.

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# Koo Wee Rup Natural Gas Project Public Meeting

**Date: 7pm, Tuesday 21 February 2017**

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

- **Get an update about the phasing of commissioning of the reticulation and supply main**
- **Learn about the benefits of connecting to natural gas – both residential and commercial**
- **Generous AGN Appliance rebates will be announced to help with your connection costs**

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

This Public Meeting is a great opportunity to learn about the project activities involved and the advantages of connecting to natural gas. There will be discussions about the appliance rebates.

**We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.**

## Koo Wee Rup Natural Gas Project Update.



Natural Gas Public Meeting on Feb 21, 2017

Australian Gas Networks Limited (AGN), along with its asset operator APA Group, are pleased to announce that there will be a Public Meeting to provide customers with an update to progress on the Koo Wee Rup natural gas project.

At the meeting we will be covering the phasing of works regarding the reticulation commissioning, service construction timing, and supply main construction.

AGN has been working closely with the local community and the Victorian State Government to bring natural gas to the township for the benefit of business, schools and homes. The financial support from the state government and the enthusiasm of the community for natural gas has made the project viable.

AGN, Australia's leading gas distribution company supplies approximately 1.2 million consumers with natural gas throughout eastern Australia, South Australia and the Northern Territory. APA Group operates and manages the AGN gas distribution assets and is managing the Koo Wee Rup Project as well as the ongoing operation of the infrastructure once it is installed and commissioned.

The community meeting will also discuss benefits and advantages of switching to natural gas as well as announce the generous gas appliance rebates on offer from AGN. APA Group will be holding a **Public Meeting in the Koo Wee Rup Community Hall at 7pm Tuesday 21 February 2017.**

Koo Wee Rup project information is available by visiting [www.australiangasnetworks.com.au](http://www.australiangasnetworks.com.au).

If you need to purchase an appliance in the meantime please consider selecting LPG appliance models that can be economically converted to run on natural gas and ask your plumber to locate and size the fitting lines appropriately to enable future switching to natural gas.

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

**We hope to see you on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017 at 7pm.**



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Saturday - 9am to 4pm  
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## WHAT WAS THAT SIREN? November 2016

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.

- 30/10/16 – Car accident – Sth Gippsland Hwy Koo Wee Rup
- 3/11/16 – Burn off, false alarm – Sth Gippsland Hwy Tooradin
- 7/11/16 – Gas leak – Gainsborough Ave Lang Lang
- 7/11/16 – Burn off – Island Rd Koo Wee Rup
- 21/11/16 - Burnoff - McDonalds Drain Rd Koo Wee Rup
- 23/11/16 - Shed Fire - McDonalds Drain Rd Koo Wee Rup
- 25/11/16 - Hazmat Incident - South Gippsland Hwy Lang Lang
- 25/11/16 - Car Accident - Possible Person Trapped - South Gippsland Hwy Caldermeade
- 27/11/16 - Grass & Scrub Fire - Cnr South Gippsland Hwy/Prestons Rd Koo Wee Rup



### Everyone who lives near bush or grassland needs to start to prepare their property for bushfire.

Also, please remember to call CFA to **register any planned burns**. If your burn is registered and someone calls triple zero, they will be advised of the planned burn and we won't need to attend. The number to call is **1800 668 511**.

What a great day we had at our **Open Day**. It was fantastic seeing how many kids turned up and had fun getting their face painted by our wonderful face painter Di, shooting targets with the fire hose, colouring in, climbing through the fire trucks and making lots of noise with the siren and air horns. Lots of sausage sandwiches and soft drinks were enjoyed as well. Thank you to all the parents, grandparents, uncles and aunties for supporting our open day. We hope you all had as much fun as we did.

If you live in Koo Wee, you need to put this date in your calendar. Wednesday 14th December starting at 4pm. That's our annual **Santa lolly run** and tinned food collection. Like this facebook book link so you can track Santa around the town on that day. [facebook.com/kwrcfasantafooddrive/](https://www.facebook.com/kwrcfasantafooddrive/)



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KWR or phone 5997 2333

Caroline Roff, Editor

## NEWS FROM THE CWA

It has been a busy few months for the KooWeeRup CWA!

Our 2016 AGM was held earlier in November and our office bearers for 2017 are President - Lyndsay Sharp, Vice President - Joss Pohl, Treasurer - Kershel Elliott, Secretary - Sue Blight, Craft Leader - Caroline Munckhof and International Co-Ordinator - Carly Mackey. All of the office bearers can be contacted through email ([kwrcwa@outlook.com](mailto:kwrcwa@outlook.com)) or through our Facebook page – [www.facebook.com/kwrcwa](http://www.facebook.com/kwrcwa).

Our junior members - Bonnie and Georgia, along with their Mum Lyndsay (pictured below), organized a collection of non perishable foods which were donated to the KWR CFA Food Drive. Last Sunday the CWA had a bake stall at Music on the Grass. This was a great success



CWA Committee for 2017 from left: Carly Mackey, Kershel Elliott, Caroline Munckhof, Joss Pohl, Sue Blight and Lyndsay Sharp

again and all funds from the bake stall will be used to support the KooWeeRup Community.

The KWR Community Market, supported by the CFA and CWA, was held in early November. Even though it was a cold wintery day, the hall was to capacity with stall holders.

In December we will be making emergency bags for victims of family violence. These bags will be supplied to the Koo Wee Rup Hospital.

Our next meeting is to be held on Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> of December at the Koo Wee Rup Primary School at 7.30pm. If you are interested in becoming part of a dynamic and fun women's group, please come down for information. The KWR CWA also hold a Thursday fortnightly craft night at the Koo Wee Rup Primary school. These craft nights are open to non-members as well as members. Bring along your unfinished or current project, share a cuppa and have a chat. The night starts at 7.30pm and 9pm. The next craft night is Thursday 8 December- All are welcome.



## BAYLES MUSIC FESTIVAL - 4 MARCH 2017

### It's back; and looking for local performers!

On the back of a successful event at Bayles this year Badfolk have decided to repeat it next year. They have locked in the 4th March, a Saturday so we don't clash with Harewood House open day. It will run from 2pm till 9pm Again it will be a free Community Event.

A headline act has been booked (details in the next Blackfish), and the rest of the program needs to be filled, with preference given to local performers. The schools in the area will be invited again.

They are also after some market stalls especially from not for profit organisations and groups.

Local businesses will be offered sponsorship packages to help offset the cost of the event which will be increased from this year mainly to weather proof the event.

Performers applications are up on the Badfolk website at [www.badfolk.org](http://www.badfolk.org). Enquiries can be emailed to [ejnass@gmail.com](mailto:ejnass@gmail.com) or phone 03 9702 1223

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## KOO WEE RUP SECONDARY COLLEGE VALEDICTORY

Over 500 Year 12 students, family, friends and staff attended the Valedictory dinner at Pakenham Racecourse on Friday, 11th November. It was a final opportunity to farewell students after the completion of their exams. Students were acknowledged for their efforts academically through Subject Dux awards, Leadership positions and in extra curricula activities. The College thanks Bendigo Bank, Masonic Lodge, ADF & Caltex for their sponsorship of awards.



Award winners are pictured clockwise from top left:

Tayla Marshall *Masonic Lodge Award* and Lauren Booth *KWRSC Academic Award*

Anthony Chatfield *VCAL Award*, Lakeisha Binaisse *Art Award*,  
Shakira Kendall *VCAL Award*

Jesse Cammarano *Learning Community Leader Award*, Mary  
McGindle *Learning Community Leader Award* and Nikita  
Stokkel *RSL Citizenship Award*

Amy Gregorovich *Bendigo Bank Award* and Stephen Hawkins  
*Bendigo Bank Award*

Nathan Ingram *VCE Coordinator Award*, Emily Leenen *Learning  
Community Assistant Award*, Hayley Jessiman *Learning  
Community Assistant Award*, Gemma Mintern-Hibbert  
*Learning Community Assistant Award*, Shae Shaw-Remy *VCE  
Coordinator Award*, Thomas Close *Learning Community  
Assistant Award*

Georgina Finch *ADF Award* and Maddyson Finlay-Smith *Caltex  
Allrounder Award*



## KOO WEE RUP SECONDARY COLLEGE

### From the Principal

I would like to thank the Koo Wee Rup Community for making me feel so welcome. Parents, students, staff and community members have been very supportive and helpful in my first year.

The college has had an exciting year with students attending and participating in a range of extra curricula activities. Our Year 12 students are either awaiting exam results or have gone on to further study or work. I wish them all the very best. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of my staff who have worked hard to ensure good outcomes for our students. I would also like to wish all of our families a safe and happy break during the holidays.

Finally, thank you to all of our sponsors and volunteers who have supported the college so well this year.

### CHINA IMMERSION

On Monday the 21st of November, 9 of our Year 9 students returned from a 6 week immersion in China. They had two weeks in Beijing where they had an intensive 2 week Chinese language program in preparation for a 4 week program in Shanghai. Shanghai has a population equal to that of the whole of Australia. The trip was part of the Victorian Young Leaders Program and is heavily subsidised by the Victorian government. Its aim is to make 1500 Victorian students China aware over a 5 period. The Victorian government sees China with a population of 1.4 billion as a major influence on our economy in the future and they want to equip our young leaders with the skills to make the most of this potential opportunity. Our college was accepted into the 2016 program after Mr Chin-Dahler made the application in 2015. We have been accepted again for the 2017 program. Families with children studying Chinese in 2017 who want to find out more about this program should contact Mrs Nicolson for more information.

The students who attended were given the opportunity to experience China like few students their age. For many it was their first international travel experience and they coped very well. The VYLC ensured they were well supported and even though they were pushed out of their comfort zone by differences in food, language, culture and the demands of the language program they coped well. We were in a group that included students from Northcote and Stawell while in Shanghai as well as Moe and Traralgon whilst in Beijing.

All students were given and expected to take on leadership responsibilities and all participants accepted these and their growth in this area was obvious to the accompanying teachers. Students were able to identify areas of personal growth and examples that were nominated by the students themselves were things like feeling more confident in the decisions they make, overcoming anxiety levels when speaking to a group, feeling confident to do things on their own rather than waiting for others to do something then following them. This was really pleasing.

Students who attended will attend a post program forum in the Treasury building and Hyatt in the city on Tuesday the 29th of November where they will demonstrate the skills they have developed while in China. They also will present their Individual research project to selected audiences in the local and school community. We expect and hope they will now use the skills and experiences they have taken from this demanding experience and take on leadership roles on their return to school. This could be as a designated leader, being a positive ambassador for the VYLC program or modelling leadership behaviours to other students. We thank their families for making the sacrifices both financial and emotional to give their children this experience of a life time and encourage them to remind them of the gains they can make if they use the experience to strive to reach their potential. As it is with all of us, if we don't move forward we actually go backwards.



*Rowan Griggs*

**Catholic Parishes of Koo Wee Rup / Iona-Maryknoll**

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

**Christmas Eve - 24th December**

St James, Nar Nar Goon	Carols 5.30 pm	Mass 6.00 pm
Holy Family, Maryknoll	Carols 7.30 pm	Mass 8.00 pm
St John the Baptist, Koo Wee Rup	Carols 6.15 pm	Mass 7.00 pm
St Joseph's, Iona	Carols 11.30 pm	Mass 12.00 Midnight

**Christmas Day - 25th December**

St Mary's, Lang Lang	Mass 8.30 am
St Joseph's, Iona	Mass 10.00 am



**Advent Reconciliation**

St John the Baptist, Koo Wee Rup	Tuesday 13th December	7.00 pm
St Joseph's, Iona	Thursday 15th December	7.00 pm



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24th December at 11.00pm  
**MIDNIGHT CHRISTMAS SERVICE**  
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25<sup>th</sup> December at 8.30am  
**CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE**  
St Georges Anglican Church Corinella

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## 80 years



On the 4<sup>th</sup> November, St John's School celebrated both Grandparents' Day and our school's 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Personal invitations were written by the children and, as a result, a large number of grandparents graced the school with their presence. A Mass of Thanks started off the day. The church was filled to capacity. At the end of Mass, along with a slide-show of historical photographs, Marlene Scanlon interviewed June Esler (nee O'Brien) an original student. After Mass our visitors enjoyed morning tea and the cutting of the 80<sup>th</sup> cake.



This was followed by our traditional marching competition. The children quickly assembled under their new house banners for the sprint and novelty races, braving the gusty conditions. Results for the day were: Cremin (Red) won both the marching and the races. Well done to everyone!



This term's Swimming Program happily kicked off with extremes in temperature. The children and staff would like to thank all those dedicated helpers who have generously given their time to walk each class down to the pool in safety.



Our 2017 Foundation/Prep orientation program finished up on the 28<sup>th</sup> November. It is always wonderful to see these eager and enthusiastic youngsters at school. We can't wait to see them blossom and grow.

Tinnies for Vinnies has been organised by our Social Justice

Leaders as we move towards Christmas. The school community is focusing on collecting non-perishable food, Christmas and/or toiletry items to help local families and people in need this Christmas. The food we collect will be given to the St Vincent DePaul Society to be made up into hampers and distributed by them.



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

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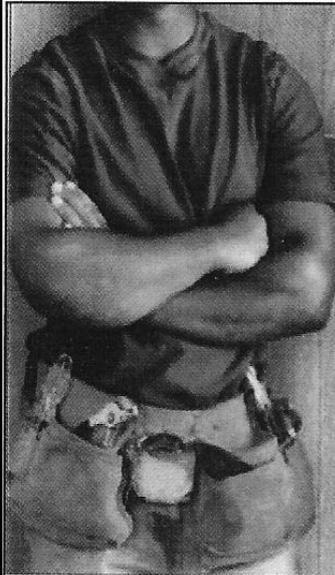
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# KOO WEE RUP Primary School

## December 2016

Assembly

Every Thursday 2:15pm

Foundation Twilight Night

1st December

Year 6 Transition at KWRSC

Year 5 Leadership Day

2nd December

Whole School Transition

Years 6 at KWRSC

6th December

Year 6 Graduation

8th December

Year 6 Big Day Out

13th December

School Carols Event

Class Parties

15th December

Whole School Transition

16th December

Term 4 Dismissal

Tuesday 20th December

1:30pm

As this is the last edition for 2016, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire Koo Wee Rup community for their support of our wonderful school over the course of the year. We have engaged with many community groups in 2016 and look forward to continuing to strengthen these existing relationships and build new ones in the future.

On a personal note, I am extremely proud of what our school has achieved in my first year as principal. We have a group of dedicated and committed staff who provide our students with such a fun and engaging environment for learning. Whilst we are looking forward to the Christmas break, we are also looking forward to more exciting things happening at KWRPS in 2017. We look forward to sharing them with you through Blackfish.

## Our Day For Bella

A huge thank you to our school community for getting behind our Day for Bella fundraiser.

Bella is a 7 year old girl who last year was diagnosed with leukaemia. After chemotherapy didn't work, Bella was successful in having a bone marrow transplant. Earlier this year she was celebrating being 100 days cancer free. Unfortunately a recent blood test showed that the cancer had returned. Bella is now involved in a new trial program with the initial results being extremely positive.

I am pleased to announce that we have raised just over \$1,300 in raffle ticket sales and proceeds from our out of uniform day .

I'd also like to acknowledge Fyna Foods Australia who were very kind in donating a Wizz Fizz for each child as part of the out of uniform day and the fantastic 2nd prize in the raffle. Thanks also to Moonlit Sanctuary who kindly donated a Family pass as our 3rd prize.



Congratulations to Lola James who took out first place in our raffle and who shaved my hair at a special assembly.

Nathan Jagoe

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It is that time of the year when we begin to reflect on all the wonderful things that have happened at Bayles Regional Primary School in 2016. It is also the time to wish our Year 6 students all the best for next year and hope they have enjoyed their time at Bayles Regional Primary School. It is a very exciting time for them as they have their Graduation Night and Fun Day Out coming up, and they start preparing for the next phase of their schooling at secondary college. We are also enjoying meeting our 2017 Foundation students at the transition days and hope they are getting excited about starting school next year!

Our final few weeks are full of some wonderful events - we have an excursion to the Cranbourne Botanic Gardens for our whole school community, our junior school will be having their annual sleepover/late night, and we will be celebrating the end of the year with the ever-popular Family Fun Night.

## Remembrance Day & Citizenship Award

At the Remembrance Day ceremony in Koo Wee Rup, the RSL presented the Citizenship Award to Haydon B in Year 6.

This award is presented to one child in each school in the Koo Wee Rup district. The criteria for this award includes mateship, courage, endurance and sacrifice. Haydon demonstrates all of these qualities - he consistently displays determination, courage and commitment in everything he does. His positive attitude towards improving his education is indicative of his hard working nature. Haydon is a good friend to all students, typifying the value of "mateship" which is so ingrained into the Australian culture, therefore Haydon is an excellent choice for this award.



*Congratulations to Haydon for his achievements at Bayles Regional Primary School and for winning this prestigious award.*

Our **Science Fair** on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November was a wonderful event that celebrated the work being done in our classrooms with science. There were some amazing models, posters, projects and educational resources that the students put together to showcase their learning. A very special thank you to Miss Andrews for organizing the event, to all the kids for the work they produced and displayed, and for all the families that came along on the night. Thanks also to the Bendigo Bank KWR for giving our school a grant to purchase some fantastic new science resources.



The school choir performed at **Music on the Grass** in KWR on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November. The students did a beautiful job with a repertoire of six contrasting songs with both singing and soloist sections incorporated. They even helped out with another performer to sing Hallelujah! *A big thank you to all of the choir and their families for making the afternoon such a great success!*

We are lucky to have a very enthusiastic group of students that have been working hard to keep our garden looking good under the watchful supervision of Mr Bruce!! They have managed to grow some amazing veggies and have worked hard spreading mulch around the school most of which was very kindly donated or sourced by the Pickering family.





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## KOO WEE RUP CRICKET CLUB

Season 2016/17 has started well for the Koo Wee Rup Cricket Club with all 4 Senior sides, 7 Junior sides and our over 60s side starting the season well.

Our under 10 girls team has been going very well in their very first season of cricket. All the girls are constantly improving and have been having some very good results.

Our over 60s side has been doing very well also in the Victorian over 60s competition. We were also very lucky to have 8 players represent Vic country in the recent over 60s National Championships in Perth. All the guys did well and did the whole club proud!

We would also like to congratulate Jason Cox and Mitchell Cammarano for making the final squad of the under 16s South East country sharks representative squad and also Cody Miller who made the squad for the under 18s side. It's been a very good start on the field for the club this season.

Off the field, the building of our brand new cricket nets has commenced and will be done and ready to go by Christmas which will be fantastic for us.

Also, a new cricket pitch is going in at the Koo Wee Rup Primary school, which will be fantastic for our Junior club.

Lastly, on Australia day 2016 ( Thursday 26th Jan ) our Premier Grade side will be taking on Pakenham at the Koo Wee Rup Rec Reserve in the 1st Australia day game in the WGCA.

This game will be a celebration of the career of a club Legend, Matt Davey, who this year is playing his 25th season of 1st eleven cricket for the Koo Wee Rup Cricket Club.

The canteen and bar will be open on this day with the national anthem to be sung before the game as well.

## HEART FOUNDATION WALKING GROUP

The evening walks are going well with up to ten regulars involved. On 10<sup>th</sup> Nov we ventured further afield and walked around all three lakes and the 110 steps at Cardinia Lakes in Pakenham. The weather was perfect around 20 degrees and no wind. We had 10 walkers and finished with a take away tea at one of the three BBQ areas around the lake. We really recommend this walk as it's close (only Pakenham), but it can be as challenging as you like. Some nice slopes which is a bit of a change to our flat Koo Wee Rup streets and walking tracks.

We will hold our year end celebration on Thu 15<sup>th</sup> December with a short walk at 6 pm from the clock towers in Rossiter Rd followed by a BBQ under one members new BBQ area. It's an incentive to get it finished soon!!!!!!

Walks are continuing right through the festive season and school holidays at 7pm Thursday nights from the clock towers.

Enquiries to Marlene on 0429 814410

## PILATES CLASSES AT KOO WEE RUP REGIONAL HEALTH SERVICE:

As we don't have the Blackfish Newsletter in January, this is an early reminder of classes starting as soon as school returns from late January. **Monday night classes will commence at 6 pm Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January and Fridays we are starting a bit later at 12.30 pm from Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> February.** This will hopefully allow some of KRHS staff to join us during their lunch hour. **The first class is FREE** and all classes are \$10, or a reduced cost for payment by the term. We meet at the Hewitt ECO House at Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service.

Enquiries to Marlene on 0429 814410

Heart Foundation

# Walking



Heart Foundation

## Thursday Night Summer Walking Group

**Thursday Night Evening Walkers meet at 7.00 pm at the Koo Wee Rup Clock Towers every Thursday over daylight saving time.**

**Enquiries to Marlene on 0429 814410**

NOTE: Some members also walk at the same time Tuesday nights.

Koo Wee Rup is fortunate to have a number of opportunities for people to walk together in a social setting including 9 am Monday and Thursdays from Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service & the 6 pm Monday evening Dog Walkers who brave it year round.

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As the festive season fast approaches the Club would normally be getting ready to host the Community Christmas Carols at the community hall in Cochrane Park. Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond the Club's control this event will not happen this year. However, we hope to be able to offer this important community event in 2017

Early in December the Club will once again be involved with the Youth of the Year Quest, to be held at the Senior Citizens' Hall in Icke Street. This year we have five contestants from the Koo Wee Rup Secondary College, which continues to be most supportive of the event. More about this in the New Year.

In January 2017 the Club will have the pleasure of sponsoring six local primary school aged children to attend a camp at the Licola Wilderness Village.

For those who may be unsure of Licola's location it is situated about 50km from Heyfield in the high country on the road to Jamieson. The Village, once a logging camp, was bought in 1969 by the Lions of Victoria and Southern New South Wales and has gradually been developed into a wilderness area specifically designed to host camps for disabled, disadvantaged and at-risk children.

The camp offers opportunities for children to expand their horizons, extend their capabilities and challenge themselves both as individuals and groups through a whole range of outdoor activities. More about this in the New Year, too.

Finally, the members of the Koo Wee Rup Lions Club wish all readers of Blackfish a very safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year. We would also like to acknowledge and thank Caroline Roff for her continued outstanding contribution to the Koo Wee Rup community, because without her commitment we wouldn't have Blackfish.

## KOOWEERUP REGIONAL HEALTH SERVICE LADIES AUXILIARY

Would like to thank our community and sponsors for our Christmas Raffle

We acknowledge our generous sponsors:

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### Raffle Winners are:

1st	D Koopman
2nd	E Randell
3rd	N Dixon
4th	S Nabben
5th	N Moore

## KOOWEERUP BUSINESS ASSOCIATION REPORT

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

With Xmas on the horizon the association will be winding down for the year. We have completed the workshops undertaken and feel confident that these will ensure the future growth and development of the Koo wee rup business association.

Edward Nass from Bad Folk attended our meeting on the 15th. He was there to give us some background on the Bayles music festival, which is coming up in march 2017. The event is in its 3rd year and as it's not for profit they have put together a couple of sponsorship deals which local business may be interested in. Or if you think you can offer a community service give them a call. They also have stall spaces available.

On the 13th of December the Koo wee rup business Christmas dinner will be taking place. See notice in this editorial for all details.

Not much rain for the month of November, a mere 17mls. Couple of stinker days, just to get us in the mood for what's to come I guess!

On behalf of the Koo wee rup business association I would like to wish you and yours a safe and happy holiday season.

So ends this report.

Till next time please take care.

Vicki Charlton

For any information on the association including;

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Membership

Please call Vicki Charlton on 0413 384 480 (used to be new)

Andrea Vincent on 5997 2266 (Bendigo Bank)

Nikole Charlton on 0419 699 965 (Inner Psych Solutions)

The Koo wee rup business association would like to extend an invitation to all Koo wee rup business owners to join us for a Christmas dinner.

Where :- Chandelier Cafe

When :- Tuesday 13th December 2016

Time :- 6pm

Drinks :- BYO

Cost :- Attendees to pay for own meals ordered from the Chandelier's menu.

Partners welcome.

Please RSVP by 6th December to Vicki Charlton;

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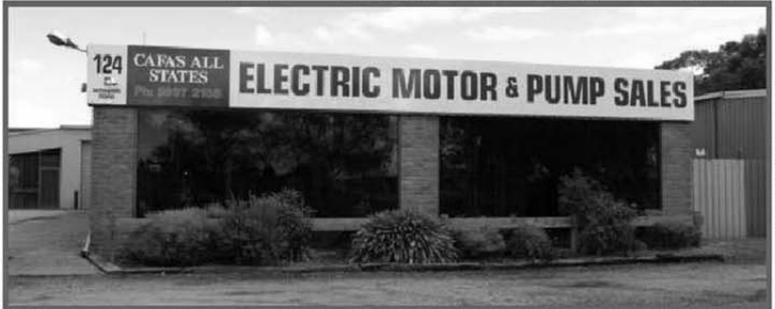
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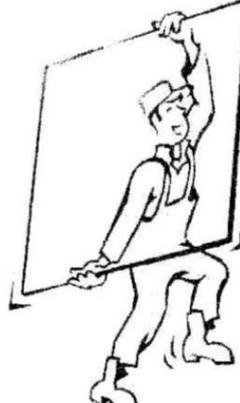
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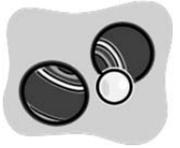
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## KOO WEE RUP BOWLS CLUB NEWS



Tuesday Pennant Rd 3 saw Div 2 travel to Somerville and in very tricky conditions scored an impressive 67-40 win on their synthetic Green. R.Alexander, T.Jolly, W.Pownall & N.Filius drew 15-15. P.Gray, M.Masters, B.Files & P.Dillon won 32-9. B.Walker, A.Slefendorfas, W.Stevens & J.Walker won 20-16. Div 4 went to Mornington Civic and were defeated for the 1<sup>st</sup> time this season losing 54-71. P.Stevens, J.Roissetter, C.Kent & L. Mahomed lost 18-26. M.Royle, G.Crynes, K.Hammond & I.Royle lost 9-23, M.Dillon, M.Scullin, K.Walton & P.Carlin won 27-22. Rd 4 saw Div 2 continue with their unbeaten run defeating City of Frankston, at home, 91-39. R.Alexander, T.Jolly, W.Pownall & Hatton won 26-14. B.Walker, A.Slefendorfas, W.Stevens & J.Walker won 34-8. P.Gray, M.Masters, B.Files & P.Dillon won 31-17. Div 4 travelled to Hastings and were narrowly beaten 53-56. M.Dillon, M.Scullin, R.Kent & P.Carlin won 18-17. Betty King, J.Roissetter, P.Stevens & L.Mahomed lost 11-22. M.Royle, G.Crynes, K.Hammond & I.Royle won 24-17. Div 2 suffered our 1<sup>st</sup> defeat of the season at Belvedere [2] 54-59. R.Alexander, T.Jolly, W.Pownall & N.Filius lost 9-22. P.Gray, M.Masters, J.Hatton & P.Dillon won 23-12. B.Walker, A.Slefendorfas, C.Masters & J.Walker lost 22-25. Div 4 went to Karingal and were beaten 40-59. M.Royle, G.Crynes, K.Hammond & I.Royle won 17-15. Betty King, J.Roissetter, P.Stevens & L.Mahomed lost 15-16. M.Dillon, M.Scullin, R.Kent & C.Kent lost 8-26.

Scores from Rd 6 saw both teams record good wins. Div 2 defeated Belvedere [3] 67-33. B.Walker, A.Slefendorfas, N.Speight & J.Walker won 23-10. R.Alexander, T.Jolly, W.Pownall & N.Filius won 23-13. P.Gray, M.Masters, B.Files & P.Dillon won 21-10. Three good winning margins. Div 4 had a closer game winning 55-49 against Somerville. M.Scullin, M.Dillon, R.Kent & P.Carlin won 23-12. Betty King, J.Roissetter, P.Stevens & L.Mahomed lost 17-20. M.Royle, G.Crynes, K.Hammond & I.Royle lost 15-17.

Rd 4 of Saturday Pennant saw Div 2 travel to Seaford to play the newly formed Belvedere BC and given a bowls lesson losing 81-140. P.Gray, M.Masters, J.Hatton & W.Pownall lost 19-41. B.Walker, G.Crynes, S.Nixon & J.Walker beaten 19-33. K.McMahon, R.Matthews, R.Alexander & L.Wealands lost 22-33. B.King, A.Slefendorfas, B.Files & P.Dillon lost 21-33. Div 5 hosted Hastings and with a number of last minute replacements were beaten 69-79. T.Jolly, M.Royle, R.Kent & I.Royle lost 23-25. K.Walton, M.Dillon, C.Masters & L.Mahomed lost 24-26. N.Speight, P.Stevens, J.Dale & C.Kent lost 22-28. Div 7 went to Karingal and had to borrow 3 players from them, which we thank Karingal for, and lost 43-60. M.Scullin, A.Greenhill, M.Klok & L.Bell lost 23-34. K.Hammond, R.Bricknall, F.Mateos & P.Norbury were beaten 20-26. Results from Rd 5 were encouraging with both Div 2 & Div 7 teams breaking through for their first win of the season.

Div 2 hosted Mount Eliza and won an exciting game 88-86. K.McMahon, B.Mason, R.Alexander & L.Wealands lost 18-25. Brad King, A.Slefendorfas, P.Dillon & W.Pownall won 28-18. B.Walker, W.Stevens, R.Matthews & J.Walker won 19-17. P.Gray, M.Masters, G.Crynes & B.Files lost 23-26. Div 5 went to Mornington and suffered a narrow 71-75 loss. P.Stevens, Betty King, P.Butera & J.Dale won 30-19. R.Bannon, J.Hatton, S.Nixon & L.Mahomed lost 17-29. T.Jolly, M.Royle, K.Hammond & I.Royle lost 24-27. Div 7 at home to Somerville won 56-44 with the help of a substitute from Somerville. J.Roissetter, K.Walton, C.Masters & L.Kidd [sub] won 31-22. L.Bell [1<sup>st</sup> game as skip], A.Greenhill, R & C Kent won 25-22. Scores from Rd 6 games were Div 2 away to Hastings and won 95-85 in another game that went right to the finish. Brad King, A.Slefendorfas, J.Hatton & W.Pownall had a 24-24 draw. P.Gray, M.Masters, R.Alexander & G.Crynes lost 21-22 on the final end. B.Walker, W.Stevens, R.Matthews & J.Walker won 21-16. K.McMahon, B.Mason, P.Butera & L.Wealands scored 6 on the final end to win 29-23. Div 5 played at home to Mornington Civic and were beaten 57-80. N.Speight, P.Stevens, B.Condron & L.Bell lost 10-33. T.Jolly, M.Royle, K.Hammond & I.Royle won 25-21. R.Bannon, M.Scullin, S.Nixon & L.Mahomed lost 22-26. Div 7 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time this season had to forfeit their game against City of Frankston because of lack of players available.

Congratulations to Pauline Gray, Mary Masters, Wendy Pownall & Julie Walker on reaching the final of the State Ladies 4's which in conjunction with the Men's 4's was conducted at our Club over the last 2 Sundays in October. Unfortunately they played a very good team from Hastings and lost the final. With our Club being asked to host these events it could again lead to having Pennant Grand Finals played at KWR this season.

The next round of Friday Triples was played on 4<sup>th</sup> Nov. with the following results – Winning rink was K.Mynard, J.Emmett & R.Wilson (Lang Lang) with 40 pts. The Runner Up rink with 37 pts. was J. Smith (Cardinia Waters), G. Salomons (Pakenham) & W.Stevens (KWR). Best 1<sup>st</sup> game was won by K.Taylor, E.Adams & P. Karsu (Warragul) with 16 pts. Best 2<sup>nd</sup> game went to J.Hatton, T.Jolly & K.Walton (KWR) also with 16 pts. Results from 18/11 games were Winners G.Crynes [KWR], P.Wright [Corinella] & W.Goodman with 37 pts. Runners Up with 35 pts. were J.Van Vugt [Cardinia Waters], G.Wilde [Pakenham] & S.Koning [Cardinia Waters]. Best 1<sup>st</sup> game was won by J.Williams, B.Vanina & N.Kitchen [Lang Lang] with 22 pts & best 2<sup>nd</sup> game went to K.Taylor, E.Adams & J.Kydd [Warragul] with 18 pts & 14 shots up.

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## Memo from Robert Stunden Chair, Board of Management

It is with greatest pleasure that I confirm Frank Megens as our new CEO. In his capacity as the Locum since June, he has shown skills which we value and appreciate as being tremendously beneficial to our service. We look forward to him enhancing and expanding our service into the foreseeable future. Kind regards,  
*Robert Stunden*

## Message from the CEO

Greetings as we build up to the festive season. Over the next few months KRHS will be positioning itself to be responsive to clients' needs through the allocation of Home Care Packages. We are in a strong position to continue to service clients through the home care programs we offer and further build on meeting their needs. KRHS anticipates that it will be a comprehensive provider of services across a broad range of requirements. All program areas remain busy but are well supported through our Ladies Auxiliary and volunteers. A special thanks to the Auxiliary for the recent purchase of baby scales, wheel chairs and over-bed tables. The auxiliary has also generously contributed to the redevelopment of our Palliative care lounge and outdoor sitting areas. The areas are now pleasantly furnished with homely furnishings that enable a better use of this space by clients and family members. We are very fortunate to be able to draw on the many talents within staff, volunteers and auxiliary members when meeting challenges of improving our environment or expanding our service. I thank everyone for their support and contribution to KRHS and wish all staff, families and the Koo Wee Rup community a very merry Christmas.  
*Frank Megens*



## Hospital Thanks Volunteers

A delicious meal was enjoyed at the annual dinner by nearly 60 volunteers from KRHS at the Koo Wee Rup Hotel. The dinner was a thankyou to our Volunteers who by giving the gift of time, make a real difference to the lives of residents and clients at KRHS. We are very appreciative of their help.



## Together we can prevent family violence

Students and youth workers march with the community following a presentation of a short film made by the Kooweerup Secondary College students. Please use this link to see the film:  
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## AN ACROSTIC HISTORY OF KOO-WEE-RUP

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

### Merry Christmas!

**M** is for Mickle. A well known, early family in the area. John Mickle (1814-1885) owned land from the 1850s. His nephew, also called John Mickle, sub-divided John Street, Mickle Street and Alexander Avenue (now incorrectly called Alexandra) in 1926. Dave Mickle, the great grand nephew of John Mickle wrote the local history books *Mickle Memories of Koo-Wee-Rup* and *More Mickle Memories of Koo-Wee-Rup*

**E** is for Education. The first School was established in 1884 between Koo-Wee-Rup and Bayles (at Bethunes Road). It was known as the Yallock School, until 1903 when the name was changed to Koo-Wee-Rup. In 1910, the school moved to Rossiter Road (to the Secondary College location) and a new building was built in 1915. In 1953, the Higher Elementary School was completed. This School included both primary and secondary classes (Forms 1 to 3 or Years 7 to 9). The School became a High School in 1957 and shared the building with the primary school students until November 1960 when the Primary School opened in Moody Street. St John the Baptist Catholic School opened in 1936.

**R** is for roads, rates and rubbish - the historical purpose of local councils. Koo-Wee-Rup was part of the Cranbourne Road Board district when it was established on June 19, 1860. Then it became part of the Cranbourne Shire when it started on February 24, 1868. Then it was part of the short lived City of Cranbourne which lasted from April 22, 1994 until December 15, 1994, when the City of Cranbourne and was broken up and Koo-Wee-Rup became part of the newly created Cardinia Shire.

**R** is for Recreation and other Community activities. A Cricket Club started in 1893, the Recreation Reserve opened in 1906, and a football team had started by 1907. The Royal Hotel was erected in 1915. The Masonic Lodge commenced in 1923. The Wattle Picture Theatre was opened in 1927, the same year the Koo-Wee-Rup Electric Light and Power Company supplied electricity to the town. In 1929, the first Koo-Wee-Rup Scout Troop was formed. To add further to the amenity of the town in 1930 the water tower and the water supply system opened and in 1943 the Fire Brigade was formed.

**Y** is for Yallock. The first European settlement in the area was established by Samuel Rawson and Robert Jamieson on the Yallock Creek in 1839.

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### Merry Christmas!

The Yallock Village Settlement, established in the 1890s, was based around Fincks, School, Hall and O'Briens Roads, off Koo-Wee-Rup Longwarry Road. The Bayles Railway Station, which opened in 1922, was the station closest to Yallock and the township which grew around the railway station soon overshadowed the original Yallock settlement.

**C** is for Carlo Catani. Catani (1852-1918) was a Public Works Department Engineer responsible for the drainage works on the Koo-Wee-Rup Swamp from 1893. He also established the Village Settlements at Yallock, Five Mile, Cora Lynn, Iona etc. The town of Catani is named after him.

**H** is for Historical Society. The Koo-Wee-Rup Swamp Historical Society was established in 1974 and operates a Museum at Mallow, 325 Rossiter Road, Koo-Wee-Rup.

**R** is for Religion. In 1896 the Wesleyan Church from Cranbourne was moved to Koo-Wee-Rup and became the Presbyterian Church. The first Catholic Church was built in 1902 and the current church dates from 1962. The Anglican Church was built in 1917 and closed in 2012 and the congregation moved to the Uniting Church. The Methodist Church (now the Uniting Church) was moved from Yallock to Rossiter Road in 1932.

**I** is for Inundation. Early pioneers had to cope with numerous inundations or floods- 1901, 1911, 1923, 1924, 1934, 1935 and 1937 being some of the worst historically. The 1934 flood resulted in the Koo-Wee-Rup township being under two meters of water in places.

**S** is for Swamp. The Koo-Wee-Rup Swamp originally covered about 40,000 hectares or 96,000 acres and is part of the Western Port sunkland. The Chief Engineer of the Public Works Department, William Thwaites (1853 - 1907) surveyed the Swamp in 1887 and his report recommended the construction of the Bunyip Main Drain from where it entered the Swamp, in the north, to Western Port Bay and a number of smaller side drains. A tender was advertised in 1889. In spite of strikes, floods and bad weather by March 1893, the private contractors had constructed the 16 miles of the drain from the Bay to the south of Bunyip and the Public Works Department considered the Swamp was now dry enough for settlement. At one time over 500 men were employed and all the work was done by hand, using axes, shovels, mattocks and wheel barrows. By 1904, over 2,000 people including 1,400 children lived on the Swamp. Many more drains have been added over the years.

**T** is for Trains. The Koo-Wee-Rup Railway station was opened on August 18, 1889. The Station was originally called Yallock and was re-named Koo-Wee-Rup in 1892. In 1922, Koo-Wee-Rup became a railway junction with the opening of the Strzelecki railway line. This was a boom time for the Station. In 1926 eleven people were employed at the Koo-Wee-Rup Station and they dispatched 50,000 tons of goods and around 7,000 head of livestock were sent or received there. There were 48 passenger trains and 72 goods trains per week. The Strzelecki line was closed in stages and the last stretch from Bayles to Koo-Wee-Rup closed in 1959. Passenger services to Koo-Wee-Rup ceased in June 1981, were reinstated December 1984 and ceased again in July 1993.

**M** is for Medical Matters. A Bush Nursing hospital was built in 1910. In 1923 the Memorial Hospital opened in Station Street and moved to a new building in Rossiter Road in 1955. In 1946, the Infant Welfare Centre was opened in a room at the Memorial Hall and in 1953 the Pre-School opened.

**A** is for Agriculture. By the 1920s, the Koo-Wee-Rup Swamp was producing one quarter of Victorian potatoes and was also a major producer of dairy products. Today, 93% of all Australian asparagus is produced on the Koo-Wee-Rup Swamp and many other food items are grown including broccolini, strawberries, cabbage, leeks, celery and lettuces. If the Government can resist the temptation to rezone all the rich agricultural swamp land to residential then the Swamp should continue to produce food for at least another 120+ years.

**S** is for Shopping. The first shop was opened by John O'Riordan in 1890 in a tin shed where Light's Garage is now located. Many of the shops in Rossiter Road were built in the 1920s and 1930s, as was the old Theatre and a few garages. This was a boom time for the town with the Hospital, State Rivers & Water Supply Commission, surrounding farms and the railways all providing a steady source of employment.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS** from all of us at the Koo-Wee-Rup Swamp Historical Society. Our last meeting is on Wednesday, December 14 at 6.00pm. We'll be having a BBQ - all welcome! (BYO meat and a salad or sweet to share, plus BYO plate, cutlery, drinks etc). If you feel like it, bring along a special item for our 'show and tell' and tell us what makes it so special to you (e.g. Grandma's vase, your first trophy, a photo). We close the Museum for December and January - but will open by appointment. Heather Arnold 0407 521 637 harnold@dcsi.net.au

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