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FEBRUARY 2017

AUSTRALIA DAY

Once again there was a big turnout on Australia Day to celebrate local adults and school students who contribute to our town.

Our guest ambassador, Jessica Smith, a former paralympian, spoke eloquently about growing up in a small country town and being different to the other kids.

An egg and bacon roll breakfast and lamington morning tea was prepared by the KWR CWA, with BBQ duties undertaken by members and friends of the Township Committee

News about individual award winners begins on page 2

Pictures: top right - Award Winner Valmai Walker, with ambassador Jessica Smith; bottom right - Stacey Rouse with her children Ella & Kye, all individual award winners; bottom middle and left - the egg and bacon production line



THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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

Mr Barry Baker spoke to the committee about issues regarding the toilet facilities at the Woolworths shopping complex in Station St raised at earlier meetings.

When Mr Baker purchased the development the plans had already been approved by council. The number of public toilets was set by this planning permit. Cleanliness: This is the worst of several facilities that Mr Baker owns. Toilets cleaned twice daily, most of the problems are with the ladies toilet, the men's is relatively trouble free. Vandalism, blocking toilets is a constant issue. Also high usage with tourist buses, and people standing and squatting on seats. Unsure of solution to these problems.

Councillor Brown asked about baby change tables, noting that the ones at the bus stop were regularly being damaged. Mr Baker said there was no requirement to have a baby change table and there was not sufficient room to install one. All shops have their own connections for toilet facilities but not all tenancies have opted to connect and install toilets.

There was a question regarding damage to the fence at the rear of Woolworths. The fence had been replaced when Woolworths was constructed. Councillor Moore agreed to follow up in case it was a council responsibility.

Councillor Brown also said that he had spoken with VicTrack about removing and replacing the old Railway platform.

Rubbish bins that had been removed will be replaced in positions nominated to council. Lyn van de Hoef to provide map to Councillor Brown.

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KOO WEE RUP AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS - PRIMARY SCHOOL

CARDINIA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Chantelle Stokkel

Chantelle is a determined student who strives to achieve her best in every subject. Having received several awards for academic excellence, she is a perfect example of hard work paying off. A passionate sports person, Chantelle is a top netballer while also representing the school with distinction in Athletics and Cross Country. In the yard you will usually find Chantelle playing some form of Sport and always being active. She is a worthy recipient, who is a great role model and a fine leader within our school.

Kai Pearce

Kai is an exceptional student who excels in a range of subjects. He achieves excellent results in Maths and English while applying himself equally across all curriculum areas. He is a keen basketballer and follows the NBA closely. In the school yard you can find Kai working on his jump shot or chatting with friends. Kai is a positive role model who always sets the right example for his fellow students and is a valued friend amongst his peers. He is a worthy recipient and a fantastic representative for Cardinia Primary School.

BAYLES REGIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Kye Rouse

Kye is a student in grade 5 at Bayles Regional Primary School. Kye has been nominated due to dedicating himself to raising money for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. Kye's generous and courteous nature is something that is valued by his friends, family and teachers. Whenever there is a community event, Kye will be there to support the school in whatever way he can. His commitment to Bayles Regional PS and surrounding community is to be commended.

Ella Warde

Ella is a grade 5 student at Bayles Regional Primary School. Ella is a studious, well-mannered and friendly girl who strives to be the best she can be at all times. She demonstrates all the attitudes and behaviours that the school values: Respect, Persistence, Excellence and Integrity. The school has nominated Ella for this award due to her commitment to the wellbeing of the school community, as well as for her positive disposition towards her education such that she is a credit to herself and her family.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PRIMARY SCHOOL

Lilly Mitchell

Lilly has displayed great courage and resilience throughout the year. She is a hardworking student – in all areas of the curriculum and extra-curricular activities and has overcome adversity to achieve great academic results. Lilly displays drive and ambition in all areas of school life. She is a credit to herself, her family and the St John's School Community, and as such she is undoubtedly a worthy recipient of a Koo Wee Rup Junior Citizen Award.

Matthew Watson

Matthew has a great enthusiasm for his school and extra-curricular activities. Matthew participates in all events in a positive way and does so with his ever friendly demeanour. Matthew has a great sense of fun and is always honest and trustworthy. He can be very proud of his participation, attitude and effort. Matthew is a worthy recipient of a Koo Wee Rup Junior Citizen Award.

KOO WEE RUP PRIMARY SCHOOL

Kyanne Kerr

Kyanne has always been a very committed and hardworking student who dedicates herself fully to all learning experiences. She has a very caring nature and is always supporting younger students out in the yard.

Kyanne is to be commended on the way she involves herself in the wider community. Over the Christmas period she brought great joy to the Kindergartens, the Schools and the residents of the Koo Wee Rup Hostel and Nursing Home as she visited them in her horse drawn cart. Even though she is still at Primary School, Kyanne is an active and very important member of the Senior School Band which involves many performances throughout the year including Yakerboo, ANZAC Day March and Music on the Green. Kyanne also supports her local dance school by assisting with some of the younger classes.

We are all extremely proud of everything Kyanne does for our school and also the wider community. We believe she is a very worthy recipient of this award.

Ashly Rushton

Over her entire schooling Ashly has shown herself to be not only dedicated to her education, she has shown that she is also intrinsically motivated to be the best that she can be with an eye to the future.

Her excellent manners are always on display both at school and outside of school; not only showing politeness but awareness of others that extends beyond her years. She is always the first to offer to help others in many ways such as with their learning or if they are upset and need someone to talk to. She even picks up on when someone just needs a friend but is too shy to approach others.

As a leader Ashly is a very quiet achiever and has the uncanny ability for someone so young to lead through getting others to want to be part of what she is doing. Whilst Ashly is a very unassuming student she has an inner strength that shines through when it is needed.

KOO WEE RUP AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS



2017 Award winners

Front L-R:
Bradley Horvat,
Nikita Stokkel,
Chantelle
Stokkel,
Kye Rouse

Middle L-R:
Mia Rodgers,
Kai Pearce,
Ashly Rushton,
Kyanne Kerr,
Valmai Walker,
Lilly Mitchell,
Ella Warde

Back L-R:
Stacey Rouse,
Ella Rouse

KOO WEE RUP SECONDARY COLLEGE

Mia Rodgers

Mia Rodgers is in the SEAL program for gifted students. She will be in Year 10 this year. She shows absolute dedication to her school work and aims to improve in all areas. Incredibly motivated and willing to assist others. She is also an outstanding athlete and while representing the College at division level won first places in long jump, triple jump and the high jump (she actually broke the record). She also found spare time to be in the school's annual Musical Grease last year.

Nikita Stokkel

Nikita Stokkel was the College Vice Captain in 2016. She played a major role in helping to organise SRC fundraising events such as Jump Rope for Heart and Comfort day. She is a natural people person who goes out of her way to help others; she has great energy and passion for working on projects. She represented the school in cricket, netball, mountain bike orienteering, volleyball, swimming and hockey. While she obviously adores sport she was also involved in the annual House Music festival.

Following on from her Year 12 exams she has now been accepted into Monash University and will studying to be a secondary teacher of Health and PE. Locally she is closely involved with the KWR netball club as player, umpire and coach of the juniors. She also works as a life guard at the KWR swimming pool.

Ella Rouse

Ella Rouse will be in Year 9 this year. She has been nominated for the award because she clearly exemplified the College's core values of personal best, respect, responsibility, honesty and integrity. She has remarkable determination and persistence and been very successful in raising the standard of her work so that she is now an A student. Her teachers say she is extremely courteous, always polite, friendly and helpful. She is also very mature in her approach to her schoolwork and her understanding of how to work with people. She particularly excels in geography.

Bradley Horvat

Brad was the College Vice Captain in 2016. He played a major role in helping to organise fundraising activities like Jump Rope for Heart and Comfort Day. He is a very approachable person and very supportive of others – both students and staff find it easy to work with him. He has a very strong sense of commitment and responsibility, is extremely courteous and genuinely wants to help others. He represented the school in football, volleyball and mountain bike orienteering and was also involved in the House Music Festival. Following on from his Year 12 exams he has been accepted by Deakin University to study a Bachelor of Environmental Science focussing on Wildlife and Conservation Biology.



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Valmai Walker

Valmai was born on a farm at Yannathan, and has lived in the district ever since. She has always had a keen sense of community service and began her voluntary work as a very young woman, joining the Lang Lang show committee in 1954. She is still on the committee, performing stewarding and judging duties each year at the show as well as competing in handicraft, cookery and floral sections.

In the fifties she was on the committees of both the Yannathan Public Hall and the Yannathan Tennis Club.

After she married Vic Walker, they purchased the Service Station at Bayles where they became a huge contributor to the township. They were instrumental in setting up and running the Bayles Fauna Park, which is still visited and enjoyed by many people each year, and heavily involved in the Bayles Rural Fire Brigade. Valmai was a founder member of the Bayles Catering Team which supported firefighters during turnouts. Valmai and Vic encouraged their four children to join the cubs and scouts and Valmai was a great supporter when Vic became a venturer leader, continuing their roles long after their own children had passed through. Many local young men will tell you of the friendship and encouragement that came from Vic and Valmai through the scouting group. They were also closely involved with the Bayles Primary School, and their joint knowledge of ex-pupils and teachers was invaluable when the school celebrated its 80th anniversary in 2008.

Valmai has been a long time member of Lang Lang Garden and Hobby Club holding many executive positions. Valmai has a keen interest in the history of The Swamp and has been an active member of the KWR Swamp Historical Society for many years serving for some years as President.

Valmai was secretary of Bayles Public Hall Committee for ten years and is still on the committee, attending regular meetings. She is a member of the Lang Lang singers. She regularly helps the Backpacks for Kids programme, through the Koo Wee Rup Anglican-Uniting Church where she has been a long time member of the congregation.

Valmai was a prime mover behind establishing the Bayles Kindergarten which is still thriving.

The members of the many organisations to which she belongs all comment on her loyalty, dedication and work ethic over an extraordinarily long period of time. Valmai works with quiet determination to get the job done properly and promptly. The communities of Yannathan, Bayles, Lang Lang and Koo Wee Rup would all be lesser communities without the voluntary work she has done over her lifetime.

Stacey Rouse

Stacey has been involved at Bayles Regional Primary School for 9 years and during that time has dedicated herself to the school by volunteering her time helping in the classroom, organising school events and working bees, and being a parent member of School Council. She has taken on the role of the school's historian, maintaining newspaper articles, newsletters and photos as a reminder of all the great things that happen at Bayles. She is a member of the Parents Club and is the co-ordinator of the KWR op-shop rosters for the school as well as volunteering herself.

She is actively involved with the Catani Tennis Club where she is the secretary.

She collects Woolworths cards and fills all the kids at the schools lists then collects all the leftovers and buys albums fills them and then gets them to the children's hospital and once getting them overseas to an orphanage.

After losing her mother at the start of 2016 she started a facebook community encouraging members to post uplifting messages, or just to let them know they are not alone.

For the past 5 years she has held events for the cancer council which range from girls nights in to a full scale market at the Bayles Hall with all funds going to cancer charities or the Royal children's hospital

Lots of people do what they can for their community but Stacey goes beyond giving a helping hand and throws herself with such passion and fabulous organisational skills finishing whatever she begins not only with love, care and passion but with a smile for those who need it; she really is a quiet achiever preferring for others to have the limelight while she works tirelessly behind the scenes organising ..

Passing her passion and commitment on to the next generation, Stacey is the mother of Kye and Ella both of whom were nominated by their respective schools for awards today.

The Bayles/KWR community would not be quite the same without her and we are very grateful that she is there with a smile to cheer our day.

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TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES *(from page 1)*

Council has responded to the committee's letter outlining concerns about the planning process. The meeting felt there was too much subdivision within existing blocks in town, and didn't feel that because there was some development meant that continuing development should be allowed, especially when this seemed to be in opposition to the Koo Wee Rup Township Strategy. The Secretary will respond to the letter from the Council asking for further clarification on planning matters.

Councillor Brown has proposed that the pollarded trees in Station St be removed. Council will provide a list of suitable trees to replace them, and will seek input from the Koo Wee Rup community before selecting a new street tree.

Councillor Brown stated that he will organise for the planter boxes on Rossiter Road to be removed.

Footpath audit to be conducted once gas works have completed. Council will review with APA and any damage will be repaired.

The state of the footpath near the CFA station on Moody St was discussed and it was recommended that a Merit be lodged with council to again report the issue.

There were some issues raised from the floor for council consideration:

Moody St widening of footpath outside the Royal Hotel. Was questioned whether the required advertising for the planning permit had been undertaken. The construction of the fenced area has also restricted the width of the footpath, there were questions raised about whether this now met requirements for accessibility. It has also narrowed the road and made the left turn into Moody Street much tighter.

Councillor Brown will respond to these issues at the February 2017 meeting.

The Building Better Regions fund was raised as a possible avenue to secure funding and support for an extra oval for Koo Wee Rup. Both Council and the Township Committee will follow this up.

There was a question over whether council need to send 7 letters and reminders regarding rate payments over the course of year to all ratepayers. Is this a good use of council funds. Despite enthusiastic discussion there was no resolution to this point.

Rob Muré asked the Councillors if a Planning Permit was required to be advertised on the site subject to the planning permit even if it was advertised on the council web page. Councillor Moore responded that it was still required to be posted on the physical site as well. A further comment was made that council needs to police this requirement.

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TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES *(from previous page)*

There is still a sign adjacent to the bus interchange promoting its construction, now many years in the past. Can this sign be removed?

Parking needs to be policed in Koo Wee Rup, especially in Rossiter Road where many cars overstay the time limit. The Township committee will write to council compliance requesting that Parking Inspectors visit Koo Wee Rup on a regular basis to enforce any parking restrictions.

There were several questions relating to road maintenance:

Why do council maintenance teams pull material from roadsides to fill potholes (it doesn't work) ? Roads need to be graded back to the depth of the pothole and then resurfaced for the repairs to be effective.

Roadside mowing seems to be behind schedule. The comment was made that residents are receiving notice to slash their paddocks but council roadsides are still overgrown. Councillor Brown has queried council officers and will report back at the next Township meeting.

There are footpaths in town that require grinding to make safe for wheel chair and mobility scooter users, this will be addressed in the council audit of footpaths mentioned earlier.

Will there be a footpath constructed from Catani Way to Charles St as part of the new housing development, to meet up with the existing path network. Councillor Brown agreed to look into this matter.

The President welcomed the proposed Fountain Gate bus trial, however many people work out of town, a viable commuter service should have a higher priority.

The issue of the appearance of Nick's Trash to Treasure has again been raised with our Township Committee President. The business has applied several times to council for various storage options including a shipping container but have been refused. Councillor Moore will investigate with the council planning Team if there is any way this can be facilitated.

Ron Ingram from the Koo Wee Rup RSL sub-branch provided an update on progress with the proposed Museum and Club Rooms development. Currently the old PMP building is being refurbished as a temporary museum for a period of 2 to 3 years. There are still some conditions to be met before the RSL receives final council approval to complete the Museum. This includes some safety requirements and the provision of disabled access facilities. Ron said they were hopeful that this could all be finalised by the end of February 2017. The museum will be used to display the RSLs collection of memorabilia and approximately 1500 books as well as provide an education facility.

The RSL is looking to finalise the design and secure funding for the permanent museum and clubrooms. Once this step is completed then they will be seeking a location within Koo Wee Rup to develop the museum. The RSL will be seeking community input for a suitable location for the museum and there will also be an opportunity for the local community to comment on the design of the facility. It will be 2 to 3 years before this project is completed.

Lyn van de Hoef the new President of the Koo Wee Rup Community Centre Committee reported on a proposal for security cameras at the Community Centre. It had been suggested at a previous Township Meeting that the Township Committee and the Community Centre could jointly fund security cameras to monitor the skate park, pool carpark and the exterior of the Community Centre. There was vigorous discussion about this proposal. The consensus was that it was not the Township Committee's responsibility to fund this type of proposal. The Community Centre Committee will investigate cameras for the centre itself.

More information will be sought from the police regarding the necessity for cameras in Cochrane Park. Councillor Brown expressed his support for the proposal and suggested that grants could be sought to assist with its implementation.

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Mabel Green, at 90 years of age, is playing alto and tenor sax with the band *Ebbtide* for Old Time Dances at Clyde and Nar Nar Goon and working her 300 acre beef farm at Monomeith. She has been playing regularly in a band for around 75 years.

In 1940 at the age of 14, Mabel caught the train from Monomeith station each week, with her sister, and travelled to Melbourne where she was taught saxophone by Rick Coulsen, a renowned musician of the era.



She began her band career at this time with her family band *Clark's Orchestra*. A look at the Kooweerup Sun in the 1950s turns up many mentions of Clark's Orchestra playing at local dances and functions. Over her lifetime she has played at the Exhibition Buildings in Melbourne, at Sale and Cape Patterson and at almost every hall in between.

Mabel has lived all her life in Monomeith, moving to her current farm on her marriage in 1950. 1968 saw her managing the dairy farm on her own with 4 children. As a concession to age, she moved from dairy to beef some years ago, but still gets around the herd on her quad bike.

Ebbtide's next dance is at the Clyde Hall on Saturday, 4 February.



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REMEMBRANCE RIDE OZ

Last December, Vietnam Veteran Robin Eade placed a flag at the Koo Wee Rup war memorial in remembrance of John Richard Tinkham.

After retiring, Rob became a grey nomad and formed the idea of honouring all veterans who paid the supreme sacrifice from the Vietnam war through to the current wars and conflicts at their birth or enlistment town memorial.

John Tinkham grew up on an apple orchard in Tonimbuk and was the second eldest of seven children. John was conscripted for National Service when he was 20 years old.



He enlisted on 19 April 1967 and served 153 days in Vietnam from 21 May 1968 before he was killed in action during Operation Capital in Phuoc Tuy Province on 20 October. He had been inspecting tracks for signs of movement with a tracker team when a single shot from an enemy sniper ended his life. He was 21 years old.

Rob was thrilled with the turnout at Koo Wee Rup. Three of John's siblings joined him, together with members of the local RSL and some local tri-bikers who he had met in the Woolies carpark! Rob said that at some memorials there are just him and his dog Ginge to mark the occasion.



Photos: Top right - Rob and Ginge; Bottom right - Rob Eade with John Tinkham's sisters and brothers pay their respects; Bottom left - John Tinkham in uniform

Koo Wee Rup Senior Citizens Club

Icke Road, Koo Wee Rup

Welcome back. We have started all our activities for the new year:

- Mon Bowls 1pm
- Tues Bingo (open to all) 7.30pm eyes down
- Weds Dancing 1.30pm 2nd Weds
- Weds Craft Morning 10am 1st & 3rd Weds, open to all
- Fri Lunch & Hoy 12 midday

Our outing for February is to the Movies to see "Lion". We welcome all seniors to become a member and enjoy our activities. Members \$10 yearly.

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We would also like to congratulate Cody Miller who will be representing the South East Country Sharks U'18s playing on the M.C.G on the 5th of February. Best of luck Cody!

We also had a number of our juniors selected to play inter-league. Congratulations to James Voss and Seth O'Hehir in under 12s and Matt Voss, Bailey Perry, Archie Whitta and Jess De Pasquale in the under 14s. Great effort boys!

A fantastic effort to Matt Davey on coaching the under 16s inter-league team of the V.M.G.U division 1 to the grand final who unfortunately were narrowly beaten. Great work Matt!

And while still on Matt, the K.W.R Cricket Club is holding a tribute evening in recognition of Matty's 25 years off playing 1st grade cricket with us on the 4th of February. This will be a fantastic evening and urge all interested to attend. Please contact Chris O'Hara on 0438 622 675. Congratulations Matty, incredible achievement!

We have our new nets complete and up and running, the new pitch at the Primary School is nearing completion as well. A massive thank you to all those involved.

What a fantastic Australia Day we had with our sponsors and life members day to coincide with our first grade game against Pakenham and it was great to see a big crowd turn up to cheer on the boys.

A big thank you to Aussie Jones (former St Kilda AFL Player) and Pakenham Cricket Club President, Phil Anning, for their great work as guest speakers.

PILATES CLASSES: FIRST SESSION FREE

Pilates will recommence at the Eco House Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service (Rossiter Rd KWR), every Monday night at 6 pm and a new later time on Fridays at 12.30 pm. Cost is \$10 casual or discounted term payment.

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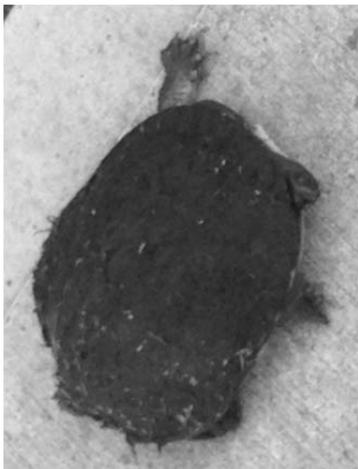
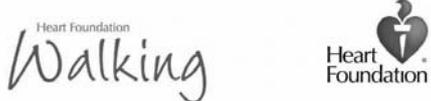
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Term 1, 2017 commences 30th January

EVENING WALKING GROUP: HEART FOUNDATION

We haven't had a break over Christmas but continue walks with whoever is around. We had a terrific break up BBQ before Christmas to christen one members new pergola. Our youngest "pram walker" joined our other members and kept flies and mossies at bay. We meet at 7 pm every Thursday evening at the Koo Wee Rup Clock Towers and cater for all ages and walking speeds. We're very social, and during the last few months even had turtle, from the drain along the rail trail join us. Also keep an eye out for the swans around the lake. What else do you want, good exercise, good conversation and even wildlife that other communities don't have. There will be another early walk at 6pm on Thu 23rd Feb to Cardinia Lakes followed by a takeaway tea afterwards. Last time some members were challenged by the 110 steps climbing out of the twin lakes area.

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KOOWEERUP SECONDARY COLLEGE NEWS

THE HUB – KOOWEERUP YOUTH CENTRE

NEW YOUTH CENTRE IN KOOWEERUP – the Kooweerup Hub is NOW OPEN on a Wednesday between 12.00 – 4.30pm. The Hub operates from the Hewitt Eco House at the Kooweerup Regional Health Service and is located next to the hospital Community Garden. A place to drop in and get information about health and counselling resources. Brian Harlow is the main contact.

The Hub is a free and confidential service available to all young people between the ages of 10 – 25 years old, in a relaxed and friendly environment. The Hub assists young people in obtaining professional health care, accessing information and taking an active role in taking care of their health. As you wait to see a friendly member of staff, there is free tea, coffee, milo, and fresh fruit available. You can also keep entertained with our wide range of health information, various activities, music and Play Station.

On schooldays, if a student would like to drop in at lunchtime, or needs to go during class time:

- they need to bring a note from home which gives permission to leave the school during the day
- they need to see Miss McGinley or Mr Ward to have the note signed and get a pass so the Centre knows that they are allowed to go down there
- If they are under 16 and want to access the medical services, they also need to have a note from their parent/guardian giving permission to access these services.

KEY DATES FOR TERM 1 2017:

- Wednesday February 1st: General Office open for parents and term 1 starts for students (except VCAL)
- Thursday February 2nd: VCAL students start; whole school assembly
- Monday February 6th: Deb Ball practices start
- **Tuesday February 7th: Year 9 Information Night for parents and students 6 to 7pm in the Year 7 centre.**
- Wednesday February 8th to Friday February 10th: Year 12 camp. No Year 12 classes during this time.
- Thursday February 9th: Year 8 Information Night for parents and students 6 to 7pm in the Year 8 centre.
- Monday February 13th: Senior Cricket; **Year 7 Information Night for parents and students 5 to 6pm in the Year 7 centre.**
- Wednesday February 15th to Friday February 17th: Unit 3 Outdoor Education camp
- **Thursday February 16th: Year 12 Investiture Night starting at 7pm in the hall.**
- Monday February 20th: Senior Sport day
- **Tuesday February 21st: House Swimming Sports at the KWR pool – no classes.**
- **Wednesday February 22nd: Year 11 Information Night 5.30pm start in the Senior School centre.**
- **Thursday February 23rd: School photos**
- Tuesday February 28th: Senior cricket finals; College Council meeting
- Wednesday March 1st: Year 7 injections
- Thursday March 2nd: Catch up day for students who missed the school photos
- Monday March 6th: Intermediate sport day
- **Tuesday March 7th: Year 10 Information Night for parents and students 6 to 7pm in the Senior School Centre.**
- Tuesday March 7th to Friday March 10th: 902 camp
- Thursday March 9th: Division Swimming; Year 11 VCAL excursion
- **Monday March 13th: Public Holiday**
- Tuesday March 14th: VCAL 1 and 2 excursion; Band Music Information Night 7pm
- Tuesday March 14th to Friday March 17th: Unit 1 Outdoor Education camp
- Friday March 17th: Year 8 Sport day
- Monday March 20th: Year 7 Sport day
- Wednesday March 22nd: VCE and VET Music students' excursion
- Thursday March 23rd: Year 11 Seminar Day; Interschool Softball
- Friday March 24th: Year 8 excursion to the Grand Prix
- Monday March 27th: Year 11 Legal studies excursion
- Tuesday March 28th: College Council meeting
- Wednesday March 29th: Regional Swimming; **Parent Teacher interviews 12 to 7pm – no classes**
- Thursday March 30th: House athletics javelin and 1500 metre events
- Friday March 31st: term 1 finishes at 2.15pm

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KOOWEERUP SECONDARY COLLEGE NEWS

Welcome back to the start of the new education year. This year at the College we look forward to continuing to work with your children, our students. It will be exciting to welcome the new Year 7 students and other new students to the College, while at the same time we are pleased to see that our past Year 12 students have continued to prosper in entering further education and work.

This year we welcome 16 new staff to the College. They have all been chosen for their areas of expertise that they bring to the College to improve our students' outcomes.

We would like to congratulate the following students who received Australia Day awards at the Kooweerup ceremony last Thursday: Brad Horvat, Nikita Stokkel, Ella Rouse and Mia Rodgers.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE START OF THE TERM

All families should go to the College website www.kwrsc.vic.edu.au and look under LATEST NEWS on the right hand side. There is a letter there which spells out all the main information which families need to know for the start of the school year. In the coming weeks more information will be placed here. On the left hand side under the heading QUICKLINKS there is also important information about getting assistance if you need help and 'what to do in an emergency'.

We expect to have nearly a thousand students in 2017 and with such a large community it is vital that important information is distributed as effectively as possible. If at any time during the year you need more information or wish to meet a staff member, please do contact us on 5997 1444. Despite our size we still see ourselves as a community school and parents/guardians are always welcome to make contact and/or visit as we work together to help the students achieve their Personal Best.

Leonie McGinley, Assistant Principal

Human Powered Vehicle (HPV)

Late last year, the Kooweerup Secondary College Blackfish Racing Team were in action in the 24 hour RACV Energy Breakthrough, in Maryborough, Victoria. This event is one of the largest races in the Victorian HPV racing calendar, attracting over 100 teams from all around the state, and that's just the secondary teams.

Our senior team were offered a new vehicle from Trisled, manufacturers of Human Powered Vehicles and regular front runners in Victorian Community HPV events. The vehicle took on the name 'The Blackfish' and although, not adorned with the usual Blackfish Racing logo, that was the official name on the scoresheet.



Our faster riders set a fantastic pace during qualifying and sat in the top 3 grid places to start the 24 hour race. There were a couple of early spills as racing was fast and furious. The riders all lifted their efforts and rode for long periods of time through the night. They finished 6th across the finish line in front of nearly 100 other vehicles, including some with motors! A fantastic effort by the team and their fastest ever!

Our junior team were riding in the 'Flippers' vehicle rode for long periods of time through the night. We were reduced from 8 riders to 6, which meant more riding for some. With temperatures in the middle of the afternoon on Saturday pushing 30° there was plenty of water being consumed by the riders. At the finish line, the Flippers vehicle came a respectable 12th in a class of 20 vehicles.

Many thanks to our sponsors, TriSled, Reeve Transport, Bunnings and Décor who have provided resources that helped our teams compete for this race and throughout the 2016 season. Appreciation is also extended to staff and parents who have volunteered their time and effort to assist the team to achieve these results.

HAVE YOU GOT SOMETHING TO SAY?

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

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Caroline Roff, Editor

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I hope that everyone in our community has enjoyed a safe and relaxing holiday period with their family and friends. It has been a busy time here at Koo Wee Rup Primary School with the arrival and fit out of a new classroom as well as an art room. This will allow for our school to cope with the continued growth in enrolments.

Along with this growth, we welcome a number of new staff. They are Alyx Morgan (Junior School 1/2), Samantha Nap (Middle School 3/4), James Baltas (Middle School 2/3), Samantha Richardson (Senior School 5/6), Lisa Giles (PE), Jess Brown (Arts) and Mel Frost (Integration Support). We are thrilled to have them all joining us at our school.

I am very excited about the year ahead. There will be many new and exciting things happening at Koo Wee Rup Primary School in 2017 as we continue to strive for the best outcomes for our students. I look forward to sharing them with you throughout the year.

Nathan Jagoe

KWR RSL SUB BRANCH REPORT

Hello and welcome to everybody to another new year, Happy New Year to everybody, I hope it's the very best for you. December was break up for our RSL sub branch with a very nice break up dinner for members thanks mainly to Margaret and Ivan for organising.

Of course our Remembrance Day was once again a huge success. With the public once again outstanding in their generosity in purchasing remembrance day poppies, etc. All of the proceeds from these donations and purchases of course go towards looking after our veterans and families when they are in need and, as our veterans age, that need becomes a more often and urgent need. We will continue to support and help those who served their country.

2017 promises to be an extremely busy one for us. Our focus is on the much needed club room and museum project and we will be projecting our hopes and plans in more detail in next month's Blackfish. Meanwhile we continue to work on our temporary museum. We have nearly finished restoration work and are now actively fitting out our display area and archiving. A major concern is getting the relevant permits to open these premises for the public. We are pursuing this in a determined and logical way but, as you know, it takes time. I say 'never give up'.

ANZAC Day and remembrance day, of course, are a major focus and they will come soon enough, Scots on the Swamp, the op shop, the Lions Club craft show are just a few of the events we will participate in during the year, it's going to be busy.

I would like to finish by saying how impressed the sub branch was with the Australia Day ceremony at our local community hall in Cochrane Park. Congratulations to all involved, especially Caroline and her team and the award winners. It was a great and moving morning. 'I'm proud to be Australian'.

Yours in service, Ron Ingram, President, KWR RSL Sub Branch, 0409 959 821



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meet every Thursday 6.30pm – 7.30pm
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 meet on Friday nights from 8pm

New Members always welcome! Contact June Wright our Group Leader on 0439 161 939 or 5997 1480

Are you ready for Adventure?

Scouting is growing rapidly across the state as it is here in Koo Wee Rup. Our Joey Scout and Cub Scout sections are nearly full to capacity and we are looking for new leaders for all sections to help ensure the youth of the area do not miss out on their chance to join scouting.

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days were spent touring the country and seeing the sights before gathering at Mafeking Park for the second half of The Moot. Rovers participated in activities including ski diving, kayaking, mountain biking, racing cars, theatre tours, visits to Tasmania's East and West Coast, paddle boarding, horse riding, paintballing, golf, escape rooms, archery, yoga, dancing and partying. At Mafeking the young adults built international networks and made friends that they will serve them will have for the rest of their lives.



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LIONS REPORT

It seems like yesterday we were looking forward to the festive season and now we find ourselves into the second month of 2017 – how time flies when you're having fun!

Going back to the Club's last project in 2016, it held the Club final of Youth of the Year on Sunday 4th December at the Senior Citizen's Hall in Icke Street with four contestants participating, again all from the Koo Wee Rup Secondary College – the College continues to give exceptional support to our Club.

As a reminder, the competition comprises an interview component to gauge each contestant's leadership, sporting, cultural and community credentials, for which 80 of the available 110 points are awarded, followed by two impromptu questions and the five minute prepared speeches.

The Club would like to acknowledge the outstanding contribution our very own Steve Lewis, as the Club's YOTY Chairman and compere for the event for the last 16 years has made to the Koo Wee Rup community. Once again he did a fabulous job not only putting the contestants at ease, but also involving those present in the spirit of the competition. Well done, Steve – you're a legend.



PHOTO: L to R: Calvin Finch, Christopher Owen, Sarah Bayliss and Alix Galante with Steve Lewis, the Club's Youth of the Year Chairman. Well done, Steve – you're a legend.

The impromptu questions were:

1. *Do you think the current government is too short-sighted and doesn't plan for the future enough?*
2. *Why are humans so fascinated with understanding the universe?*

Recognising these questions required the contestants to think on their feet, without preparation, they all acquitted themselves extremely well. It was interesting to note that, with Question 1, all contestants spoke about climate change and a need to sustain the environment – obviously topics that are front and centre with many young people today.

After lunch and an opportunity for the contestants to relax, we came to the prepared speeches; summarised below.

Christopher Owen reminded us that we continually tell our kids white lies – eat your crusts and your hair will curl, you must be good otherwise Father Christmas won't come, stories about the Tooth Fairy and so on. We often tell white lies to get out of difficult situations so that we can avoid being blamed. Chris asked if it was OK to tell a lie if there was little or no chance of the lie being exposed? Also, is it acceptable to tell a lie to keep the peace, rather than tell the truth and hurt someone's feelings? A most thought-provoking topic very well delivered.

Alix Galante was obviously passionate about her topic – saving our oceans. We heard how our oceans are in desperate need of sustainable care as a combined result of over-fishing, climate change and pollution. Alix, in some detail, confirmed how life on earth has an inter dependency with the oceans and, unless common sense is put before profits our planet is heading for an avoidable disaster. Another thought-provoking topic delivered with great conviction.

Sarah Bayliss selected a topic in the same vein as that selected by Alix – pollution of our oceans. Sarah confirmed that the most concerning form of marine pollution comes from plastic objects that find their way into our waterways and, ultimately, into our oceans. These plastic objects, many of which are drink bottles, deteriorate over a period of time releasing toxins into the water. Sarah asked why State and Territory Governments were so slow to follow the lead of South Australia by requiring a 10c deposit on all drink bottles sold – an initiative that sees approximately 80% of these bottles returned for a refund, meaning they don't find their way into our oceans. A well delivered presentation that reminds each of us of our responsibilities to recycle.

Calvin Finch's presentation looked at our transport future. In particular, the driverless car, which, it is hoped, will be generally available by 2020. But, as Calvin said, by taking drivers and human error out of the equation should make the roads safer. But there are a host of issues to be addressed before driverless cars take the road, such as insurances – how would these change? Taxis – would these also be driverless? Delivery trucks – would these also be driverless and, if so, who would load and unload them? Roads – would there be a need to change the roads, including signage etc? Another well-presented and thought-provoking topic.

After considerable deliberation, the three judges, Susanne Rutten, Sharon Patterson and Brian Harlow declared Christopher Owen as the winner of the public speaking component, with Calvin Finch being the overall winner.

Competitions such as Youth of the Year continue to confirm that the vast majority of today's young people are fantastic individuals and it is most unfortunate that, because of the extensive bad publicity a very small minority of this age group receives, there is a tendency by some to tar all young people with the same brush.



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On behalf of the association I would like to wish you all a safe and peaceful 2017.

On Tuesday 13th of December a pre Xmas dinner was held at the chandelier cafe for local business. The dinner was attended by Ray Brown (Councillor), Frances Grigoriou (Cardinia shire council), Jenny (Jenny's Vintage), Ken and Sheryl Blay (Lions op shop), Malcolm Brown and Pam (Koowee art), Michael and Sunny Machado (Cybera Digital), Susan Smith (Relax and Recover day spa) and myself. A very diverse range of business owners and council representatives, some new to the business district, most of whom had not met previously. Great opportunity for those attending to network. But, it wasn't all about business. As is the norm at Brent's chandelier cafe, the food, service and general atmosphere was superb, making it the perfect environment to relax and get to know new people or catch up with old!! (That doesn't sound right)

During December I was invited to attend the Lions Club Xmas dinner. A delicious meal (catered by Bunyip River Meats) was provided at a small cost. The event, hosted by Ken and Sheryl Blay, was a lovely relaxed addition to the festive season.

Towards the end of December the police had a van set up in the Woolworths car park offering advice on personal crime prevention. If you didn't have an opportunity to stop and have a chat with them you can visit the Victoria police website at: www.police.vic.gov.au for information.

It's been a wonderful holiday season for retail and cafes in Koo wee rup. Lots of positive feedback from regulars and newcomers alike about the increase in shops to browse. As the sign at the swamp tower says 'Koo wee rup, a great place to stop, rest and eat'. And you can definitely add 'shop' to that list.

(Pre publication) The association committee will hold a meeting on Tuesday 24th January. At this meeting a number of items with regard to the associations model rules, and adjustments to them, will be a discussed. These items will be tabled at a special general meeting in February.

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So ends this report.

Till next time please take care.

Vicki Charlton

President

Koo wee rup business association

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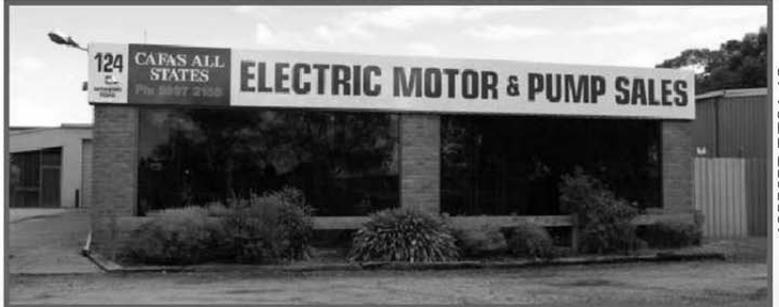
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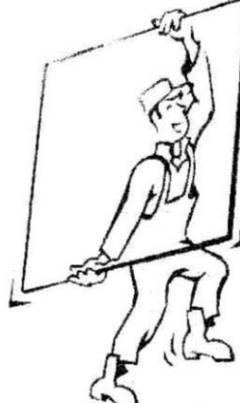
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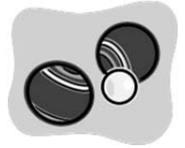
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KOO WEE RUP BOWLS CLUB NEWS



The Christmas lunch was well attended by approximately 60 members & guests with a lot of fun and plenty of hampers to be won. Thanks to everyone who organized and helped the day to be successful. A special presentation was made by BowlsVic Regional Rep. Judith Thorpe to Lindsay Wealands for being the winner of the Volunteer of the Year award for the Peninsula Division.

Saturday pennant results from Rd. 7 were Div. 2 at home beat Karingal 120-96. Div. 5 away to Belvedere won 80-76. Div. 7 at home to Mornington Civic lost 47-48. Rd. 8 Div. 2 at home defeated City of Frankston 105-81. Div. 5 at Karingal lost 47-95. Unfortunately Div. 7 had to forfeit their Rd. 8 game against Belvedere due to lack of players. Results from Rd. 9 are Div. 2 lost to Somerville 55-138, Div. 5 defeated Mornington Civic 67-66 & Div. 7 lost to Blue Hills 46-63. At the Christmas break Div. 2 is in 4th, Div. 5 in 6th & Div. 7 in 8th places with 5 rounds to play. On resumption of Pennant saw Rd. 10 results Div. 2 lost to Mornington 77-95. Div. 5 lost to Mount Eliza 55-73 & Div. 7 lost to Karingal 47-52. Scores from Rd. 11 were Div. 2 lost 92-93 to Belvedere. Div. 5 lost 50-84 to Belvedere & Div. 7 forfeited their game to Karingal.

Tuesday pennant results for Rd. 7 are Div. 2 away to Mt. Eliza lost 47-62. Div. 4 beaten 43-49 at Blue Hills. Rd. 8 had Div. 2 defeat Karingal 72-61 & Div. 4 lost to 44-59 to City of Frankston. Rd. 9 Div. 2 lost to Mornington Civic 57-70. Div. 4 lost to Belvedere 56-60. At the Christmas break Div. 2 is in 2nd place & Div. 4 in 7th place also with 5 rounds to play. Pennant resumed again on 17/1 with Div. 2 scoring an emphatic 89-38 win against Somerville at home. Div. 4 travelled to Baxter and were beaten 50-71 to probably end their final chances. Our Rd. 11 scores were Div. 2 50-80 loss playing 1 player short due to unforeseen circumstances.

Winners of Triples held on 2/12 with 39 pts. George Crynes, Phil Wright & Wes Goodman. Runner Up rink with 38 pts. Rex Alexander, Charlie Masters & Adam Greenhill. Best 1st game John Williams, Brian Vanina & Nev Kitchen 19 pts & Best 2nd game Geoff Barber, Jim Garnham & Graham Turton 19 pts. Final day of Triples for the year was on 16/12 with the Winners being Pauline Gray, Mary Masters & Lindsay Wealands 37 pts & 18 shots. Runner Up rink with 37 pts. & 16 shots was John Van Vugt, Graeme Wilde & Simon Koning, Best 1st game went top Ken Taylor, Edna Adams & Ashley Kidd with 20 pts. Best 2nd game was won by Peter Stevens, Jill Roissetter & Lois Mahomed 18 pts & 5 shots. Results from games played 20/1 Winning team with 36 pts., 18 shots up & 68.00% was Ken Clifton, Margaret Scullin & Noel Speight. Runner up team with 36 pts., 18 shots up & 66.07% was Ken Taylor, Edna Adams & Fred Forde. John Van Vugt, Graeme Wilde & Simon Koning won best 1st game with 20pts. & best 2nd game was won by Wendy Pownall, Betty King & Albert Slefendorfas with 21 pts.

Congratulations to our Club Champions Julie Walker & Arthur Giaccotto. Julie defeated Mary Masters 25-18 in the Ladies final & Arthur beat Brad King 25-21 in the Men's final. Both Julie & Arthur then represented the Club in the PBD Champion of Champions event. This is the 1st time for Julie in winning the Club Championship and Arthur "turned" back the clock having previously won in 1988-89 before transferring to Pakenham BC. The first 2 rounds these events were played on 22/1 at Karingal. In the Men's Arthur Giaccotto lost narrowly in a high class game 22-25 to Somerville. Julie Walker had a bye in the 1st round and then defeated Blue Hills 25-16 in the 2nd round to go into the semi-final. Back to Karingal on the 22nd with Julie Walker winning the Semi-final against Mornington Civic 25-17 but eventually lost the Final to Karingal 16-26. A fantastic performance by Julie and well supported by Club members. The effort from Arthur is not to be dismissed as Somerville played in the Men's final.

Community Survey...

(open until 30th April 2017)

Creating an Age Friendly Cardinia Shire



Are you a resident of Cardinia Shire aged 50 years and over? **Yes?** Then you are invited to provide us with your thoughts on ageing in our shire.

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Cardinia Shire has recently been recognised by the World Health Organisation as an Age Friendly City. Cardinia Shire is committed to responding to its "ageing" population.

There are 2 ways that you can do this survey. You can call our Customer Service team on tel 1300 787 624 and request a printed copy be sent out to you or go online to participate in this survey. It should take you about 15 minutes.

If you prefer to fill in the survey in printed copy: Call our Customer Service team on tel 1300 787 624

If you prefer to fill in the survey online: Visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/seniors, find "How to complete this survey" and select [click here](#)

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The Kooweerup Regional Health Service has a number of initiatives in place such as the Community Garden, The Men's Shed, Youth Services, the Hewitt Eco-House, recycling actions and a host of workshops that focus on environmentally sustainable practices.

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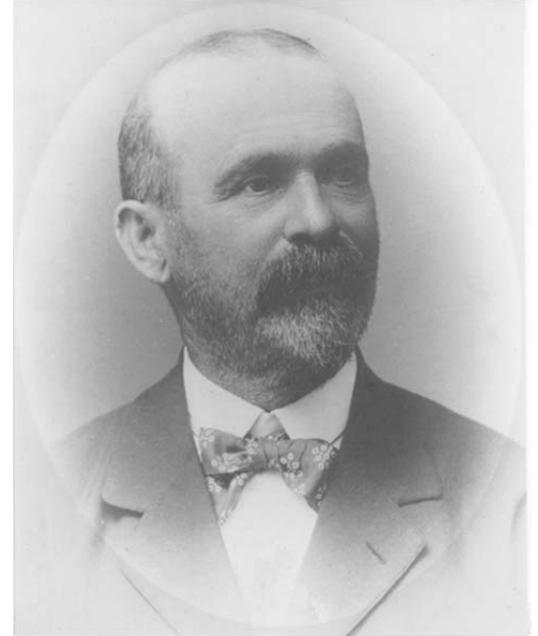
WHAT HAPPENED IN KOO-WEE-RUP 100 YEARS AGO IN 1917

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

As is traditional at this time of year, we will take a look at what happened in Koo-Wee-Rup 100 years ago. Naturally the town was still focused on the war effort, local men were still enlisting, sad news about injuries and deaths continued to arrive and the town was still raising money for the War effort and the comfort of soldiers, but this is a look at some of the other activities of the town. These reports all come from the various newspapers available on Trove. <http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/>

In February, an unnamed correspondent writing from Koo-Wee-Rup to the *Dandenong Advertiser* wrote *We have a wretched train service on this line and I think it would be a God-send if a deputation, headed by Messrs Keast and Downward M.L A waited on the Department, urging something better...the Railway Department sends along a train service which is altogether preposterous and the conditions execrable in the extreme. Why the country people have no consideration at all, while the suburban travellers are pandered to.* The letter writer goes on for another few paragraphs complaining about the Cranbourne Shire Councillors, Government waste and representatives [politicians] engrossed with their own private affairs. So fast forward 100 years and many Koo-Wee-Rup citizens might be happy to have any sort of train service, even a wretched, execrable one!

In May, it was widely reported that Carlo Catani (*pictured right*) had retired as Chief Engineer of the Public Works Department. A function was held on May 9 and the Premier of Victoria, Sir Alexander Peacock presented Mr Catani with an 'Illuminated address'. Catani was responsible for the all drainage works on the Koo Wee Rup Swamp from 1893 and had been employed by various Government Departments since his arrival in Melbourne from Italy (via New Zealand) in 1876. *(Continued next page)*



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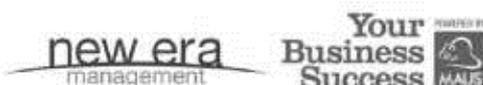
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In July, the *Lang Lang Guardian* reported the Koo-Wee-Rup Red Cross had despatched a number of items to Red Cross Central Depot to be sent to the soldiers overseas. Amongst the consignment were 57 flannel shirts, 13 sets of pyjamas, 30 handkerchiefs, 22 toilet bags, 72 pairs of socks, 8 balaclavas and 7 pairs of mittens.

The *Lang Lang Guardian* reported on the death of an old Colonist, Mr Thomas Boxshall, who passed away at the age of 88 on September 14. Thomas had arrived in Melbourne in 1842 and took up land in Yallock in 1895. He was survived by ten children and had a son and four grandsons on active service.

In October, there was a report in the *Powlett Express* about three convicts who escaped from the penal settlement of French Island. *They got away in a boat and landed several miles from Koo-Wee-Rup where they engaged a motor car and were driven to Melbourne. They did not seem to be short of funds.* A few days later two more convicts disappeared. The newspaper report goes on to say - *The condition of this island establishment almost invites the indulgently treated persons to escape.* Thus even 100 years ago people were unsatisfied with the justice system. The McLeod prison farm was opened on French Island in 1916 and it closed in 1975. It was named after the Chief Secretary of Victoria, Donald McLeod, and one report said the prison was intended for the 'worthier type of prisoner' who would work on the prison farm and a pine plantation.

In early November a serious accident which might have had a fatal termination occurred. Mr W.L McClure, Accountant, at the London Bank accidentally knocked down the bank's revolver and the weapon was discharged, the bullet striking him in the left groin and inflicting a dangerous wound. He was taken to a private hospital in Dandenong where an operation was successfully performed... and he is now making satisfactory progress towards recovery. Apart from feeling very sorry for Mr McClure this report is an indication of how times have changed - Banks no longer have their own loaded revolver, lying around (which is probably a good thing) and can you just imagine the massive amount of paperwork that would be generated by this sort of accident today - a Worksafe Inquiry, a Police Inquiry, an internal Bank Inquiry at a minimum.

The first weekend in December 1917 was a busy time for the town as there were two well attended events - a Flower Show and the Dedication of the Anglican Church.

On December 6 and 7 the first Horticultural show and exhibition of home products in connection with the Presbyterian Church took place in the Koo-Wee-Rup Hall and the results surpassed expectations. The *Lang Lang Guardian* records the names of about 150 prize winners in 10 different categories - blooms, arranged baskets of flowers, potatoes, baked items, butter and preserves, fancy work (embroidery and sewing) and a number of categories for children. The paper reports that *in the produce class some very fine sample of what the district can cultivate were shown and in many instances the judges had difficulty in making a decision.*



On the same weekend on the afternoon of December 7, the Bishop of Gippsland, the Right Reverend George Cranswick, officiated at the dedication of St George's Anglican Church (pictured left in the 1940s). The Secretary of the Church, Mr Adeney, read a petition from the Board of Guardians asking the Bishop to dedicate the Church (lucky for everyone present that he didn't say no!). *The Bishop started at the font, then went to the lectern, chancel steps and communion table before which different members of the Clergy read appropriate chapters from the Scriptures.* In the evening a baptism was performed and twenty people were confirmed. The Church closed in 2012 and the congregation moved to the Uniting Church.

The Koo-Wee-Rup Swamp Historical Society meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm at Mallow house in Rossiter Road, corner of Henry Street. New members welcome. The Museum is open the second and fourth Sundays from 1.30pm until 4.30pm or by appointment. Heather Arnold harnold@dcsi.net.au ☎0407 521 637.

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