

THE KOO WEE RUP BLACKFISH



FEBRUARY 2016

AUSTRALIA DAY 2016

Australia Day in Koo Wee Rup was celebrated by a large and enthusiastic crowd. The festivities began with a free egg and bacon breakfast prepared by members of our newly reformed CWA.

Our guest ambassador, David Parkin, encouraged everyone to help the young people around them find what they are good at and work with that to find what they will do with their lives.

Awards were presented to 12 community members from local primary and secondary schools and from community groups. Details of award winners start on page 3.

At left: Our Guest Ambassador, David Parkin, with Ethan

At right: A bit of local colour



THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES *(Edited Extracts)*

The Township held its AGM on Wednesday, 2 December. Township Meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 3 February at 7:30 pm at the Community Centre.

Frank Crameri asked the meeting whether the committee would be willing to fund the new plaque for the Cochrane Park sculpture *Embankment*. Cr David Young offered to take the matter up with the appropriate senior manager at Council and see what arrangements could be made.

Mark Howard from Cardinia Shire will meet with David Young and Ray Brown to find a suitable position to replace the 'Welcome to Koo Wee Rup' sign on the Koo Wee Rup-Longwarry Road entrance to town. Once a new site is picked, the Men's Shed, who have the remnant of the old sign, will get new timber and make a replacement sign. Township Committee will fund the making of the sign. Gavin Brock suggested that the sign could go on the Western side of the road on the newly landscaped site in front of Tesoro. This will be looked at.

The disabled toilet door has now been closed but anecdotal evidence suggests it doesn't open at all anymore. Cr Young will follow up.

Ray Brown asked the meeting to consider whether there were any grants the Committee should apply for.

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AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2016

Amber Ventura

Amber Ventura is someone who is always willing to get involved; not only offering a helping hand when it is needed but taking responsibility. From her early years helping her Dad with his cutting horse shows to her years as President at the local kindergarten and deep involvement with the local footy club and St John's Primary School. Most recently, one of her boys has joined the fire brigade running team and her input is already being noticed and appreciated.

At the Koo Wee Rup Football Club Amber was an integral part of the Junior committee that was developed when the senior committee realised the potential to increase team numbers and to make the move into the South East Junior Football League. This move was brought about because the Ellinbank and District Football League was struggling with junior numbers which meant that many juniors between the ages of 10 & 14 years of age were missing out on playing football.

The Koo Wee Rup Junior Football committee was activated and it was Amber who put her hand up to develop three teams within the strong structure of SEJFL. All players needed to be registered, insured and fully outfitted in club colours before any thought was given to team structure. Coach's were then appointed and team personnel such as trainers, goal umpires and boundary umpires were gathered from within the parents group

Amber played an important role in all these activities and it was her cool calm method of working with the parents that ensured that junior football has been a huge success in the Koo Wee Rup district with the club winning premierships but more importantly young boys and girls participating in a healthy team sport.

Amber has now moved up into the senior committee and taken on the responsibility of Treasurer while still retaining a role at Junior level.

Amber Ventura is also a parent at St John the Baptist Primary School who regularly volunteers hours of her own time for the betterment of the school community.

Throughout her association with the school Amber has been Parents and Friends President, Fete Coordinator, Uniform Coordinator, School Board Member and has given countless hours toward school activities and functions.

Amber is an organised, hardworking and a very community minded person who truly deserves recognition for the work she has put into the community over many years.

Ella Beasley

Ella Beasley has displayed good leadership throughout the year. She is an outstanding student in every way – in all areas of the curriculum and extra-curricular activities. Ella is thoughtful, kind and honest. Ella displays drive and ambition in all areas of school life. She is a credit to herself, her family and

the St John's School Community, and as such she is undoubtedly a worthy recipient of a Koo Wee Rup Junior Citizen Award.

Dylan Halden

Dylan Halden has a great enthusiasm for his school and extra-curricular activities. Dylan participates in all events in a positive way and takes every

opportunity he is presented with. He has been able to overcome many challenges and his growth and development at St. Johns has been a pleasure to watch. Dylan has a great sense of fun and is always honest and trustworthy. He can be very proud of his participation, attitude and effort. Dylan is a worthy recipient of a Koo Wee Rup Junior Citizen Award.

Caroline Roff

Caroline moved to Koo Wee Rup in August 2007. That November she saw a notice in the Blackfish saying that they needed a new editor; the next month another notice announced that this would be the last Blackfish if nobody volunteered. Somewhat hesitantly, she offered her services, not sure if a small country town would welcome an outsider taking over a local institution. She was welcomed with enthusiasm and has been editor of the Blackfish ever since; coordinating the submission of articles and advertising, doing the layout and printing the newsletter each month.

Once enmeshed in the local community, other opportunities to get involved appeared. She has been a member of the Township Committee since 2008 and has worked with the Koo Wee Rup Australia Day Committee since 2010. As part of the Australia Day commitment, she worked on the Shire Australia Day celebrations for 5 years.

In 2009, the local seniors club had some difficulty getting a secretary, so they asked Caroline if she could help out. She has been taking their minutes and helping out with other bits and pieces since then.

Caroline has been involved with St John the Baptist Primary School Parents & Friends throughout her children's time at the school; as Secretary for many years, a member of the Fete Committee and three years as Canteen Coordinator.

Outside of town, her involvement with the Blackfish has introduced her to the Community Newspaper Association of Victoria where she has been Secretary since 2011.



Four award recipients with connections to St John the Baptist Primary School: Caroline Roff, Ella Beasley, Amber Ventura and Dylan Halden

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2016

Koo Wee Rup Secondary College

Maddyson Finlay-Smith

Maddyson is a dedicated and conscientious student who is completing her final year of secondary college this year. She has been appointed College Captain for 2016

In 2015 she completed Year 12 Outdoor & Environmental studies with honours (a study score over 40).

Maddyson was the winner of the Lions Youth of the Year speaking competition Round 1 in 2015 and will go on to compete in future rounds this year.

She was Bass Junior House Captain at the College and has played representative basketball.



Camryn Walker

Camryn has been a highly effective student leader in 2015. Her work during the school athletics and swimming sports days to encourage all students participation and to work organising students into their relevant events showed what a diligent and hard working leader Camryn was. During 2015 Camryn was often entrusted with introducing new students to the school and showing them around while they settled in. The students Camryn mentored during their early days settled in well and felt comfortable due to Camryn's welcoming and friendly nature.



Camryn was always willing to help out doing whatever she could and volunteer during school events such as the national day of action against bullying R U OK? Day. Her willingness to give up her own time during these events demonstrates the kind of person Camryn is.

Her ability to develop significant and respectful relationships with her fellow students and staff is a testament to her character and diligence as a student. Camryn is one of the most highly regarded students at Koo Wee Rup Secondary College during 2015.

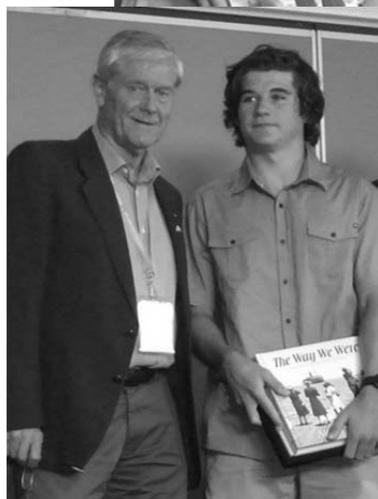
Thomas Close

Thomas is a dedicated and conscientious student who is completing his final year of secondary college this year. He has been appointed College Captain for 2016.

In 2015 he completed Year 12 Health and human development in 2015 with honours.

Thomas was the winner of the Lions Youth of the Year Best Speech Round 1 in 2015.

He was Sturt Junior House Captain at the College and enjoys playing sport particularly football.



Joel Mudge

Joel has been an extremely effective and dedicated leader and student during 2015. Joel was always willing to help out during school events such as the national day of action against bullying R U OK? Day; as well as school specific events such as the swimming sports in which he mentored and organised students at younger year levels and athletics day. Joel showed great leadership on several camps throughout the year as part of the advance program.

Joel is always willing to assist others and has demonstrated himself to be an extremely trustworthy and reliable member of the student body providing a voice to students. His commitment to his role as a student leader was exemplary and his fellow students knew he was someone who could be approached with confidence.



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AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2016**Koo Wee Rup Primary School****Jayda Tannahill**

Jayda works enthusiastically and to capacity at all times. She approaches all tasks with confidence and is well liked and respected by her peers. Jayda behaves appropriately in all social situations and will independently assist other students requiring assistance. She is an active and responsible member of a team and shows qualities of leadership during these activities, as well as the school values of respect, resilience and responsibility. Jayda's sense of humour and positive contributions are to be commended. Jayda's work habits are excellent as she strives to do her best at all times. Well done Jayda it is such a pleasure to see such qualities in our students especially in someone your age. Congratulations!

**Bianca Hameeteman**

Bianca has always displayed an enthusiastic attitude toward all aspects of her schooling. She completes all tasks to the best of her ability.

In 2015, Bianca was elected, by her peers, to be a House Captain. She was very proud to accept this role as her brother and sister before her had both been House Captains. This leadership role also included her as a member of the Student Voice body. Bianca has chaired meetings, led assembly, assisted with organising charity and sporting days at school all the time supporting the younger members of Student Voice in their roles.

Bianca has proudly represented her House and School at many sporting events, both individually and as a valued team member. The school has been proud of all her achievements.

Bianca displays excellent organisational skills and is always thinking ahead to try and make her tasks less challenging and as successful as possible. Her very good people skills and inclusive manner toward staff, parents, students and all visitors to our school have been a credit to herself and her family.

Bianca has upheld the school's values of respect, responsibility, resilience and learning; she has been a terrific role model for younger students.

**Cardinia Primary School****Oscar Preston**

Oscar is a hard working student who gets along very well with his peers. He has a great sense of humour. Along with being committed to his academic studies, Oscar is a keen athlete. He has represented Cardinia Primary School in many sporting events, including athletics and Hoop Time. Oscar demonstrates good leadership qualities. He was elected, by his peers, to become School Captain for Cardinia Primary School in 2016.

**Madison Cafarella**

Madison consistently strives to do her best and is a popular member of her class. She enjoys making new friendships and she gets along well with students of all ages. Madison is an avid dancer and spends a lot of time making up choreography. She enjoys dancing with her friends at school; in this role she is a great leader. She was elected, by her peers, to become School Captain for Cardinia Primary School in 2016.

**Congratulations****Natasha Harris**

A great effort on achieving her driver's license recently in the 'L to P' program in Koo Wee Rup
Well done Natasha

ENGAGEMENT

John Cryer and Elizabeth Peterson,
formerly of Koo Wee Rup,
Wish to announce their engagement
to family and friends

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

Frank Cramer spoke about the labyrinth that had been discussed as part of the Cochrane Park master plan. The Committee is still supportive of the idea of building a labyrinth as a point of interest for locals and tourists. Ray Brown has done some investigation of the costs of creating a labyrinth in the past and suggested that it would cost \$20,000-\$25,000. Ray offered to investigate the matter further and come to the February meeting with timelines and projected costs. The Committee can decide then whether and when to proceed with the development. There is some chance the cost of the labyrinth could be covered as part of the Cochrane Park Master Plan development.

John Farmer suggested that seating could be provided along the rail trail. Ray Brown will provide the February meeting with costs of installing seats and suggested placement.

Cr David Young reported on the following council matters:

- Big Budget Brainstorm furnished 250 ideas which had been posted online. Around 8,000 votes had been received to indicate which projects residents and ratepayers believed to be the most important. As the final step of the process, Council will host a session on Wednesday, 9 December 5.30-9pm. The top 10 projects will be presented to the meeting and final feedback will be taken on those projects. This will be used to inform Council decisions while setting the budget. The biggest vote getter in the process was for a dedicated facility for drift trikes. New State Government rules for councils indicate that councils must consult extensively with their constituents on budget priorities. This process has been Cardinia Shire's response. Without being able to demonstrate extensive community consultation, the Shire will not be able to apply to vary their rate increase above CPI.
- The Remembrance Day service in Koo Wee Rup was very well attended and extremely well presented. Congratulations to the RSL. Cr Young feels it is probably the best in the Shire.
- Music on the Grass on 15 November at the Regional Health Service was well attended. Congratulations to all involved, it seems to grow and get better and better year on year.
- Brendan Gale, CEO of Richmond Football Club, was the guest speaker in Pakenham on White Ribbon Day and joined Councillors, Council staff and many locals walking around Pakenham. The event was very well attended. Cardinia Shire has been a strong supporter of White Ribbon for some time.
- Metro trains are developing a light maintenance yard between Pakenham and Nar Nar Goon between the railway line and the new freeway. The area is currently a stabling yard. It originally stabled 20 trains, but now holds 30-40. Redevelopment of the site will commence early in the new year and it is anticipated that 350 people will be employed during construction and 200-250 people once the work is completed, working around the clock.
- There is a Council and town planning meeting to be held in Lang Lang on 14 December at 7pm. If you want to ask a question of Council at any Council meeting, you need to have your question in by 12 noon on the day of the meeting and be present at the meeting to receive your answer. Cr Young advises anyone with a question to get it in around a week beforehand to allow for appropriate research to be done to ensure you get an informed answer.
- Cardinia Shire will be hosting its annual free race day on 21 July from 3-7pm at the Tynong/Nar Nar Goon Racecourse (formerly Pakenham Racecourse).

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Rob Muré asked Cr Young whether the Township Strategy should be referred to by the planning department when approving redevelopment of residential blocks. Cr Young confirmed that it should be. Rob advised that there was a home near to his own that had lodged a proposal with council that contravened the Strategy in terms of proximity to fence lines, and other issues. He queried why only properties immediately adjoining a property marked for redevelopment were notified and not houses within line of sight as they were potentially affected by redevelopment also. He queried whether a notification of intended changes should be posted on the property. Cr Young assured Rob that this was a requirement of Council. Members of the meeting believed that this had not been adhered to in many cases in Koo Wee Rup in recent years which resulted in redevelopment being started without local residents being aware that anything was going to happen. Cr Young advised that this should be reported to council as failure to display notification invalidated a planning application.

Ray Brown advised that he had met with Gary McQuillan, Cardinia Shire CEO, to discuss the proposed walkway between the Rail Trail and Station Street at Moody Street. Mr McQuillan had been sympathetic and had advised that he thought something could be arranged soon. Ray has yet to have anything confirmed.

John Farmer wondered whether the tables at the front of the PMP property were on private or council land. He would like to see the fence line moved back behind them to enable passing traffic to sit there to eat their take away meals in the summer.

Ray Brown advised that he had spoken to a landowner with property adjoining the Recreation Reserve and he was willing to sell a portion of land to enable the development of a second oval. Ray has advised the Football Club and left it in their hands.

Car parking lines at the bus station have faded and need repainting. Cr Young has lodged a merit with council who have contacted Vic Track, who have responsibility for the bus station. He suggested that Township contact Vic Track direct to support the application. Frank Cramer will write a letter to Vic Track to ask that the lines be repainted.

Frank Cramer said he was pleased to see the placing of gas pipes within town going ahead. He advised that Zinfra had commenced work on the main line connecting the town to the Pakenham mains.

Frank Cramer advised he had seen a load of rubbish dumped on McDonalds Drain Road. He was advised to put a merit in to Council to have it removed.

Caroline Roff suggested, with the development of the new Lang Lang sporting facility at Caldermeade, that the Committee advocate for the extension of the rail trail from Koo Wee Rup to Lang Lang. This would enable people to ride either from Lang Lang or from Koo Wee Rup to the sports ground which will be immediately adjacent to the rail trail. Cr Young advised that the original rail trail had been developed with State Government money and more would be needed to extend it. Ray Brown undertook to investigate to see who would be responsible for extending the rail trail.

Relay for Life: Shave for Brianne



My name is Paula Scanlon and I am a Koo Wee Rup local and mum of two.

Late last year, my 21 year old sister Brianne was diagnosed with cancer. It was a massive shock to our family, especially as we lost our dad to cancer ten years ago. We were devastated that cancer had touched our family again, especially in someone as young as Brianne.

Brianne has started chemo, and although it has made her quite sick, she is positive and determined to beat her cancer. I am behind her all the way, and so in order to show my support and help to raise money to assist her as she undergoes her treatment, **I will be shaving my head at the upcoming Koo Wee Rup market on February 14th.** I will also be doing the Relay for Life on March 4th with my team, The Inspirations.

Please come along to the market and show your support! **The big shave will be happening from 10:30am outside the Community Centre. We will be having a sausage sizzle, coloured hair spray and temporary tattoos available as well.**

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Members of BADFolk performing at Relay for Life

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I have lived in Koo Wee Rup for 24 years and it that time I have never seen the pool closed on a 38 deg day. It is no wonder that people are not going as you never know when it will be open, the people that are running it now should be disgusted how they run this facility, if you going to close the pool then just do it or they should find someone to run it as it should be. I was a life guard for 20 years of my life at the Hawthorn swimming pool and it was always open at 9 am and it closed at 9 pm at night. Our pool is lucky to be open 5 hours a day. How sad is that, it is no wonder it is not making money I remember when you could go as a family and have a barbie and have that family atmosphere now it is lucky to get 50 people to the pool I hope that something is done about this pool next year.

PS how sad things have got.

Bart Butta

- are a talented musician – solo or group
- create your own crafts/wares to sell
- are part of a community group that likes to fundraise or assist others in the local area

then we'd like to hear from you or simply have you attend on the day!

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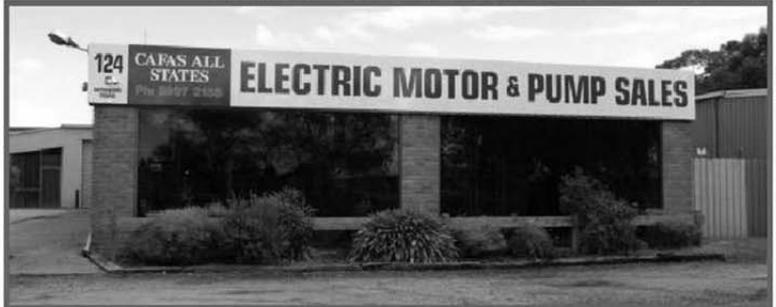
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CWA RECIPE OF THE MONTH

White Chocolate, orange and macadamia biscuits

(Makes approx. 30 Biscuits)

Ingredients:

- 125g butter, chopped.
- 1 tsp Vanilla Essence.
- 1 tsp grated orange rind.
- 1 cup (200g) firmly packed brown sugar.
- 1 egg.
- 1 ½ Cups (225g) plain flour.
- 1 Cup (190g) White choc bits
- 1/3 Cup (50g) finely chopped Macadamias.

Method:

- Beat butter, essence, rind, sugar and egg in a small bowl with an electric mixer until smooth.
- Stir in flour and white chocolate bits.
- Drop level teaspoons of mix about 5cm apart on a lined tray.
- Top with nuts.
- Bake in oven at about 180°C for approximately 15 minutes, or until firm.
- Leave to cool on a wire rack.



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The CWA is a self-funded volunteer philanthropic organisation with a focus on friendship, personal development and advocacy. The Association encourages advocating on: community issues; sustainable development and the protection of the environment; and social issues. The CWA also encourages supporting community and taking an interest in the workings of government at all levels.

The KWR CWA awards educational grants and scholarships to local schools, works with the CFA at the community market and are proud to support various other groups throughout Koo Wee Rup to build community spirit, including recently assisting the township committee in providing breakfast and morning tea on Australia Day at the Koo Wee Rup Community hall. Members of the CWA will be assisting the Koo Wee Rup ladies auxiliary in March at Harewood House for "Scots on the Swamp" where money raised will go the Koo Wee Rup palliative care ward.

The Koo Wee Rup CWA holds its meetings on the first Monday of the month at the Koo Wee Rup Fire Station (10 Moody Street) at 7.30pm. All ladies welcome. Next meeting: 1st February

HEART FOUNDATION WALKING

The Thursday evening walkers had a lovely final pre Christmas walk followed by a meal with other walkers and friends at the pub on Thu 17th December. We only had a few weeks break over the festive season and are in full swing again meeting at the Koo Wee Rup bus interchange & clock towers in Rossiter Rd at 7 pm every Thursday evening. All walking abilities are catered for, so we'd love to have more people join us.

Enquiries to Marlene on 0429 814410.

MAT PILATES CLASSES RESUME

After a well earned Christmas break the Mat Pilates classes are running for a seven week term (due to public holidays), in first term. That 's not too big a commitment to keep active and build on strong core strength, better posture and breathing, the three basic principles of this exercise discipline. Improved core strength has immediate benefits in a stronger pelvic floor and lower back strength, as well as improved balance and body awareness. With many similarities to Yoga, this program was developed by Joseph Pilates in the early 1900's and continues with participation by most sporting disciplines because of the overall body strength benefits.

All ability levels are catered for by the progressions available for each exercise. Give it a go!!!!

Classes start in the Hewitt Eco House at koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service 6 pm Mondays and 11 am Fridays from Mon 1st Feb or Fri 5th Feb. \$60 for the term or \$10 casual per session.

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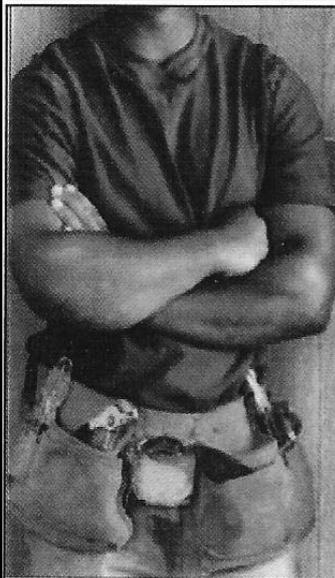
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This year, we also welcome three new staff members to our school. Mrs Bernadette Cherry who will be teaching in Grade F/1, Mrs Amber Ventura who will be working in Student Support and Mr Chris Dortmans who will be the Deputy Principal.

Australia Day Awards

Congratulations to students Dylan Halden and Ella Beasley on receiving Junior Citizenship awards, and to staff member Amber Ventura and parent Caroline Roff for receiving Community Service awards at the Koo Wee Rup Australia Day celebrations.

Parish Priest

Over the Christmas break we farewelled Fr Hilarion who has been appointed to St Michael's Parish Berwick. We welcome Fr Peter Kooloos to our Parish. Fr Peter comes to us from Leongatha, and as many may know, he attended St John's as a young boy.

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

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

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*New staff at St Johns for 2016:
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KOO WEE RUP Primary School

February 2016

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during February

Assembly every
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11th Swimming
Carnival

18th Getting to know
you sessions

I wanted to take the time to introduce myself to the Koo Wee Rup community. It certainly has been a busy and exciting holiday period for myself, beginning on the last day of the 2015 school year when I was informed I had been successful in being appointed the Principal of Koo Wee Rup Primary School. I cannot express enough how honoured and excited I am to be given this position and look forward to working with the entire school community in building upon the great things that are already happening at our school.

Having grown up in the local area for the majority of my life, I have seen significant growth and change occur. When I walked through the school grounds recently, I had an instant flashback to playing Under 12s cricket on the primary school oval many, many years ago!! One thing however, I get the distinct feeling hasn't changed at Koo Wee Rup Primary School is the incredibly strong sense of community. Already in my short time in the role of principal, I have seen that everyone is committed to ensuring our students are provided with every opportunity to achieve high levels of learning in all aspects of their schooling. I can assure you I am committed to working with you all to ensure this occurs.

I am looking forward to meeting you all in the coming weeks. My door is always open if you have any questions or concerns and I encourage you to pop in and see me if you need to.

Finally I would just like to acknowledge and thank Nick Schneider for the work he did in his role as Acting Principal at KWRPS. Nick did a power of work in planning and preparing many things in preparation for 2016 and I believe it is important to recognise this.

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meet every Tuesday night between 7pm - 8:30pm

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meet every Friday night between 7pm -9pm

meet on Friday nights from 8pm

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Cub Scouts by Sienna R

Throughout this year I have liked many things in Cubs and those things are, I enjoyed the camps that we had like the smarter than the average bear camp and the billy cart derby because we always have lots of fun in a way of learning too. I've also enjoyed the nights when we visit other packs and they visit us because we get to meet new people and make new friends, one more thing I have really liked is the fun we have every night at Cubs because we always have a good time.

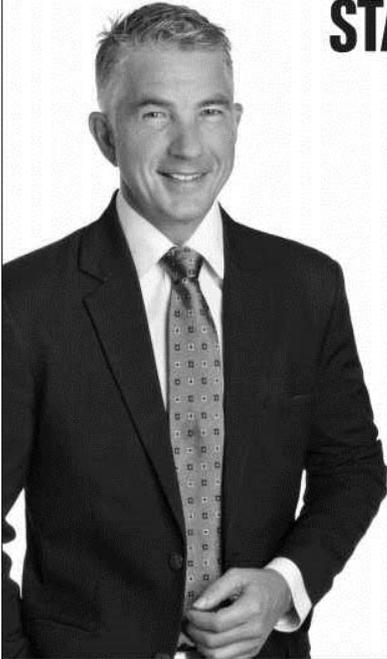


Australian Jamboree 2016

Our troop travelled to the Australian Jamboree at Cataract Park this January for 10 days to do lots of exciting activities and despite the rain and quite a bit of mud we still had a wonderful time. We went canoeing, ran the endurance course, visited The Australian Village, met lots of new friends (approx. 11,000 of them), we also had concerts each night that included acts like Cyrus from X Factor, Samantha J and Justice Crew to name a few. We had a fabulous time and we would like to do it all again!



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- 5/12/15 – Automatic alarm – Rossiter Rd Koo Wee Rup
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- 8/12/15 – Peat fire - Samuel Lane Lang Lang
- 8/12/15 – Motor vehicle incident liquid spill - South Gippsland Hwy Lang Lang
- 17/12/15 – BBQ fire – Salisbury St Lang Lang
- 19/12/15 – Grass fire – Marks Rd KWR
- 23/12/15 – Support crew to fires in Ballarat
- 26/12/15 – Scrub fire – Stanley Rd Devon Meadows
- 26/12/15 – Bonfire – Tooradin Stn Rd Tooradin
- 30/12/15 – Scrub fire – Taplins Rd Catani
- 31/12/15 – Grass fire – Bailey Bld KWR
- 3/1/16 - Scrub fire – Stanley Rd Devon Meadows
- 3/1/16 – Grass and Scrub fire – Kettles Rd Lang Lang
- 4/1/16 – grass and scrub fire – McDonalds Trk Lang Lang
- 6/1/16 – Truck brake drum fire – Sth Gippsland Hwy Lang Lang
- 7/1/16 – Grass and Scrub fire – Tooradin Stn Rd Cardinia
- 8/1/16 – Automatic alarm – Rossiter Rd KWR
- 10/1/16 - Motor vehicle incident – Sybella Rd KWR
- 10/1/16 – Grass Fire – Salmon St KWR
- 12/1/16 – Grass and Scrub fire – Pooles Rd Lang Lang
- 13/1/16 – Grass fire – Henry St KWR
- 13/1/16 – Grass and Scrub fire – Helier Rd The Gurdies
- 13/1/16 – Grass and Scrub fire – Yannathan Rd Nyora
- 13/1/16 – Mangrove/Scrub fire – Queenferry Jetty Rd Grantville
- 15/1/16 - Motor vehicle incident liquid spill - South Gippsland Hwy Lang Lang
- 15/1/16 – Fire in backyard – Hobson Rd KWR
- 18/1/16 – Bin fire – Mickle St KWR
- 19/1/16 – Bushfire – Crib Point
- 23/1/16 – House and shed fire – South Gippsland Hwy Lang Lang

Fire Danger Period for Cardinia Shire

The Fire Danger Period is when CFA restricts the use of fire in the community. This is to help prevent fires from starting. Call the Victorian Bushfire Information line on 1800 240 667 for further information.

Fire restrictions are now in force. This means you cannot light a fire in the open air unless you have a permit or comply with certain requirements.

Contact Cardinia Council to obtain a permit if you plan on burning off. If you don't obtain a permit, you could be breaking the law and may be prosecuted. All burn-offs should also be registered with ESTA on 1800 668 511.

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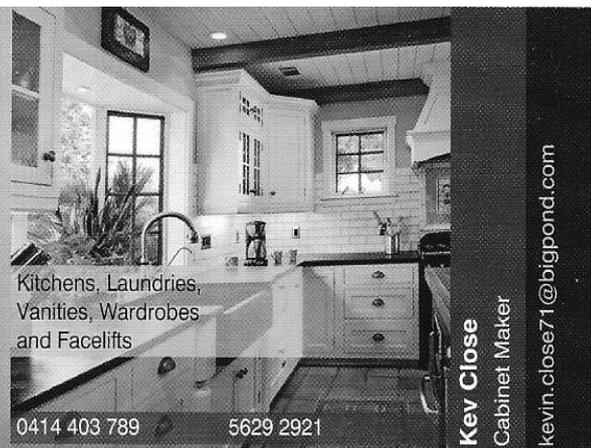
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KOO WEE RUP FOOTBALL CLUB UPDATE

2016 has arrived and preseason training is up and running with the senior and reserves players sweating it out on the training track. New coach Ben Collins has wasted no time in outlining his expectation for the first game, which kicks off on April 9th when the Demons host Catani at Denhams Road. Ben's coaching philosophy is football in hand and fitness in the legs and his players have knuckled down to his strong discipline on the training track, a philosophy that will be strongly enforced in his commitment to see the Demons as a major force in the EDFL and to feature in the 2016 final series.

COACHING APPOINTMENTS

The club is most fortunate to appoint the following impressive list of coaches;

EDFL	South East Juniors
Seniors Ben Collins	U/14's Geoff Foster
Reserves Brett Hobson	U/13's Deon Perry
U/18's Danny Pirotta	U/12's Brent Wilson
U/16's Mick Monckton	U/10's Matt Brown
	U/8's Chris Wood

JUNIOR REGISTRATION NIGHT

Registration night for all Juniors from U/8's to U/18's will be held on Wednesday 10th February at the Koo Wee Rup Football Ground 6.30pm – 8.00pm

All current and new players most welcome

PRACTICE MATCHES.

The club has arranged the following practice matches and the players and committee are looking forward for the supporters to rally behind the club and show their early support and set these date aside;

Sth Belgrave 5th March

Kilcunda Bass 19th March

Gembrook 2nd April at Koo Wee Rup

The April 2nd game will be a major promotion with a couple of former AFL stars playing for both sides in the Preseason Battle between the Hill boys and the Swampies. Following the game there will be a Gala Sports Night at the Koo Wee Rup Community Centre, which will include the AFL players and a line up of other sports stars. Place this date on your sports bucket list calendar, as it will sure to a special night for all sports lovers.

You can follow all the club news on FACEBOOK or watch out for updates in your local newsletter, the monthly edition of BLACKFISH. The club is also developing their own mobile phone Players/Officials App, which will put the entire club news and information, including all the news from the EDFL, a simple click away.

SOCIAL NEWS

This season the Football Club will work closely with the Netball Club in developing a social calendar that will cater for the players and supporters of both clubs. As both clubs provide a healthy sporting outlet for the youth of the district it is equally important that they also enjoy a close social environment, which ultimately benefits the entire community. Once again all this information will be available on FACEBOOK and the DEMON App via a simple click.

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KOO WEE RUP LIONS CLUB

Readers may recall from the December/January issue of Blackfish that the Club was about to host the Club final of the Lions Youth of the Year Quest, which was established 51 years ago as a project of Lions Clubs in Queensland. Today, the program is run by Lions Clubs throughout Australia and Papua New Guinea and is most generously supported by the National Australia Bank.

The winner of the Club final has the opportunity to go through the various stages of the competition, ultimately reaching the National final, which will be held in May 2016 in Echuca as part of the Lions National Convention. The winner of this final will travel overseas as an ambassador and meet students from many other nations to discuss a wide range of international issues, while learning leadership, management and community service skills from groups of professional men and women from around the world.

As in previous years, the Club again received excellent support from the Koo Wee Rup Secondary College, with four of its students, namely Georgina Finch, Maddyson Finlay-Smith, Bradley Horvat and Thomas Close, participating in the Quest, which was held on 6th December at the Senior Citizen's Hall in Icke Street.

After being interviewed by the judges to gauge their leadership capabilities, their involvement in sporting, cultural and community activities as well as their general knowledge and academic achievements each student was given two minutes to respond to the following impromptu questions.

1. Bill Shorten, the Opposition Leader, advocated lowering the voting age to 16 years. Voting is compulsory in Australia. What is your opinion?
2. The world's original issue was global warming. Now we have climate change. Do they differ and if so, how and what can we do about them?

This was followed by the presentation of a five minute speech by the contestants on a topic of their choice.

Bradley Horvat discussed in detail the cost of university education and how some students, due to their financial circumstances, are unable to follow their dreams and go to university, or, if they can get to university the significant HEX debts they accumulate. Bradley strongly advocated a change to the current system that would nurture those with academic prowess, whatever their financial circumstances.

Maddyson Finlay-Smith spoke most eloquently about the plight of the 28 million girls in Africa, most of whom have no opportunity to access the most basic education, and how this currently affects many African nations. Maddyson went on to describe how things would change if these girls were given the educational opportunities that we take for granted in Australia.

Thomas Close spoke with passion about the right every person has to choose how they die in the context of euthanasia. Thomas reminded the audience that apart from the Northern Territory, which sanctions

euthanasia under certain circumstances, no other jurisdiction in Australia has legalized it even though surveys on this topic show that most Australians are overwhelmingly in favour of euthanasia.

Georgina Finch bemoaned the fact many Australians believe that scouting is nerdy or irrelevant and the number of young people belonging to the scouting movement has significantly declined over the years. Georgina described the wonderful times she had enjoyed as part of Baden-Powell's movement and the many lasting friendships she had made.

After some difficult deliberations, the judges, Sharon Patterson, Susanne Rutten and Brian Harlow, declared Thomas Close the winner of the public speaking section, with Maddyson Finlay-Smith being the overall winner enabling her to advance to the next stage.

The Club has been involved with the Youth of the Year Quest for almost twenty years and each year we still marvel at the poise and professionalism of the contestants. These four young people without doubt will be worthy leaders of tomorrow.



L to R: Bradley Horvat, Maddyson Finlay-Smith, Lion Steve Lewis (Organiser), Thomas Close, Georgina Finch

KOO WEE RUP LIONS CLUB

It was with great pleasure that on 11th December the Lions Club once again presented the Community Carols by Candlelight at the Koo Wee Rup Community Centre in Cochrane Park.



Welcoming Party – L to R Lions Ken Blay, June Wright, Betty Leemon, Sheryl Blay

This year, the band, choir and soloists from Koo Wee Rup Secondary College, under the direction of Claudia Barker, their outstanding musical director, provided the music for the evening.

We were treated to flute and trombone solos by members of the band and the singing of a host of carols was lead by the choir. Past Koo Wee Rup Secondary College student, Emma Wallace brought the house down with moving renditions of “Oh, Holy Night”, “The Holy City” and “White Christmas”. We also learned that Emma has won entry into Opera Schools Australia, where she will have an opportunity to hone her undoubted talents as an opera singer and will have an opportunity to sing with Yvonne Kenny.

To round off the evening, Koo Wee Rup Secondary College student, Henry Lewis-Fitzgerald, who had just completed Year 11, entertained us magnificently with his guitar and sang “Have a Cup of Tea with Me”, followed by the old Kinks’ favourite “I am an Apeman”.

The Lions Club would like to once again extend its sincere thanks to all those students and teachers from Koo Wee Rup Secondary College for their outstanding contribution to the success of the evening. In particular, we wish to thank Claudia Barker, who, through her enthusiasm and dedication continues to offer wonderful opportunities to those students with a flair for music.



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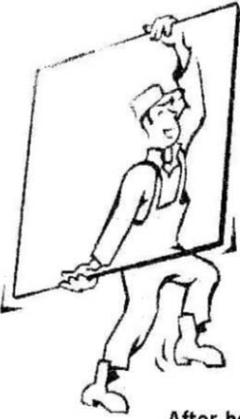
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2015 was of course the busiest and most productive year for a long time. In general commemorating the 100 year anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli in 1915. This year promises to be just as active.

On a sadder note, we report that we lost our last local World War II veteran in Arthur Robert John James. Of course we all knew him affectionately as 'Jack'. Jack joined the navy at 18 years of age in 1942 and served aboard HMAS Hobart. Jack was in Darwin when it was bombed and was luckily uninjured when a bomb landed nearby and did not explode. Jack and the Hobart was part of the surrender flotilla based in Japan 1945 when the war ended. Jack was able to visit the site of the nuclear bombs dropped in Japan. This experience stayed with him for the rest of his life. Jack served his country well. In addition, he had the local shoe shop for as long as I can remember. He was a justice of the peace for 47 years, he mentored youth when asked to. He was a wonderful mentor to our sub branch, a gentleman, an inspiration and barracked for the Geelong Football Club. What a man. Rest in peace, Jack.

Our RSL Sub Branch would like to congratulate all of our Australia Day award winners. Caroline Roff for her award, what Caroline does for our community beggars belief. I know our Sub Branch is acutely aware of what goes into producing the Blackfish, how she makes sense of some of the write ups is mind boggling, particularly the RSL Sub Branch report. We know that Caroline is involved in many other community roles, we don't know how she finds the time, it's just fantastic for our community. Congrats Caroline! Another worthy winner was Amber Ventura. Wow! Does Amber contribute or what? So many organisations are the better for her contributions and involvement. We are truly blessed to have these two in Koo Wee Rup. Also our youth, as represented from our various schools. What a wonderful group of students, our future is in good hands.

I would like to thank all our Sub Branch members for their fabulous involvement in 2015; nothing short of fantastic. Special thanks to our Exec: John, Ivan, Marg, Ray, Georgette and Geoff for their unstinting support and input during 2015.

Finally, 2016 begins with a members trip to the Edinburgh Tattoo at Etihad Stadium in February. (Hoping not to see too many kilts and hairy legs of members).

Yours in Service, Ron Ingram, President, KWR RSL

DR PATRICK STEELE JOINS BLACK FISH MEDICAL CLINIC

Dr Patrick says: "My reasons for becoming a doctor in general practice are for a love of talking to and meeting people and to become a part of their lives and community to enable better health and healthier lifestyles.

"I grew up in Belfast and graduated in Medicine from the University of St Andrews in Scotland. My skills have continued to develop through a mix of emergency, acute medicine, intensive care and palliative care experiences. I have looked after both troublesome daily complaints to life threatening emergencies for all ages, building skills from diagnosing to long term disease management.

"My specific medical interests relevant to general practice include chronic disease management, specialising in symptom control to enable best quality of life for irreversible conditions.

"I am also passionate about encouraging and enabling lifestyle modifications such as smoking cessation and weight loss.

"I believe my skills in emergency and acute medicine will assist me in managing more patients closer to home and will also help me recognise when specialist services will be used so I am delighted to be working so closely with Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Services.

"In addition, having worked at several local hospitals I have a relationship with many specialists whose assistance can be sought if required.

"I truly believe that for a patient of any age to engage and understand their own medical problems they need to have a doctor who will be open and honest with communication; will treat them as an individual; will utilise the skills of others when required and to coordinate this care in times of stress or worry. These are a few of the principles that I utilise in the care I provide on a daily basis and I am looking forward to joining Dr Ferghal and the team at Black Fish who I know endorse these same principles."

The Black Fish Medical Clinic is located at the Kooweerup Regional Health Service in Rossiter Road. Clinic opening hours are Monday to Friday 8.30am to 8.30pm; Saturday 10am to 4pm and Sunday 10am to 2pm. Tel: 5997 1819. website: www.blackfishmedicalclinic.com.au.



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KOO WEE RUP BOWLS CLUB NEWS

Our Club was saddened to hear of the passing of Jean Mortimer on 18/12 after a short illness. She had recently moved into Killara Aged Care when her health started to decline. Jean was a 3 time Ladies Club Champion & Past President. She was an extremely popular & hard working member of our Club. Condolences to her family especially Jean's brother & Club Past President Ray & Christine McMillan.

We have commenced our Monday night Twilight bowls with a number of new players to the game attending and enjoying themselves. An invitation is extended to the community to come along on a Monday night between 5.30 – 6.00 for a sausage sizzle followed by a couple of fun games of bowls for the cost of \$5.00 per person per night. All you need is a pair of flat soled shoes, thongs, sandals or play barefooted. We hope to see some members of the public come and try the game of bowls and have a bit of fun in the process.

These are the results from the latest Pennant matches. Tuesday Pennant Rd. 6 Both teams had wins. Div. 3

Mount Eliza 45 lost to KWR 72. Div. 4 KWR 55 defeated Mount Eliza 49. Rd. 7 Frankston RSL 76 beat KWR 53 Div. 4 KWR 71 beat Frankston RSL 52. Rd. 8 Div. 3 KWR 57 defeated Blue Hills 53. Div. 4 Somerville 97 defeated KWR 53. Rd. 9 Div. 3 KWR 67 defeated Yamala Park 45. Div. 4 Blue Hills 80 defeated KWR 35.

Pennant resumed on 12/1 after the Christmas break with Div. 3 KWR 44 losing to Karingal 83. Div. 4 KWR 50-65 against top team Baxter Village. Round 11 results saw Div. 3 67-62 win against Mornington. Div. 4 lost to Beleura 58-73

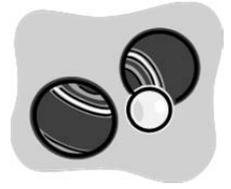
Saturday Pennant results from Rd. 7 Div. 1 lost to Somerville 67-123. Div. 4 won against Seaford 69-62. Div. 7 lost to Somerville 36-53. Rd. 8 All teams were beaten by Mornington Civic. Div. 1 lost 60-116, Div. 4 lost 68-87, Div. 7 lost 37-61. Rd. 9 Div. 1 KWR 55 lost to Karingal 124, Div. 4 lost to Woodlands Park 61-84, Div. 7 defeated Mt. Eliza 48-40. Rd. 10 all teams lost to City of Frankston Div. 1 67-124, Div. 4 51-92 & Div. 7 36-64.

Our Club Championship finals were played in perfect conditions on 13th Dec. with Brad King [2nd time] defeating Bryan Walker 25-17 & Evelyn Calder [5th time] defeating Pauline Gray 25-23. Both games were of a very high standard and some great bowls were played. Both Brad & Evelyn go on to represent our Club at the Peninsula Division Champion of Champions to be played at Karingal on 24th Jan. and we wish them well in this competition. We should now start playing our other Club events.

Friday Triples results from 4/12. Winners Jim Smith, Charlie Borg & Bill Files 39 pts. Runners Up Don Jeffrey, Bob Mason & Max Adams 36 pts & 19 shots up. Best Last game Les Pumphrey, Ron Saunders & Gary Pincott 19 pts & 19 shots up. We resumed Friday Triples on 15/1 with the results being Winners John Van Vugt, Graeme Wilde & Simon Koning with 39 pts.

The Runner up rink with 37 pts. was Don Jeffrey, Ray Brown & Max Adams & Best last game was won by Albert Slefendorfas, Wendy Pownall & Rob Matthews with 20 pts.

Our 1st January tournament was played on 20th and for the first time we conducted a tournament as a Twilight competition. With 12 teams competing the Winners for the night were Bob & Pauline Mason (KWR) with 42 pts. Runners Up with 40 pts. were Bryan & Julie Walker (KWR). Third place went to Ken & Genie Mynard (Lang Lang) with 33 pts. & Best Winning game was won by Lindsay Wealands & Lois Mahomed (KWR) with 7 ends in the 1st game. A successful night was had and the Mixed Triples tournament will be played on 27th Jan. as a Twilight competition also.



We invite you to join us for

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ROTARY CLUB OF KOO WEE RUP - LANG LANG

The Rotary Club of Kooweerup—Lang Lang trust you all had a wonderful Christmas with family and friends and saw the New Year start with good health to all throughout the coming year. Happy Australia Day to all and hope you all get to play some backyard cricket, relax maybe at the beach or enjoy a barbecue in our great Southern Land.

We have had a couple of weeks off over the Christmas break but the last week in January see's us having our first meeting for the year where the final planning for our 'Show'n'Shine' will be in full swing for the following 1st weekend in February.

Our next big fundraiser for the year will be our Charity Golf Day in October, see further issues of the Blackfish for more details but never too late to jump on board after our almost full card last year.



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In May 2016 the club will be holding a Debutante Ball, any girls who would like to make there debut in a very friendly and family orientated function please contact Val Williams on 5997 5358.

For more information regarding any community matters that the club could assist with please phone our secretary Dean Turner on 0418 574 508. The club meets at the Lang Lang Sports Club every Wednesday at 6.30 for 7pm start. You don't have to have a meal to come along and check us out.



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KOOWEERUP Men's Shed Youth Parents Night Surviving your Teenager

Monday 8th February, 2016

3.30 - 5.30pm

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Volunteering – The gift of time.

KRHS offers our volunteers opportunities to become involved in making a difference in our community. So if you feel like getting involved in something that is linked to greater health and happiness, please give **Marieana** a call on **5997 9792** to discuss how you can be involved in an activity that leads to a healthier and happier you. Some volunteering roles that are available include garden club, helpers with functions and activities at Killara hostel, baking for the Auxiliary and L2P Learner Driver Programs. Our volunteering program offers continued support via our bi-monthly get together over a light lunch, guest speakers and opportunities for additional training.



KRHS hosted a 3 course Christmas dinner at the Royal Hotel in KWR in honour of all our dedicated volunteers, with over 40 attending. The night offered a chance to get-together and celebrate the hard work and commitment of our valued volunteers. The group were entertained by guest speaker David Hale from Casey Inflatos with his balloon talents for diversional activities for young patients at Casey Hospital. We look forward to 2016 and would love to encourage new volunteers to come on board.

Weightzone

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Computer Classes 2016 Start Friday 5th February Enrol now

Classes are held in the Koo Wee Rup Men's Shed, 215 Rossiter Road, KWR. Friday mornings suit absolute beginners at 9.00am and the more advanced at 10.00am. Bookings essential as places are limited to 5 per group. Please phone Geoff 5997 1974, or Brian 5997 9687



Special Events for Residents, Family and Friends

- February 9th Shrove Tuesday Pancakes
- February 15th Valentines Day Activities
- February 23rd Residents and Relatives Meeting Killara
- February 25th Residents and Relatives Meeting Westernport Unit
- March 2nd Morning Melodies at the Pakenham Cultural Centre with the Legends of Rock n Roll

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Service 10.30am

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On this day, services will be held in Christian churches
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This year's service has been prepared by the people
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KBA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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

On behalf of the Koo wee rup Business Association, I would like to wish you all a healthy and happy 2016.

I love my work, but especially through the Chrissy holiday season. It's always a wonderful part of the year in Koo Wee, with holiday makers from the city stopping for their midway break on their way to the south coast whether that be Phillip Island, Inverloch, or The Prom or any one of a trillion destinations. Or they may be heading the other way. No matter which, it's lovely seeing everybody relaxed and enjoying the break. It's always interesting to hear their stories and their reason for choosing Koo wee to take a break. And, you know what, a lot of the time they're heading to Koo Wee, and why not? We know it's a great place to relax, eat, drink, browse, shop etc and apparently a lot more people know it too. It's also a great time to see the locals out and about as quite often throughout the year we don't have time to catch up with the people in our own community, so that makes this time of the year a bit more special.

Leading up to Xmas I was invited to join Nikole and the girls (and some partners) for the 'Collective' Chrissy dinner at the Lang Lang hotel. It was a great night, very relaxing, delicious food and wonderful company. The Collective is heading for its first birthday, so exciting.

The Business Association extended an invitation for all Koo wee rup businesses to come together for an informal pre Chrissy dinner at the Chandelier Café. The evening was a wonderful success being well attended by the business community with very few chairs left empty. A very relaxing atmosphere with not a lot of business discussed, but a whole lot of chatter and laughter. The food was delicious and the service was fabulous (we expect nothing less from Brent and his wonderful staff) with everyone enjoying their meal. Cardinia Council was represented by Frances Grigoriou and David Young with his wife. Frances and David are always a wonderful support to the association and Koo wee rup business in general. All in all a delightful evening.

The association is in the process of putting together 'welcome to Koo wee rup' folders. With regard to this I had the opportunity to visit the new Eco house attached to the KRHS. It's an amazing initiative and I urge you all to go take a look. So much to see and learn. Speaking of the presentation folders, becoming a member of the Koo wee rup Business Association allows you to advertise in this folder, which will be distributed to new residents through our local real estate offices. We anticipate having the folders ready to go end of February, so put joining the association on your to do list today!

Well the kids are heading back to school and we're all settling in to 2016. The association will hold its first meeting for the year in February and we're excited to see what the year brings.

So till next time, take care.

Vicki Charlton, President,

Koo wee rup Business Association

For any info on, or a chat about, the Association please feel free to contact

Vicki on 0413 384 480

Cathy on 0488 334 457

Or Rob on 0417 553 324



Harewood House Open Day Sunday 6th March 2016

3300 Sth Gippsland Hwy. Tooradin

10.00am - 3.00pm

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The money raised by the KRHS Ladies Auxilliary will go directly to the Palliative Care Unit.

WHAT HAPPENED IN KOO-WEE-RUP IN 1916?

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

As is traditional at this time of year we will take a look at what happened in Koo-Wee-Rup in 1916, 100 years ago. These references all come from digitized newspapers available on Trove, <http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper>. There were many references to the War and how the community was supporting the war effort, but this is mainly a look at the non military activities in the town.

February 5 - *The Australasian* reported that local potato and onion growers complained to the Railway department that they could not get their produce away promptly on the rail and that owing to the delay during hot weather the potatoes shrivel up.

On another railway matter on March 30 the *Ballarat Courier* had a report that the McDonalds Track Railway (or the Strzelecki line) construction was abandoned due to *the scarcity of rails and the difficulty of obtaining them*. The line was finally opened on June 29, 1922.

The Argus on April 5 reported that the Post Office at Koo-Wee-Rup had been connected to the telephone trunk line between Springvale and Korumburra.

The *Lang Lang Guardian* of April 19 reported that Mr Ward, a resident of Koo-Wee-Rup picked up a bottle on the Kilcunda Beach and it contained the following note, dated March 10: *From two boys bound for the Front on the Star of England A15. Having a good trip; a lot of the boys had a bad time on the first night out. Would finder kindly drop Mrs Brown, 170 Albert Street Newtown a line just for the novelty and also to my mother Mrs Feehan, Edward Street Adelaide. Wishing you luck and good bye. From two soldiers boys J. Feehan and J. McPherson. On the back was written - Will see you when we get back. This note was written three days after sailing. We can just sight Melbourne.* J. Feehan was John Walter Feehan and he survived the War; I have no information about his mate, J. McPherson.

The Argus on April 27 reported that the Main Drain had a siltation problem due to a build up of sand which varied in depth from four feet to seven feet (1.2 metres to just over 2 metres) The sand was so vast at the 10-mile (just east of Cora Lynn), that it needed to be removed to prevent inundation of the adjoining land. It was estimated that the removal would cost about £20,000, unless it could be used in some commercial way such as in concrete.

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WHAT HAPPENED IN KOO-WEE-RUP IN 1916? *(From previous page)*

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

The *South Bourke and Mornington Journal* of June 22 had a report on the state of a drain in Station Street. *The defective drainage of Station Street about five years ago was said to be responsible for the death of Mrs Laurie, who was stricken with typhoid fever. The drain in front of her premises was filled with evil smelling stagnant water. A few months ago a young man from adjoining premises was seized with typhoid fever. Fortunately he recovered. The drain is certainly a menace to health....it is hoped that the Board of Health will order it to be thoroughly disinfected and made so that stagnant water will not be in front of shops and dwellings.*

The *Lang Lang Guardian* of September 13, reported on the return billiard match between Lang Lang and Koo-Wee-Rup at the Palace Hotel. Total scores were Lang Lang 564 and Koo-Wee-Rup 487. The individual results were - Eason 150 points beat Smith 85; Keighery 114 lost to Donnelly 150; Athelstane 150 beat Boag 108 and Henderson 150 beat Bickett 144.

The *Dandenong Advertiser* of September 28 reported on recent floods which caused enormous damage and great suffering in many homes. Sadly Lyle Raymond Loveday was drowned whilst out rabbiting. The paper reports that *the boy was an exceptionally promising lad and would have been 12 years old on the day after the fatality.* A son of Mr T. Cunningham of Tynong was also drowned in a drain in front of his house. *Mrs Cunningham saw her son disappear, but was powerless to save him.* The flood waters had broken through the McDonald, Seven Mile and McGregor drains. The report goes on to say that *the Dalmore country is submerged, most of the settlers having managed to wade or drive to Koo-Wee-Rup.*



1916
Station Street during 1916 Flood

On October 22 the *Lang Lang Guardian* reported on a Ball held in aid of the Red Cross - over £3 was raised. The winner of the best lady's costume was Miss Daisy Morden as Peace - her prize was a case of cutlery donated by Mrs D. McNamara of the Royal Hotel. Mrs Cochrane representing Spring was second. Other costumes, all of a patriotic and imperialistic nature, were Miss M. Saunders - The Allies; Mrs Boag - Victory; Miss Williams - Red Cross nurse; Miss Cameron - Britannia; Mrs Scanlan - Lady Doctor and Miss A. Dixon - Anzac.

From the *Lang Lang Guardian* of December 20, 1916. The annual examinations conducted by the London College of Music were held in Koo-Wee-Rup. Pupils from as far away as Fish Creek, Korumburra and Wonthaggi were present as well as those closer to home from Tooradin, Clyde and Cranbourne. Miss Harris was the Koo-Wee-Rup Music teacher and she 'presented' twelve pupils of whom eleven passed. Miss V. Rundle and Miss M. Ryan became an Associate of the London College of Music, having received 82% and 80% on their examinations. As a matter of interest, all the students could have arrived in Koo-Wee-Rup for their music examinations by train - Tooradin, Clyde, Cranbourne, Fish Creek and Korumburra were all on the Great Southern line and the students from Wonthaggi would have caught the train from there to the rail junction at Nyora and then continued onto Koo-Wee-Rup.

The same report lists results from the Koo-Wee-Rup State School. Merit Certificates (awarded at the end of Grade 8) were obtained by Eric Glasscock, Arnold Eason, Claude Einsiedel, John Shelton, Stanley Coates, Edward Leeson, Bessie Colvin, Hope Dalley and Beryl Morden. Eric and Arnold also won awards for the best scholars in the school and Edward and Bessie won a prize for the best essay on 'The history of the British Navy' not a topic that I imagine many Year 8 students would be required to write essays on today! Qualifying Certificates (end of Year 6) were awarded to Violet Johnson, Henry Thompson, David Mickle and George Burhop. The awards were presented at a picnic held in the school grounds, where *there was a large attendance of parents and friends who provided the children with an inexhaustible supply of dainties.*

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 or by appointment. Heather Arnold harnold@dcsi.net.au ☎0407 521 637.

RON INGRAM - CARDINIA SHIRE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

On Australia Day this year, Ron Ingram was acknowledged as Citizen of the Year for the shire.

Ron was born in Manangatang on Christmas Day, 1946. He attended Swan Hill Technical School where he still holds records in high jump, 220 yard and 440 yard athletics events.

He moved to Koo Wee Rup in 1962 to work at Permewan Wright Timber and Hardware (now Ponderosa). In those days Ron was captain of both the Koo Wee Rup football and cricket teams and managed the local basketball team. He played cricket for Victoria against India and signed to play football for Footscray VFL team. Before he played his first game, he was conscripted to the army and spent a year in Vietnam with the 1st armored regiment.

When he returned, he worked for TH Burton, the local Holden dealer. From there he joined AV Jennings for 15 years. In 1997 Ron purchased the Tooradin Post Office which he sold in 2003. In 2009 he purchased the Koo Wee Rup Post Office and Newsagency which he sold on his retirement in 2013.

Throughout his life, Ron has worked with many community groups: most notably the Koo Wee Rup RSL as well as the KWR Historical Society, KWR Township Committee, KWR Business Association, KWR Football Club, KWR Cricket Club, KWR Bowling Club and KWR Scouts. He works with the 39th Battalion Association selecting students for the Harold Bould Memorial Award from all over Cardinia.

He joined the Koo Wee Rup RSL when it was down to two members (one in a nursing home) and built the organisation to its current 80 members and during his time they have built the cenotaph near the community centre, established an Avenue of Honour and introduced ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day services. In commemorating these events he has drawn together schools, sporting clubs, fire service, scouts and service clubs.

Ron's current project is the establishment of a military museum in Koo Wee Rup that would showcase relics from conflict zones around the world. Much of the equipment to establish such a facility is already in store and he is negotiating with potential sources of funds to establish an appropriate building.

Ron has walked Kokoda, travelled to Thailand, France, Belgium, Gallipoli and the Middle East in order to become personally familiar with the areas that will feature in the museum. This level of detail is typical of Ron's projects; it's one of the reasons why he seems to have little difficulty motivating others to help achieve an outcome.

When Ron's sons were cubs and scouts he was a scout leader at 1st Koo Wee Rup Scout Group where the cubs and scouts had a high regard for his communication skills and his ability to lead. Even today Ron comes and helps the Troup by working with the cubs and scouts on their badge work, so he remains a popular member of the team, albeit part time. He attends all their special presentations and supports the Troup in many other ways. In August 2015 Ron was made a 'Scouting Friend for Life'.



Ron Ingram with Cardinia Shire Mayor, Cr Jodie Owen

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