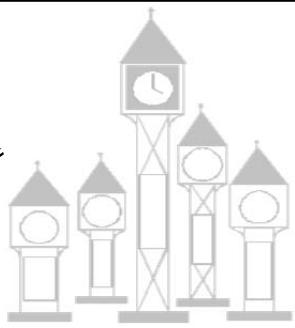


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DECEMBER 2017/JANUARY 2018

REMEMBRANCE DAY 2017



Koo Wee Rup was fortunate this year to have the full complement of cadets from *TS Tingara* (pictured top right and bottom left) at the Remembrance Day service. ANZAC Spirit awards were presented to students from local schools who show mateship, courage, endurance and sacrifice (top left).



THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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

It was suggested that extra street trees be planted in front of Ponderosa and on Rossiter Road. Maintenance of the falling leaves was raised again as an issue especially outside Light's garage, which is open to the street. The Secretary was asked to write to Council requesting these extra trees and confirming the footpath-cleaning regime.

Councillor Brown reported that the maintenance of the Tennis Courts was still being planned but there was some more work to be done yet to get this project finalised.

The Denhams Road Drain has been desilted. Moody Street drain needs some maintenance too.

There was some discussion regarding the email the committee received regarding a caravan black-water dump point. It was generally thought this was a good idea for Koo Wee Rup and would encourage travellers to stop in our town. The Secretary was asked to investigate this further with the Council and the Motorhomes Association.

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Last year St Vincent de Paul Society conferences, throughout Victoria, provided approximately \$14.9 million in assistance to people in need. This is \$3 million more than the previous year. As you can see the need for the work of their conferences is growing.

While the society does conduct public appeals for funds, they receive very little government funding and so the Society depends heavily on the community for financial support.

You can support their goals by logging onto www.vinnies.org.au and follow the prompts.

If anybody would like to contribute goods to the appeal there is a collection basket at Vicky Charlton's, Used to be New store, in Station street, opposite the Woolworths Supermarket. Non-perishable food toiletries and goods can be left there. Clean clothing and larger items can be donated by contacting one of the Vinnies stores or logging onto Vinnies website and follow the prompts.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Caroline,

I wish to express my heart-felt gratitude to you for giving such wonderful support and publicity in the October edition to my Open Garden at "Serendipity" in Koo Wee Rup, over the weekend of 28th & 29th October.

It is very apparent that most local people read their "Blackfish" and take note of local events advertised in its pages, as they turned out in force over the weekend.

The weather was very kind, and my garden responded with a magnificent display of Iris, Roses, Clematis and many other fragrant and colourful flowers to create a peaceful but vibrant ambience to delight all our visitors, approximately 90 each day.

The Bionics Institute in Melbourne has now received \$2,500 as a result of the Open Garden's success. This money will be devoted to the exciting new BabyLab which has been recently established to maximise the best possible outcomes for babies and young children receiving Cochlear Implants.

I deeply appreciate the staunch support of my Family, and Lang Lang Garden Club friends, in manning the gate, café and plant stall.

Likewise, the numerous local business people who unhesitatingly displayed my promotional posters in their shop windows. Without the combined help of all these wonderful people I could not run such a successful Event.

A huge "Thank you" to everyone concerned.

*Yours sincerely,
Suzanne de Pelsenaire*

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Do you know a local person who should receive a Community Service Award in Koo Wee Rup on Australia Day 2018?

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

If you know someone like this, please email me at blackfish@live.com.au or send a letter to PO Box 64, Koo Wee Rup.

*Caroline Roff, President,
Koo Wee Rup Township Committee*



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TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES *(from page 1)*

This discussion lead to the suggestion that a toilet was needed at the Swamp Tower on South Gippsland Highway. The Secretary was asked to write to council and Vic Roads raising this suggestion.

The response regarding the Hotel outdoor area from Nicholas Charratt, Senior Traffic Engineer at Cardinia Shire was discussed and several issues were broached again. Including:

- The door from the pub is often left open which restricts the width of the walkway between the pub and the outdoor area to less than councils footpath trading code requirements;
- Visibility when crossing Moody St from the hotel corner is still obstructed by the outdoor area, pedestrians need to step into the road to see if traffic is coming along Moody St, which puts them in the path of vehicles turning from Station St. If there is any reflection in the glass barrier there is no visibility whatsoever;
- There was no public consultation regarding the alteration of a public space to a private use;
- Who will police the no smoking in this area now that food service is allowed, several patrons have been noticed smoking in this area even though food service regulations state this is not permissible.

The Secretary was requested to write to respond to Mr Charratt's email and include the Manager of Planning and the CEO in the circulation of this correspondence.

Councillor Graeme Moore reported on the following matters:

- The Community Summit was held recently and representatives from the Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service were in attendance
- There was a meeting regarding the Breakthrough Ice Awareness Program held at Toomah Community Centre, a Support Group will hopefully be established in the Shire
- Koo Wee Rup Walk to School Program was a great success
- Attended the opening of the CWA Garden at the Pakenham Library Complex.
- Mill Valley Ranch camp, a local landmark in Tynong North, recently celebrated their 50TH anniversary

Councillor Ray Brown reported on the following matters:

- The construction of the new footpath between the Waterways Estate and Charles Street is scheduled for January 2018.
- At the recent Community summit it was reported that Cardinia Shire has one of the highest risks for underage drinking at around 50% compared to the state average of only 24%; drug overdose admission to hospital emergency departments is double the state average. The summit aimed to help connect groups to help each other tackle these and other issues.
- The proposed development in Moody Street opposite the Primary School has been declined by council. The developer has referred the application to VCAT.
- Andrew Paxton, Manager of Planning at Cardinia Shire has suggested the Township Strategy be incorporated into Planning Overlays to ensure that greater consideration is given to the community's intent for the town in developing the strategy.

Nicole Lucas, Community Strengthening Officer is taking over the role in Port Ward after Kym Ockerby moved to a similar role in Ranges Ward. Nicole reminded the meeting that nominations for the Shire Australia Day Awards are now open until 26 November.

There have been numerous out-of-towners using and enquiring about walking and cycling paths in Koo Wee Rup. This is something that the township and shire could consider promoting for the area.

Most of the footpaths damaged by the gas pipeline installation works have now been repaired.

Construction of the Medical and Dental centre on the corner of Rossiter Road and John St is going gangbusters. A Dental practice owns the building and will be resident in the upstairs rooms but is still looking for other medical tenants downstairs.

The President called for interested people to volunteer for the Australia Day Organising Committee. The following people volunteered for the committee: Caroline Roff, Gwen Lengersdorf, Rob Muré, Cathy McNulty, Joyce Light, David McPherson, and Gavin Brock. There are plenty of opportunities for others to be involved in setting up prior to the event and helping out on the day. The Secretary will ensure the Koo Wee Rup Community Centre is booked for Australia Day.

Gwen raised the issue that some footpaths are in disrepair and require maintenance before someone is injured. Gwen passed some information on to Councillor Brown who will follow up and she was also advised to raise a merit report with council to ensure that the suspect footpaths are recorded in the council maintenance system.

Geoff mentioned that the grass around Lake Sybella was very long, and was advised to lodge a merit request with council. A reminder that any resident can lodge a merit request with council to have issues inspected or rectified by logging on to the council web site or ringing the council customer enquiries number.

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TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (*from page 5*)

There was a question regarding the progress of the project to repair and remove the old railway platform. Clr Brown advised that there was a meeting coming up in the next few weeks with council engineers and Vic Roads to look at the proposal.

The Dragline has again been targeted with graffiti and the information sign is not yet in place. The Secretary will pass on the graffiti report to council. The sign is nearing completion.

It was also noted that horse riding on the footpaths in town was increasing, there was no objection to people riding their horses around town but responsibility must be taken by riders for the piles of horse poo left on walking tracks and footpaths around town.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE AGM

Koo Wee Rup is growing at a rapid pace with new families moving every month looking for their first step on the property ladder, or coming to a friendly country town where they can still afford the Australian dream of a house with a garden and still be able to commute to work. The biggest challenge the town faces at the moment is how to maintain the amenity of the town with the growth in population.

The last year has seen the completion of the project to provide natural gas to Koo Wee Rup. The township committee first started lobbying for a gas connection over a decade ago and the persistence of the team, with particular thanks to Frank Crameri and Ray Brown for their dogged determination, finally saw the first home switched over in March this year.

NBN is in the process of being rolled out in the town; and most of the feedback, so far, has been positive with improved speeds, particularly around the problematic early evening period.

This year saw the passing of two Township Committee members, Vincent Pepe, one of this year's committee, and Jack Nunn, a foundation and long serving committee member. I would like to acknowledge the contribution they made over their time on the team. With the removal of the street trees and the planting of new trees to create a cohesive look for the shopping precinct of town, the Shire has begun work on redesigning the streetscape of Koo Wee Rup, something that Vincent advocated for passionately over a number of years.

Congratulations to June Wright on receiving her OAM this year for her work with Scouts and the Lions Club and congratulations to the Bayles Pre-School which celebrated 50 years of service to the community this year.

This year Daniel Mulino, upper house member for Eastern Victoria, Brian Paynter, MLA for Bass Shire and Garry McQuillan, CEO Cardinia Shire have attended Township Committee Meetings to discuss issues of interest to the town. Greg Hunt, Federal Member for Flinders met with members of the committee to discuss what he could do to help the community with matters of concern or importance to Koo Wee Rup. This level of interest indicates the importance of the Township Committee's role.

Looking to the next year, the Township Committee will continue to monitor activity relating to the proposed SE Airport and advocate for the interests of the town.

The Shire is working with Daniel Mulino, MLC, to look at improving public transport options. We are hoping that we can have a more usable commuter service and ideally would like to be included as part of Zone 2 and be able to use Myki on local buses and will continue to advocate for this.

VicRoads has committed to upgrading the KWR bus interchange, providing new shelters which will actually provide shelter, and a better design to facilitate the movement of multiple buses using the interchange at the same time to allow for easier and safer access for passengers.

The committee will offer what support it can to Council to reduce the number of smaller subdivisions in the town to try to maintain the country town feel rather than the high density style of the inner city.

Thank you to our Ward Councillors, Ray Brown and Graeme Moore, for their regular attendance at our meetings to provide updates on Council matters and to follow up on issues we raise with them.

Thank you to the council staff who have worked with us over the past year, providing advice and support to the committee. Special thanks to our Community Strengthening Officers Allison Howard and Kym Ockerby.

Thank you to the Australia Day subcommittee and all who helped out on Australia Day who contributed to an important celebration of our local volunteers.

Thank you to Gavin Brock and Cathy McNulty for taking on the unpaid workload of Secretary and Treasurer they do an awesome job and make sure everything is done well and on time.

And to the members of the Township Committee and to others who come along to our meetings, thank you for your support, your interest in the welfare of our community and your regular attendance throughout the year.

Caroline Roff

South & West Gippsland Transport Group

better transport for South & West Gippsland



The South West Gippsland Transport group is committed to advocate for improved transport (road, rail and buses) for South Gippsland. South Gippsland is grossly disadvantaged in terms of the provision of local bus services on any comparison.

- South Gippsland is significantly disadvantaged in terms of ready access to public transport with only 8.5% having a bus stop within 800m from home versus 35% for Gippsland councils or the State average of 74%.
- 72% of people in South Gippsland have poor access to work, education and services such as hospitals, health centres, courts, Tafe/Uni, Centrelink, Centrelink Agencies and pharmacies.
- 18 towns in Victoria of less population than Korumburra and Leongatha combined have a State Government provided local township service.



Danny O'Brien & Andrew McEwen discuss the petition

We are currently organising an e-petition in the Victorian Legislative Council to be tabled in parliament to request an introduction of local bus services and or a Telebus service and other bus services. The Telebus service allows passengers to be picked up or dropped off from their homes, saving a walk to the bus stop.

We are seeking community support to promote both the e-petition and our Facebook page (south and west gippsland transport group). The reality is that numbers count. The petition is being sponsored by Melina Bath one of the Upper House Members for Eastern Victoria.

The petition can be accessed from our Facebook page. We would request you to like our page to build the numbers and to be kept informed. Or you can sign the e-petition by going to <https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/council/petitions/electronic-petitions>. Your support in promoting the petition would be greatly appreciated.

Cr Andrew McEwen, Chairperson

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UPDATES FROM THE KWR CWA

We would like to thank all that supported the Music on the Grass this year. It's been the 3rd time we have attended and each year has been a wonderful experience with beautiful weather and amazing community spirit. It was a relaxing day with brilliant music and stalls. If you missed out this year, definitely put it in your calendar for 2018!

KWR CWA Christmas Tree

After the great success of last year, we will again be organising the Koo Wee Rup community Christmas tree which stands at the local Woolworths. Letters have been sent to local schools and kindergartens for requests of Christmas decorations like last year.

If your child does not attend a local school, please feel free to create your own decorations and come down to put it on the tree.

Victorian CWA Christmas Market- Saturday 2nd December Toorak

Who likes Christmas Pudding? Order From CWA and collect at our Christmas Fare on Saturday 2 December. Fancy a short break in the country? Buy a raffle ticket at the Christmas Fare and help us improve conditions for all women and children, and support local communities.

Saturday 2 December is Christmas Cooking Fare at Umina - 3 Lansell Road Toorak. Opens at 9am and finishes at 2pm with the raffle draws. Christmas puddings and cakes, mince pies and shortbread. Demonstrations of Christmas treats at 10am and 12 noon. Devonshire Teas in the Dining Room. There will also be other stalls with a Christmas theme including outside vendors .

Next meeting

We will be taking a summer break. Our next meeting is in **February 2018** for more information please contact kwrcwa@outlook.com

We at the Koo Wee Rup CWA want to wish you all a very safe and fun filled holiday time with family and friends.

KBA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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

Summer's turned up early, so hope you're all enjoying/coping. Mind you, keeping the grass down at the moment is almost a full time job.

The association held its November meeting on Tuesday 21st at Ziggy hair artistry on station st. I was unable to attend but by all accounts it was a very productive meeting with lots of discussion around the survey, which was previously put to the association members. One of the key issues raised by the survey was marketing, there were some very good ideas put forward by those attending the meeting, all of which will be followed up.

A 'meet and greet' followed the meeting. Although a small gathering it was enjoyed by all who attended including two of our council representatives, Ray Brown and Frances Grigoriou. Everyone had the opportunity to share ideas that were of benefit to their own, and each other's, business.

If you are a local business owner or have a business that services the local area, please call Vicki Charlton on 0413 384 480 to be included in a local business register the association would like to put together.

Reminder: non perishable items can be left at used to be new/harmony lane vict. for pick up by a St Vincent de Paul Society representative. The society's 'DO YOU NEED A HELPING HAND? program provides non-perishable items to families in need.

On behalf of the Koo wee rup business association I would like to wish all of you a safe and happy Xmas. Take care.

Rainfall (28th October to 25th November) 61 ml.

So ends this report,

Till next time, please take care.

Vicki Charlton,

President,

Koo wee rup business association

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LION'S CLUB NEWS

On 27th to 29th October our Lions District Convention was held in Sale at the IBIS Styles Motor Lodge, for those who know the town.

What a fantastic weekend it proved to be. Not only did the Convention provide an opportunity to catch up with other Lions from around our District, but it also provided an opportunity to learn and discuss matter of importance that will have an impact on the 63 Lions Clubs in the District over the next twelve months.

This Club has a strong focus on providing opportunities for the youth of Koo Wee Rup to develop their life skills. Hence, it was particularly pleasing to have a chance to hear from the District winners of the Youth of the Year and the Junior Public Speaking Competitions, which, as readers will recall, are both major activities on the Club's calendar each year.

We were treated to a presentation from Nick Mattei, the overall winner of the District Youth of the Year final about the qualities needed to be an effective leader, then our very own Calvin Finch from Koo WeeRup Secondary College, who won the public speaking component of the District final, asked whether there are any circumstances under which it is acceptable to tell lies.

Then we heard from Isabella Dugdale, the Year 3 – 4 winner of the District Junior Public Speaking final via video, as she was unable to be at the Convention, followed by Kayley Williams, the Year 5 – 6 winner.

After hearing these four fine young people make their presentations, it again highlighted the value of both the Youth of the Year and Junior Public Speaking programs.

Immediately after the lunch break on the Saturday, a youth forum was held, where the panel, comprising Nick Mattei and Calvin Finch (Youth of the Year), Lynsey McLeod (Australian Lions Drug Awareness Foundation) and Alisha Austin, our District Newsletter Editor, answered some fairly searching youth-related questions put by the conventioneers.



L to R: Calvin Finch, Lynsey McLeod, Nick Mattei, Alisha Austin

trophy was our very own Koo Wee Rup Lions Club.

On presenting the trophy, Immediate Past District Governor, Anita Culpitt noted how impressed she was with the youth projects the Club continues to run, the innovation and success of the Neighbours & Newcomers Dinner , the Arts & Crafts Show and, of course, the Lions Op Shop.

On reflection, none of the above activities could have been as successful as they were without the fantastic support of the Koo Wee Rup, Bayles and Lang Lang communities. So, this award belongs as much to you as it does to the Koo Wee Rup Lions Club.

While on the topic of youth projects, the Club will be hosting the Club final of the Youth of the Year Competition on Sunday 3rd December at the Senior Citizen's Hall in Icke Street. So, a full report will appear in the next issue of Blackfish.

Also, make sure you keep the evening of Saturday 9th December free for the Community Carols by Candlelight at Cochrane Park, which will finish with a monster fireworks display. The event starts at 4.00pm with a twilight market and food stalls, followed at 7.00pm with the carols. Entry will be by gold coin donation and will be an alcohol free event.

We look forward to the pleasure of your company on the evening.

In finishing, the Club would like to sincerely thank all those in our very special community who have supported the Koo Wee Rup Lions Club in 2017 and wish you all a safe and enjoyable festive season.

Perhaps the most poignant part of all District Conventions is the remembrance ceremony, traditionally conducted on the Sunday morning, to remember the 30 members of the Lions family in our District who passed away during the course of the year.

Although this is always a sad occasion, it is a time we can, with pride, pay tribute to those who are no longer with us.

On a much happier note, the Immediate Past District Governor each year presents the Ron Lipman Award for the best Club bulletin, which was awarded to the Trafalgar Lions Club, and the Norm & May McPherson Best Club Award, which recognises Club excellence. It is most pleasing to report that the winner of the District's most prestigious



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NEWS FROM THE KOO WEE RUP MEN'S SHED

The highlight of the month was, of course, the 'Music on the Grass' event at the Community Garden on Sunday the 19th of November. A large crowd of excited onlookers came along and were magnificently entertained by Bec Hance, the country music artist, who was supported by a host of local talent from our schools and around the town. There were also activities for the kids – a jumping castle, face painting, and, on behalf of the Painting Group, a place for them to try out their own artistic painting skills. The Men's Shed thank sincerely the KRHS, the Ladies Auxiliary, the local growers for their donations and support, but most importantly a big thank you to Jane Coop for her wonderful selection of music. Finally, another big vote of thanks goes to all of our volunteers who helped to make this day a great success including our members who put on a super barbecue for everyone to enjoy. All the volunteers have spent many hours, before, during, and after the show, working to ensure a happy achievement for everyone. Let us remember that without our volunteers there would be no 'Music on the Grass'.

The Men's Shed members are proud to tell you about the continuing Mentoring Program that they run on Tuesday evenings during after school time for senior students. A lot of hard work has been done by the members over the last year and they are extremely delighted with the program's success. The students are guided on life skills, using hand tools correctly, tool maintenance, and through the many different construction jobs that they undertake. In addition to the mentoring class there is also after school time for other interested and keen students. They come along to learn all about the world of cooking, preparing afternoon teas, and they learn to work together with lots of varied activities and games.

Together with the local 'Turning Point' church group, the Men's Shed are organizing a 'Car Boot Sale' in the Men's Shed grounds, Rossiter Road, Koo Wee Rup on Saturday 2nd of December 2017. Stall Holders are indeed very welcome and the cost of a site is just \$20. The 'Sale' will run from 8:30 am until 1:30 pm. So ... come along and get involved. Sell your unwanted goods, make cash for Christmas or, just come along and get yourself a bargain.

Finally, our president George Fittock wishes to sincerely thank all the Men's Shed members, his many friends, and even strangers, who have supported him through his on-going harrowing time with his personal health matters. On behalf of everyone we wish George a speedy recovery and a return to the real George that we know.

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SAFER COMMUNITIES CARDINIA STRATEGY WORKSHOPS

Victoria Police, through the Community Safety Statement, are dedicated to connecting and remaining connected with our community. We are holding five workshops in Cardinia Shire in December, we don't just want to hear from you - we want to work **with** you.

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- * Crime, * Family Violence, * Emergency Management,
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Now we need your help to keep the good work going. We hope you can make it! Cheers, Victoria Police

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| Emerald Workshop Emerald Community House 356-358 Belgrave-Gembrook Road When: Monday 4 December 2017 Time: 5.30pm-8pm RSVP: 27 November 2017 | Bunyip Workshop Bunyip Main Hall 27 Main St, Bunyip When: Weds 6 December 2017 Time: 5.30pm-8pm RSVP: 29 November 2017 | Pakenham Workshop Outlook Community Centre 24 Toomuc Valley Road, Pakenham When: Saturday 9 December 2017 Time: 1.45pm-4.15pm RSVP: 2 December 2017 |
| Koo Wee Rup Workshop Koo Wee Rup Community Hall 255 Rossiter Road, Koo Wee Rup | When: Weds 13 December 2017 Time: 5.30pm-8pm RSVP: 6 December 2017 | Officer Workshop Officer Public Hall 9 Tivendale Road, Officer When: Tuesday 12 December 2017 Time: 5.30pm-8pm RSVP: 5 December 2017 |

ROTARY CLUB OF KOO WEE RUP - LANG LANG



While I have been on extended leave of absence The Rotary Club of Kooweeerup-Lang Lang has not. The club has been up to its usual shenanigans with all our usual commitments, plus anything else that has been presented to us that we could assist with, we do love getting our hands dirty, we are not just about writing a cheque. I am just going to keep this one short, I look forward to reporting to you each month from February 2018.

We have two projects on the go. Carols by Candlelight in the Lang Lang Hall on Wednesday the 13th of December. A gold coin donation would be appreciated.

Also the wheels are in motion for the Lang Lang Show n Shine. Please visit the webpage for further information - www.langlangshownshine.com.

We are in the process of putting together a Debutante Ball in May of 2018. Please contact Val Williams on 5997 5358 for further information. 3 more couples would be great to confirm the event so get in quick.



For more information please phone our secretary Steu Fleming on 0417 666 680 and yes I have spelt it right, I checked. Secretary Stue will be taking a leave of absence to travel to do a wee bit of touring, I will update contact details in the February 2018 Blackfish. The club meets at the Lang Lang Sports Club every Wednesday at 6.30 for 7pm start. We are hoping to increase our membership, so if you are interested please ring Steu, you don't have to have a meal, so give a thought in coming along and see how we assist the community of both Koo wee rup and Lang Lang. You can also Google 'Rotary International' where you will find more information. They, along with our club, also have a Facebook page.



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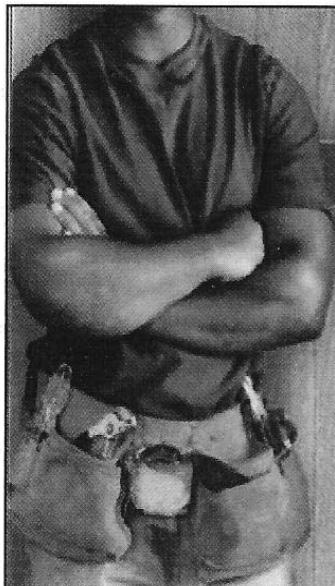
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ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PRIMARY SCHOOL

On the 10th November, St John's School celebrated Grandparents' Day. Personal invitations were written by the children and, as a result, a large number of grandparents graced the school with their presence. A Mass of Thanks started off the day. The church was filled to capacity. At the end of Mass, Matthew Huxtable and his Grandmother Carmel shared a reflection on what each meant to each other. It was both moving and humorous.



This was followed by our traditional marching competition. The children quickly assembled under their house banners for the sprint and novelty races, under perfect conditions. Results for the day were: Cremin (Red) won the marching and with Scott (Green) winning overall. Well done to everyone!



Our 2018 Foundation/Prep orientation program finishes up on the 27th November. It is always wonderful to see these eager and enthusiastic youngsters at school. We can't wait to see them blossom and grow.

Sadly, we farewell three staff this year. Mrs Leonie Mure who has been with St John's for 9 years, Mrs Karleigh Mayhew for 7 years and Mrs Marlene Scanlon who has taught here for 30 years. We thank them for their tremendous contribution to our school over the years.

This term's Swimming Program happily kicked off with extremes in weather. From temperatures in the high 20's to thunderstorms and heavy down pours. The children braved the elements to the 2 weeks program. The children and staff would like to thank all those dedicated helpers who have generously given their time to walk each class down to the pool in safety.

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



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Library Club: Tues, Thursday & Friday 8:40am

Tuesday 5th December

Crazy Hair Day to support Leukaemia

Wednesday 6th December
Year 5 Leadership Day

Thursday 7th December
Foundation Celebration

Thursday 14th December
Year 6 Graduation

Monday 18th December
Christmas Concert

Friday 22nd December
1:30pm Term 4 dismissal

Koo Wee Rup Primary School received some very exciting news last week when we were informed we had been successful in attaining funds through the Inclusive Schools Fund. The Inclusive Schools Fund is a \$20 million fund designed to help make Victoria the Education State, providing Victorian Government schools with quality new spaces and more inclusive facilities, based on best practice research and design. We have been granted \$174,400 to build our proposed project.

We will be building an outdoor learning space with three zones that will allow students to develop their motor skills, engage in play that supports their individual learning needs and provides them with a calm area for reflection. The space will include:

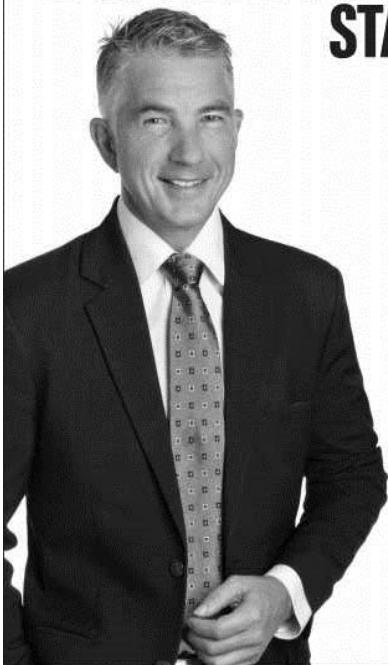
- a 'Zen Zone' - a ramp-accessible gazebo space that flows to an outdoor seating area with an oversized chess board and speakers to provide calming music
- a 'High Energy Zone' - equipped for repetitive force movements (including large scale musical equipment, and push/pull force equipment such as hand water pumps)
- a 'Creative and Sensory Zone' - featuring a range of tactile surfaces (sand, large rocks, pebbles, logs, gravel, mulch) and a variety of sensory plants.

This space will only further enhance the amazing school facilities at our school and we are extremely excited to begin the building process early in the new year.

As this is our last entry for 2017, I would like to wish the entire local community a safe and happy Christmas break with your family and friends. I thank all of the local community groups and businesses who continue to support our school in providing a quality education for our students.

Nathan Jagoe, Principal

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Right: Congratulations to Sally and Jess who were formally presented their Queen Scout and BP Awards respectively at Government House by Her Excellency Linda Dessau the Governor General of Victoria.

Left: Huge thanks to Martin Whitlock of Rover Mowers who has kindly donated a brand new mower, blower and trimmer to the group.



Planning for next year is already underway and the programs look awesome! If you have a child between 5 and 25 why not bring them along to share scouting (we start up again from the 30th Jan 2018).

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all, we look forward to working with you in a very exciting 2018



The Joey Scouts had a sleep over on Remembrance Day. They started by participating in the RSL Ceremony with some of the older sections of our group then had a visit from a real life soldier who helped them apply their cammo paint, taught them how to do the monkey walk and the leopard crawl and ran them through our specially made commando course. They then got to fly a drone, do their own dinner and get some first-hand experience at Army Scouting.

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Activities Resume 2018

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| 2018 | Jan 15th | Bowls | 1pm |
| 2018 | Jan 16th | Bingo | Eyes down 7.30pm |
| 2018 | Jan 17th | Craft | 10am |
| 2018 | Jan 19th | Lunch | 12 noon |

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CUSTOMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Customer Advisory Committee to the Board of Governors of the KRHS took place mid-November. Two very relevant but different items were up for discussion this month. One was regarding patient comfort at Killara Hostel and the other proposed a significant building program for Self-Contained Home Units within the hospital grounds.

The outcome for Killara patients was good with plans now in hand to improve air-conditioning within their own rooms. The CEO, Frank Megens, reported that the Self-Contained Home Units proposal, although considered highly commendable and indeed thoughtful, would not be able to attract government funding – state or federal – at this time. Without government funding a project such as this is unrealistic.

Two guest speakers addressed the meeting; Marlene Dalziel from Primary Health Networks (PHN) explained the reasons for the PHN inception and the way it is progressing forward strongly. Eastern Melbourne PHN (EMPHN) is a Primary Health Network established to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of medical services for patients, particularly those at risk of poor health outcomes, and to improve coordination of care to ensure patients receive the right care, in the right place, at the right time. PHN works across an area of 3,956 km² comprising a population of more than 1.5 million people within 12 local government areas in east and north east Melbourne. EMPHN was formed through the consolidation of three Medicare Locals under the Australian Department of Health's Primary Health Networks Program.

Shirley Nicoll from the Early Parenting and Infant Feeding Clinic explained the workings of this KRHS facility. She explained how the first year of a baby's life presents many challenges for a new parent. Recognising this, the clinic provides extensive support through their Early Parenting Unit, in a very caring and understanding environment.

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- Gain confidence in their own parenting skills
- Manage feelings of anxiety, stress and fatigue
- Develop a sensitivity to their baby's cues and signals

The Early Parenting and Infant Feeding Clinic also provide observation and screening for any underlying difficulties and can refer mothers to appropriate services as required.

The meeting then discussed the pros and cons of a social media presence for the CAC, new signage and labelling of KRHS building areas, and also the nuances of proposed new brochures, folders, and posters for patients that describe the many wonderful facilities available at KRHS.

If you have a suggestion or some nagging thoughts about your difficulties, or your dependants comforts or problems with KRHS then get in touch with the CAC Committee. Simply phone 5997 9679 or Geoff Stokes on 0435 085 002. Or you can email: geoffreystokes@geoffstokes.com Your email will be acknowledged.

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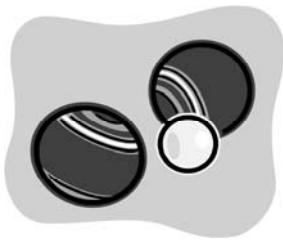
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KOO WEE RUP BOWLS CLUB NEWS

On a sad note Gillian Jolly passed away on 9th November after years of illness and then sustaining a fall and fracturing her hip. When Tony was told of the news he suffered a massive heart attack and was rushed to Monash Medical Centre where the family decided to turn off the life support system on 13th November. Gillian was a member of our Club from 2004-2015 after she & Tony transferred from Loch BC. The Past President of the W.G.L.B.A. before it folded Gillian was also Vice-President of the Victorian Ladies Bowling Assn. before the amalgamation with the R.V.B.A. Tony was a very popular member who won the Men's Pairs Championship on 3 occasions. Both Gillian & Tony will be sadly missed. Sincere condolences to the family from all Club members.



A close game and a couple of big losses for Saturday Pennant in Round 3. Div. 2 played last season's premiers [South] in West Rosebud and were beaten 92-101. A bad loss for P.Gray, J.Durrant, R.Alexander & J.Dale 13-30. K.McMahon, B.Mason, P.Butera & L.Wealands beaten 23-29. A 28-19 win for Brad King, R.Matthews, W.Pownall & Arthur Giaccotto. Also having a good win 28-23 was B. Walker, W.Stevens, M.Masters & J.Walker.

Div. 5 played Belvedere and were defeated 66-97. M.Royle, J.Roissetter, K.Hammond & S.Nixon a tough day losing 13-42. A 25-25 draw for P.Stevens, G.Crynes, D.Talbot & H.Ralph. A narrow 28-30 loss for N.Speight, B.Files, T.Butcher & L.Monckton. Div. 7 played Belvedere and lost 31-45. Rd. 4 had a similar story with Div. 2 having a close game & Div. 5 & 7 both comfortably beaten. Div. 2 lost to Belvedere 75-86. K.McMahon, B.Mason, P.Butera & L.Wealands lost 16-27. Brad King, R.Matthews, W.Pownall & A.Giaccotto won 24-14, B.Walker, W.Stevens, M.Masters & J.Walker lost 19-20. P.Gray, J.Durrant, Betty King & J.Dale lost 17-26. Div. 5 beaten by Mornington 53-87. M.Royle, J.Roissetter, K.Hammond & S.Nixon lost 18-30. N.Speight, B.Files, T.Butcher & H.Ralph lost 18-26. P.Stevens, F.Grant, D.Talbot & L.Monckton beaten 17-31. Div. 7 lost to City of Frankston 33-56. L.Bell, B.Potter, R.Bricknall & C.Kent lost 18-35. P.Dillon, R.Peters {1st game}, R.Kent & S.Payne lost 15-21. Div. 2 played the strong Mt. Eliza team in Rd. 5 and were well beaten 67-109. P.Gray, J.Durrant, Betty King & J.Dale lost 13-29. Brad King, R.Matthews, W.Pownall & L.Monckton were beaten 16-34. B.Walker, W.Stevens, M.Masters & P.Dillon lost 17-23. K.McMahon, B.Mason, P.Butera & R.Alexander lost 21-23. Div. 5 went to Blue Hills and were also well beaten 52-82. P.Stevens, L.Bell, D.Talbot & G.Topperwien lost 22-29. N.Speight, S.Nixon, T.Butcher & I.Craig were beaten 19-26. M.Royle, J.Roissetter, K.Hammond & I.Royle lost 13-29. Due to lack of available players Div. 7 forfeited their game.

Rd. 6 had Div. 2 playing Hastings and were beaten 74-112. K.McMahon, B.Mason, P.Butera & L.Wealands lost 14-24. Brad King, R.Matthews, W.Pownall & R.Peters were beaten 17-31. B.Walker, W.Stevens, M.Masters & J.Walker lost 18-24. A 25-33 loss for P.Gray, N.Speight, R.Alexander & J.Dale. Better news for Div. 5 defeating Dromana 69-63 for their 1st win of the season. P.Stevens, Betty King, H.Ralph & D.Talbot lost 17-25. A 30-18 win for J.Durrant, S.Nixon, I.Craig & S.Payne. M.Royle, J.Roissetter, R.Kent & I.Royle won 22-20. Playing top team Somerville Div. 7 lost 36-61. L.Bell, R.Bricknall, I.Craig & G.Topperwien lost 9-41. B.Files, P.Dillon, S.Payne & S.Nixon lost 22-31.

Tuesday Div. 1 lost to Mount Eliza 55-73 after leading for the majority of the game. B.Walker, B.Files, Betty King & J.Walker beaten 13-19. P.Gray, M.Masters, T.Jolly & J.Dale lost 22-24. R.Alexander, W.Pownall, S.Green & L.Monckton beaten 20-30. Div. 4 also played Mt. Eliza and were beaten 47-65. Rd. 5 scores were Div. 1 played Karingal and were beaten 42-66. B.Walker, N.Speight, Betty King & J.Walker lost 15-19. A 14-23 loss for P.Gray, M.Masters, T.Jolly & J.Dale. Beaten 13-24 was the result for R.Alexander, W.Pownall, S.Green & L.Monckton. Div. 4 played Hastings and were comfortably beaten 44-88. Scores from Rd. 6 had Div. 1 lose to Mornington 46-48. B.Walker, N.Speight, B.King & P.Dillon 11-12. P.Gray, M.Masters, T.Jolly & J.Dale 12-23. R.Alexander, W.Pownall, S.Green & L.Monckton won 23-13.

Div. 4 were defeated 48-64 at Blue Hills. M.Royle, L.Mahomed, K.Hammond & I.Royle had a 18-18 draw. P.Stevens, R.Kent, J.Grant & B.Potter lost 19-22. J.Roissetter, I.Craig, M.Scullin & S.Payne lost 11-24. Results from Rd. 7 saw despite winning 2 rinks against Belvedere we lost 50-66. B.Walker, N.Speight, Betty King & J.Walker won 19-14. R.Alexander, W.Pownall, S.Green & L.Monckton had a forgettable day losing 5-36. P.Gray, M.Masters, B.Files & J.Dale won well 26-16. Div. 4 played Baxter Village and copped a hiding 30-102. J.Roissetter, L.Mahomed, M.Scullin & G.Jackson lost 12-29. M.Royle, F.Grant, D.Talbot & I.Royle were defeated 12-23. P.Stevens, I.Craig, S.Payne & B.Potter were thumped 6-50. Good to see John Hatton call in to catch up with ex-team mates at both venues.

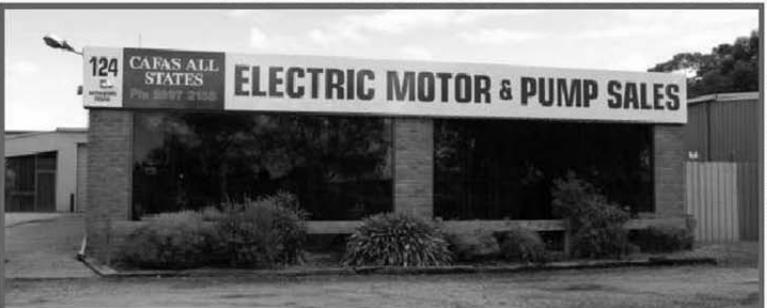
Results from Friday Triples played on 17th Nov. Winners for the day with 38 pts. were J.Emmett, K.Mynard 7 R.Wilson [Lang Lang]. Runner Up rink with 36 pts. was D. Dance, J.Van Vugt & S.Koning [Cardinia Waters]. Best 1st game with 19 pts. & 68.97% was P.Gray, M.Masters & L.Wealands [KWR] & Best 2nd game went to G.Barber, T.Loughridge & J.Garnham [Loch & Dist.] with 19 pts & 12 shots up.

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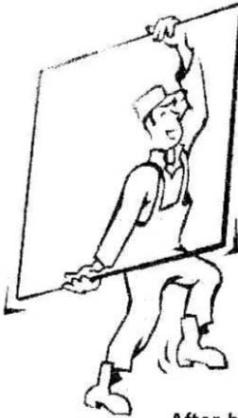
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KOO WEE RUP FOOTBALL CLUB

The Koo Wee Rup Football Club held the 2018 AGM recently and the well-attended meeting received the relevant reports from the outgoing President Dan Crowley who reported on what should be considered a successful 2017 season.

The big challenge for the season was the settling into the first year of the new West Gippsland Football Netball Competition and adapting to the new style corporate management that comes via the AFL Gippsland and the various football departments that has been put in place to ensure the management and sustainability of country football. Daniel stated that the highlight for season 2017 was the inaugural Reserves Premiership win by the Demons, however equally was the attendance at all games and the return of many members who have returned to local football following the clubs 16 year period in the EDFL.

The other positive for the club was the big increase in numbers of young players and their families who have embraced the Demon Juniors who play their football in the South East Junior competition.

Special mention must go to Junior President Deon Perry and his hard working committee and all parents who came on board not only to support their children but also to make new friendships that comes with being involved in a Family Friendly Football Club.

Life Member Gary King conducted the election for the 2018 committee and the following members were elected:

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|----------------------------|----------------|
| President | Daniel Crowley |
| Vice President | Peter Huxtable |
| Treasurer | Kirsty Curtis |
| Secretary | Gary King |
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| Rob Cameron | Joy Osborne |
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| Matt Cameron | Sonja Drommell |
| Amber Ventura | Geoff Miller |
| Jake Neill | Dan Mullen |
| Ian Legg | |

Following the election of the 2018 committee, returning President Daniel Crowley thanked all who made themselves available for the committee but equally to all the dedicated club supporters and parents who always make themselves available for the many jobs that need filling during a long football season. Dan stated that while the committee are seen as those running the club, it is the behind scenes workers who are greatly appreciated for their commitment and dedication.

2018 COACHING APPOINTMENTS

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|----------------|--|
| Senior Coach | Ben Collins |
| Reserves Coach | Brett Hobson |
| U/18s Coach | Gavin Bindley & Assistant, Dan Pirrota |
| U/16s Coach | Justin Whitta & Assistant, Mark King |

YOUTH GIRLS FOOTBALL

The committee has embraced the concept of the very popular Girls/Womens football and with the support of AFL Gippsland the Koo Wee Rup Football Club will field a team in Youth/Girls competition which takes in the age grouping of 14 to 18 yr old girls who are keen to part of inaugural season in 2018. The club has arranged a General Meeting to ascertain the level of interest and to date the expected numbers are very positive to enable a team to be entered into the new league which will be formulated following the actual number of clubs who will be submitting teams into the competition.

Deon Perry has been appointed the Youth Girls coach for season 2018. Deon has coached in the Koo Wee Rup Juniors for the past 3 years and has served as President of the junior committee. Deon will work closely with the senior committee and also with AFL Gippsland who have a committee to ensure that the Youth Girls Football receives total support and will be a huge success.

More information is available on the clubs Facebook page and should any girls who have not submitted an Expression of Interest into playing please follow the links to be part of what will be a very exciting football competition,

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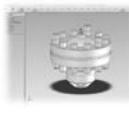
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A VICTORIA CROSS RECIPIENT FROM KOO WEE RUP NORTH

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

After the First World War the Education Department of Victoria published a book called *The Education Department's Record of War Service 1914-1919*. There were two teachers listed who had taught locally and they had both been at Koo Wee Rup North State School. By coincidence, both of them were awarded medals for bravery - Captain Frank McNamara received the Victoria Cross and Captain William Wilson received the Military Cross. There were 64 Victoria Cross medals and around 2,400 Military Cross medals awarded in the First World War. The Koo Wee Rup North State School opened in July 1894 and closed in November 1959. What follows is the extract from *The Education Department's Record of War Service 1914-1919* book on the two soldiers.

Captain Frank H. McNamara, V.C

Captain McNamara was the son of Mr. F. McNamara of 'Moondyne', Royal Parade, Caulfield. On 2nd August 1915, he was selected with seven other officers of the Permanent and Citizens Forces for the third course in Military Aeronautics at the Central Flying School at Point Cook. Officers so trained were then due to be attached to the Indian Army for duty in Mesopotamia. The Commonwealth, however, offered to form a complete squadron, and this offer was accepted by the Imperial Authorities. The squadron was formed in January 1916, and it sailed on the Orsova on the 16th of March. He disembarked at Egypt on 24th of April, and on the 28th of the same month proceeded to England for training. He returned to Egypt on the 28th of August, and joined No.1 Squadron at Heliopolis. On 21st of October, he joined the 67th Squadron at Kantara. On 20th of March, 1917 he was wounded in action, and was evacuated to the hospital at Abbassia. Later, he was promoted Captain and Flight Commander of the 71st Squadron, and served in Sinai and Palestine. He returned to Australia as an invalid on the transport Boorara on the 27th of September.

Deed for which the Victoria Cross was awarded – 'For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an aerial bomb attack upon a hostile construction train, when one of our pilots was forced to land behind the enemy's lines. Lieutenant McNamara, observing this pilot's predicament and the fact that hostile cavalry was approaching, descended to his rescue. He did this under heavy rifle-fire, and in spite of the fact that he himself had been severely wounded in the thigh. He landed about 200 yards from the damaged machine, the pilot of which climbed on to Lieutenant McNamara's machine, and an attempt was made to rise. Owing, however, to his disabled leg, he was unable to keep his machine straight, and it turned over. The two officers, having extricated themselves, immediately set fire to the machine, and made their way across to the damaged machine, which they succeeded in starting. Finally, Lieutenant McNamara, although weak from loss of blood, flew this machine back to the aerodrome, a distance of 70 miles, thus completing his comrade's rescue.' Prior to enlisting, he was teaching at School No. 3198, North Koo-wee-rup.

Captain McNamara was the first Australian Airman to receive the Victoria Cross. He was born in Rushworth in 1894, the son of William McNamara and Rosanna O'Meara. He attended Shepparton Agricultural High School. In 1924 he

married Hélène Marcelle Bluntschli of Brussels whom he had met in Egypt during the War and they had two children. After the War he served with the newly formed RAAF and was the Officer in Command at the Flight Training School at Point Cook and later at the RAAF base at Laverton. In World War Two he was promoted to Air Vice Marshall and, in 1942, moved to England where he worked with the RAF. Captain McNamara died in England in 1961. There is a bust of Frank McNamara in Rushworth and even though he only had a short connection to Koo Wee Rup, I am claiming him as Koo Wee Rup's VC recipient!

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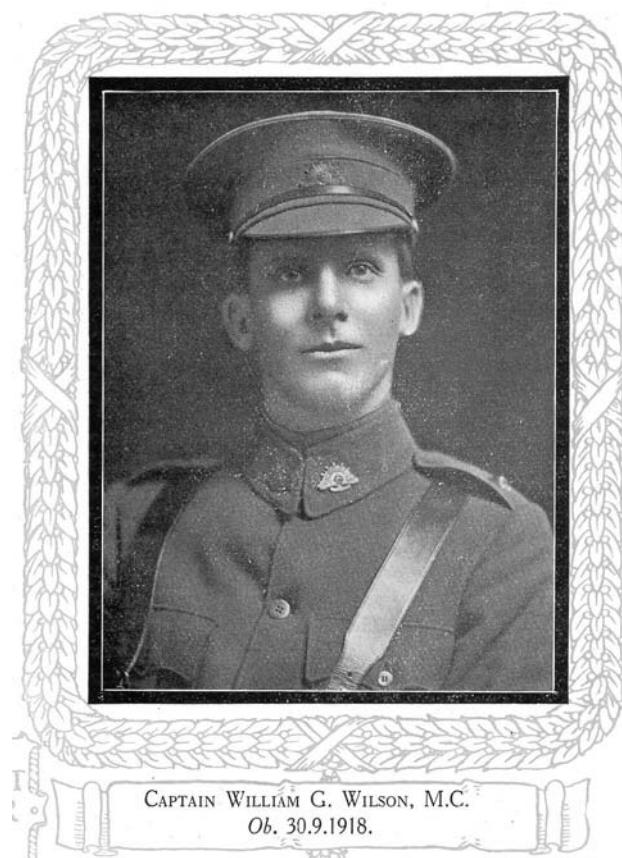
Captain William G. Wilson, M.C.

Killed in Action on 30th September, 1918. Captain W.G Wilson, M.C., late head teacher at Koo Wee Rup North. His widow, Mrs Lilius Wilson, lives at 'Whroo' Tooronga Road, East Malvern. William George Wilson was born on 19th September, 1882. He became a junior teacher at Moora South in 1901 and was head teacher at Lalbert Road from 1905 to 1908, then at Harrow till 1911 and at Koo Wee Rup North till 1912. He was an excellent teacher. In 1909, he received an official letter expressing the Director's appreciation of the good work he was doing, and the success that had attended his well-directed and zealous efforts to secure the whole-hearted co-operation of parents and pupils. He enlisted in June 1915 and proceeded to camp early in July. After serving about six months and passing successfully through the Officers' Training School, he obtained his commission. He embarked for Egypt on the 7th of March, 1916. After spending some four or five months in Egypt, he embarked for England on the 29th of July 1916, going through France. He was Instructing Officer in the 14th Training Battalion for some time, and was chosen with other Australian officers to attend a three weeks' course at Chelsea Barracks, London. He passed the examinations successfully. On the 4th of November he embarked for France and was serving on the Somme some months when he contracted trench fever. After two weeks in hospital, he again rejoined his Company, and was in the line till the 24th March, when he crossed to England and was in hospital for four weeks, suffering from another attack of trench fever. Until the 4th of November, 1917 he remained in England, training and embarking reinforcements for France. On that date he again returned to France and was there in the line for a few weeks until he was promoted Captain (28th November). He remained in line as officer in command of A Company. On 28th July 1918 he led his company so successfully through an engagement that he was awarded the Military Cross. The following is an account in the London Gazette of the deed for which he was awarded the Military Cross - 'For conspicuous gallantry and initiative. He led his company forward during an attack with great judgement and skill, under heavy fire. Though there was a gap of several yards between his flank and the unit on his left, he pushed on and reached the objective with very small casualties. His courage and splendid example of determination materially contributed to the success of the operation'.

Captain Wilson had married Lilius McLennan in 1907 and they had four children, James (b. 1908), Roy (1909), Marie (1911) and Kenneth (1913), so when William was Killed in Action in France, Lilius was left a widow with four children aged from five to 10 years old.

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. Our last meeting for 2017 and Christmas party is on Wednesday, December 13 at 6.00pm. New members welcome. The

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<https://www.facebook.com/kwrcfasantafooddrive>

Santa has a lot of people to visit so if you live in a court, **Santa may not drive into that court** but Santa's helpers will alert you with a siren and speakers so you can **meet Santa at the start of your court.**



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