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MAGNIFICENT DAWN SERVICE ON ANZAC DAY



Thank you our wonderful community for coming along and sharing our service on Anzac morning. Our march along the Avenue of Honour was a spectacle to behold, with our piper leading and our 2 vehicles carrying our most important veterans and war widows. Our plaques on the Avenue of Honour were lit with solar lights and provided a spectacle not soon forgotten. ABMT Royal Navy Trent Brooks took the salute at the Avenue of Honour plaque. This looked absolutely fantastic and will surely be a must for future Anzac mornings and, of course, then the school flag bearers, our wonderful scout group, the veterans and all their medals the fire brigade and their lamps which make such a sight and then the public. Thank you all. It makes it so special, I am sure that our soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice for use would have been looking down and been chuffed that we do this to thank and remember them.

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THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES *(Edited Extracts)*

The Township held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, 6 April. Township Meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 4 May at 7:30 pm at the Community Centre.

The land for the laneway from the rail trail to Station Street has been transferred to council. Planning department has approved the project and it is now in the hands of the Engineering department. Cr David Young thanked the Spencer family for their generous donation of this land to the community.

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KOO WEE RUP FOOTBALL CLUB

Big time football came to Koo Wee Rup on Anzac Eve April 24th when the Koo Wee Rup Football Club and the Lang Lang Football Club clashed for the Annual Anzac Cup. Before a monster crowd, the neighbours put on a great game and although the Demons were clear winners on the scoreboard, to Lang Lang's credit, the game was a good display of competitive football.



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The big winners on the night were the Koo Wee Rup and Lang Lang Football Clubs who combined to ensure that what could be the final Anzac Cup between the two clubs, due to the planned split up of the EDFL, was to be a well run spectacle.

Koo Wee Rup President Dan Crowley thanked everyone who contributed to the success of the evening. He particularly thanked all the helpers who were prepared to assist with the Canteen, the BBQ and all the gate attendants who kept the flow of cars and

pedestrians who flocked into the ground, moving to quickly fill every parking space.

Credit must also go to the big crowd who showed total respect during the Anzac Ceremony, which was conducted by the Koo Wee Rup and Lang Lang RSL Club's.

With a huge full moon rising over the ground the Last Post followed by the National Anthem was a moving occasion.

It was a great night for all concerned and both Football Clubs express their thanks to the RSL clubs and their members who worked so hard to ensure that the Anzac Cup was an event to remember.

KOO WEE RUP FOOTBALL CLUB

CREATING THE BUZZ, 2016 AND BEYOND

KOO WEE RUP FOOTBALL CLUB JUNIORS

What a busy couple of months we have had at our Footy Club. With our town growing in size we have been inundated with kids wanting to play Football. Our 6 junior sides are all now up and running for season 2016. We have 12 trained coaches looking after 100+ kids that are playing in the South East Juniors League. These Coaches have got great support from parents that have volunteered to assist in the running of the teams.

So far the sides have had some great wins and have showed good sportsmanship in defeat. The kids skills have improved from last season and will only get better as the season continues.

Auskick started recently for 2016. It is great to see the future stars of our club having so much fun playing Footy on a Friday night. They have so much passion for footy with a few of them not wanting to go home after the Clinic has finished.

ANZAC Day Eve saw our junior kids participate in the ANZAC DAY Celebrations with our Senior Teams and Netballers. It was a great night and a fitting tribute to our service men and women.

If there are any kids in the community that want to play football it's not too late to join. We have vacancies in Auskick and most of our Junior sides. Please contact our Junior President, Geoff 0418 581 874 or our Registrar, Maddi 0419 342 617 to discuss the options available.

Keep an eye out on our Facebook page; Koo Wee Rup Football Club for our up and coming games and events. If you are free, the kids and club would love your support.



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

A capital works grant application has been submitted for seating on the rail trail.

The disabled toilet in Cochrane Park is now permanently locked and can only be opened by someone who has applied for a key from Council. The committee feel this is unsatisfactory; most local disabled people are able to go home to use a bathroom and the facility is not available to people passing through town. The committee will write to council to ask that the toilet be left unlocked and available for all disabled people to use, not just a privileged few.

Ray Brown asked Cr Young when the sign for the sculpture in Cochrane Park would be replaced. Cr Young advised that council didn't have enough left in their arts budget to replace the sign and Township would need to commit funds to the project. As the sculpture had been a council initiated project and the sign had been installed incorrectly, the committee isn't keen to spend money on replacing the sign. Cr Young will check how much money is left in the budget. If there is enough to replace the sign at the correct angle without making it larger, then the committee is happy to accept that if it means we don't need to contribute to the cost.

Cr Young said that he has spoken to Jenny at My Space about the bullying that has been happening at the Skate Park and she had undertaken to see what could be done about it. He was advised by people present that there had been more complaints of older children keeping younger children off the facility during the current school holidays. Cr Young said he would escalate the issue.

Rob Muré reported that the drain in front of the St Sofia Sanctuary on Station Street clogs up regularly due to the amount of rubbish which gets into it. The committee will write to council to ask for the drain to be cleared or piped.

David McPherson reported that visibility when exiting the laneway from the carpark between The Chandelier Café and the laundrette onto Station Street was very poor, due to car parking to either side of the driveway and asked whether a convex mirror could be installed opposite to improve visibility. Caroline Roff advised that a similar problem occurs when entering Station Street from Moody Street. Cr Young undertook to speak to council's traffic management about this.

Cr Young advised that council will lobby VicRoads to improve the safety of the roundabout at Manks and KWR-Healesville Road and lobby for the KWR-Healesville Road to be made dual carriageway from Pakenham to Koo Wee Rup. The committee is supportive of both these aims, but asked that short term solutions be found for the KWR-Healesville Road. Dual carriageway is likely to take some years to eventuate but some improvements could be made by the addition of passing lanes and improved verges where possible.

Ray Brown advised that he had made a submission as president of the Township Committee to the council's BMX and Skate Park Strategy. The strategy had suggested removal of the existing skate park which was seen to be old fashioned and not challenging for advanced skateboarders. Ray suggested the existing park be retained for the use of younger children who are just learning and a BMX track be developed elsewhere in Cochrane Park as outlined in the Cochrane Park Master Plan.

Ray Brown questioned, once again, why Koo Wee Rup has only one sports ground when smaller communities within the Shire such as Catani and Nar Nar Goon have had second grounds developed with council funds. Although the council has put some money into the development of the ovals at the primary and high schools, this isn't a long term solution and only works as long as the schools are willing to share their facilities with the community.

George Fittock advised that they had a couple of primary school boys attending the Men's Shed each day during the holidays as they had been bullied at the skate park and were using the Shed as a 'safe place'. 4 of the regulars at the shed have completed their Working with Children checks. The Men's Shed AGM will be held on Wednesday, 13 April.

George Fittock advised that the state of the unsealed section of road, the gravel path across the grassed area behind the bus station and the footpaths along Icke Road had been checked by walkers and mobility bike users. At present both the roadway and gravel path are in good repair. The footpath extends the full length of Icke Road so it shouldn't be necessary to cross the dirt road or use the gravel path.

David McPherson asked whether a 'No Through Road' sign could be placed at the entrance to Icke Road. Vehicles following their GPS fairly regularly turn down Icke Road when they need to turn down Sybella. This can be a big problem if a semi has to turn around on the unsealed section of the road. Cr Young undertook to follow up on this.

George Fittock has put in a merit to have the drainage at the corner of Rossiter Road and Townley Road cleaned. This intersection floods regularly after rain.

Noel Speight asked whether it would be possible to reduce the speed limit through Bayles to 50 kph. The new poultry farm at Catani and new housing development in the area has led to increased amounts of traffic through the town which creates hazards for families parking at the General Store. Cr Young undertook to take this to council who could lobby VicRoads to reduce the speed limit.

Noel Speight asked why the light over the BBQ area in Bayles was on all night. Cr Young confirmed that this was a security measure to discourage loitering.

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TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES *(Edited Extracts) (from previous page)*

George Fittock asked whether council used energy efficient lighting in public areas. Cr Young advised that council has mandated the use of energy efficient lights in all new public developments in the Shire. They are well advanced on a project to replace all existing public lighting in the Shire with energy efficient lighting.

Cathy McNulty advised that the KWR Community Market this weekend would feature an ANZAC theme with army vehicles and displays. During the winter months the market committee is keen to have themed days to continue to attract people to the market in the cooler weather. Over 40 stalls have been booked for this month. Since the CWA have got involved they have been extremely active in revitalising the market.

POLICE REPORT TO APRIL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

Here are some crime stats for the month of March in the Koo Wee Rup area:

- Cruelty to animal incident in Bayles where a pet goat was shot and killed by an unknown offender/s.
- Burglary in Manks Road - old farm house targeted. Firearms stolen.
- Theft from house under construction in Diamond Drive, Koo Wee Rup.
- Theft of a wallet in Station Street, Koo Wee Rup.
- Theft by an employee from the employer at a business premises in Koo Wee Rup.

NOTE: In relation to firearms, the number of reports for burglaries involving the theft of firearms is increasing. This is because farm houses and rural properties in this area are seen as soft targets by offenders wanting to gain possession of firearms for illegal purposes. Owners of firearms are urged to be vigilant in the storage of their firearms and make sure

protocols in relation to the safe storage of their firearms are maintained.

There have been changes to legislation in relation to this and the old 'Brown Built' type lockers are no longer acceptable as they are too easily penetrated.

Please see box at right for requirements.

Koo Wee Rup Police will be regularly

attending addresses and checking firearms storage to ensure the storage complies with the Firearms Act. Those found breaching storage requirements may be prosecuted.

Police urge members of the community to be vigilant and take note of any suspicious people and vehicles. If vehicles and/or people are seen in areas they are normally not seen in (such as estates with new homes being constructed) please obtain as much descriptive detail as possible and call 000 for Police attendance.

Traffic Matters: A reminder for all road users to exercise caution when driving. We have had a number of serious collisions in the area over recent weeks resulting in death and serious injury. Please drive safely and take note of speed zones as they are frequently changing due to road conditions. Examples of this are Manks Road and Dalmore Road where speed limits have been reduced to 80 kph due to the road surface condition and the number of collisions at the intersection of Manks Road and Dalmore Road. When driving through Road Work speed zones (usually 40 kph) make sure the speed limit is adhered to. This is for the safety of the workers at the site. These speed zones will be monitored and offenders prosecuted. Also, as wet weather approaches, a reminder to road users to adjust your driving to suit the conditions. Leave larger gaps between vehicles, slow down if roads are wet and generally show more care when driving.

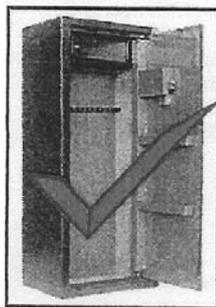
Firearm Storage Inspection – Brown Built - Particleboard – Melamine Lockers are not acceptable firearms storage – Refer to Schedule 1 – Item 1 Firearms Act 1996

Example of types of hard wood, which are acceptable for construction of storage:

- Tasmania Oak - Victorian Ash - Oak (American) – Walnut - Red Gum
- Jarrah – Merbau – Durian – Teak – Hickory - Myrtle Beech - Blackbutt
- Sydney Blue Gum – Tallowwood - Ironbark (red) - Grey Box

The recommended minimum depth of all hard wood used to construct a firearm receptacle is 19 millimetres.

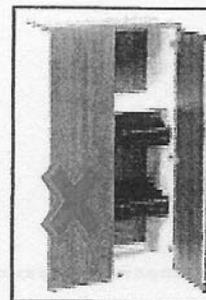
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KOO WEE RUP RSL SUB BRANCH REPORT *(from Page 1)*

On behalf of the sub branch, I would like to thank so many people for making it an Anzac Service to remember. Firstly, the Koo Wee Rup and District Lions Club for an outstanding job of providing over 800 egg and bacon sandwiches for breakfast. They are so well organised that I think they must be army trained (only joking). We owe them an enormous amount of thanks.

Our ladies in the kitchen managed, along with our scouts, to provide everybody with refreshments. I still don't know how they did it in the chaos of hundreds of people cramming into the hall immediately after the ceremony.

The fire brigade for generously giving of their time every year to provide a torch march guard for us; what a sight!

The scouts for being with us and helping with distributing our breakfast. As an old scout leader, I am very proud of you.

Our school flag bearers were wonderful and played a very important part in our ceremony and march. You provide a very important part of our spectacle and service, displaying the various service and country flags. Thank you.

To Petty Officer Devenny and his catafalque party, a truly amazing spectacle and a real credit to their service. The stand to and stand down gives me goose bumps. Thank you.

To our bugler, Darcy Manks, thank you, mate, you are truly a great example of the youth of today and why we have such faith in the future. I believe Darcy has done the last eleven Anzac services and somehow keeps getting better.

To our sub branch - too many people put in such great amounts of time and effort to sell badges and set up, run, the service, then clean up, to mention individually. Suffice to say, I think even more now, that we have best sub ranch and people there could ever be. I especially thank you for your great, great support members.

I would like to especially thank George Fittock and his grandson for setting up the sound system for at least 3 events being the mechanic, electrician, sound technician and carpenter for the last month or so has been nothing short of amazing. Our sub branch could never repay you. Thank you.

To John Camilleri and Dave O'Donnell, thank you for taking the time to give our youth some insight into what our service men and women do for our country, your school talks are very important. Thank you.

A special thanks to Ivan, Marg and Lyn for a tremendous job of organising our badge and memorabilia effort, just the biggest job and magnificently organised, and the results are very close to our record again, and as these funds go to the welfare of our veterans, widows and families when in need, it is of the greatest importance to us.

There are many people and groups that I don't have the room to individually thank, I do want to say collectively a very great thank you.

I leave you with the promise that in next month's report I will detail some exciting news regarding our proposed museum.

*Yours in service, Ron Ingram, President KWR
RSL Sub Branch, 03 5997 1665*

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KOO WEE RUP CWA PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello Fellow Koo Wee Rupians,

A re-cap of April's happenings:

April 10th: ANZAC DAY Community Market

The market is run for the community through volunteers of the CWA and CFA. These volunteers each put in more than 30 hours a month to provide you with the market (marketing, logistics, booking of stalls, hiring of hall, setting up etc).

All the money that is generated for the market (once we have paid for the hall hire and cleaning) is distributed back to the community. The CFA's portion goes to equipment for the Fire Station, the CWA distribute the funds raised to St John's, Koo Wee Primary and Koo Wee Secondary School.

We will be sending letters out to local schools in the next month to ascertain what their equipment needs may be so we can help contribute in some capacity. Grants will be given before the 30th of June 2016- the amount of funding we give is dependent on the overall support we obtain at the market. The more people we have at the monthly market, even if you just come down for a sausage, the more likely we can continue the market and provide substantial grants for the local schools.

Please come down and support the community market, the market will not be sustainable without the communities support!

15th of April: CWA Craft Night

The CWA members enjoyed their monthly craft night. The members made horse-shoe dream catchers, whilst enjoying a glass of wine and a few nibbles. We have our craft nights every month- if you are interested in attending these, please contact us.

21st of April: International Dinner

A few members from the branch attended the West Gippsland groups International dinner night, which was held by the Officer Branch on the 21st of April. This year the international country of recognition was Papua New Guinea. Whilst eating traditional foods of Papua New Guinea, members were entertained with Decorations/Artifacts, a Papua New Guinea Slide Show and two international guest speakers.

23rd of April: GCDC Pakenham

The KWR CWA also attended the Great Cloth Diaper Change which was held in Pakenham on the 23rd of April. Providing tea and coffee, as well as baking, for a small fee to the visitors and exhibitors of the market.

Upcoming events for the CWA:

2nd May: Monthly Meeting (7.30pm, Fire Station on Moody Street)

10th May: Mothers Day market – Cochrane Park 8am-1pm, **please come and show your support!**

13th May: Craft Night

19-21st May: CWA National Meeting- Melbourne Exhibition Centre

If you are interested in making a difference to the KWR community, please consider joining the KWR CWA. All women are welcome.

If you have any questions in regards to our branch and what we do, please contact us at kwrcwa@outlook.com.

Thanks, Joss Larsen, Koo Wee Rup CWA Branch President

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KOO WEE RUP PRESCHOOL NEWS

The preschool's playground has undergone a major transformation after having obtained a grant from the Andrews Foundation and from fundraising activities. The children are enjoying the dry river bed, bridges and new mud kitchen. The project will be completed shortly with the planting of native plants by the children with the help of the landscaper.

We had a successful Easter raffle with the major prize of a bike being donated by one of our families.

At the moment we are in the process of establishing a sustainable vegetable garden at the rear of the kinder, making use of land that has never been utilised before. There will be a new water tank and raised garden beds. We would gratefully accept any donations of soil, seedlings, children's gardening implements etc to make the project a success. Please contact the kinder at any time Tuesday to Friday on 5997 1276 if you can help us.

We have discussed the importance of Anzac Day with the children and will make Anzac biscuits with them in our new oven.

It is advisable to enrol your child as soon as possible for 3 and 4 year old kinder by ringing the Central Enrolment number 1300 787624 to ensure you receive a place in future years.

Marilyn Matthews



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Koo Wee Rup Secondary College was represented at the Dawn Service in Koo Wee Rup and the ANZAC service at Tooradin. In addition the College band marched and played in the Melbourne ANZAC march. It was their 18th Year and, with 54 participants, the largest contingent ever. The band also took part in the Pakenham Yakkerboo parade.

On Friday last week, a member of the Koo Wee Rup RSL spoke to our Year 7 students about the meaning of ANZAC. Thank you to Dave O'Donnell for this.

The Opera Scholars program, presented a work shop to our students and students from neighbouring schools. This was an amazing day, culminating in a performance by the Opera scholars students. We were very privileged to have them at no cost to our students.

Parents are reminded, about SEAL applications closing May 13th?

Our Senior Students recently attended a Careers expo the photos below captured the day. Students made the most of the interactive activities, asking questions to the many institutions present, beautiful weather and of course the 'freebies.' Thanks to staff who assisted on the day - Tim Sturges, Jarrod Main, Debbie Hobson and Belinda Hiddlestone (along with our student teachers).

Felix Patton, Acting Principal, Koo Wee Rup Secondary College



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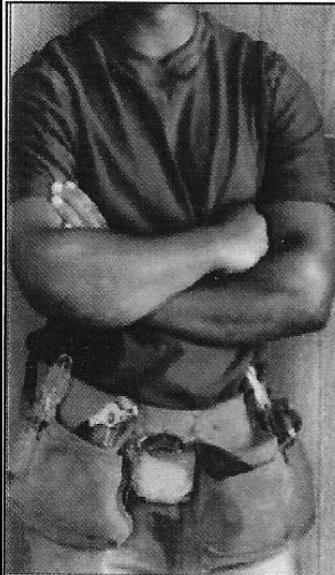
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Congratulation to the 17 students who made their First Reconciliation on Wednesday 20th April.

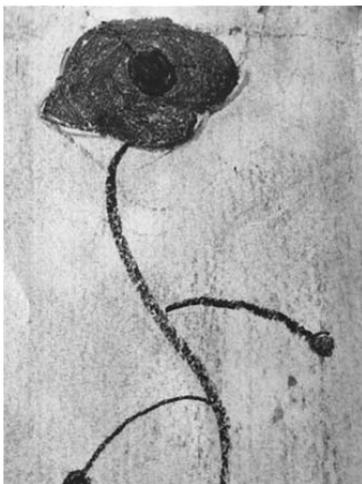
We also have many of our Gr 6 students preparing to make their Confirmation later in the term.

It is wonderful watching the children grow in their faith as they continue this life-long journey.

On Thursday 21st April, Grade Five and Six students were visited by Mr John Camilleri, member of Koo Wee Rup RSL, in preparation and celebration of ANZAC Day. John shared many stories and facts about Australians in war and the students were very intrigued by what he had to say.

Aaron and Teegan proudly represented our school at the Dawn Service.

Our Yr 5/6's planned and lead a whole school ANZAC service on Tuesday 26th



April. They used symbols and other ANZAC memorabilia along with drums and music to create a reflective atmosphere. During the service, Abbey shared the poem she wrote .
*The redness of the poppies make me stop,
 And I wish I could turn back the time on the clock
 To see the soldiers who passed away
 Without them we wouldn't be here today.
 So we should wear our poppies on ANZAC Day,
 And share what the soldiers really had to say
 We were lucky the wars ended in victory
 Without it there would be no you or me.*

Drawing by Grace



Term 2 sees the start of our Perceptual Motor Program for the junior children. PMP is a sequential development program that aims to develop children's perceptual and understandings of themselves and the world around them. The children love the activities and the program is hugely supported with a number of parent helpers.



If you are interested in enrolling your child/ren at St John's, 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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May 2016

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6pm Thursday 12th
May

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6pm Thursday 19th
May

As part of ANZAC Day commemorations our School Leaders attended a very moving dawn service in Koo Wee Rup. They did an amazing job representing our school.

In the 1/2 area students have been making poppies in their art class that they proudly displayed on our school fence. Lest We Forget



Together We Learn

KOO WEE RUP Primary School

'Footsteps into Foundation 2017' Parent Information Night 6-7pm Thursday 12th May, 2016

Please join us on Thursday 12th May from 6 pm for a brief overview of the wonderful programs in place at our school and take a tour of our facilities.

Our 'Footsteps Into Foundation' program has been established for new Foundation enrolments that involves nine planned transition sessions as well as a parent information session.

More information and dates will be available on the night.

As Principal of Koo Wee Rup PS, I invite you to visit our welcoming and friendly school and see for yourself the high quality teaching and learning programs on offer for all students.

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Anzac Day 2016

KooWeeRup Scout Group members attended Dawn Service in both KooWeeRup and Lang Lang honouring and paying our respects for those that served and died for our country.



Above: Congratulations to Brianna and Braxton on achieving their Grey Wolf Award. A Grey Wolf is the highest award in the Cub Scout section and these two amazing young people have put in an exceptional effort to gain this award.

Below: Cub Scout Billy Cart Derby and camp fire was a highlight this month, with Cubs Scouts from around the district all competing out at the Bell Park Scout camp at Nyora. With lots of racing and activities and culminating with a camp fire, fun was had by all.

Below and above Venturers and Rovers had a combined environmental themed night and created wind powered craft using recyclables.

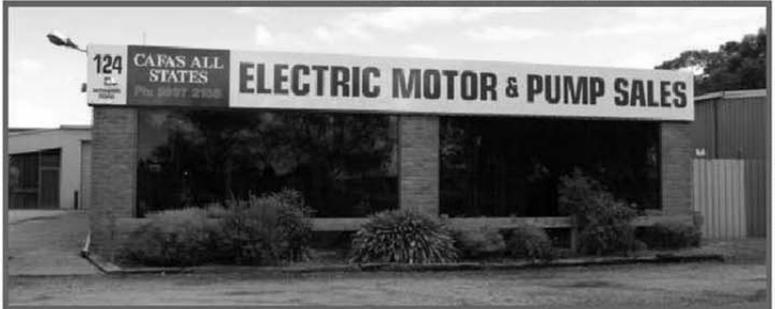


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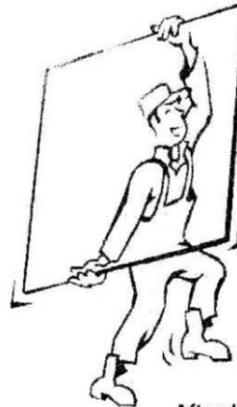
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It was the Koo Wee Rup Fire Brigade back up siren to alert all of the volunteers to attend the station for a turn out call. It's also used to let the local community know we are about to be out and about on a call.

- 28/3/16 – Motor Vehicle Accident – Cnr Rossiter Rd & KWR Bypass KWR
- 1/4/16 – Grass and Scrub fire – Watts Rd Nyora
- 3/4/16 – Motor Vehicle Accident persons trapped – Healesville KWR Rd KWR
- 14/4/16 – Grass fire – Billingsley Rd Tooradin
- 17/4/16 – Paddock fire – McColls Rd Modella
- 19/4/16 – Paddock fire – Ballarto Rd KWR
- 20/4/16 – Motor Vehicle Accident persons trapped – Manks Rd KWR

The Fire restrictions in Cardinia Shire have ended for this fire season

Contact Cardinia Council on 1300 787 624 to determine if burn offs are permitted in the zone you are in.

All burn-offs should also be registered with ESTA on 1800 668 511. All calls to Triple Zero about smoke sightings are cross-checked with that register, and firefighters are called out if nothing is listed for that location. False alarm calls to unregistered burn-offs take volunteer firefighters away from workplaces, families and other emergencies.

Out-of-control burn-offs prompt warning

CFA is urging Victorians to take extreme care when burning off after responding to a high volume of out-of-control private burn-offs since the end of fire restrictions.

If a fire is left unattended in windy conditions it can spread quickly and put neighbouring properties, homes and bushland in danger.

It is absolutely essential that you have enough water on hand to put out a fire. There isn't enough time to run back to your house if your fire gets out of control. You also need to leave a three-metre fire break, free of flammable materials around any burn-off.

This photo is a fire we attended this month that was an unattended burn-off out of control.



WELCOME TO CARDINIA SHIRE, AN AGE FRIENDLY CITY

Cardinia Shire Council is proud to have been named a World Health Organisation Age Friendly City. A WHO Age Friendly City is committed to creating an environment that allows older persons to live safely, be healthy and connect with the community.

Receiving the WHO recognition was a key action in the development of the Cardinia Shire Age Friendly Strategy 2015–19. Cardinia Shire is now one of six Victorian councils with the recognition.

More than 15 per cent of the Cardinia Shire population are aged over 60, so it is important this group are supported as they age. By the year 2026 there will be over 34,000 residents in the shire over the age of 60 years. The Age Friendly City recognition endorses the work Council have been doing on this area.

To achieve good health as we age, it is important that older people feel safe, secure and connected to their community and good health is the key to a good quality of life. Council will now be able to use this opportunity to connect with the global network of cities and communities under this program to share and exchange information and experience.

The Cardinia Shire Age Friendly Strategy 2015–19 was adopted in September 2015. The Age Friendly Strategy included a number of activities and projects to ensure older people maintained physical and mental health, felt safe and secure, could participate fully in the community and stay connected to others.

For more information, or to view the Age Friendly Strategy, visit Council's 'Seniors' web page.

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KOOWEERUP LIONS CLUB

This month's article is all about membership growth.

At the Club's first meeting of the month we welcomed two new members. Olwyn Portbury, who joined our happy band from a Lions Club near Brisbane, as she recently came south to live in our lovely part of the world, and Frank Grant from Drouin. Frank, until the end of last year, was a member of the Drouin Lions Club but found he missed the fun and great times we have as Lions so much that he decided to join Koo Wee Rup.

We recognize that, as a Club with a membership of 20, we could achieve so much more for the Koo Wee Rup, Lang Lang, Bayles and surrounding communities if our membership was substantially higher. To that end, the Club has prepared a promotional brochure and, with a grant from Cardinia Shire, has had 5,000 copies printed.

Over the next little while, these brochures will find their way to letterboxes in the area. When we deliver a brochure to your home, please take a moment to read what it has to say and ask yourself if being part of Lions is something that may appeal. If it does not appeal, you may know someone else who may be interested, so it would be much appreciated if you could pass the brochure on.

However, if you are interested, or even if you are curious to find out what Lions is all about, but, perhaps more importantly, what the Koo Wee Rup Lions Club is all about, please give Club Secretary, Jack Napier a call on 0423 908 242, or make contact with the person detailed on the brochure.

The next step would be to come along to one of our meetings (we meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month in Koo Wee Rup) where we discuss matters of importance for the Club, all of which are skewed to how we can serve the Koo Wee Rup, Lang Lang, Bayles and surrounding communities.

Lions is not a "secret society", nor are members of Lions Clubs directed to keep what they do a secret. We are a group of like-minded men and women who care about the people in our community and what happens in our community with a particular emphasis on those who have enjoyed better times, but now would benefit from the Club's support.

While on the subject of supporting our community, Club members will once again be cooking up a storm on ANZAC Day to prepare the Gunfire Breakfast for the Koo Wee Rup RSL. This event is one of the most enjoyable and popular on the Club's annual calendar, even though we start cooking by 4.00am! More about this in next month's article.



*President Peter welcomes the Lions Club's new members
L to R Olwyn Portbury, Lions Club President Peter Martin, Frank Grant*



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BUS TO PROVIDE SAFE SLEEPS FOR HOMELESS.

A Gippsland bus company is helping to provide safe overnight accommodation for homeless Victorians.

Westernport Roadlines and Sandringham Coaches, which operates across Gippsland and south-east Melbourne, and has bases in Koo Wee Rup, Leongatha and Moorabbin, has provided a 53 seater coach to not-for-profit organisation 'sleepbus', to be converted into mobile accommodation.

Over the next five weeks the former V/Line coach will be stripped of its seats and fit-out with 22 specially designed sleep pods, two toilets, 22 personal lockers, under bus storage, eight pet kennels, and a security system, to provide safe sleeps for people sleeping rough on the streets.

Each pod will have a single bed custom memory foam mattress, pillows, sheets, and blankets that are washed daily.

The coach will initially be used for a three-month pilot program in Melbourne, before more sleepbus' are rolled out across the country, travelling to places of need to provide safe overnight accommodation.

sleepbus is the brainchild of Melbourne man Simon Rowe, whose aim is to end the need for people sleeping rough in Australia by having 319 sleepbus operational nationally within six years.

"Our accommodation is not a long term solution; we don't provide counselling, money, or the Ritz, but we do provide a comfortable, clean and secure place where people can get off the street and have a decent night's sleep in safety," Mr Rowe said.

Westernport Roadlines and Sandringham Coaches (WRL) general manager Lynette Dineen said it was a simple decision to support sleepbus once she learnt about the organisation through its Facebook page.

"Our 1993 53 passenger motorcoach was due to be sold because it was no longer economically viable to keep it in service, and when we heard about sleepbus we contacted Simon straight away to see if we might be able to help," Ms Dineen said.

"We are thrilled our coach meets the specifications required and can't wait to see it converted into mobile accommodation to help homeless people across Victoria."

Mr Rowe said WRL had gone "above and beyond" to provide sleepbus with its first coach.

"Not only has the company sold us a bus at almost half price, but it has done repairs and maintenance to ensure the bus we get is in perfect working order, and is supporting us with ongoing maintenance as well," he said.

"They've done an amazing job. From day one the whole WRL team has been so excited about the project. They love this bus. They've had it for 23 years since it was brand new and now they'll get to see it operate in a new and innovative way that will make a difference to people's lives.

"For those sleeping rough, getting a good night's sleep is near impossible and can contribute to long-term homelessness.

"Sleep changes everything. It plays a vital role in good health and wellbeing, and getting enough quality sleep can help protect a person's mental health, physical health, and safety."

The WRL coach was formally handed over to sleepbus in St Kilda yesterday.

When operational, sleepbus will be monitored by a caretaker overnight and CTV security. Mr Rowe said local police and councils were also supportive of the concept.

WRL is one of eight family owned transport companies in The Dineen Group, which was founded in Gippsland in the 1960s.

The company has extensive operations running V/Line coaches in Inverloch, Phillip Island, Mornington Peninsula, Moorabbin, Mirboo North and Yarram. It also runs one of the largest special school network fleets in Victoria.

To contribute towards the sleepbus campaign, go to <https://www.gofundme.com/sleepbus>.

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ROTARY CLUB OF KOO WEE RUP - LANG LANG

The Rotary Club of Kooweerup—Lang Lang trust that you and family are well. I have been missing in action over the past 4 weeks and I would like to thank Tania for keeping me up to date with the happenings of the. Sorry for the exclusion of pictures for this edition but now I am back on deck the little camera will be snapping away.

We would be most interested if you followed us on Facebook 'Rotary Club of Koo Wee Rup-Lang Lang' and left a message or a suggestion on how to assist the community. And speaking of Social Media again, have any of you had a chance to visit the E Clubs site, their website is <http://www.eclublatitude38.org/> - full of information plus an expression of interest link, it is another way Rotary is doing good in the world.

I mentioned in the last edition that many of our members enjoyed the yearly conference at Wangaratta, well next years conference will be overseas in Hobart so many will make it an extended visit to the apple isle no doubt.

Seems I neglected to mention that a few diehards members of the club recently supported the Rotary Club of Osbost at their Annual Fishing Weekend, nothing to report here, no prizes or was that no fish and no raffles prizes won. Better luck next year. Seems I also neglected to mention that Gordon Sampson, Charter member, celebrated his 80th birthday recently with family and friends. A milestone of events was put together and presented in a frame. Happy 80th Birthday Gordon from all your Rotary friends.

Rotary Youth Exchange began in 1929 by the Rotary Club of Copenhagen, the logistics would have been pretty different than today's for sure. The club once again will have an incoming Exchange Student from Denmark and we thank the Koo wee rup Secondary College for once again supporting the program and accepting her into the school. We look forward to working closely again with the college. Youth Exchange promotes world peace, tolerance and understanding and in today's international climate, this is as important as ever.

Alan Laughton has left for Vanuatu again to assist in the rebuilding of essential buildings. Thank you to the Bayles Primary School for the donations of much needed equipment to go to schools in the area. Thanks to Sam and Hayden for getting the goods to Donations in Kind depot in Footscray on time, the goods have arrived in Vanuatu. Mbossung Primary School rebuild is progressing well with Team 3 well on target. I'm sure the students and community are very thankful of your efforts as we all are.

Well it could be an interesting Sunday with a number of members participating in a CAR RALLY, could be lots of lost Rotarians in the area this Sunday.

Rotarian Sharryn Marshall from the Rotary Club of Drouin regaled the members with experiences from her second trip to the Antarctica. Sharryn marvelled at Tracing Shackleton's footsteps in celebration of 100 years since his expedition. We do get some pretty cool facts about a number of things at our meetings and thanks Sharryn for providing us with more. Other guest speakers have been Rotarians Ian Symons and Andrew Pinxt from the Rotary Club of Cranbourne who presented an insight into many projects that have been carried out in Tonga through RAWCS (Rotary Australia World Community Service) and their next project for 2016 is focused on a water supply project bringing water to the village from a natural spring using 2.5km of welded together plastic pipe. Another guest speaker was Mathew Warry, son of our president, who informed us of his plight with being diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes when he was 10. Mathew is leading a very full life and nothing seems to hold him back. Mathew is married to the lovely Sarah and they have one child and one on the way. Mathew enjoys participating at diabetes camps that informs children and parents how to live with the disease. Mathew's joy is seeing the change in the children and parents.

Members have been assisting many different organisations with bbq's recently and a wood chop yesterday to provide a prize for the upcoming Trivia night in Koo wee rup.

Disaster Aid Australia in Fiji—since the destruction by Cyclone Winston, Disaster Aid International (Australia) have deployed over lapping teams in Suva working very closely with the Rotary Clubs in the country. To date Disaster Aid International have delivered 260 Home Repair Kits and have spent over \$100,000. The roll out of home repair kits was completed with the help of local Suva Rotarians who have a full working knowledge of the entire area. The Suva Fiji clubs have also delivered over 600 Emergency Repair Kits to the locals. Clubs and individuals can make donations to support the work of Disaster Aid Australia at - <http://www.disasteraidaustralia.org.au/>.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Charity Golf Day in October at the Lang Lang Golf Club

The Debutante Ball has set a date which will be the 26th of August at the Lang Lang Hall. Any further enquiries please contact Val Williams on 5997 5358.

The Rotary Club will be hosting it's Changeover on the 29th of June at the Tooradin Sports Club where our current President Graham Warry will hand over to Incoming President Jan Kruizinga.

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

We invite you to join us for

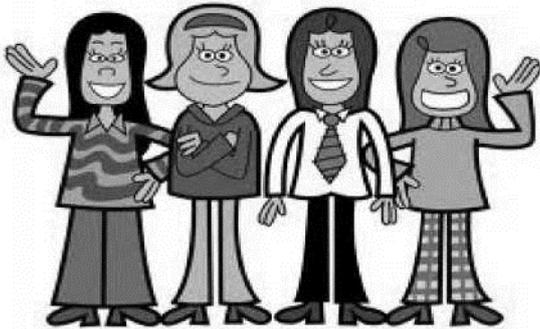
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KBA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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

Another productive association meeting was held on Tuesday 19th April. A representative from the CWA attended to update us on one of their initiatives. It's always a good thing when the various community groups communicate, no matter the reason. It helps to build a stronger community all round. All projects progressing well, getting closer to the end, further from the start! The Swamp tower sign format is now in the hands of the sign writers. The person in charge of our sign is currently on holidays, but I think I can safely predict that the sign will be finalised by midyear! (She says with her fingers crossed). We've also been working on getting the website organised, with quotes being sourced and a decision to be made at our next meeting.

Word of Vizzari's asparagus farm has spread up north to Bendigo! After reading about the field trip I took part in (in the March Blackfish sent to him by my father) my brother was familiar with the farm's location on his last trip down south. Although he and his partner had noticed Vizzari's sheds during past trips, they were not aware of their significance to the area.

To anyone who had noticed an odour coming from one of the storm water drains in Station St over the past few months, I'm happy to inform you that the council has investigated, found the cause and, will by now have resolved the problem.

Association renewals are coming up in July, with new applications accepted as well. If of interest businesses may join now and membership will be valid through to end June 2017. We invite any business to come along to any of our meetings (contact any of the list below for dates) just to see what's going on.

Who else is loving this weather? It's great for the retail businesses, being able to display their wares outside in the open. I'm doing my best to make the most of these beautiful days. And for the cafés and takeaway places lots of people, locals and passing through, stopping to relax and replenish.

For any information regarding the business association please call:

Vicki Charlton, used to be new, [0413 384 480](tel:0413384480)

Rob Mure, one agency, [0417 553 324](tel:0417553324)

Andrea Vincent, Bendigo bank, [5997 2266](tel:59972266)

So till next month, take care, Vicki Charlton

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Community Kitchen

Join other community members each week in our Community Kitchen. Come together to plan, cook and share healthy, affordable meals. Everyone is welcome. You will be able to socialise and develop skills whilst learning from each other through this hands-on experience.

Wednesdays commencing 4 May for 8 sessions

9.30am - 12.00pm

Cost: \$40 for term or \$6 per session (join any time)

Card Games Social Group

Bridge, 500, Canasta, Euchre, Solo
Do you enjoy playing card games? Looking to exercise your brain and have fun doing so? Join this group and gather with others who love playing card games of all types. Informal, friendly and non-competitive.

Every Tuesday, 1.00pm - 4.00pm

Cost: \$3 per session

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Learn the basics on how to read the Tarot intuitively, covering all 78 cards of the Minor and Major Arcana cards. Tutor is a Professional Member of the Tarot Guild of Australia with over 20 years of experience. Bring an open mind and willingness to participate. A deck of Rider-Waite or Universal Waite Tarot cards required. Decks can be purchased for \$25 at the first class.

Wednesdays commencing 11 May for 6 sessions

6.30pm - 9.00pm

Cost: \$150 (Includes extensive notes)

Gardening Group

Group meets on the first Friday of the month. Come along to enjoy guest speakers, information sharing, problem solving and swapping cuttings. Have a cuppa, meet other avid gardeners and have an input into the future activities of the group.

Friday 6 May, 3 June and 1 July

10.30am - 12.00pm

Cost: \$3

For those who like to get out and about and visit gardens (both public and private), there is also the option of excursions on the third Friday of the month.

Friday 20 May - Cranbourne Botanic Gardens

Explore this stunning, contemporary Australian Garden - heathlands, wetlands and woodlands. Includes transport. BYO lunch.

10.00am - 3.00pm

Cost: \$10

Astrology - 'Understanding your personal Horoscope'

We are all born with our own amazing and unique astrological blueprint for life. That's where the exciting journey of understanding your own unique birth chart begins. The Tutor is an experienced Astrologer and member of Victorian Astrologers Association and FAA. (Includes your own personal birth chart and extensive notes).

Fridays commencing 20 May for 6 sessions

9.30am - 12.00pm

Cost: \$150

Meditation and Psychic Development Group

Learn how to enhance and develop your innate psychic abilities, intuition and self-awareness. Embrace your inner self whilst exploring a meridian of esoteric modalities along the way. Meet with like-minded people. Relax, chat and jettison the baggage.

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KOO WEE RUP BOWLS CLUB NEWS



The results from the penultimate Friday Triples competition played on 1st April are – Winning rink was John Emmett, Ken Mynard & Ray Wilson (Lang Lang) with 40 pts. The Runner Up rink with 36 pts & 21 shots up was Ken Taylor, Edna Adams (Warragul) & Fred Forde (KWR). Best Last game was won by Brian Edwards, Albert Slefendorfas (Corinella) & Wendy Pownall (Hastings) with 20 pts. The final day of this competition was held on 15th April with the winning rink being Pauline Gray, Mary Masters & Lindsay Wealands (KWR) with 38 pts. Runner Up rink with 36 pts. was Jim Smith (Cardinia Waters), Bill Files & Noel Speight (KWR). Best last game with 27 shots up was Graeme Wilde, Sandra Wilde & Simon Koning (Cardinia Waters). The Aggregate results for the season saw the very consistent rink of Pauline Gray, Mary Masters & Lindsay Wealands win with 16 wins & 146 ends. The Runner Up rink was John Van Vugt, Graeme Wilde & Simon Koning (Cardinia Waters) with 13.5 wins & 143.5 ends. Third place went to John Williams, Brian Vanina & Neville Kitchen (Lang Lang) with 13.5 wins & 137 ends. Our Club would like to thank all players for their support over the season and especially our sponsors David Bull Funeral Director & One Agency Real Estate.

The Annual Jason Giaccotto Memorial day was played on 2nd April with players from Berwick, Cardinia Waters, Corinella, Dandenong Club, Hampton Park, KooWeeRup, Lang Lang, Pakenham taking part.

The Club wish to thank the members who worked hard on and before the day to make it a success and obviously Arthur & Shirley for sponsoring the day and the other sponsors who donated prizes etc. towards the day. The results for the day were the Winners Patrick Steere, Albert Bertoncello, David Bond & Tom Cantwell (Berwick) with 3 wins & 24 shots up. The Runner up rink with 3 wins & 22 shots up was Kim McMahon, Max Calder, Ray Brown & Lindsay Wealands (KWR). The rink of Shane Holmes, John Williams, Ken Mynard & Neville Kitchen (Lang Lang) were in 3rd place also with 3 wins & 22 shots up. Best last game winners were Jim Smith (Cardinia Waters), Charlie Borg, Irene Stanbridge & Lyn Jenkins (KWR) with 9 shots up.

All Club members were saddened to hear of the passing of Darren Brown in early April. Darren had only transferred from Linton BC a year ago but in the short time he had with our Club he was very well respected and an extremely popular member who will be greatly missed. Our deepest sympathies to Helen & family & also Ladies Past President Jill Roissetter [mother in law].

We have cleared Max & Evelyn Calder to Yarrawonga BC after they decided on a “sea change” and moved there late March. Both Max & Evelyn have won Club Championships and many other Club competitions in their stay of 10 years with us as well as serving on the Committee of Management team & Match Committees. The Club “loss” will be Yarrawonga’s “gain” and we wish Max & Evelyn the best for the future and we are certain that they will visit us for a game when possible.

COUNCIL CALLS ON GOVERNMENT TO FUND THOMPSONS ROAD

Cardinia Shire Council in partnership with the City of Casey is calling on the Australian Government to fund an upgrade and extension to Thompsons Road which would benefit thousands of residents and businesses across the Casey Cardinia region. Both councils are advocating to the government to fund the:

- upgrade of the Thompsons Road / Western Port Highway intersection to a grade separated interchange
- duplication of Thompsons Road from Dandenong–Frankston Road to Berwick–Cranbourne Road
- extension and duplication of Thompsons Road from Berwick–Cranbourne Road to Cardinia Road, Officer South initially, with the future extension to Healesville–Koo Wee Rup Road.

Council has also joined a national campaign called ‘Fund Our Future’ to demand a change in the way the Australian Government invests in fast-growing outer areas like Cardinia Shire. The campaign advocates for a national dedicated infrastructure fund to support ‘shovel ready’ projects like the Thompsons Road extension.

Residents and businesses are encouraged to join the ‘Fund Our Future’ campaign and have their say by emailing the Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition. Visit the [Fund Our Future website](#) to sign the petition by selecting ‘**Cardinia Shire Council**’ from the drop down box. More information is also available on [Facebook \(FundourFutureAU\)](#) and [Twitter @FundourFutureAU](#)

Fast facts

- Five million Australians live in fast-growing outer suburbs around the country. In 15 years, the population in these areas will have increased by half again to 7.5 million people.
- Cardinia Shire is one of Australia’s fastest growing municipalities with five families moving in per day.
- By 2036, an estimated 303,000 Casey Cardinia residents will be in work.
- Thompsons Road corridor can provide over 100,000 local jobs within the region.
- \$470m is required from the Victorian and Australian governments to duplicate and extend Thompsons Road.

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Monday Carpet Bowls: Starts 1pm \$2.00 All Welcome

Tuesday Night Bingo: Must Be Over 18 Eyes Down 7.30pm Sharp

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KRHS was actively involved in 'Active April' this year with a range of health promotion activities for staff, residents and allied health to get active in the workplace have lots of fun.

Some of the activities we had included 'Walk and Talk sessions, Frisbee Golf, Tai Chi, Table Tennis, Tippetty Cricket and Pilates.



KRHS is a small 72 bed Public Hospital Servicing outer south east Melbourne and adjacent rural areas.

We provide a range of centre and community based services: Acute Care, Early Parenting Unit, Transitional Care Program, Respite and Residential Aged Care, Community Health, District Nurses, Pathology and Allied Health for example: Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy and Social work. There is also Specialist Medical Services such as Cardiology, a Podiatrist and Diabetes Clinic KRHS is a member of the 'International Health Promoting Network' and 'Global Green and Healthy Hospitals'.



Students from St John's Primary School enjoyed a day at the Men's Shed and in the Community Garden learning about planting, growing and eating fresh vegetables.

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Make a difference

by visiting an older person

The MS Community Visitors Scheme is seeking volunteers to visit older people living in **Churchill, Drouin, Bunyip and Koo Wee Rup.**

MS Community Visitors volunteers visit recipients who live in their own home or in an Aged Care home for friendship and companionship.

"We require volunteers in **Churchill, Drouin, Bunyip and Koo Wee Rup,** who have time to contribute a fortnight, enjoy talking or spending quality time with older community members," says Esis Tawfik, Manager, Community Visitors Scheme.

"This is a tremendous program that has a positive impact on the recipient and the community alike. All we ask is that the volunteers visit the recipients at least once a fortnight and give a commitment of a minimum of 12 months," added Ms Tawfik.

One member of the MS CVS team is Christine Thomas, who has volunteered with the program for about 10 years. An article in the local paper caught Christine's eye, and she's been visiting older community members ever since. Ms Thomas, who works part-time, spends about an hour each week playing the board game 'Trouble' with 53 year-old Susan.

"Susan just loves my visits - she gets excited and the staff can always tell when I'm there, because the game is very noisy. I enjoy the regular visit and seeing the smile on her face," Ms Thomas said.

Ms Thomas urged the community to get involved, if for no other reason than friendship. "Join for friendship - it's an enjoyable time, you get to know a few other people. If you would like to become a community visitor, email cvsrecruitment@ms.org.au or phone on 9845 2729.

MS has been an auspice of the Community Visitors Scheme since inception in 1992. The program provides services to over 600 residents across metro and rural Victoria and NSW.



About Multiple Sclerosis:

MS is a chronic lifelong disease for which there is no known cause or cure. MS randomly attacks the central nervous system (the brain, spinal cord and optic nerves) stopping the brain communicating with the rest of the body.

1,000 Australians are diagnosed with MS every year, equating to approximately four people every working day.

Diagnosis of MS is typically between 20 and 40 years of age. Three quarters of people living with MS are women.

No two cases of MS are identical. The visible and hidden symptoms of MS are unpredictable and vary from person to person and from time to time.

MS is estimated to cost Australia over \$1 billion each year.

50-80% of people with MS cease to work full-time within 10 years of diagnosis.

For further information contact:

Esis Tawfik,

Manager, Community Visitors Scheme

Multiple Sclerosis

T: 03 9845 2729 F: 03 9845 2777

email: CVSRecruitment@ms.org.au

Web: www.ms.org.au

Otherways you can volunteer is through Kooweerup Regional Health Service



The benefits of **Volunteering at KRHS** are enormous to you, your family and the community. Giving the gift of time gives you the opportunity to meet friends, learn new skills, share your skills and make a difference in peoples lives.

Activities you can be involved with can range from reading the newspaper to a resident to driving with the L2P program.

For more information please contact Marianna (KRHS Volunteer Coordinator) on 5997 9792



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Mental Health First Aid

To be held between 6 – 9pm on 30 August, 6, 13 & 20 September.

The 12-hour Mental Health First Aid course teaches adults (18 years and over) how to provide initial support to adults who are developing a mental illness or experiencing a mental health crisis. Course participants learn about the signs and symptoms of the common and disabling mental health problems, how to provide initial help, where and how to get professional help, what sort of help has been shown by research to be effective, and how to provide first aid in a crisis situation.

Venue: Lifeline Gippsland, 2 Fleming Street, Morwell

How to book: Contact reception@llg.org.au or call 03 5136 3500



Sustainability Festival

KRHS participated in the South Gippsland Sustainability Festival at Coal Creek and invited the community to visit the Hewitt Eco House. The festival showcased local services and organisations working towards reducing climate change and keeping our local area clean and green.

The opening times for a tour of the Eco House are Tuesdays and Fridays 10am to 4pm. For more information please call Brian 5997 9687.

Small Steps -

Staff pledging to reduce their footprint



Staff, residents and visitors are enjoying fabulous coffee's, tea's, hot chocolates and snacks at the popular 'Charlie's Coffee Cart' which can be found at KRHS Monday to Friday at 10.30am and 2.30pm.

KRHS is giving staff a free 'Keep Cup' when they take the 'KooWee Climate Challenge' and sign the Environmental Sustainability Pledge, thereby reducing their climate footprint by being more aware of helping the environment in the workplace.

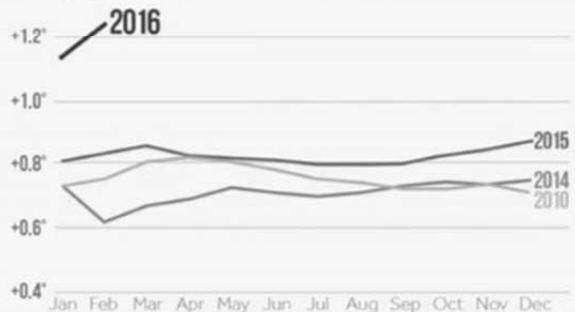
For example: turning off unnecessary lights, refilling water bottles and reducing their paper consumption.



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Average global temperature anomalies (°C)



Latest statistics from NASA and Climate Central on the average global temperature anomalies.

Chances are you've never heard the phrase "danger day" when it comes to weather. That's because they're rare. Climate change is about to make them a lot more common over the next 15 years. A danger day is when the combination of heat and humidity (also known as the heat index) make it feel like it's over 40°C or hotter.

NATIONAL SERVICE

By Frank Rouse as told to Heather Arnold

With the Centenary of the Great War, the recent commemoration of ANZAC Day and the Queen's 90th birthday - I'd thought we would have a story which combines both military service and the Queen - it's my Dad's account of his National Service. National Service was introduced in Australia in 1951, in response to the Cold War and the rise of Communism. The first intake was in April 1951 and it was abolished in November 1959. It operated again from 1964 until 1972. Frank lived at Cora Lynn, where he still lives, when he was called up and this is his story of his National Service.

I was called up in the third intake, at the end of May 1952, when I was 18. This intake took in men from Gippsland. I spent three months at Puckapunyal, where we lived in a hut with 15 others, eight beds down each side. During the three months we learnt to march and handle a rifle and learn the rifle movements. We had to guard the transport depot, I had the midnight to 4.00am shift and the men from the regular Army used to just ignore us and just walk in. At the end of the three months we did a three day march, 20 miles per day, in full uniform with a 303 rifle, back pack and two ground sheets. We slept with a ground sheet on top of us and it was very cold at night. We received our rations in the morning and had to cook them during the day. Each Unit had a Bren gun which also had to be carried.

During this three month camp, I was chosen to attend a march through Melbourne. Only three from my hut were selected. We got the bus to Melbourne and lined up with hundreds of other service men and military bands at the top of Swanston Street, near the old CUB brewery. We marched the length of Swanston Street to the Shrine where we were given refreshments and I caught up with Mum and my sister Dorothy, who had come up from Cora Lynn for the day. It was interesting to march through the crowds and to hear the people cheering.

After that, if you lived near a Drill hall, such as the one at Warragul, you had to attend every Friday for two hours for two years. Because I lived at Cora Lynn, I had to attend two three week camps. They were at Scrub Hill near Puckapunyal. At the first camp, I volunteered to be a driver and drove the Doctor (a Colonel) around in a Jeep. At the

second Camp, I volunteered to be a medical orderly, as I had done First aid training in the Scouts. First thing in the morning was a medical parade where I treated minor ailments, made toast for the Doctor and did whatever else I was ordered to by the Doctor. The majority worked on Artillery, alongside the regular Army, and they operated 5½ inch guns which had a twenty mile range.

In 1954, the Queen visited Warragul and as I was still doing my National Service a day guarding the Queen was a day off my National Service. I rode up from Cora Lynn on my motor bike to the Drill hall where we were assembled. We were inspected to make sure our uniform was correct, issued with our 303 rifles, and then marched over the railway bridge and along the highway to about where C.S & J.S Brown's garage is (near Napier Street).

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Next **MONDAY** is the **LAST DAY**

REGISTRATION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE

NOTICE TO MEN ATTAINING THE AGE OF 18 YEARS BETWEEN 1st MAY and 31st AUGUST, 1952

Under the National Service Acts 1951, all male persons, not exempt under the Acts from liability to register, who are British subjects and ordinarily resident in Australia and have attained or will attain the age of 18 years between 1st May, 1952, and 31st August, 1952 (both dates inclusive), **ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER BY 2nd JUNE, 1952.**

A person who has arrived and intends to make his home in Australia is regarded as ordinarily resident in Australia as from the time of his arrival. A person who is absent from Australia during the period within which he is required to register, must register within 14 days after his return. If a person required to register is insane or so mentally or physically incapacitated as to be unable to register personally, the person in whose charge he is for the time being must do so on his behalf.

Any person who is required to register and who fails to do so is liable to the penalties prescribed under the Acts.

EXEMPTIONS

The only exemptions from liability to register are:—

- Persons on full-time duty with the Permanent Defence Forces,
- Diplomatic personnel specified in Section 1B of the Acts,
- Aboriginal natives of Australia including half-castes, and persons of aboriginal extraction living as aborigines.

EARLY REGISTRATION

If a male person of 17 years of age has good reason for wishing to commence his National Service training without waiting until he is required to register, he may register voluntarily even though he is not 18. Further details may be obtained from Commonwealth Employment Service Offices.

HOW TO REGISTER

Registration Forms (Forms N.S.1) are available at all Money Order Post Offices and Commonwealth Employment Service Offices. Addresses of the latter offices are in Telephone Directories. Detailed instructions on how to register are in the Registration Form and the sheet (N.S.1A) attached to it.

Ad from The Kooweerup Sun, May 28, 1952

Lang Lang & District Historical Society

Welcome visitors to our Heritage Centre situated in Kester Kitchin Park, Lang Lang
We open each Wednesday 10.30-3pm or by appointment
Secretary Joy Adderley
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NATIONAL SERVICE *(from previous page)**By Frank Rouse as told to Heather Arnold*

From there we were spread along the edge of the road (the old Highway) over the hill and almost down to the railway crossing, on each side of the road. We were stood 'at ease' by about 9.45am and we waited for the Queen's entourage. We waited, unable to move or leave our positions. It was a very good thing that we had better bladders then than we have now.

At about 11.45am the word went out that the Queen was coming and we stood to attention ready to 'present arms'. The entourage flew past at about 50 miles an hour. We marched back to the Drill hall where we handed over our rifles and we were dismissed.

Other locals who did national service with me were George Jones, from Warragul; Aub Goodman (Vervale), Kevin Batchelor (Bunyip), Mulga Shelton (Pakenham), Butch Giles (Trafalgar), Stan Riches (Garfield), Ian Chatfield (Nar Nar Goon) and Kevin Wilby (Modella).

I asked Dad how he felt about his National Service and he was very positive about it as he said it was interesting, the other blokes were all a similar age and had a farming background or worked in saw mills, so they all had a similar outlook. Dad had been boy scout so he was used to camping and he was already used to hard work as he had been working on the farm full time since he left school at the end of Form 4, so he found the work easy and what's more he got paid seven shillings per day, whereas he was paid nothing at home.

The Koo-Wee-Rup Swamp Historical Society meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm at Mallow house in Rossiter Road, corner of Henry Street. New members welcome. The Museum is open the second and fourth Sundays from 1.30pm until 4.30pm. Heather Arnold harnold@dcsi.net.au ☎ 5629 4396.



Frank Rouse on the left and George Jones is on the right, during their National Service.

Koo-Wee-Rup Swamp Historical Society

Annual Luncheon

Guest Speaker is

Geoff Pledge

Former Principal of

Koo-Wee-Rup Secondary College

When - Sunday, May 22 2016 at 12 noon.

Where - Community Centre,
Rossiter Road, Koo-Wee-Rup.

Cost - \$30.00 per head. BYO Drinks and glasses.

RSVP, including any special dietary requirements, by May 18 to
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