

THE KOO WEE RUP BLACKFISH



APRIL 2017

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Koo Wee Rup's Premier Division and Under 16 Red team both finished the season on top - Cricket Club Report pp6-7

THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The Township held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, 1 March. Township Meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 5 April at 7:30 pm at the Community Centre.

There are ongoing Issues with building permit and licensing for the outdoor seating area at the Royal Hotel. Visibility through the glass barriers is the main issue. Issues are recognised by council. No public consultation was raised as a major concern

A map with suggested locations for rubbish bins was provided to Cr Brown for follow up.

Shelton Park to Charles St footpath has been referred to the appropriate section of council, Cr Brown will monitor.

Our guests this evening, Kevin Alexander and Scott Mulholland from Cardinia Shire Open Space team told the meeting of the council plan to replace the street trees in Station St and Rossiter Road, the Koo Wee Rup CBD. In Stations St the project would extend from Salmon Street to the intersection with Rossiter Road, and in Rossiter from the railway line to Gardner St.

Both sides of the road will have the trees replaced with the aim of creating an avenue effect once the trees have matured. Only existing trees will be replaced, it is difficult to successfully establish trees where a concrete footpath is already in existence as the compacted ground under the concrete cannot be broken up to facilitate water penetration and allow the roots to spread out.

Most of the suggested tree species are introduced and deciduous. Council is trying to find a tree that will grow up rather than out, but that will not grow as high as the powerlines so that it is not required to be pruned into an awkward shape to avoid interfering with the powerlines. A list of proposed species will be released for feedback from the Koo Wee Rup community to help with the final decision. It is anticipated that the new trees will be planted in June or July of this year.

Kevin and Scott committed to keeping the Township committee and Koo Wee Rup community informed of the timing and progress of the tree replacement project.

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KWR RSL SUB BRANCH REPORT

Hello to Everybody. Since our last report, we have had our AGM elections, the following positions have been filled and we look forward to a productive and enjoyable year ahead with our new look team.

President - John Camilleri Major Projects - Ron Ingram
 Snr Vice President - Bob Krog Welfare - Georgette Anderson
 Secretary - Dave O'Donnell Op Shop Coordinator - Joyce Light
 Treasurer - George Fittock Memorabilia Coordinator - Lyn Ingram

It is with great appreciation of the outstanding contributions given by those members who stood down, namely Geoff Stokes our technical and research guru who, in many ways, guided us through the detail side of our sub branch activities. Thank you Geoff. And of course our joint secretaries, Ivan and Margaret Royle, who for many years now have tirelessly worked to ensure our sub branch was as successful as could be. Thank you Ivan and Margaret. I am sure that, although they have stepped down for a well deserved rest, Geoff, Ivan and Margaret will continue to be active and enthusiastic in helping our new look committee to be successful in 2017 and then beyond.

ANZAC Day

It is with great honour that we, the KWR and District RSL sub branch, hold our ANZAC Day Dawn Service at the Cenotaph in front of our community hall. This is just a few minutes once a year to pause in our busy lives to pay homage to the men and women of our various defence services who, in times of need, put their lives on the line for our great country. 55 of our district's service men and women paid the supreme sacrifice. The details of our service are as follows:

- ANZAC Day, Tuesday, April 25th
- Form up at the clock towers 5.30 am
- March down Avenue of Honour to Cenotaph 5.40 am
- Fall in at Cenotaph 5.55 am
- Commence Dawn Service 6.00 am
- Lions Club Egg & Bacon Breakfast approx 6.30 am
- Meet with friends and neighbours, etc 7.00 pm onwards

We would encourage everybody to march, especially children. If you have medals of relatives, please wear them proudly as a token of respect and remembrance for your loved ones.

Finally, we hope to see you all on ANZAC Day. If between now and then you see ANZAC badges for sale, we would be grateful if you were able to purchase one from us, the proceeds from badge sales go towards taking care of service men and women in time of need.

Once again, thank you, yours in service, Ron Ingram, Koo Wee Rup RSL Sub Branch, 0409 959 821

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Community Vegetables

I would like to raise a concern I have about the theft of vegetables from the Men's Shed, which is a very useful resource provided to our community.

These wonderful hard working volunteers, dedicate their time and expertise to provide fresh produce to the community at very reasonable prices.

Unfortunately, there are some people who obviously think it is their right to continually take whatever they want from these gardens.

On behalf of John and his team, we urge these people to stop this practice and do the right thing.

Yours sincerely, Elizabeth Moore

Parking on Nature Strips

Could you please remind people of the council by-laws relating to parking on nature strips.

Outside your own home, you can park with two wheels on and two wheels off the nature strip. You are not entitled to park on someone else's nature strip.

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TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES *(from previous page)*

The meeting organised by the supplier of natural gas to Koo Wee Rup was well attended. Cr Ray Brown said that without the Township committee and the hard work of members such as Frank Cramer the supply of reticulated natural gas to Koo Wee Rup would not have happened.

Kym Ockerby from the Community Strengthening Team at Cardinia Shire is organising Leadership training for Community group members and has asked for nominations to attend this training.

The proposed medical centre at the corner of Rossiter Road and John Street will come before the council Planning committee on Monday 6TH March. Parking has been raised as an issue; however, the proposal meets the requirements for the zoning.

At the last Cardinia Shire Council Meeting Cr Brown raised concerns about the Lang Lang Sports Precinct Business Case. He felt there was not sufficient proof within the documents to be able to make a decision, that extra information has now been provided so development can now go ahead.

The President reported that she had attended the launch of The Hub at the Regional Health Service. This new facility will provide an opportunity for teenagers and younger children to independently source mental health treatment. It will also provide support for youth to access health services and will provide advice for kids around drug use.

"Le Ride" a film about the first Australians to compete in the Tour de France has been released in Australia featuring local cyclist Percy Osborn.

It would be great to update the information on the clock Towers and add new sections on the blank faces.

Gwen Lengersdorf questioned the state of the South East Catch drain alongside her property, these needs to be referred to Melbourne Water. *(This is on the weed spraying program and has been sprayed since the March meeting).*

Lou Bucello raised concerns about runoff from the worm farm in Boundary Drain Road, especially that he had reported this to council in January and had yet to receive a reply. Cr Brown will follow this up.

The overgrown blackberry along the walking path on Southern Boundary Drain was raised and will be referred to council via a merit request.

A couple of road issues were raised:

- Some drivers are confused by the lane markings at Manks Road when turning right from the Koo Wee Rup Pakenham Road south bound
- There is no give way sign at the intersection of McKays Road and MacDonalds Drain Road.

Both of these issues will be referred to council and VicRoads for review.

The question of gas supply to Boundary Drain Road was raised again. This has been discussed in the past and referred to the gas supply company for review. It is not economically viable for them to provide gas to Boundary Drain Road due to the lower number of houses and the extra length of pipe per connection required.

Daniel Mulino, MLC will be our guest at the April meeting and there was some discussion about topics for his prior consideration and discussion at the meeting. The meeting suggested that the following topics (in no particular order) should be raised with Mr Mulino:

- Sealing Icke Road
- Piping stormwater drains on Denhams Road and Station St (outside St John's Primary School)
- An additional football oval and increased sporting facilities for Koo Wee Rup
- Public Transport – ideally a commuter service in the morning and evening connecting with Metro Trains at Pakenham, would be great to have the service on MYKI and included in metro Zone 2; Extension of the Community Centre

Some of the Township Committee will be meeting with Greg Hunt, Member for Flinders, on Friday 3 March and the meeting also discussed issues to be raised with Greg:

- Internet Access – especially outside of town can be patchy
- Additional football oval
- Extension of the Community Centre
- Aged Care for Koo Wee Rup and access to services
- Road Safety



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Term 2, 2017 commences Fri 28th April

KOOWEE RUP CRICKET CLUB

What a fantastic year of cricket we have had with the completion of our new nets and new pitch at the primary school and some players playing rep cricket.

Congratulations to Jess Mathers on winning our inaugural Davey medal as best player as voted by our senior captains.

This year we had 5 teams play in finals with the u/16 blue going down in the semi and the u/12 & u/14 finishing runners up. Well done boys!!!

A massive congratulations to the u/16 red who won their grand final by 30 runs.

Then it was up to our premier grade to do their part and in a thrilling finish won by 5 runs with Jess Mathers winning man of the match what a game it was

It's what we do boys!!!!!!

Kooweerup Cricket Club Presentation Night

Our attention then turned to our presentation day/night and a great time was had by all.

Congratulations to all our award winners.

Bendigo Bank Kooweerup Best Club Person:

Graham Davey

Bendigo Bank Kooweerup Club Champion: Mark Cooper

Premier Grade:

Batting Average & Agg. Mark Cooper 880 runs @ 62.86

Bowling Average Mark Cooper 11.88

Bowling Aggregate Jess Mathers 43 Wickets

Coaches Award: Jack Bacon

Player of the Finals: Jess Mathers

Jess Mathers 7 for 40 against Tooradin Round 14

B Grade:

Batting Average & Agg. Lachie Ramage 299 runs @ 27.18

Bowling Average & Agg. Matthew Bright 17 Wickets @ 10.18

Best Player Lachie Ramage

Matthew Bright 7 for 36 against Tooradin Round 5

D Grade

Batting Average & Agg. Tom Cottrell 234 runs @ 29.25

Bowling Average & Agg. Tom Cottrell 19 Wickets @ 11.53

Best Player Tom Cottrell

Hat Trick: Aaren Corrin Round 5 vs Emerald

E Grade

Batting Average & Agg. Daniel Tannahill 290 runs @ 41.43

Bowling Average & Agg. Paul West 28 wickets @ 14.36

Best Player Darcy O'Hehir

Double Hat Trick Jamey Blackwood Round 7 vs Merinda Park

U/16 Blue

Batting Average & Agg. Jason Cox 340 runs @ 56.67

Sponsored by Kevin & Tanya Lewis

Bowling Average & Agg. Jai Lewis 12 Wickets @ 11.08

Sponsored by Kooweerup CC

Player of the Finals Lachlan Wasley

Sponsored by Rick & Nadia Cammarano

Most Improved Mitch Alderson

Sponsored by John Grogan

Coaches Award Luke Glassborrow

Sponsored by Andy Cammarano



U/16 KWR/PUT

Batting Average & Agg. John Langley 194 Runs @ 27.71

Sponsored by Barry O'Hehir

Bowling Average & Agg. Kasey O'Hehir 10 Wickets @ 9.20

Sponsored by Pakenham Upper CC

Most Improved Tom Allan

Sponsored by Pakenham Upper CC

Coaches Award Bailey Smith

Sponsored by Paul De Pasquale

U/14 Blue

Batting Average & Agg. Matthew Voss 209 Runs @ 41.80

Bowling Average & Agg. Matthew Voss 18 Wickets @ 3.78

Sponsored by Kooweerup CC

Most Improved Ethan McDonald

Sponsored by Amy and Justin Whitta

Coaches Award James Lucas

Sponsored by Stephen Johnson

Matt Voss 6 for 8 Semi Final against Officer

Sponsored by Paul De Pasquale

U/14 Red

Batting Average & Agg. Jordan Sprie 119 runs @ 23.80

Bowling Average & Agg. Joel Anderson 10 Wickets @ 5.6

Most Improved Ben Geyer

Sponsored by Kevin & Tanya Lewis

Coaches Award Thomas Hardiman

Sponsored by Pakenham Upper CC

KOO WEE RUP CRICKET CLUB

Award winners continued from previous page:

U/12

Batting Average Jordan Sprie 38.25

Batting Aggregate Seth O'Hehir 163 Runs

Sponsored by Lester Family

Bowling Average & Agg. Jordan Sprie 11 Wickets @ 7.55

Player of the Finals Zak Banks

Sponsored by Lester Family

Most Improved Riley Willis

Sponsored by Brent Wilson

Coaches Award Molleigh Lewis

Sponsored by Sprie Family

U/10 Red & Blue

Coaches Award

Under 10 Red Sienna De Pasquale

Under 10 Blue Cullen Anderson

Kooweerup Cricket Club "Junior Participation Award"

Season 2016-2017

Bianca Wilson

Cooper Davey

Gemma O'Keefe

Lincoln Fleming

Sophie O'Hara

Brock Glasscock

Georgia Sharp

Lincon Tannahill

Keely Sharp

Campbell Wood

Bonnie Sharp

Jaxen Wood

Kayla Selleck

Noah Pugsley

Maddi Banks

Kooper Herbert

Tiani Johnson

Harry Herbert

Lara Johnson

Seth Lawler

Savannah Murray

Cullen Anderson

Kierah Lawler

Brock Ryan

Sienna De Pasquale

Lucas Halden

Jayda Tannahill

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If there is anyone interested in joining our great club for next season please feel free to contact our club president Paul West on 0400 652 859.



Koo-Wee-Rup Swamp Historical Society Annual Luncheon

The guest speaker is Barry Gracey,
President of the Pozieres Remembrance Association.

When: May 28 2017 at 12 noon. Venue: Koo-Wee-Rup Community Centre.

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WHAT WAS THAT SIREN? February/March 2017

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.

- 4/2/17 – Car leaking gas – County Court Koo Wee Rup
- 4/2/17 – Illegal fireworks set off – Rossiter Rd Koo Wee Rup
- 5/2/17 – Grass and Scrubb fire – Adams Lane Tooradin
- 8/2/17 – Almond Hull fire – Lang Lang
- 8/2/17 – Car fire – Bayles
- 9/2/17 – Car accident – McDonalds Track Lang Lang
- 12/2/17 – Power pole fire – Koo Wee Rup Rd Bayles
- 14/2/17 – Car accident persons trapped – Ballarto Rd Koo Wee Rup
- 17/2/17 – Automatic Alarm – Rossiter Rd Koo Wee Rup
- 18/2/17 – Illegal fireworks and bonfire – Salmon St Koo Wee Rup
- 23/2/17 – Car accident - Koo Wee Rup/Ballarto Rd Koo Wee Rup
- 24/2/17 – Shed fire – Bass Hwy Lang Lang
- 5/3/17 – Car leaking oil on road - Koo Wee Rup/Marks Rd Koo Wee Rup
- 6/3/17 – Car accident – Sybella/Sth Gippsland Hwy Koo Wee Rup
- 13/3/17 – Car accident - Koo Wee Rup Rd Koo Wee Rup
- 16/4/17 – Car accident – McDonald Track Lang Lang
- 17/4/17 – Car accident - Koo Wee Rup/Manks Rd Koo Wee Rup
- 17/4/17 – Rubbish fire – Rossiter Rd Koo Wee Rup

Fire Danger Period Ends

The Fire Danger Period for Cardinia Shire ended on Monday 27 March 2017.

The conclusion of the Fire Danger Period is based on the change in local fire risk conditions.

Burning off grass, stubble, weeds, undergrowth or other vegetation is generally permitted outside the Fire Danger Period but local laws on burn-offs can apply year-round.

Check with council before burning off

All burn-offs should be registered with ESTA on 1800 668 511.

Please ensure you have enough people to monitor, contain and extinguish any fire safely and effectively.

Stay safe



A few of our newer members practicing their running grass fire techniques

KOOWEERUP SECONDARY COLLEGE NEWS

From the Principal

Dear Koo Wee Rup Community, we have had a wonderful start to the school year with lots of events happening. Students have been involved in a range of music, sporting, public speaking and community activities. They have even found time to fit for their studies, which is what we are all here for. I would like to thank all the parents and staff for supporting our students during Term 1 and look forward to a busy and engaging Term 2.

It is important that students and staff take time out to refresh, spend time with their families and come back ready to build on their learning.

The College has just completed a review process of the last four years work and we are now excited about the strategic direction of the next four years. During Term 2 I will report to our community on that direction and the involvement of our whole community in it.

A major project the college is involved in is partnering with Cardinia Shire to upgrade our sporting facilities. This project is past the submission stage and if successful will mean an upgrade for our oval and subsequent joint use facilities for our community sporting bodies. We keep our fingers crossed.

I would also like to thank the Koo Wee Rup Health service for its continued partnership in the HUB. This project, will continue to support the Health and wellbeing of some of our vulnerable students.

Yours sincerely, Felix Patton, Principal, Kooweerup Secondary College

Year 8 Grand Prix Excursion

The kids behaved wonderfully. We put our faith in them to stick together and manage themselves around the track when we got there. They wandered happily together in their own groups and kept each other safe.

The staff huddled together as well and attempted to take photos of the cars as they went past us, but we didn't manage to get many good photos! Tania got to see her boyfriend Lewis fly past very quickly in his car!

The staff had some rather questionable fashion choices in the form of a First Aid bag, which we all had the privilege of carrying around at some point!

We put our faith in the kids to meet back at an arranged place at 1.10pm and they didn't fail us, all of them were on time, and kept calling out to me as I jogged past to go and collect a sick girl from St John's! Even clapping me! How lovely of them.

Back on the bus and home to Koo Wee Rup. Might I add we were only 2 minutes late! Returning to school to the applause of LMG and MNI for being nearly on time.

Thank you to all the wonderful staff that came along for the ride, Tania, Jill, Kerrie, Taz and Yang. Also a big thank you to Sarah who couldn't come today, but who did all the ground work/admin work back at school to get the event organised.

Max Eldridge, Year 8 Learning Community Assistant

Our Year 9 Students at the Alpine School in Marlo

The students had the opportunity to visit either an elderly peoples home or a child care centre as part of community service. Many of the Koo Wee Rup students went into the high care centre, where they were able to sing and entertain some older people with dementia. It was incredible to see both Amy and Jeromi sing to them, bringing happiness to their hearts and souls.

On Friday, the students presented their Community Learning Project to the school here as well as their visiting teacher Aviva Miller. Aviva was extremely proud of her students and could see a recognisable change in their behaviour and personal growth. All the students spoke clearly and confidently, making a huge impact with their project which aims to tackle bullying in school.

Saturday night the students enjoyed a fun night of dressing up and dancing with their formal!

The students completed their final personal presentation of their learning journey here. Each of the students were given a unique way of presenting, for example poem, video, game or metaphor. They all took it in their stride to make a creative presentation.



KOOWEE RUP SECONDARY COLLEGE NEWS

Year 7 Girls Cricket

I took the very excited year 7 girls team out to play cricket on Monday. The day for them started with Adrian from Cricket Victoria teaching the girls a thing or two about bowling. Something about little stars, big stars and rock stars. We had the first game off, so as I went to learn how to umpire the girls practiced their batting and bowling on the side of the field.

After a long wait it was finally time for us to play our first game against Minaret, who had just come off a loss to Casey Grammar. Minaret had another loss under their belt after our girls were finished with them. Our next game, which was also the grand final was against Casey Grammar. We came away winners in this game too by about 20 or so runs.

Highlights from the day:

- Our cricketing veteran Lizzie Belsham captaining the squad and organising our girls on the field down to the millimeter.
- Amelia O'Brien smashing out quite a few 8's over the course of the day.
- Kim Gibb busting out a super cute dance move after taking a wicket.
- The partnership of Rasna Preman and Shakira Bourne (now known as Rasira) – great bowling, great batting, great fielding!
- The excitement of the girls after any wicket!
- The communication of the girls with their batting partners and in the field was awesome.
- And of course winning!

We had fun, we won and I learnt a thing or two about umpiring cricket. Unfortunately, I didn't get to hold anyone's hat though ... maybe next time.

Claire Notman, Kooweerup Secondary College, Sport Coordinator



Year 7 Boys Baseball

I took a group of 11 excited and completely novice year 7 boys to their first baseball experience last Friday. We had 3 matches to get through, with our initial game against Narre Warren. After the first innings, we were down 1 run. We restricted Narre to one run in their second. While we scored one run after our first out, the game was very much in the balance. Then Rhyce, with great baseball awareness, stole home, ending with a terrific slide into home base. He even left some of his elbow skin in the dirt! This tied up the game, and saw the score finish 5-5.

We played Casey in the second game. We lead 3-2 after the first, and then were able to double the lead after the second. Our next innings included a home run by Riley D which allowed us to score 3 runs. The opposition did not have the opportunity to have another bat, so the score reverted back to 5-3.

The last game against Alkira basically became the final. Whoever won went onto the next stage, and a draw meant Alkira would go on. The score was locked up 2-2 after the first. Unfortunately, we only scored 1 run next, and allowed the opposition 6 runs. This put us right under the pump. The boys never gave up though, and we scored the maximum permissible runs (7) to be leading 9-8. The problem was, we only had 4 minutes to get the three outs in Alkira's innings to come away with an improbable win. We got 1 out, and it looked promising. But with some very aggressive base running, Alkira scored the tying (if that's a word!) run. Time run out, and technically the final score reverted back to 3-8, which didn't represent the game.

The boys listened carefully to all the information given to them, including some of the more complicated intricacies of the sport. They were a pleasure to coach and should be very proud of their performance.

Special mention to Riley M, Kyle, Riley D and Bailey H for having a go at pitching. Also, to Luca for catching for the very first time and doing such an impressive job.

Thanks to Andre Schellebeck and Mitch Garth for assisting with the coaching leading up to the competition day. Andre also attended match day, stood as first base batting coach, and was able to impart some really helpful tips to the boys.

Oh, and there's no photo because as usual I forgot (again)!

Team:

Bailey Audsley, Jordyn Boyd, Blake Catlow, Riley Dawkins, Mitch Denny, Rhyce Harvie, Bailey Hetherington, Luca Mascadri, Riley McLeod, Kyle Peck, James Taylor.

Ken Jones

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PRIMARY SCHOOL, KOO WEE RUP

Excitement has been plentiful at St John's this term with one of the main highlights being Grade Five/Six Camp at Forest Lodge Farm. They participated in many rewarding and confidence-building group activities, some of which proved to be a challenge for even the most daring.



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Our senior students went through the process of selecting School and House Leaders for 2017. A large number of students prepared and delivered fantastic speeches in front of parents, staff and students. The Social Justice Leaders were also chosen after having to write a letter of application to the Principal. The student leaders for 2016 are:

School Captains

Joel Anderson and Jordan Clarke

House Captains

Cremin (Red)

Christopher Inverno and

Amelia Briganti

Mackillop (Blue)

Kierah Lawler and Corey Lucus

Wood (Yellow)

Max Allen and Georgia Topham

Scott (Green)

Tristan Stevens and Kiara Bellink

Social Justice Leaders

Dante Di Pietro,

Benjamin Pugsley, Lilly Mitchell &

Abbey Sutherland

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PRIMARY SCHOOL, KOO WEE RUP

Our annual St John's Swimming Sports were held at the Koo Wee Rup Pool on Friday 24th February, for students from Grades One to Six. Although the weather wasn't the best, it was a very enjoyable day and great to see many parents and grandparents come along to show their support. Congratulations to all students who competed hard in their events and especially to Scott (Green) House for winning the 2017 trophy.



On Tuesday 28th February, we celebrated Shrove Tuesday and were very grateful to our parent volunteers who cooked pancakes for us before Lent began. The following day, Ash Wednesday, marked the beginning of Lent. We attended a Whole School Mass to receive a cross of ashes on our foreheads as a sign of repentance. We now prepare for Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Without a doubt the biggest event for the term was the St John's Fete. This year we held an evening fete on Friday 24th March from 3:30 to 8:30.

The change of time and having it earlier in the year was a great success with beautiful weather conditions. As our major fundraiser for the year, the money raised will go towards the refurbishment of our library and information technology area. We would like to thank all in the community who supported the event, either by assisting on the day, donating goods or simply by coming along to join in the fun.



During the last few weeks leading up to the end of term, Grade Five and Six students were busy practising their roles to perform in our Easter Vigil. The vigil was held in St John's Church during the last week of term and portrayed the events of Holy Week from Palm Sunday through to Jesus' death and resurrection. Congratulations to the students for their hard work, it was a very moving performance.

Many of our Grade Three students received the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance), for the first time, on Wednesday 29th March. We were very pleased to see students and their families so involved in preparing for this during the weeks leading up to it. Thanks to Fr Peter, our parishioners, the Sacramental Team and the teachers for their efforts in readying the students.

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27th April

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Tuesday 25th April

The Resilience Project

This week, teaching staff and students had the opportunity to listen to Martin Heppell from The Resilience Project. His key message was around improving the mental health of our young people but also supporting each other as a community. He talked about 3 characteristics of resilient people.

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At Koo Wee Rup Primary School we want to provide information to the school community and wider community about the messages that Martin gave us and work together to develop a generation of kids who are 'mentally fit'. We are holding a Community Event on the 19th July from 7.00 pm to 8.30 pm and highly recommend you attend this session to further support your child/ren with the powerful messages that The Resilience Project provides.



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It's hard to believe that first term is coming to an end, but what a fantastic term it's been. There's always something exciting happening at Bayles and here's a summary of what the kids and staff have been up to this term:

- 22 new Foundation students started their school journey
- Student leaders were elected
- The Getting to Know You evening allowed teachers to form stronger relationships with families by finding out what's important for your son or daughter.
- Two new parents and one staff member were elected to school council
- District swimming took place at the KWR pool in terribly wet and windy conditions.
- The Life Skills sessions began.
- The choir performed at the Bayles Music Festival
- Crazy Dress Day
- Family Life session for Year 5 and 6
- Mr Bruce took four senior school students to Phillip Island for the Coastal Ambassador Program.
- Miss Gunton took selected Year six students to the Mothers Supporting Families In Need (MSFIN) in Seaford so they could undertake charity work.
- The school raised funds for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal by donating loose change.

We have definitely earned a rest!! Happy Easter and enjoy the school holiday break.

Mat Anderton

Good Friday "Loose Change" Appeal

During first term we were able to raise a huge \$1,202 to donate to the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. This was raised simply by families placing any loose change into a piggy bank and emptying them into our "Loose Change" container!!

The Bendigo Bank KWR Branch were so thrilled with our efforts to raise this money that they also contributed \$500 towards the appeal. Today at assembly, the manager of the KWR Bendigo Bank,



Andrea Vincent, along with her "Big Piggy" friend came to present a cheque to the children so we could take it to the city on Good Friday. I'd like to thank all families for their generosity in raising this money. It was so heartening to hear that some children had even donated their pocket money and Tooth Fairy money to the appeal. Well done to all.



Our Amazing School Community

Today, Cooper, Travis, Shannon, Ella and Miss Gunton headed down to the Mums Supporting Families In Need (MSFIN) warehouse in Seaford and volunteered for the day. I am so proud of our leaders and the way they conducted themselves today. The boys worked hard with retiree John moving orders, cupboards and making a new shoe area. The girls sorted and packed away clothes. We accomplished a lot today and the organisation was very appreciative.



Coastal Ambassadors Program

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Yesterday Shak, Ella T, Tiannah, Kye and I (Mr Bruce) went for a drive down the highway to Phillip Island for the Coastal Ambassadors Program. It was an environmental science and STEM program designed around kids teaching kids and passing on the information they learnt.

The students got to build penguin houses that will be used at the Penguin Parade and will now look at creating a science based program, which will have a positive outcome for the local community. It was an enjoyable day, particularly for the teacher who got a behind the scenes tour of Seal Rock and the Penguin Parade!

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1st Koo Wee Rup Scout Group

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So it has been a nice quiet month for 1st Koo Wee Rup Scout Group...



The Joey Scouts celebrated Dr Seuss' birthday with Selby and Cranbourne Joey Scouts by searching for and planting Truffula seeds and then went canoeing just 2 days later. The Cubs visited got a sneak peek of the RSL Museum. Some of the scouts headed north to complete a hike in some other state.

The venturers went caving at Buchan, and the Rover section had a brilliant time



doing what Rovers do best... kilted up for Scots on the swamp, helped out at Baden Powell Lodge and to cap it all off Jess Berton achieved the highest award in scouting – the BP Award.



Every kid, in every section had a brilliant time doing activities uniquely suited to their age group.



Term 2 is about to start so here is the chance for your kids to get involved in the most exciting of movements in the world. You will see us out and about around down please stop for a chat and we will answer any questions you might have and help you *Prepare for Adventure and Prepare for life!*



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The quality of vehicles displayed was excellent, giving the judges a hard time deciding on the ultimate winners in the various classes and overall winners. Sometimes less than a point meant winning and losing in the various categories.

The local lawn mowing racers were not deterred by the weather and had a successful, though at times muddy, event.

The 2 jet propelled vehicles proved to be of special interest and warmed up an otherwise cold day, with lots of flame, excitement and noise. They were a great spectacle, enjoyed by young and old alike.

The committee would sincerely like to thank all those who came along to support, and volunteer for this event. It was run by the local Rotary club to raise funds to put towards an Aged Care facility for the town. Let's hope next year the weather gods are more considerate.

Winners of "Top cars of the Show" were:-

- 1st place - Shaun Humphrey
- 2nd Andrew McCarthy
- 3rd Clayton Rees

Rotary have also had a new lifting hoist installed to our life education bus.



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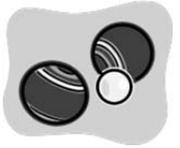
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KOO WEE RUP BOWLS CLUB NEWS



The Joint Peninsula/Flinders Match Committee allocated the Saturday Pennant Div. 2 & Div. 3 Preliminary Finals to our Club on 25th Feb. This decision reinforces the high regard this Committee holds towards our Club and Green which is agreed to be the best synthetic Green in the P.B.D. The Club would like to thank our members who worked hard "behind the scenes" to make this day a success. When hosting days like this it is important that sufficient members are available to do the work. Further to hosting these finals we were asked to host Saturday Pennant Div. 6 & Div. 7. We were also allocated the Tuesday Pennant Div. 3 Grand Final and again we would like to thank the members who worked on these days in some capacity. This is a real fillip for our small Club to gain this recognition.

Our Tuesday Midweek Div. 2 team went to Mt. Eliza on 28th Feb to play Mornington Civic in the Preliminary final. Unfortunately the season ended for us losing 44-57 to finish 3rd for the year. Bryan Walker, Albert Slefendorfas, Noel Speight & Julie Walker down 7-16 after 16 ends came back well to lose 13-17. Just down 7-10 at lunch Pauline Gray, Mary Masters, Bill Files & Peter Dillon were comfortably beaten 10-21. Trailing 7-11 at lunch Rex Alexander, Tony Jolly, Wendy Pownall & Nick Filius finished the game & season well winning 21-19.

Results of our Friday Triples competition on 3rd March saw the winning rink with 37 pts. was Nick Filius, Tony Jolly & John Hatton [KWR]. The Runner up rink with 36 pts & 28 shots up was John Williams, Neville Kitchen & Dieter Bellhaaz [Lang Lang]. Best 1st game was won by George Crynes [KWR], Phil Wright [Corinella] & Wes Goodman [Garfield] with 20 pts. & best 2nd game went to Ken Clifton [Pakenham], Noel Speight & Laurie Bell [KWR] with 21 pts. Scores from games played on 17th March were the Winning rink with 37pts. was John Van Vugt, Graeme Wilde & Simon Koning [Cardinia Waters]. The Runner up rink with 35 pts. was Pauline Gray, Mary Masters & Lindsay Wealands [KWR]. Best 1st game was won by Gunter Baumbach, Mick Knight & Ken Allen [Cardinia Waters] with 19 pts. & best 2nd game went to Ken Taylor, Edna Adams & Bob Currie [Warragul] with 20 pts.

After 3-4 seasons of low numbers, in which we came very close to finishing this competition, our Community Twilight bowls change to Friday nights was a very successful move with in excess of 70 new players to the game. Some only played once but others played on more than 5 nights and the Club gained 3 new members from the season. These numbers did not include 30 teachers from the KWR Sec. College who also had a night of bowls. We will keep the public informed as to when we will start the season next year.

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Obviously, the Club is quietly confident that Calvin can get to the National final and a progress report will appear in the Club's article next month.

The Koo Wee Rup RSL has again invited the Club to cater for the Gunfire Breakfast as part of the ANZAC Day dawn service on 25th April. This year is the biggest catering challenge yet with 900 eggs and some 45kg of bacon to be cooked – no wonder we have a 4.00am start!

It's such a wonderful occasion and a great honour for the Club to be involved once again.

Now we come to the 'Newcomers & Neighbours Dinner' mentioned in last month's article. The poster at right provides more details. If you are new to Koo Wee Rup and would value the opportunity of meeting new people while at the same time finding out about all the great things the town has to offer, please come along. To make your booking, since numbers are limited, please call Ken Blay on 5915 3613 NOW

KBA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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

Well, it sure feels like summer to me! Don't you just love Gippsland weather. Yeah, I know, it's sticky and muggy but soon our hands will be freezing and we'll be dodging puddles so I'm making the most of the current forecast.

Speaking of fabulous days, I spent some time at the hospital auxiliaries scots on the swamp at harewood house. What a great day. The auxiliary does an amazing job putting these days together. From scones, jam and cream to highland dancers and vintage cars, there was something for everyone. And the weather? Perfect.

Caught up with Ron Ingram at the new home of the Koo wee rup RSL. He and the other members are creating a place that will be invaluable to the Koo wee rup community and visitors to the town. Although the day of opening seems to be a little way off, I can assure you, it will be well worth the wait.

Supposed you've noticed Stockdale & Leggos change of location. The new office looks great, with room to spare. We wish Peter and the gang all the best in their new space.

So, to the business association. The committee is in the process of inviting current members to take on specific roles that will add to the strength of the association. Becoming a member can help you keep in touch with other businesses in, and servicing, the Koo wee rup area. New, and established, businesses are more than welcome to contact anyone on the list below for information on the association. The association plays an important role, incorporating not only the businesses but the whole town.

Rainfall (25/2-26/3) 12mls ??

So ends this report.

Till next time please take care.

Vicki Charlton

President

Koo wee rup business association

For any information on the association including:

- Meeting times and dates

- Membership

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

Andrea Vincent on 5997 2266 (Bendigo Bank) Treasurer

Nikole Charlton on 0419 699 965 (Inner Psych Solutions) Secretary

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KOO WEE RUP FOOTBALL CLUB UPDATE

Saturday April 1st is a historical day for the Koo Wee Rup Football Club when it competes in their first Round 1 game for the newly formed West Gippsland Football Netball Competition. A great deal of work over the past 3 years has seen the creation of the new WGFNC and with a home game at the Demon Den, the committee is looking forward to a big crowd who are hungry for a serve of Grassroots Country Football.

The Demons are looking forward to the challenge and have been most impressed by the leadership team at AFL Gippsland who have been extremely active to ensure that the new Competition will produce a balanced competition in all grades and that WGFNC will become a benchmark for future review of country football.

On the football front, senior coach Ben Collins has been hard at it in his endeavor to ensure that the Demons are fully switched on for the opening game against Kilcunda Bass who are expected to be equally committed to produce a big effort in their first visit to the Demon Den.

The Koo Wee Rup Football Club extend a warm welcome to all who support Kilcunda Bass and in particular to their committee and their volunteers who give so much to their club and country football.

We extend an invitation to all supporters of both clubs to enjoy the special component of our great game of grassroots country football, that being the social gathering in the rooms after the contest.

Koo Wee Rup supporters can purchase their Membership Tickets from the ticket box or from any player or committee person and at \$120 for a Family and \$70 a single it represents excellent value as you get to see four great games of football at nine home games for season 2017

Last weekend, a large group of players, committee and supporters traveled to Mulwala NSW for a practice match and family weekend. The weekend was a tremendous success for all who made the trip and the committee wishes to thank everyone, particularly a big group of faithful long term supporters who have been part of the Koo wee Rup Football Club for many years and have fond memories of the former WGFL and are looking forward to reestablishing friendship and "barracking duels" from the past and making new friendship with the supporters of of the 5 clubs from the Alberton League.

The practice match against Mulwala was a hard fought affair with the Demons coming out on top, however senior coach Ben Collins wanted to keep the pressure on the players so immediately after the game he jogged his players 2km to Lake Mulwala for a cool down in the lake. He's a hard man that Ben Collins!!



Let the games begin"

Koo Wee Rup Football Club Juniors are back for 2017!

The Junior season kicks off on Sunday 23 April. We still have spaces available in our teams, simply come along to training on Wednesdays to find out more or head to www.southeastjuniors.com.au and follow the prompts to register online. Both boys and girls are welcome!

From 5 April, training will be at the Koo Wee Rup Reserve as follows:

- Under 8s and 9s 4.30pm to 5.15pm
- Under 10s 5pm to 6pm
- Under 11s 4.45pm to 6pm
- Under 13s and 14s 5.30pm to 6.30pm
- Under 15s 6pm to 7.15pm

Keep up to date with any changes by following us on Facebook!

BAYLES FAUNA PARK

Working Bee

Sunday, 9 April
9 am to 12 noon

followed by a sausage sizzle

Next Meeting

Monday, 24 April, at 7pm
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Caroline Roff, Editor

BINGO EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT!!!

Community Hall, Nar Nar Goon
(opposite the primary school)

Books on sale from 7pm.

EYES DOWN at 7.30pm for the 1st session,
1st Session - \$2 a book - \$20 games & \$100 in the last
8.15pm for the 2nd session and 3rd session after that. 2 flyers
on the night too.

Little Ducks Flyer - \$2 for a FULL sheet or \$1 for 1/2 a sheet -
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the chance to win \$2000, \$10,000 or \$100,000

3rd Session - \$4 a book - \$40 games \$1000 JACKPOT
(if sufficient books sold)

COOLED/HEATED VENUE!!!

Hope to see you all there.

Any questions please call Gill on 0412553951

Koo Wee Rup Senior Citizens Club

Icke Road, Koo Wee Rup

Mon	Bowls	1pm	
Tues	Bingo (open to all)	7.30pm eyes down	
Weds	Dancing	1pm	2nd Weds
Weds	Craft Morning (open to all)	10am - 12 midday	1st & 3rd Weds
Fri	Lunch & Hoy	12 midday	

Our outing for March is to the movies to see *Hidden Figures*. In April we will be going to see *Le Ride* featuring a local identity, Percy Osborn.

We welcome all seniors to become a member and enjoy our activities. Membership \$10 yearly.

Enquiries to Diane K 5997 1238/0408 663 655
Dianne D 0419 405 404

The Lions Club of Koo Wee Rup & District Inc. are having their 2nd Art, Craft & Patchwork Show on Saturday the 24th June 2017. This event will be held at the Community Centre, Rossiter Road, Koo Wee Rup (Cochraines Park) from 9.30 am to 5.30pm. There will be no charge for those who wish to display their art & craft. The Club's aim is to show how talented the people of Koo Wee Rup & the surrounding communities are, with invitations sent to Koo Wee Rup Secondary College, St John the Baptist, Koo Wee Rup, Lang Lang, and Bayles Primary schools to be involved. The theme for the schools will be "100 Years of Lions International".

We are proud to be able to show the quilt "The Journey", made by the Lions Club of Quilters Victoria, before it heads to Chicago USA for the Lions International Convention celebrating the "100 year of Lions International".

The show will exhibit cake decorating, photography, embroidery, quilts, painting, knitting and other exciting craft, there will be stalls of various arts & crafts products.

A café will be operating with homemade mixed sandwiches, scones jam & cream, slices, tea, coffee, soup with a bread roll, soft drinks & water which can be purchased at very reasonable prices.

All monies raised from this show will go directly into community projects.

Contact Details

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Phone (03) 5915 3613

Mobile 0409 353 600

INAUGURAL KWR F/C PAST PLAYERS DAY

If you have represented the KWRFC either as a player (any grade), official or volunteer then you are cordially invited to the inaugural KWRFC past player day to be held at the KWRFC social rooms, Denhams Road, Kooweerup, on Saturday 6th May from 12pm onwards.

Come along and enjoy a day of reminiscing with old friends and team mates, whilst looking over the current crop of players representing the KWRFC against Bunyip in the newly revamped West Gippsland Football League.

COST: \$ 10.00 Gate Entry Fee

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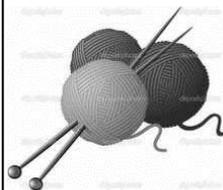
FOOD: Roast Beef and Gravy Rolls and Nibbles Provided Free

RSVP: 15th April 2017

CONTACT: Danny Pirota 0413023504
Robert Dennis 0488014147
Nick Hazendonk 0418307873
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KooWeeRup & District Lions Club Art, Craft & Patchwork Show

Come see the "Journey Quilt"



Koo Wee Rup
Community
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Saturday
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9.30am - 5.30pm
\$5 entry



HEART FOUNDATION WALKING GROUP

We've been walking since daylight saving started in early October and have just finished for the season with another group walk at Tooradin and a great final meal at Tooradin Sports Club.

We managed two special walks at Cardinia Waters during the season, so 110 steps were successfully challenged. We will be continuing to do this challenge at every opportunity over the cooler months. So why not give it a go too!!!!

See you all again when daylight saving starts again in October. In the meantime the day time groups are continuing from the entrance of the Health Service at 9 am Mondays and Thursdays. The dog walkers continue over winter but will be walking earlier every Monday night around 5.30 pm from the Koo Wee Rup Clock Towers.



ART SHOW PAKENHAM

26th May 2017- Opening Night- \$15 a ticket sold at the door – 7pm

Featuring the Wearable Art Parade and announcement of winners.

27th & 28th May - General Viewing 10am – 4pm -\$2 entry

Presidents Tour Sunday 11am - \$5

Art Show Pakenham has something for everyone.

Held at the Pakenham Hall, Traditional and Contemporary Art is on exhibition and is for sale. Enjoy the live entertainment, demonstrations and workshops.

This year's special category is Recyc- Art. The artworks can be 2D or 3D in any medium but must be made predominately from recycled materials. This will give artists the opportunity to unleash their creative and quirky side!

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IMPORTANT DATES AND INFORMATION

Maximum 2 entries for Wearable Art Parade Friday Night – \$12 per entry
Maximum 4 entries for other sections - \$12 per entry
 Cheques made payable to ... **Art Show - Pakenham**
 Direct Deposit... **Art Show Pakenham** Bendigo Bank **BSB: 633-000 Acc: 156584732**
 Entries addressed to: Art Show -Pakenham P.O. Box 752, Pakenham, VIC, 3810
 Closing Date for Entries: Friday 5th May 2017
 Paintings delivered to...Pakenham Hall Between 1pm & 7pm Thursday 25th May 2017
 Paintings Collected... between 4.30pm & 7pm Sunday 28th May 2017
 Each entrant will receive a complimentary ticket. To be collected at art drop off.

LIST OF PRIZES \$6600 Total

GOLD STANDARD Best in show				\$1,000
SILVER MEDAL	\$500	BRONZE MEDAL	\$300	
LOCAL ARTIST Residing in Cardinia Shire; Sponsored by Pakenham Opp. Shop:				\$500
ACQUISITIVE PRIZE 2D Sponsored by Pakenham Racing Club				\$1000
(Optional Entry. Artists must indicate yes or no)				
RECYC ART	1 st \$600	2 nd \$300		
WEARABLE ART PARADE	1 st \$200	2 nd \$100	3 rd	\$50
EMERGING ARTIST Sponsored by Pakenham Opportunity Shop:				\$200
CONTEMPORARY ARTIST: 1 st \$100 & membership \$50 2 nd membership \$50				
Sponsored by South Eastern Contemporary Artist Network; secan membership exempt				
HIGHLY COMMENDED Ten awards \$100 each		Total Value -		\$1,000
YOUNG ARTIST 25 & UNDER Sponsored by Lakeside Bendigo Bank 1 st				\$250
Sponsored by Country Women's Association . 2 nd				
PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD: Announced Sunday 28 th May at 3.30pm.				\$300
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Lang Lang & District Historical Society

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April
2017

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Koo Wee Rup's very own Youth Centre.

Local youth frequently find it difficult to know how or where to get help for their health and wellbeing. Fortunately Wednesday the 2nd of February saw the official opening of Koo Wee Rup's own Youth Centre, The Hub. KRHS CEO Frank Megens and staff welcomed community members, local Cardinia Councillors, local youth and other supporters to the opening. There was a presentation of data and outcomes for the last few months of The Hub operation followed by the unveiling of an official plaque then afternoon tea. It was also an opportunity to thank all the supporters that have helped make our youth drop-in centre successful.

"One in five school age children will struggle in some way during their school life" said Brian Harlow the Hub Youth Centre Co-ordinator. "But 70% of them won't know how to seek assistance, we're here to fill that gap." The Hub is also a casual place for youth to hang out and relax.

Friday the 3rd of March the Federal Member for Flinders and Minister for Health and Sport Greg Hunt visited the Koo Wee Rup Men's Shed and Koo Wee Rup Youth Centre The Hub. Greg met with members of the Men's Shed, Ladies Auxiliary and senior staff of KRHS in the Men's Shed, where they discussed the installation of Solar Panels on the shed under the Solar Communities Program. These solar panels will greatly reduce the cost of power to the Men's shed and supplement the power supply to their mobility scooter charging station. Greg also visited The Hub, Koo Wee Rup's Youth Centre to gain a better understanding of the support work provided to local youth. Mr Hunt was very impressed with the level of support provided and expressed his support for its continuation into the future.

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'BACK TO BAYLES', FEBRUARY 25, 1967

The *Koo-Wee-Rup Sun* of March 1, 1967 had a full report on the 'Back-to' Bayles held 50 years ago. It is transcribed below.

Many Re-unions at Bayles 'Back-to' Celebrations

Last Saturday, February 25th was a memorable day in the history of Bayles when the first ever 'Back-to' was held, with hundreds of people present during the whole of the day. An estimated one thousand people were catered for over the day, which commenced with a roll call at the school and climaxed with a barbecue and dance at night. President of the 'Back-to' committee, Ray Fechner, said the day had been a fantastic success. He paid tribute to the hard working committee, headed by secretary, Vic Walker, for their great work in preparing for the day.

ROLL CALL

At 10.30 a.m., the proceedings were opened by Mr. L. J. Cochrane, M.L.A. who welcomed all the visitors, and his wish of 'get around and meet your old friends' was hardly necessary, as on all sides were happy greetings and re-unions. Ray Fechner started off calling the roll, which included many well known district names. A former teacher at the school, Alan Cairns of Loch continued, assisted by the present teacher, Gary Robbins, with 370 names being read out on the roll. Dressed for the part in true school-boy style was a former pupil, Keith Ridgway of Kooweerup, complete with cap, short pants and school bag. Morning tea was served at the school before visitors moved over to the hall, the focal point for the day's events.

ATTRACTIONS FOR YOUNG AND OLD

Bayles took on a really festive air for the celebrations with coloured bunting erected in the Main Street. Picnic tables and seats were set out in the park, pony, donkey and camel rides proved very popular with the youngsters. Hilarious entertainment was provided with the 'catch a greasy pig' contest and pillow fights on a slippery pole. A demonstration by the Bayles Fire Brigade with teams taking part in target practice brought its share of excitement.

MEMORIAL PLAQUE PRESENTED

The Shire President, Cr W. Thwaites, joined in welcoming the visitors, but his special duty was in presenting the Bayles Hall Committee, with a memorial plaque, in memory of the late Daly Ridgway recently deceased, who had been secretary of the hall committee for a period of 34 years. He called for a minutes silence for the late Mr Ridgway who had been Bayles' main citizen.

PRESENTATION TO FIRE BRIGADE CAPTAIN

As a token of appreciation for his twenty two years service to the Bayles Fire Brigade, as Captain, Sam McKay was presented with a silver tray and set of crystal glasses. Cr Thwaites made mention of the fact that the first Captain of the Brigade, Gordon Potter was present. He was the Captain for one year, and ever since then Sam McKay has held the position. Mr. McKay expressed his appreciation for the gesture.

OLD RESIDENTS PRESENT

The 'Back-to' committee felt especially pleased and honoured to welcome some of the districts oldest residents. These included, 95-year-old, George Murdoch of Carnegie, who was the oldest visitor present; an early Yallock settler, Mr. H. J. Boxshall; 90-year-old Harvey Games of Lang Lang; Jim Ridgway of Lang Lang; Fred Secomb of Dandenong; Albert Kuhnell of Ivanhoe and Bumpa Gee of Kooweerup were amongst the older people who joined in the days celebration and had a wealth of stories to tell of the early days at Bayles.

RETURNED AFTER 40 YEARS

Mr and Mrs Fred Secomb of Dandenong who were present with their son, Fred, of Heathmont and daughter Freda (Mrs K. Bissett of Benalla), left Bayles forty years ago in August 1927. Their children attended the Five Mile School, which has since been closed down. Mr Secomb, Snr said he saw the Bayles railway line go through.

FIRST BAKERS SHOP

One of the happiest reunions took place between Albert Kuhnell of Ivanhoe and Bumpa Gee. Mr Kuhnell who left Bayles 42 years ago in 1925 built the first bakers shop in Bayles in 1919, when George Murdoch, ran the local store. Business was brisk in those days as the rail line went through the town to Catani. Bumpa Gee brought the bread across from Garfield before Mr Kuhnell commenced baking, and then worked with him for a short time. Mr Kuhnell sold out to Mrs Owens. His two sons Robert (Rosanna) and William (Heidelberg West) accompanied Mr Kuhnell 'Back to Bayles'.



George Murdoch, HJ Boxhall & Jim Ridgway



Mrs Violet Harker & her daughter Mrs Dulcie Jukes

'BACK TO BAYLES', FEBRUARY 25, 1967

TRAVELLED THE LONGEST DISTANCE

Visitor all the way from Mildura, Mrs Harry Harker (nee Violet Kimber) travelled the longest distance to the re-union. Old-timers recalled her husband, the late Harry Harker, a former League footballer with Melbourne and renowned for his stab kicking. He also played in local teams including Nar Nar Goon and Garfield.

BARBECUE AND DANCE

Hundreds stayed on for the monster barbecue at which 250 lbs of chops and sausages were consumed, the barbecues were setup outside the hall. An estimated 600-700 people attended the gala dance held in the hall to climax the day's activities



with Ray Fechner as the M.C. The dance band included well known locals Bumpa Gee and Bill Huntingford.

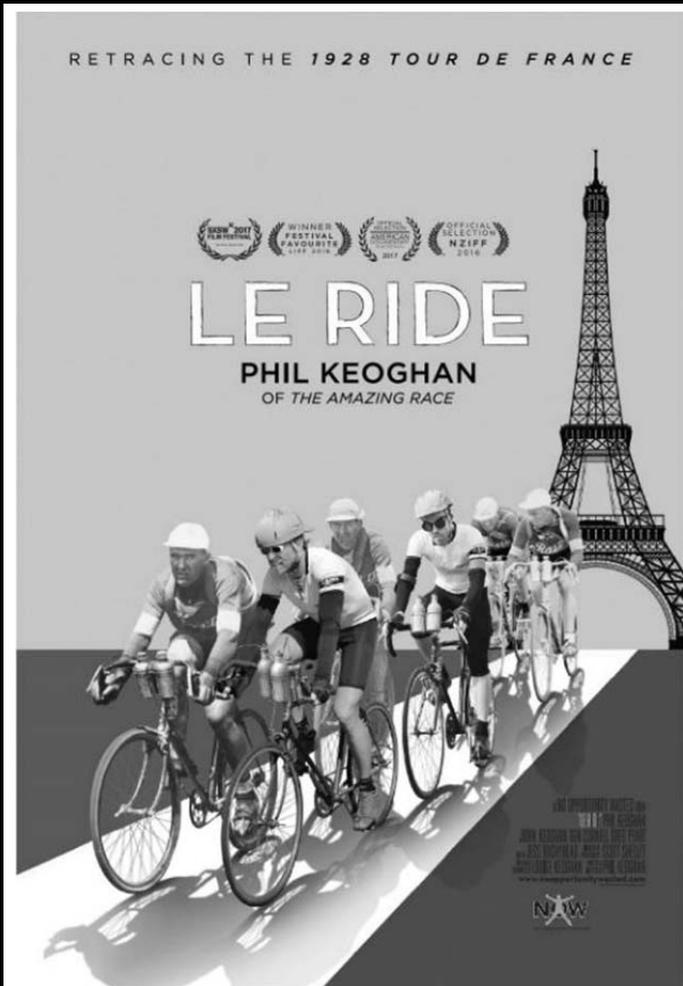
MISS BAYLES

During the evening, a panel of three judges, Mesdames M. Thwaites, K. Burton and E. McKenzie, selected Miss Bayles from the very large crowd of dancers. The choice was Miss Joy Gibbons, with other finalists being Val Ridgway, Norma Tierney and Lynette Barker.

Space does not permit the publication of all who attended but some of the visitors who returned are mentioned below. Mrs I. Smethurst, Frankston; Alma Feild, Dandenong; Mrs Jean Footit, William Footit, Dandenong; Ray Maddock, Dandenong; Mrs M. B. O'Connell, Dandenong; Mrs J. M. Watson, Huntingdale; Mrs S. Rouse, Mt. Waverley; Mrs J. Kitchin, Burwood; N. A. Bethune, Mrs Bethune, Altona; Bob Jarred, Olive Jarred, Paynesville; C. Flewin, Moorabbin; Alan Cairns and family, Loch; S. Flewin, Moorabbin; G. McKay, Yallourn; Lyn Barker, Moe; D. Maunder, Dandenong; Ron Finck, Bentleigh; F. Stronach; Bob Wheatley, Tooradin; E. Kuhnell, West Heidelberg; G. L. Williams, Mitcham; J. J. Williams, Mitcham; N. V. Smythe, W. Smythe, Balwyn; D. Davies, N. Davies, Fairfield; E. Hickmott, Berwick; W. G. and Mrs Black, Korumburra; F. N. Secomb, Heathmont; Mrs K. Bissett (nee Freda Secomb), Benalla; Mr and Mrs Fred Secomb, Dandenong; G. V. Carroll, East St Kilda; L. Armstrong, Stanhope; Mrs E. Evans, Stanhope; Mrs N. Goldsworthy (nee Quigley) Yallourn; J. Rees (Quigley), Kerang; W. McCallum (nee Wilma Harker); F. M. Harker, Casterton; B. Quigley, Morwell; Mary Sanders, (Murdoch) Coburg; Arthur Murdoch, Ormond; A. Richardson, Lang Lang, (Scanlon's Drain, 1916); V. Knight, Dandenong, L. Knight; K. Quigley, Pakenham South; Bob Hampton, Zeta Hampton, Dandenong; L. M. Clapperton; Mrs E. Jenkins, (Eva Bethune), Maribyrnong; Harry Taylor, Mrs H. Taylor, Upwey; Mr and Mrs G. Barnes; G. Potter; H. Flewin; C. Flewin, Dandenong North; Moya Cameron, E. Keilor; A. Kuhnell, Ivanhoe; R. Kuhnell, M. Kuhnell, Rosanna; S. Gill; D. Louder, Morwell; Hughie Murdoch, Narre Warren; R. Cutler, Fred Cutler, Eagle Point; H. Gudgin, Nar Nar Goon; Stephens family, Laverton, Braybrook; Alison Nicholson, Hawthorn; Mollie Pouris, Pascoe Vale; L. J. and Mrs Allen, Melbourne; Mrs A. Casey, Drouin West; W. Garnham, E. Bentleigh. Dulcie Jukes, nee Harker, Fawkner; Arthur Jukes, Fawkner; L. H. Finck, Girgarre; M. McGhee; D. J. McGhee, Oakleigh; R. W. Maisey and daughter Val Rodgers of Bunyip; N. Williams, Oakleigh; T. McClure, Bunyip; S. Collyer, Isabelle Collyer (nee Games); L. Robbins (nee Dalrymple) Kyabram; R. J. Norman, M. Norman, Forest Hill; L. Colliver, Tynong; Dave Harker, Warragul; S. V. Colliver; E. Geddes, Forest Hill; Bill and Mary Marshall, Dandenong; Jean Mitchell (Murdoch); Lily Bertram (Murdoch), Lilydale; E. Wildes, Oakleigh; Ron Hayward, Noble Park; Joan Hughes (Hansom), Elsternwick; B. Cox, Highett; E. B. Henry, Mountain View; A. Wildes, Oakleigh; J. G. Roden, Fawkner; T. Boyle of Toorak; Adele Turner; R. B. Birrell, E. Malvern; F. Saunders, Coburg; Goonan family, Seaford; Gloria Kane, Newborough East; K. Garnar, Dandenong; S. Mitchell, Glenhuntley; Tony Pellissier, Snr; Les Huntingford, Thornbury; R. E. Peck, Frankston; A. Feild, Carrum Downs; L. Huntingford, Thornbury; Jack Gray, Bub Gray (Feild) Modella; Vin and Mary Doherty, Thorpdale; E. J. Cox, Dandenong; C. Weaver, Tecoma; H. vandersloot, Pakenham; J. Coleman, Heathmont; Nellie Rowley, Spotswood, Arch Murdoch, Hughesdale; Tom O'Brien, Glenrowan; Rene Games, Highett; Bill and Joyce Archdall, Springvale; J. and L. Schramm, Tatura; J. J. O'Neill, Dandenong; Vin Cartwright, Thornbury; Bill Woodman, Korumburra; J. McKenzie, Moe; Mr and Mrs Bill Gray, Dandenong; Gallasch family; Cliff Cartwright; Kevin and Valmai Morton, (Sommers), Glen Iris; Peter Johnson, Yanakie; V. Cochrane, Wal Cochrane; Mrs Mills (Sylvia Henwood), Mt Waverley.

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. The next meeting is April 12. New members welcome. The Museum is open the second and fourth Sundays from 1.30pm until 4.30pm or by appointment. Heather Arnold

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In 1928 Percy Osborn, a boy who spent his whole life in Koo Wee Rup and Bayles, was part of the first non-European Team to take part in the Tour de France. Phil Keoghan, host of the Amazing Race, New Zealander and bike enthusiast, has put together a documentary about the event. It has been playing for the last couple of months to sell out audiences at ACMI in Melbourne. An 'on demand' event has been organised for locals wishing to see the film at **Village Karingal, on Sunday, 23 April at 4pm**. The screening will only run if they get 72 bookings. You just go to the web address below and express interest. If they don't get the numbers, no money is charged to your credit card.

LE RIDE follows Phil Keoghan and his friend Ben Cornell as they attempt to recreate the original route of the 1928 Tour de France. Averaging 240 kilometres a day for 26 days, Phil and Ben traverse both the unforgiving mountains of the Pyrenees and the Alps, on original vintage steel racing bikes.



To book go to:

<https://tickets.demand.film/event/1622>



ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE

Tuesday, 25 April

5:30 am – Form up at Clock Towers

5:40 am – March to Cenotaph

5:55 am - Fall in at Cenotaph

6:00 am – Commence Dawn Service

Followed by Breakfast

Please come and join us for our march from the clock towers and ceremony at our War Memorial in Cochrane Park.

This will be a tribute to all those who served and in particular those who lost their lives for our great nation.

We encourage everyone to join our march, especially children.

We encourage medals of relatives to be worn.

EVERYONE MOST WELCOME

Koo Wee Rup Anglican & Uniting Church are hosting a

GARAGE SALE

on Saturday, 6 May 2017
from 8.30am onwards

at the Anglican and Uniting Church,
Rossiter Road
Koo Wee Rup

Loads of Bargains
and a Sausage Sizzle

