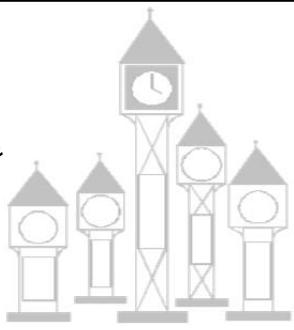


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## GETTING BIGGER

There is plenty of activity down at Shelton Park at the moment with the development of the next stage of housing for the estate; when complete there will be around 240 houses on the estate. Together with the development of Tesoro and the Lauriston Park Estate (that's the official name for the Townley Estate) as well as the growth of housing on Bailey Boulevard, the town is booming.



When I first took over editing the Blackfish in February 2008, we letterboxed 600-650 houses in the township with a further 100-150 copies being picked up by those outside the immediate township. These days we letterbox over 1000 houses with another 300-350 further copies being picked up.

It's exciting to see the growth in the township, with so many young families coming to Koo Wee Rup for a friendly rural lifestyle close to the urban fringe.

Caroline Roff, Editor

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

The Township held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, 1 June. Township Meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 6 July at 7:30 pm at the Community Centre.

Frank Crameri reported that it would be 'a good 12 months' before the gas main to Koo Wee Rup is connected. The main hold up has been getting permission from Melbourne Water to tunnel under the drains; this is still not approved.

In response to the committee's letter asking about the provision of a footpath from Charles Street to Catani Way along the east side of Rossiter Road, the council advised that the developer is responsible for providing a footpath along any of the development that fronts Rossiter Road. Council has the remainder of this footpath as a high priority item which will be revisited once the development of the current stage of Shelton Park Estate is complete.

In response to last month's letter about the sealing of Icke Road, council advised that they had contacted two state government departments who manage the housing at the end of Icke Road. The departments are not willing to fund half the cost of sealing the road and council cannot afford to carry the full cost of sealing. To alleviate concerns about older residents and members of the Senior Citizens Club having to cross a potholed and shifting section of road, council will review the placement of footpaths and crossing points on Icke Road.

No response has yet been received to the committee's letter asking for the disabled toilet in Cochrane Park to be left unlocked.

Cr David Young reported on the following council matters:

- An Indian Mynah trapping information session was held on 19 May. Around 50 people attended . The council has a new type of trap available for sale for around \$50. The old type of spring loaded trap were not very successful, the new trap involves a double chamber which has been very successful in other areas. Once caught, there are 2 or 3 vets in the shire that are willing to euthanise the birds.

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## KOO WEE RUP FOOTBALL CLUB UPDATE

The Koo wee Rup Football Club committee conducted a highly successful FIGHT AGAINST ICE drug forum recently in its endeavour to bring attention to the severe problems associated with the drug ICE, which has now become a serious social problem throughout Australia and in particular within many rural townships.



*Left to right; Dan Crowley President Football Club, Matt Cracknell AFL Gippsland, Gavin Crosisca, Brian Harlow KRHS Youth Worker, Kevin McClaron Warragul Police, Gary King Football Club Secretary*

dependency on drugs and told everyone in the room that an addiction has no barriers and can take hold of any one regardless of gender, age or social position.

To stand in front of a large crowd and lay bare your life's problems takes courage and it was this courage that finally enabled Gavin to overcome his dependency and for the past 5yrs he is proud to say that he is winning the battle. He added that after 21 years of addiction, there is still a 15% chance that he could relapse, but with the love of his family and the support of his friends he believes in the positive 85% factor that he has won the battle.

Following his presentation it was most pleasing that there were many questions from the crowd, which is an indication that Gavin's story hit home with the audience. When you get questions from 15 yr old kids and 50 yr old mums it a sign that the message was well delivered.

Gavin Crosisca now devotes his time to the FIGHT AGAINST ICE campaign and travels the state relating his personal experience in the hope that his story, may just stop one person from taking that first step into a life changing dependency on drugs.

Another presenter was Warragul Police officer Sgt Kevin McLaren who been conducting his own personal FIGHT AGAINST ICE campaign throughout Gippsland for the past 5 years. Kevin devotes one or two night a week taking his information to various forums, particularly to sporting clubs as he knows that the dealers target these type of groups. His presentation incorporates a couple of very confronting video's, which highlight a number of small communities very similar to many rural communities in Gippsland that are experiencing a huge increase in the usage of the drug ICE and it can now be classed as an epidemic.

Kevin McLaren is committed to taking his message to anyone who has concerns that they may be experiencing problems or may know of someone who may be of concern. His message may be confronting but an addiction to ICE or any drug is devastating and destroys lives and families.

He is also committed to winning the battle.

The final speaker was Youth Worker Brian Harlow from the Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service. Brian expanded on his role as a Youth Worker and that he is always available should there be any one within the community who may be experiencing problems with any addiction or any other Mental Health concern. He invited any one to drop into the KRHS with their concerns and he assured them that he has the resources to assist them and to guide them to the appropriate health workers.

Coordinator of the FIGHT AGAINST ICE forum, Matt Cracknell from AFL Gippsland, congratulated the Koo Wee Rup Football Club for organising the forum and being committed to the health and well being of their players and member.

A huge crowd consisting of junior and senior footballers and netballers, together with parents and members of the public filled the social rooms to hear a number of speakers present their own experiences with drug dependency and their own personal campaigns to bring attention to the drug problems throughout the Gippsland region.

Former Magpie star and premiership player Gavin Crosisca told the crowd of his own personal experience with drug dependency both during his playing days and following his retirement from the high flying journey that is part of very highest level of AFL football. Gavin's highlighted how easy it was to fall into the grasp of an addiction which included illegal drugs,

alcohol and gambling. From the lowest of lows Gavin explained how a 21yr period of his life was totally controlled by his



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

- Council is replacing the Bunyip-Modella Road bridge over the Main Drain. The bridge is being designed at the moment and should be completed over the next financial year. The bridge will be funded 50/50 by the Federal Government and council. This will remove the weight limit issue on the current bridge.
- Changes to the Heads Road/Caldermeade Road intersection are nearly complete and the Dalmore Road/Manks Road intersection is in progress. Both projects have been funded through the Federal Blackspot program.
- Council is lobbying for an increase in police staffing numbers within the shire and would like residents to report response times to incidents over the next twelve months. Cr Young encouraged locals to report incidents, even if they think the response will take too long, this will help in the case for more police members on the ground. Response times can be reported to Cr Young via email on [d.young@cardinia.vic.gov.au](mailto:d.young@cardinia.vic.gov.au).
- NBN is being rolled out across the shire. Koo Wee Rup has NBN towers already operating and cable will be operating in the next few months.
- Submissions to the shire's 'Age Friendly Community' survey are due in by 31 July.
- Council has received funding from the Federal Government's 'Safer Streets' program to rejuvenate Bourke Park in Pakenham with the provision of more lighting, etc.

Cr Young advised that he had spoken to the traffic department about the provision of convex mirrors opposite the car park exit between the laundrette and Chandelier Café and opposite Moody Street on Station Street. The department advised that any mirror opposite the car park exit would need to be installed at the proprietor's expense and that they were unwilling to install a mirror opposite Moody Street because it might be vandalised.

The council will be holding a planning meeting on Monday. Several residents had objected to plans to redevelop a block on Henry Street which was been developed contrary to the Township Strategy. Cr Young confirmed that the development of the strategy and having it accepted by the State Government had probably cost in the region of \$100,000. The committee questioned the expenditure in light of the shire planning department's consistent overruling of standards set out in the strategy. Objectors and other members of the Township Committee will attend the planning meeting on Monday.

Ray Brown advised that the Community Centre had made further upgrades to the lighting in the hall this month.

George Fittock reported that the Men's Shed mentoring program had completed and installed a friendship seat for Bayles RPS. Another friendship seat will be built and will be displayed at the Hills art show.

George Fittock advised that some of the footpaths on Townley estate had been fixed, but he was unsure whether this was by council, or as part of the gas works going on in the estate. John Farmer and George Fittock will be undertaking an audit of footpaths in the town in the next month or so and will log any issues with council.

Lou Bucello advised that the blue signs indicating the position of the Saint Sofia Sanctuary had been removed. The one at Manks Road at the time of the development of the bypass, and the one opposite Huxtables at some unknown time.

Cr Young reported that he had followed up a resident's request that Catani Way be signed as a no through road, to discourage trucks from turning down and having some difficulty turning out again. The traffic department advised that it can't be sign as a no through road because it connects to other roads within the estate. He was asked whether it was possible to place a sign at the entrance to the estate saying 'no access to Sybella Avenue or South Gippsland Highway' which would be accurate and could alleviate the problem. Cr Young will follow up.

### HAVE YOU GOT SOMETHING TO SAY?

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

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Caroline Roff, Editor

### DEMONS GO LIVE

The Koo Wee Rup Football Club has been chosen to participate in a live telecast by Channel 31 and

THE LOCAL FOOTY SHOW. The telecast will feature Koo Wee Rup v Cora Lynn and will go to air at 2.00pm on Sunday July 3rd from the Koo Wee Rup ground and will be the first time that the Local Footy Show has televised a direct telecast of a home and away game.

A huge crowd is expected to turn up as both sides are locked together at the top of the EDFL ladder and both have their sights set on participating in this year's final series. With Cora Lynn being the reigning premiers, the Demons have marked this clash as the season's marquee game and likewise the Cobra's will have the belief that they are up to the challenge.

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## KOO WEE RUP SECONDARY COLLEGE NEWS

Congratulations to Felix Patton who has been appointed to the Principal position at Koo Wee Rup Secondary College, beginning July 11, 2016. Felix has been Acting Principal the college since the start of 2016.

Felix said: *I am delighted to be the new Principal for Koo Wee Rup Secondary College and look forward to working with the community to provide great outcomes for our students and families.*

*My educational philosophy is built around four tenements:*

- A Moral purpose to everything I do, including decision making.
- An understanding that we are Life Long Learners together and that we are responsible for our own learning.
- Always aim for perfection in order to achieve excellence.
- A belief that you empower your education community with 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills, the skills that I would want for my own children. Skills that enable them to believe that they can "reach for the stars".

Congratulations to Calvin Finch. Calvin has won the Harry Bould Kokoda Award, a competition open to all Year 10 students in government and private schools in the Shire of Cardinia. He wrote a 600 word essay on: Why would you like to trek the Kokoda Trail? What was the importance of the Kokoda Campaign in the Battle for Australia. He was then interviewed about his knowledge of the Kokoda Campaign, his fitness and why it would mean so much for him to go. The award allows the winning student to join a fully escorted Kokoda trek at no cost to the winner (also includes airfare, meals and accommodation). The trek takes 10 days and covers 100km. of difficult country. A reasonable level of physical fitness is required along with mental endurance and determination.

Recently a group of students competed in the Regional Cross Country at Ballam Park in Frankston. The sun was out but the wind was seriously icy! Some of our students were running as individuals and others were running as part of a team. Matt Voss (3rd) and Kalin Parker (8th) are progressing through to State Cross Country on July 14th. Wish them good luck if you see them! Our 14 year old boys team (pictured right) consisting of: Matt Voss, Kalin Parker, Dylan Williams and Luke Jackman came 3rd in the team event. Steph Geyer missed making it to state by just one place and Lachlan Taylor missed state by 2 places!

Congratulations to all our runners for making it to the regional level, such a great effort. Team consisted of: Imogen Paine, Claire Ramsbotham, Steph Geyer, Matt Voss, Kalin Parker, Ash Hameeteman, Keyara Garroway, Caden Webb, Jack McDonald, Gabby Dalgleish, Maddy Finlay-Smith, Georgina Finch, Mary McGindle, Lachlan Taylor, Dave Lembo, Tom Close, Nathan Ingram, Will Geyer and Taign Horsburgh

Senior VCAL students recently took part in a Motorvation excursion. Koo Wee Rup Secondary College has been running the program for about 8 years. The program is a professionally developed course for senior school students which explores attitudes and behaviour so that young drivers are aware of their thoughts and emotions toward driving. Students complete theory as well as using car simulators and practice braking in real cars.

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# ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PRIMARY SCHOOL, KOO WEE RUP



During the first week of June, all Gr 5&6 students went to Sovereign Hill for an excursion to reinforce their Learning about the Gold Rush and the significance of the Eureka Stockade.

They thoroughly enjoyed panning for gold "EUREKA!" and dressing in period costumes. The insights gained from this experience was reflected in the quality of their projects.



On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June, we celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation for a number of Grade Six students. We were blessed with the having Bishop Patrick O'Regan lead us in this special Mass. The students, their parents and sponsors along with teachers and the Sacramental Team are to be congratulated for their hard work in preparing for the occasion. We wish the students all the best on their continued faith journey.



Term Two ended with fun and laughter as the students came along to the School Disco to dance the night away. Not only did

students pull out their best dance moves but also participated in group games, enjoyed a Sausage Sizzle dinner and of course, dressed-up for the occasion.

On the final day of term we celebrated the Feast Day of St John the Baptist which was marked with Mass followed by morning tea for parent and friends then with activities throughout the morning. We were treated to a sausage sizzle lunch, cooked by parent volunteers. The day was a lovely celebration of St John's life and a great reminder of how he prepared the way for Jesus.

## Enrolments for 2017 are now open



We held our Foundation/Prep Open Morning for all prospective students and their parents of 15<sup>th</sup> June. Our school leaders took families on tours of the school informing them of the facilities and programs we offer.

If you were unable to make it on that day and are interested in enrolling your child/ren at St Johns, guided tours are available with our Principal, Mr Justin Greenwood. Please contact us on (03) 5997 1653 to arrange an appointment.



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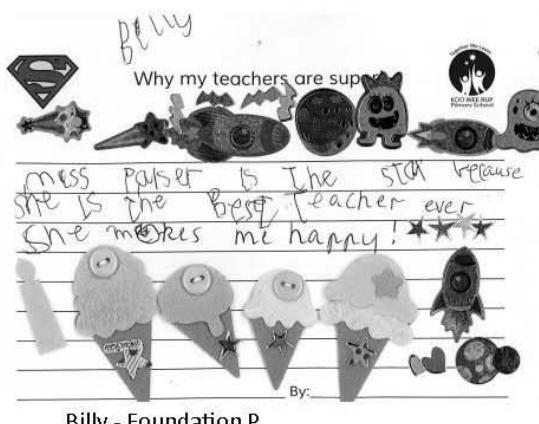
Term 3 begins  
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Friday 29th July

### Super Week at Koo Wee Rup Primary School

To recognise the amazing staff we have here at KWRPS, we celebrated with 'Super Week'. We are extremely lucky to have such dedicated and hard working staff here at the school. To assist our celebrations, we asked our students to get involved in 'Super Week' by writing a little blurb about why they think their teacher is super. We loved all the responses.

A reminder that our Transition Program for 2017 Foundation students starts Monday August 1st. We encourage all parents with students starting school next year to take a tour of our facilities to see for yourself why Koo Wee Rup PS is a great place to be.

Nathan Jagoe, Principal



### Why my teachers are super!



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By: Safa

## 'Footsteps into Foundation 2017'

Term 3 Transition  
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Monday August 1<sup>st</sup>  
Monday August 15<sup>th</sup>  
Monday August 29<sup>th</sup>  
Monday September 12<sup>th</sup>



Term 4 Transition  
1:45-3:15pm  
Monday October 10<sup>th</sup>  
Monday October 24<sup>th</sup>  
Monday November 7<sup>th</sup>  
Monday November 21<sup>st</sup>  
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meet every Wednesday night between 7pm - 9pm

meet every Friday night between 7pm -9pm

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## Wow what a month to finish Term 2...



All pictures Left to Right

Bowling: We had them rolling down the aisles at the District Cub Scout Bowling Day. 16 lanes of fun filled madness was had by all.

Science: Science is boring... well unless you do it with the Cubs, then it is messy fun and you actually learn stuff too!

Grey wolf: It's raining, it's pouring but our Cub Scouts are soaring. Congratulations to 10 year old Sienna for organising and completing her own hike – completing the highest award a Cub Scout can achieve – the Grey Wolf Badge.



Venturers: Venturers out and about in the community – if you see any of us around the town stop and say hi, maybe even buy a sausage or two...

Joey Scouts: A visit to beautiful Bayles for the investiture of our newest member. A Joey even stopped by to watch the ceremony as our newest Joey Scout was invested into the 1<sup>st</sup> Koo Wee Rup Scout Group.

Shrine: Our cubs had a fantastic day learning all about the Shrine of Remembrance and all those that have been lost.



Badges: Even the older members of our group are still learning by doing. Congratulations to Aaron, Sally and Riley for taking their next steps towards their St George, Queen Scout and Venturer awards respectively.

If this looks like fun why not join the group as either a youth member or a leader? There's no better feeling than helping the youth of today become the leaders of tomorrow. Call June now and find out how easy it is to become a part of something special.

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## KOO WEE RUP RSL SUB BRANCH REPORT

Since last report we have steadily progressed with our museum and meeting rooms in the old PMP building on Station Street, opposite the Newsagency. To date we have cleaned up the front of the building and surrounds, made safe and repositioned the power supply, cleaned up the toilets, reconnected the water supply, painted the foyer, installed a flag pole and generally tidied up. We are extremely grateful to all those members and public people who have contributed their time and effort in getting us to this stage. In the next few weeks we hope to install an internal dividing wall, paint out the museum floor and walls, install our kitchen and then move in and display our district's military memorabilia and history for you our public.

We would also like to thank all those who donated chairs, tables, a kitchen, desks, cups and saucers, etc. This has been extremely moving for us. Of course there are many other activities happening in our sub branch at this time, following is a brief outline.

1. A new and permanent museum is being scoped for after our temporary museum is established. We are looking for a draughtsman or such to help us with drawings. Please contact me on 0409 959 821 if you have a suggestion or can help.
2. Lyn Ingram is currently working on a 'Lest we Forget' display for our new museum. If you would like to contribute some poppies towards this project, please give me a ring on 0409 959 821 or talk to Lyn.
3. The Young Veterans of our area have established their own boutique beer and it's now for sale from our sub branch. Please help our young vets.
4. Our sub branch attended what was a most magnificent Lions Club board change over event last week at the Bowling Club. The Koo Wee Rup Lions Club have been a wonderful contributor into our community, the Op Shop, Anzac Day Breakfast, Sausage Sizzle, Scholarships are just a taste of their unbelievable community spirit. I wish I had some spare time, as I would certainly apply to join the Lions Club.
5. Our RSL sub branch had the privilege to attend the Koo Wee Rup Scouts on Wednesday 22 June. The occasion was of great significance, Emily Bloxidge was to be inducted onto the RSL board indicating her achievement of the 'Australian Scout Medallion'. What an achievement. We learnt a lot about Emily, she presented herself as a very high achiever, a most remarkable personality and I can only say that with young people like Emily around, our country's future is in great hands. We congratulate her, wish her great success in the next phase of her life and community involvement.

Wow, there is lots happening in Koo Wee Rup

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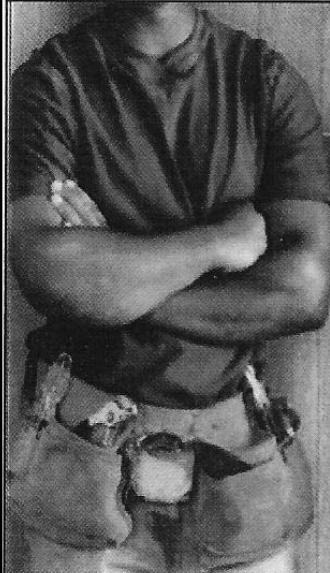
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## KOO WEE RUP LIONS CLUB

It is hard to believe that, as this article is being written, the end of yet another financial year is almost upon us. It is also at this time of year the thoughts of many Lions Clubs turn towards their changeover functions, during which there will be a symbolic handing over of the reins by the outgoing presidents and boards to the new administrations, which will guide the clubs during the coming year.

This year, the Club held its changeover dinner on 17<sup>th</sup> June at the Koo Wee Rup Bowls Club, with almost 90 Lions and guests gathering for the occasion.

On a very disappointing note, the Club's President, Peter Martin, who had been taken to hospital a few days before the function, was unable to attend on the night. One of our very experienced members, Past District Governor, Ken Blay, assumed Peter's responsibilities for the evening and carried out these duties with his usual aplomb. Happily, Peter subsequently returned home after some excellent medical care and is now firing on all cylinders.

We recognize that it is very important that, for the benefit of those in need in our community, the Club, service providers and community groups should work together, since so much more can be achieved as a group than can be achieved by its individual parts. For that reason, it was most pleasing to see such a strong representation at the changeover dinner of not only neighbouring Lions Clubs, but, perhaps more importantly, a significant number of people who really care for Koo Wee Rup and its surrounding communities.

The evening was a resounding success, filled with fun and laughter. The buffet-style three course meal provided by Koo Wee Rup's Bunyip Meats was outstanding, the bar service provided by members of the Bowls Club was faultless and the installation of the Club's new board went without a hitch, but perhaps the two highlights of the evening were the distribution of the profits from the Koo Wee Rup Lions Community Op Shop, which this year totaled almost \$55,000 and the presentation of a Melvin Jones Fellowship, the highest honour in Lions, to two of the Club's most stalwart members, namely Geoff Gee, a Lions' member of 40 years standing and Frank Ferguson, who has served Lions for 32 years. These fellows form part of the backbone of the Koo Wee Rup Lions Club and are truly worthy of their awards.



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Pictured are Geoff Gee (left) and Frank Ferguson being presented with their MJF plaques by Ken Blay

Finally, the Club wishes to both acknowledge and thank Caroline Roff for the magnificent job she has done and continues to do as editor of Blackfish, an outstanding publication and such an important part of life in Koo Wee Rup.

## CARDINIA EX SERVICE & FRIENDS GROUP

Our monthly outing saw a bus full of members enjoy a trip to Walhalla stopping at Yarragon for morning tea birthday cake and "surprise old happy birthday to you" for our secretary, Clive. Arriving at Thomson we boarded the Walhalla Goldfields Railway travelling over the Heritage listed Thomson River Bridge and on the narrow ledges through Stringer's Creek Gorge. Beautiful rugged country with rocks carved for the narrow gauge line by hand over one hundred years ago. Arriving at Walhalla station in time to lunch in one of the many small cafe's and enjoy time browsing the many old buildings and heritage attractions including the "Long Tunnel Gold Mine" and Cemetery.

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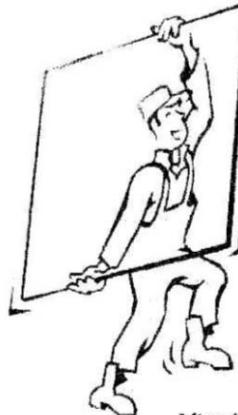
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- 24/6/16 – Car and Tanker accident – Sth Gippsland Hwy KWR



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Remember: small mistakes can cause fires, so don't run the risk.

## KBA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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

The Koo wee rup business association held its June meeting on Tuesday 21st. David Young, councillor, attended giving us an update on what's happening in the area. We always look forward to hearing what David has to tell us. So much so, I'm tempted to get Andrea (KBA secretary) to add his updates to the meeting agendas.

Ken Blay, President of the Lions Club, also attended the meeting representing the community op shop. As far as I know the op shop has been running in excess of 19 years, returning an amazing amount of funds back into the community each and every one. The committee does a wonderful job, putting in incredible hours, with the help of volunteers from the groups that they support. Even if you're not looking for anything, you'll always find a treasure that's a bargain. Personally speaking, I'm very fond of all the op shop girls (and guys), they've always been supportive of my business and made me most welcome as part of their community.

This morning, Thursday 23rd June, arriving in Koo wee rup I was once again reminded of why I love having my business in this town. First a delicious take away breakie prepared by Sam and Amy at the wendore milk bar, a quick hello to Nazma at cantik hair then drive down Rossiter Rd., where there are minimal parks available, around the corner where the development of the property that is to be the new home of the Koo wee rup medical centre is well under way. Park in woollies car park, grab some items at DCO (direct chemist outlet) and woolies, all the while receiving honest friendly service and chatting to anybody who's got time to spare. What's not to love!

You may already be aware that the Collective, at St. George's church, has been sold. This is great news as it has developed such a loyal following. We wish the new owners all the best.

The association will be holding its AGM in August. It is open to all local business, with members being able to vote in the election of the executive. Membership renewal becomes due 1st July. New memberships are more than welcome. It would be great to see you all there. See details of meeting at right.

For any enquires regarding the association please contact:

Vicki Charlton, used to be new, 0413 384 480

Andrea Vincent, Bendigo bank, 5997 2266 or

Rob Mure, One Agency, 0417 553 324

A little something extra I've recently taken a practical interest and would like to add to the report is a rainfall record. So, the approximate rainfall (recorded at Lang Lang) for the month of June to the 24th is 45 ml.

*So, till next month, take care and stay warm, Vicki Charlton, President, Koo wee rup business association.*

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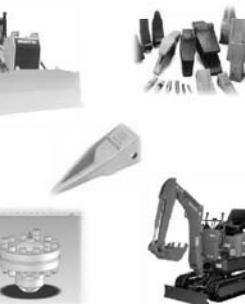
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## KOO WEE RUP BOWLS CLUB NEWS

Recently a group of members from Koo Wee Rup, Cardinia Waters & Pakenham Clubs embarked on a weekend trip to Yarram. Leaving on Friday morning the group arrived at Yarram mid afternoon and settled in to their accommodation. A game of bowls and a very much appreciated lunch was the order of the day on Saturday followed by more socializing between the groups. On the buses again Sunday morning the weary members arrived back mid afternoon. The trip was deemed very successful and Yarram BC showed interest in making this an annual event. Thanks to George for the smooth organizing of the weekend.

The next day of Friday Winter Triples was played on 3<sup>rd</sup> June in good conditions with the results being – Best Last Game with 19 pts & 12 shots up was Joyce & Graham Andrus, Garry Salomons [Pakenham].

Runners up for the day with 37 pts. were Ray Bannon, Lyn Jenkins [KWR] & Ken Clifton [Pakenham]. Winning rink with 38 pts was John Van Vugt, Graeme Wilde & Simon Koning [Cardinia Waters]. Due to the inclement weather the games for 17<sup>th</sup> June were cancelled.

Club members were saddened to hear the passing of Brendon Scullin recently. Although never actually playing with us, Brendon joined our Club for a couple of seasons before ill health ended his aspirations of playing. Deepest sympathy to Margaret and family.



## KOO WEE RUP CRICKET CLUB

It's been another busy month down at koo wee rup cricket club, planning and prepping for the upcoming season.

We will hopefully have some brilliant new training nets built before the start of the season which will be fantastic for everyone at the club and will help facilitate the growing junior and senior numbers that we have.

We already have a few dates locked in for our preseason, all will be run by our new head coach Mark Cooper:

- From August 7<sup>th</sup> for 5 Sundays ending September 4<sup>th</sup>, whole squad training at Cranbourne indoor centre.
- 24<sup>th</sup> August whole squad training @KWRSC (time to be confirmed)
- 'Meet the coach' day on July 17<sup>th</sup> @10am in the rooms

We have also been looking to form a committee to help look after the most important members of our club, the juniors. It would be fantastic to have some of our Junior parents get involved and come on board to help run our junior cricket program and keep helping the young kids improve and enjoy the great game of cricket.

If anyone is interested in getting some more information we are having a meeting on July 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the clubrooms to form a junior committee. Anyone is welcome.

KWRCC is still busy recruiting new players. If there is anyone interested in joining our great club, Junior or Senior players, we are always on the lookout for new players. If you want to be a part of a great successful club at Koo Wee Rup or you are new to the area and want to meet some great local people and be a part of our club please feel free to contact our President Paul West on 0400652859.

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## ROTARY CLUB OF KOO WEE RUP - LANG LANG



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### FROM THE PRESIDENT:

My year as President:- With the amazing support and encouragement of past presidents and their partners, the task of being President of this club is not as daunting a task as I had first envisaged, in fact it has been an honour and a pleasure to be the President of Kooweeerup - Lang Lang. Along the way we have raised money for our local, country and international charities and organisations in and out of Rotary at many different functions such as BBQ's, and Show and Shine etc. I would like to Thank ALL of our members and their families plus the community for the support, time and efforts in all the activities that we undertook throughout the year 2015/16. As I hand the reigns over to President Elect Jan and his wife Rosemary and the incoming Board I would like to wish them all the best for a very big 2016/17 calendar of events.

FROM THE INCOMING PRESIDENT: Incoming President Jan thanks the President and current board of 2015/16 for a great year. He looks forward to his year with wife Rosemary.

District Governor Chris Williams, Andreea, Joe and Past District Governor Dennis Heslin.

We thank Caroline Roff for allowing us to publish in The Blackfish each month to keep you informed on our club's activities throughout the year. Caroline provides a great service to the community to keep the community connected and updated on issues of the community, well done Caroline.

We had 2 students attend MUNA, Model United Nations Assembly from the Koo wee rup Secondary College. The students are allotted a country which they have to represent over the weekend spent at Forrest Edge at Neerim South. Andreea and Joe where given Hungary as there representative country and won the Best Costume award.



Two Rotary Clubs working together, humanity at work at Newmeralla.

We had the honour of working together with the Rotary Club of Orbost to build a small fence at Newmeralla to assist a Rotarian that was diagnosed with terminal cancer. Sadly this member has recently passed and we extend our condolences to family, friends and fellow Rotarians.

Camilla Damvig will be our exchange student from Denmark. Just a little of Camilla's profile, she likes to dance, has travelled extensively and wishes to be an architect. We expect her in late July, early August.

We look forward to Camilla's arrival and welcoming her in our club and the community. Once again we thank the Koo wee rup Secondary College also for welcoming Camilla into the college.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Charity Golf Day on Thursday October 13th at the Lang Lang Golf Club. More information in the next edition of the Blackfish.

The Debutante Ball has set a date which will be the 26th of August at the Lang Lang Hall. Practice is well under way and going well. Sam Loughridge is coming up with another wonderful invention for the Debs entrance, if past years are anything to go by we will be in for a treat. Any further enquiries please contact Val Williams on 5997 5358.

Inter Primary Schools Speech Night is coming up and I will have more details in later editions. Getting in early, Christmas Carols have been set for December 14th in the Lang Lang Hall so save the date.

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

# Koo Wee Rup Senior Citizens Club Inc

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2 Course Meal and Refreshments Starts 12 Noon \$5.00 for Members

### Friday Hoy:

Card Game with Prizes for Everyone \$2.00 1.00pm to 3.00pm

### Monday Carpet Bowls:

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## WHO WAS THE FIRST WHITE CHILD BORN IN KOO-WEE-RUP?

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

According to *Mickle Memoirs of Koo-Wee-Rup* written by Dave Mickle, the first white or European baby born in the Koo-Wee-Rup Village Settlement was John Leslie O'Riordan who was born in August 1892. John's parents, John and Elizabeth, had opened the first store in the town in 1890. I checked the Victorian Births Deaths and Marriages Indexes and they list Horace Napier Mackenzie as being born in Koo-Wee-Rup in 1891, the year before John, so should Horace get the credit for being the first European baby born in Koo-Wee-Rup? Horace's parents were George and Grace Mackenzie. Grace was the teacher at the Yallock, later known as Koo-Wee-Rup State School, from 1888 until 1911. The other baby listed as being born in 1892 was Andrew Clark, the son of John and Barbara Clark. I imagine these births were registered at Cranbourne as they had a Registrar of Births and Deaths, Alexander Duff, who was appointed in 1855. Koo-Wee-Rup's first Registrar was Alexander Leithhead, who was appointed in June 1894.

Would these women have given birth with a doctor present? There was one at Cranbourne, at least from 1866, though a report said that *he was a clever man, but one who had the habit that many otherwise good man has fallen victim to. The Minister [Alexander Duff, the Presbyterian Minister] kept his books and instruments and for special cases he sobered up for a couple of days, the hotel being tabooed to him till he had completed the case in hand.* It may well have been less risky not to have a doctor attend. A doctor visited Koo-Wee-Rup weekly from Cranbourne from around 1900 and the first resident Doctor in the town came in the 1920s. A Bush Nursing Hospital with a skilled nurse opened in the town in July 1918. Many women, especially in rural areas, would have had a local midwife, usually very experienced but with no formal qualifications attend to her when she gave birth at home. The availability of nurses and doctors would partly account for the improvement in the infant mortality rate. In the 1890s, this rate varied from ten to thirteen percent, that is for every 1,000 babies born, 100 to 130 babies would die under the age of one. In the 1920s this rate had dropped to around six percent.

There was an interesting case reported in *The Argus* in May 1893 – the headline on the May 8 story was *Supposed child murder at Koo-Wee-Rup*. The body of baby boy was found buried in a box. The police interviewed Mrs Johnson, an experienced nurse, who had helped deliver the baby of a Mrs Parker. When the nurse arrived Mrs Parker was *lying in a miserable bed with only a piece of blue blanket for covering* and alongside the bed was the dead body of a well grown fully developed male child. When Mrs Johnson returned the next day the baby had gone and she was told that the father of the baby, Michael O'Shea, had buried the baby. Subsequently Ellen Parker and Michael O'Shea were charged with causing the death of the child and arrested. The account of the inquest, in *The Argus* of May 17, said that both Ellen and Michael belonged to *a rough and very unrefined order of society*. The jury decided that there was insufficient evidence to convict the accused and they were found to be not guilty. A very sad state of affairs for all concerned and it especially brings to focus the hard life the early settlers lived on the Swamp, with primitive, wet conditions, no decent housing, no schooling for the children, poor wages and no medical help.

This brings us back to the first question as to who was the first white baby born at Koo-Wee-Rup? In the end, it doesn't really matter and the good news is that John, Horace and Andrew had more fortunate lives than the poor, little baby born to Ellen Parker as John lived until he was 85, Horace lived until he was 93 and even Andrew Clark (whom I know nothing else about) lived until he was 67.

**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.**

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