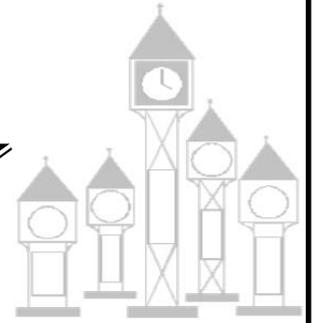


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MARCH 2017

LOCAL LEGEND ON THE BIG SCREEN

Last month the movie *Le Ride* opened at ACMI in Melbourne. Produced by Phil Keoghan of *The Amazing Race*, *Le Ride* tells the story of the first non-European team to compete in the Tour de France. The team of three Australians and one New Zealander included Percy Osborn, who lived his whole life in Bayles and Koo Wee Rup.

Matt Rendell, in his history of the Tour de France *Blazing Saddles* says: 'The four Australasians were supposed to join a contingent of top French riders for the Tour, but the Frenchmen never materialised, so they competed alone, four men who'd never been to Europe, riding one team time trial after another - fifteen of the twenty-two stages were team time trials - against much larger, race-hardened European teams.' Despite the odds stacked against them, three of the team (including Percy Osborn) completed the race.

In the film, Phil Keoghan and a companion ride the gruelling 1928 Tour de France course using bikes from the era as well as using archival footage of the race to tell the story.



Le Ride is now showing on limited release and, for anyone with an interest in the Tour de France and Percy Osborn, it is a must see.

Pictured are: Percy Osborn in his prime; Phil Keoghan with the promotional poster for Le Ride; Percy's niece Wendy Moroney and her descendants with Phil Keoghan at ACMI



THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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

Rubbish bins to be reinstated around town, a map of suggested locations for bins has been provided to Cr Brown and we hope to see this resolved shortly.

Cr Brown is advocating for the developer of the Shelton Park Estate to be required to connect the footpath from Charles Street to the new estate at Shelton Park Drive/Catani Avenue.

Cr Brown is investigating possible council funding for security cameras at the Community Centre.

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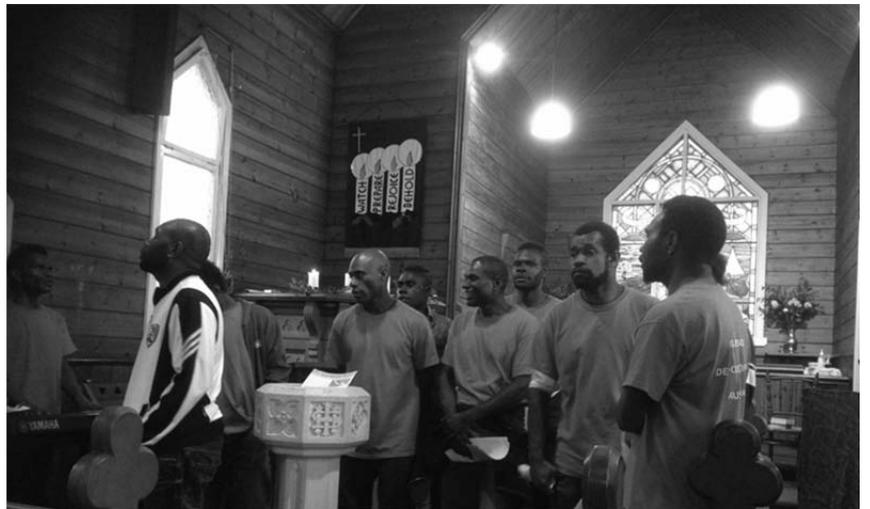
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OUR SEASONAL MUSICIANS

The melodic voices of the local seasonal workers from Vanuatu have become well known throughout the area, coming together to harmonise with each other socially and also attending local churches where possible, to share their wonderful expression of faith through song. These fellows, some with wives and young children, leave their homes and families in Vanuatu to work here throughout the asparagus season, in order to earn wages that are otherwise inaccessible for them. You may have seen them working in the asparagus fields or on one of their regular visits into Koo wee rup to shop. Some of the boys sang at the St. Nicholas Mass in Tooradin on the 6th of December and entertained further, following Mass and enjoyed a cuppa together with John Van Dord, Maurie & Maria Cafra and Nella Bertuna. The following week they also sang at St. John the Baptist Church Koo wee rup. They then sang further after Mass to the delight of the Parishioners who were absolutely mesmerised by their beautiful voices and calling for encores.

The boys put on a Concert before Christmas at the Koo wee rup Community Centre in appreciation of the work and hospitality afforded to them whilst in Koo wee rup. 300 Vanuatu boys performed in groups of 5-20 and were welcomed with open hearts by the local Community. Lunch and afternoon tea was provided by the farmers. They have since returned back to their homes with perhaps 20 remaining to continue working on some fields. The Asparagus growers are very appreciative of the wonderful work that the boys do and look forward to welcoming them back in August 2017 for the next Asparagus season.

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GAS FOR KOO WEE RUP

Last month, representatives from APA and AGN, who are managing the project to bring Natural Gas to Koo Wee Rup addressed a public meeting to update residents on the progress of the project. They advised that the first house in Koo Wee Rup will be connected by 22 March. Then it will be a progressive roll out. The mains pipe comes into town at Denhams Road near the Recreation Reserve and the first section of town to be turned on will be the new estates either side of Denhams Road (Tesoro and Milla/Quinny). Then they will move across to the Townley estate and then gradually connect the rest of town. All properties will have connection available by this winter.

If you haven't done so yet, you can contact your gas retailer to organise the connection to your house. This can be done before gas arrives. Once the gas is switched on to your street, you will be notified and you should be able to have your property switched on within 48 hours.

They talked about rebates that you can get. All properties in KWR are entitled to a \$500 new connection bonus, but only using one of their approved installers (see the find a gas appliance fitter section on the Australian Gas Networks website www.australiangasnetworks.com.au). If you have a preferred plumber who isn't on the list, they can join the list for free.

As well as the \$500 new connection bonus, there is a \$500 rebate for a conversion to, or installation of gas central heating, space heating or a gas water heater (gas boosted solar heaters only get a \$100 rebate), there are \$100 rebates for other appliances like cookers, but you need to have a \$500 appliance to get the \$100 rebates. If you have electric hot water, there is additional assistance available from the government meaning you should be able to have the electric replaced with gas for free. Only appliances converted within the first six months of having gas connected to your home are eligible for rebates. All these rebates are subject to terms and conditions which you can check out at www.australiangasnetworks.com.au.

As Koo Wee Rup is connected to the Melbourne gas network we get city prices for gas, the price per unit for gas goes down the more you use. So the more appliances connected, the less you pay per unit. The presenter at the meeting advised that it may not be worth your while converting if you only have, say, a cooktop, or a gas boosted solar hot water system. Check with your preferred gas retailer (or get a few quotes) to see what the costs would be before you get connected. MANY appliances that run on LPG can be converted to natural gas without needing to replace the appliance.

KWR RSL SUB BRANCH REPORT

Hello to everybody. March is a very busy month for us, firstly getting prepared for Anzac Day on April 25; planning our Dawn Service and march down the Avenue of Honour as well as our Lions Club Gunfire Breakfast, it is always exciting and challenging. More in next month's Blackfish newsletter.

For now we have our AGM at our next meeting on the 8th March at 7pm in the Bowls Cub Room, we invite anybody who is a member to come along and have a say in the next phase of our progressive RSL sub branch.

Our club rooms and museum are progressing, not always as fast as we would like, nevertheless we are now down to completing the necessary facilities to achieve a Certificate of Occupancy, then we can open to the public. Meantime we have started bringing our library of books down and some of our memorabilia, photos and general military history. This is taking, and will take a month or two to display and properly record each item, then maybe 12 months to research the many more bits of history relating to our district. I should note that just prior to Christmas we released a book of the history of World War I soldiers relating to Koo Wee Rup and district. This book was researched and produced by Annette O'Donohue. This is a brilliant piece of history and is available from our sub branch.

Our sub branch is supporting the 'Scots on the Swamp' Harewood House charity day on Sunday 5th March. This event is run by the Regional Health Service Ladies Auxiliary in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Koo Wee Rup and Lang Lang. The proceeds from the great fun day go towards home palliative care service. We are proud to help.

*Once again, yours in service, Ron Ingram, President,
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TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES *(from page 1)*

Moody Street intersection changes outside the Royal Hotel. The following issues were discussed by the meeting and will be passed to Clr Brown:

- The glass enclosing the alfresco area for the pub is inappropriate, restricts visibility for vehicles leaving the pub's own drive through and also cars turning into or out of Moody St, and is placed too close to the road.
- The walkway between the pub and the alfresco area is very narrow and when the door to the bar is open or if patrons leave bicycles or other things on the path it is impassable to wheel chairs, parents with prams and mobility scooters.
- Other issues raised regarding this development were the lack of consultation with the residents and other businesses in Koo Wee Rup, the rumoured request to make Moody Street one-way, this will affect access to the Fire Station, Primary School and the growing Tesoro estate, as well as the existing residences in Gardner and Henry Streets and Blackfish Drive.

The Township Committee feels that the planter boxes in Rossiter Road should be retained and discussions are under way with a group in the town to maintain them. The two planter boxes that have roses in them have been pruned.

The invitation to Daniel Mulino to attend a future meeting instigated some discussion regarding issues that the committee should bring to his attention. Public Transport was deemed important for the town, as well as connecting Koo Wee Rup with Pakenham and Cranbourne there was the suggestion that a regular service could also involve Lang Lang and Bayles. It would be a great benefit to have this as part of the Zone 2 Myki metropolitan system. The current arrangements make it very difficult for elderly and others without their own transport to access services.

No Shire report was presented this month. There were some questions from those present that will be passed on to our councillors and council representatives:

- The St Sofia Sanctuary signs that were removed by VicRoads to facilitate road works have not yet been replaced, could council please follow up on this, it has been many months since the original request.

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TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES *(from previous page)*

- The drain in front of St John's should be piped, From Salmon St to near William St is still an open drain from William St to the west is piped.
- The seats in front of the Op Shop and in Townley Rd Park that were damaged and removed have yet to be replaced. Is there a proposed date on when these seats will be returned?
- The carpark line marking at the bus interchange has still not been redone. Could Council please follow this up? The Secretary was asked to write to all relevant parties again as well. (Shire, VLine, VicTrack, Members of Parliament).

December and January have been fairly quiet. The Australia Day Ceremony was again well attended. The President thanked the CWA for their efforts in the kitchen and the team on the BBQs, and extended a warm thank you to all other volunteers who helped setting up and on the day.

The President suggested to the committee that we should investigate the possibility of updating information on the Clock Tower in panels and adding information to those blank panels that have been highlighted.

Frank Cramer raised the issue of the open drain in Denham's Road; there is a section west from the Rossiter Road intersection of approximately 120metres that was not piped when Tesoro Estate was developed. This drain always has water and is becoming a health and safety risk with the increasing numbers of people now living in the estate and walking along Denham's Road. The Township committee will write to council seeking their commitment to rectify this issue.

NBN is being rolled out in Koo Wee Rup speak to your Internet Service Provider for information on how to change over and when it will be available to your home.

Valmai Walker thanked the President and the Australia Day sub Committee for her Koo Wee Rup Australia Day Community Award. She was extremely grateful to be considered for the award. The meeting responded with a resounding it was well deserved.

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Following the community safety forum in September last year, VicRoads has evaluated various short-term options presented at the meeting, taking into account the views of those present and, in conjunction with engineering principles, determined the most appropriate short-term treatments to be implemented. These treatments are:

- Centre Line Rumble Strips - for the 3km section between the abattoir and Ellett Road. This includes converting 1.6km of broken centre line between the two S-bends to a continuous single solid barrier line to ban overtaking. Right turn manoeuvres into and out of properties can still be undertaken legally, as at present.
- Delineation improvements (Chevron Alignment Markers (CAMs), Raised Reflective Pavements Markers (RRPMs) and Guide Posts) - Install CAMs on each of the four curves and RRPMs and Guideposts at closer spacings for the entire 9km section of Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road between Greenhills Road and Manks Road.
- Speed Limit Signs - install additional 90kmh signs to assist in reinforcing the existing speed limit.

The above works are in addition to the recently installed warning signs along this section of Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road highlighting the high risk bends.

It is anticipated that the above works will be installed by the end of June 2017

ROSS RIVER VIRUS IN KOO WEE RUP

A Koo Wee Rup resident contacted me early in February to say that she had Ross River fever and she would like the community to be aware that it was around in KWR. Once she was diagnosed at the end of last year, she wondered whether that was what was wrong with one of her horses. Blood tests showed that her horse had Ross River as well. They live on Boundary Drain Road and the horse hasn't left the property in 18 months, so the virus is around town.

Symptoms include fever, headache, aching muscles, joints and fatigue. Some people will also develop a rash. While the virus is not considered fatal, in rare cases a person can experience symptoms for more than a year.

To reduce the risk of infection:

- Wear long, light-coloured, loose-fitting clothing and use effective insect repellents, which need to be applied regularly according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Avoid mosquito-prone areas, especially at dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are more active and likely to bite.
- Ensure that your accommodation has flyscreens properly fitted to windows and external doors.
- Reduce the number of potential mosquito breeding habitats around your home by ensuring no stagnant water is present. Containers holding water should be emptied and washed regularly.

Caroline Roff, Editor

KBA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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

Well, the holiday season is over and the kids are back at school, with the preppies settling into their new routine. But, with this beautiful weather we've been having, people are making the most of it and taking every opportunity to get away. And it's great to see them stopping in Koo wee to take a break, have a cuppa and a look around. Koo wee rup has a name for good food, good coffee and great shopping. Speaking of good food I popped into the market on the way to work on the 12th. A delicious egg and bacon sandwich and cup of tea while chatting to the ladies from the hospital auxiliary was the perfect way to start the day. Don't forget to lock in 'scots on the swamp' at harewood on Sunday 5th march.

The association's executive was invited to, and attended, the official opening of 'THE HUB' at Hewitt Eco House, rossiter rd, Koo wee rup. It's an amazing place and provides important services to the youth in Koo wee rup and surrounding areas.

Following up on February's report, the association held a special general meeting on Tuesday 21st February. With knowledge gained at the governance workshops undertaken in November 2017 with urban weave, the association will be amending two items in its model rules.

Rainfall (26 Jan to 24 feb) 79 ml.

So ends this report.

Till next time please take care.

Vicki Charlton

President

Koo wee rup business association

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- Meeting times and dates

- Membership

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KOOWEE RUP SECONDARY COLLEGE NEWS

The start to the school Year at Koo Wee Rup Secondary College has been a smooth one, with all our Year 7 students settling in well. The College has welcomed sixteen new staff, who are making a fantastic contribution to our students learning. We have undertaken a series of information nights 7-12 which have all been well attended. It is pleasing to meet so many supportive families.

The whole school had a great day at the Swimming Sports on Tuesday. Weather very kind. Students, staff and parents Felix Patton, Principal

Senior Volleyball Report

Recently, I had a pleasure of taking the senior volleyball teams to Dandenong Stadium where we all had a blast despite meeting and befriending some beastly opponents.

Amongst the numerous highlights of the day, here's what I'd like to remember:

- In the boys' second game we managed to get into the lead a number of times and ended with a double-digit score despite losing out in the end.
- Claire and Ken's tennis and baseball teams were amazing cheerleaders after their games got called off due to bad weather; I felt like I was someone important coaching professional games!
- Eduordo, our Italian exchange student, enjoyed himself getting to know his new teammates and leading the team on

Despite losing our games, I think everyone was a winner as we all played our hearts out under the bright lights of the Dandenong Stadium. I really wish everyone could see how much passion throughout the tournament! Special thanks to Mollie Russell and Ashlee Hameeteman from Year 10 for helping out on the day. Both the girls were great and took initiative to help me whenever they could. I couldn't ask for better helpers!

Yang Ch'ng



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We welcome many new children, especially the Foundation students, to our school this year. We hope that all the children and their families enjoy their time at St John's.

This year, we also welcome two new staff members to our school. Ms Chantelle Davies (Yr 3/4) and Ms Peta Sherwin (Prep). We also welcome back Mrs Kristy Telford.

Australia Day Awards

Congratulations to students Matthew Watson and Lilly Mitchell on receiving the Junior Citizenship awards at the Koo Wee Rup Australia Day celebrations.

The Beginning

The beginning of the year is a very busy time. Many important events occur during first term and these are just some of the things we look forward to over the coming weeks:

- Grade Five/Six Adventure Camp
- Sacramental Information Night
- Parent/Teacher Interviews
- District Swimming Carnival
- Reconciliation Commitment Mass
- St John's Swimming Carnival
- St John's Fete
- Sacrament of Reconciliation (Grade Three)

Swimming Carnival

On Friday 24th February, students from Grades One to Six participated in our annual St John's Swimming Sports at the Koo Wee Rup Pool. It was a very enjoyable day and great to see many parents and grandparents come along to show their support. Congratulations to all students who competed hard in their events.

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March 2017

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10am-12noon

Year 3/4 Camp
March 8th-10th

Labour Day Holiday
Monday 13th March

School Photos
Friday 24th March

School Leaders
Young Leadership Day
Monday 27th March

Term 1. Dismissal
Friday 31st March 2:15pm

Welcome back everyone to another exciting year at Koo Wee Rup Primary School. It has been extremely pleasing to see how settled all of the students have been in their first weeks. Our Foundation students already look like old hands at school and have already been showing off their amazing learning to me. Our staff have worked tirelessly in preparing for the students to return and I can't thank them enough for their hard work.

Nathan Jagoe

It has been fantastic to see so many smiling faces at our Fresh Start Yoga sessions this week! We are hoping to see the enthusiasm continue every Monday and Wednesday morning with Miss Brown in the gym at 8.30am. Each yoga session has been going for just under half an hour to ensure the students have enough time to put their shoes back on and walk to class by 9am. Yoga is a great way to start our school days with a fresh and open mind, as well as improving flexibility, strength and balance. You don't need to be experienced - all skill levels, ages and genders welcome! Hope to see you there next week!

Miss Brown



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I'd like to welcome everyone back to Bayles Regional Primary School for another wonderful year of learning. A special welcome goes to all our new students and their families - thank you for choosing Bayles Regional Primary School for your children.

It has been fantastic to see how well the Foundation students have started school and settled in to a routine. They all look very happy and have been working hard with Mrs Harris to learn about reading skills, letter sounds, counting, days of the week, and just getting to know each other.

I would also like to welcome back Mrs Bastin to our teaching team this year. Most of you would know that Mrs Bastin left to have a baby at the beginning of 2016, and she missed us so much that she couldn't wait to get back into teaching again. All our staff have enjoyed the holiday break and have had a terrific start to the school year, once again excited to be working at Bayles.

This term we have lots of exciting things happening - "Get to Know You" interviews, school cross country, volunteering opportunities, Coastal Ambassador Program excursion, Life Skills incursion, and a performance at the Bayles Music Festival by our school choir.

Student Leaders

It is with great pleasure that I announce the following students as our student leaders for 2017:

School Captains – Shannon H and Travis B
 School Vice Captains - Ella W and Cooper B
 Kookaburra – Declan M (captain) and Jade H (vice-captain)
 Ti-tree – Brooke P (captain) and Travis B (vice-captain)
 Blackfish – Ella T (captain) and Kayla I (vice-captain)
 Swamp – Cooper (captain) and Nicholas (vice-captain)
 Junior School Council Captain – Peyton D
 Environmental Captain – Shak B



School Leaders (L-R): Cooper, Ella, Mr Anderton, Shannon, Travis

These students will all play an important role at our school as role models and mentors for the rest of our students, as well as carry out important responsibilities throughout the school.

Congratulations to them all on their momentous achievement.

Our Amazing School Community

Once again we have reason to celebrate our fantastic school community, with past and present families well represented at the recent KWR Australia Day awards. Kye R and Ella W were our two school recipients, past student Ella R received the Secondary College award and Stacey (mother of both Ella R & Kye R) and Valmai Walker (past family) were well deserved recipients of the community awards.

We would also like to congratulate the Finger family who were awarded "Dairy Farmers of the Year" at the recent Farmer of the Year Awards. They have been recognised for their passion, commitment and initiative in a year that was very challenging for dairy farmers.



Kye R & Ella W

We hope that everyone will be inspired by the outstanding contribution these people make to our community.

Bayles Regional Primary School Parents' Club

Bayles Regional Primary School Parents' Club is a group of volunteers who get together most months to work at supporting our school through fundraising, and by assisting with Grandparents Day, Mothers Day, Fathers Day and other events that arise throughout the year. We recently held our AGM and elected the following people onto the executive committee for the coming year: President: Belinda; Secretary - Andrea; and Treasurer - Nicole.

We have started the year with our first Hot Lunches, have a dedicated crew cutting up fruit for our students each Friday and as always have volunteers at the KWR Op Shop on our rostered days. We will finish off the term with our amazing Easter Raffle - always lots of chocolate and goodies to be won!! We are always on the lookout for Op Shop helpers, so if you would like to help our school, please give us a call.

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Left: It's 7pm on a Friday night, you're 16 or 17 years old what do you do?

Our Venturers went down to the Bass Coast, hiked for just under 3 hours, relaxed on the beach, enjoyed a beautiful sunset and worked as a team to get everyone to their destination.



Water slides, sponges and a full on water fight, the Cub-Scouts plunged into 2017 with a splash!!!!

It was a great fun start to the year which will only get better as they hurtle towards the excitement of Cuboree (A 3,500 Cub-Scout camp over 5 days

at Gilwell Park in Gembrook.)



Below: A huge SHOUT OUT to the Koo Wee Rup Bowling Club who hosted the Scouts for some bare foot bowling.

The kids all had an awesome time and if ever the group can do anything to help you out give us a shout and we will do our best.

Above: A few of our Cub-Scouts participated in the District Beach day. Participants were able to complete badge work for 3 different badges that included swimming, sailing and kayaking. There may or may not have been a few jumps off the pier as well – another fantastic day for our 8-10 year olds.

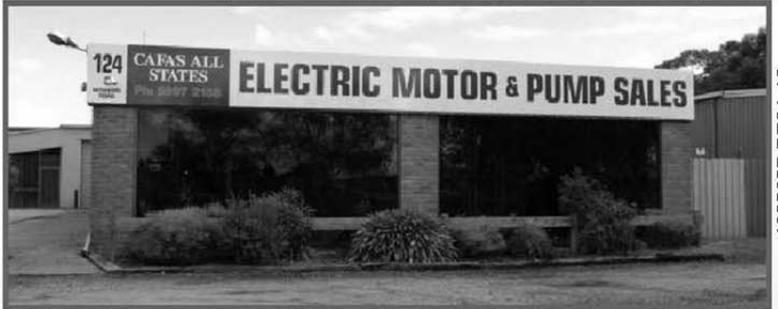


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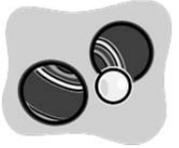
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KOO WEE RUP BOWLS CLUB NEWS



As the Pennant season draws to a close, Div 2 went to Mt. Eliza for their Rd. 12 game and suffered a 115-75 loss which probably ended our slight chance of playing in the finals. A better result for Div 5 playing at home to City of Frankston finishing with a 75-60 win. Again we had to forfeit our Div 7 game against Somerville due to a lack of available players. Rd. 13 games had the heat rule put into place with Div 2 sharing the points with Hastings. Div 5 finally managed to complete their game against Hastings & Div 7 cancelling the game against City of Frankston due to the heat. The final round of Pennant has been played with Div 2 losing to Karingal 89-113, Div 5 lost to Mornington 46-86. This completed a disappointing season with injuries & unavailability taking its toll especially in Div 5 & 7. The Club would like to thank a number of players who filled in during the season when they did not wish to play Pennant but to help the Club.

Our Div 2 Tuesday team was beaten 52-73 by Belvedere 2 for the 2nd time this season this time at home. Div4 were also at home and scored a good 65-57 win against Mornington Civic. Div 2 finalized their place in the finals with a Rd. 13 79-43 win against Belvedere 3. Div 4 lost to Hastings 51-80. The final round of the season saw Div 2 at home defeat Mt. Eliza 81-52 to finish in 3rd place for the season. Div 4 finished their season with a narrow 49-54 loss to Karingal to finish in 8th place but were competitive throughout the season with a couple of narrow losses that meant the difference. We played City of Frankston in Div 2 1st Semi final and scored a 72-49 win to progress to the Preliminary final on the 28 Feb.

The next round of Friday Triples was played on 3/2 with the Winning rink being Ken Taylor, Edna Adams & Bob Currie [Warragul] with 37 pts. Runner Up rink with 36 pts & 10 shots up was John Hatton, Tony Jolly & Ken Walton [KWR]. Best 1st game was won by Pauline Gray, Mary Masters & Lindsay Wealands [KWR] with 19 pts & Best 2nd game went to Geoff Barbar, Tom Lougridge & Graeme Turton [Loch] with 18 pts & 10 shots up. Results from 17/2 saw the winning rink being Don Jeffrey, Max Adams [Lang Lang] & Bob Mason [KWR] with 35 pts. Runner Up rink for the day with 34 pts. was Gunter Baumbach, Mick Knight & Ken Allen [Cardinia Waters]. Best game winners were in the 1st game Pauline Gray, Mary Masters & Lindsay Wealands [KWR] with 19 pts and in the 2nd game Peter Stevens, Jill Roissetter & Lois Mahomed [KWR] also with 19 pts.

Our Twilight Bowls season has commenced on Friday evenings with a number of people trying the game. We have a sausage sizzle around 6.00 p.m. followed by a game of not too serious bowls finishing about 9.00 p.m. All this for \$5.00 per night. Bowls are provided and you can play barefooted or in thongs etc. Come along and try the game you will enjoy the experience.

We held our Mixed Pairs tournament on 5/2 with teams from Blue Hills, Cardinia Waters, City of Frankston, Karingal, KooWeeRup, Mornington & Yarrawonga. A very enjoyable day was had by all players. The Winning team was Bryan & Julie Walker [KWR] with 49 pts. The Runner Up team was Geoff Emmett & Heleene Beasy [City of Frankston] with 47 pts & 21 shots up. Third prize was won by Norm & Denise Brown [Blue Hills] with 47 pts & 13 shots up.

Best Winning game went to Max & Evelyn Calder [Yarrawonga] with 17 pts & 13 shots. The Club would like to thank Stockdale & Leggo for sponsoring the tournament.

The Club will be conducting a "Try Bowls day" in the near future supported by a letter box drop with the info. It will be open to any person/people who may wish to try the game.

HEART FOUNDATION WALKING

The Thursday evening "social" group that seems to like the challenges of 110 steps at Cardinia Lakes had another great visit there on Thu 23rd Feb with a terrific take away tea in one of the many parks there afterwards. We've

decided that the flats of Koo Wee Rup are Ok most of the time but the hills and steps of Cardinia Lakes is something we are really enjoying.

We'll continue to walk right through March and although we usually finish when daylight savings finishes, this year we will probably continue a little longer until it gets too dark.

In the mean time we continue walking at 7 pm every Thursday night from the Koo Wee Rup Clock Towers in Rossiter Rd.

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LIONS CLUB NEWS

During December last year the Club had the pleasure of nominating Emily Bloxidge for the Young Citizen of the Year, as part of Cardinia Shire's 2016 Australia Day Awards.

For those who may not know Emily, the following details were included as part of the Club's submission for the award



Emily proudly holding her Young Citizen of the Year award

At just 16 years of age, Emily Bloxidge has already accomplished so much. From working towards a Duke of Edinburgh Award and winning an Australian Scout Medallion to being Ambassador for the Koo Wee Rup Scouts and being selected to dedicate a tree in the Koo Wee Rup Avenue of Honour.

An admirable work ethic is demonstrated in everything Emily sets her mind to. In addition to her studies and her commitment to scouts and her netball team, she begins each day at 4.30am to work in the online order department at Woolworths Pakenham before school.

Emily consistently expresses her true talent and passion for leading and inspiring others, exhibited in her roles as both a student representative on school council and a leader and mentor at scouts.

With the respect of her peers and other leaders, Emily has been applauded for her outstanding contributions as a member of the local scouting community, with which she has been involved since 2008. Most recently, Emily joined the Koo Wee Rup Venturer Unit in 2016.

It with great pleasure that it can be confirmed that Emily did indeed win this prestigious award.

Very well done, Emily and very well deserved.

Now for something totally different. On Saturday 27 May 2017 the Club will be hosting the first 'Newcomers & Neighbours Dinner'.

The intention of the dinner is to welcome newcomers to Koo Wee Rup and to give them an excellent opportunity to meet other new arrivals and more established residents with a view to participating in social, educational and community activities. It will give newcomers an opportunity to become part of an active and vibrant community, while at the same time developing new and often long-lasting friendships.

In addition, by attending the dinner, newcomers will learn why Koo Wee Rup is a great place to live, play, raise a family and do business, but also to become involved as a member of the community. It will give an opportunity to find out about the exceptional group of small merchants and service providers in the town and what they can offer.

The basic idea is to have fun on the night. There will be entertainment, lucky door and lucky seat prizes and a brief overview of some of the activities within the Koo Wee Rup community, but mostly a chance to meet other like-minded residents.

The cost of the dinner, which includes a two course meal, will be \$20 per head and, while not conducted as a fund raiser, any profits from the event will be donated to the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation.

Through sponsorship arrangements, businesses in the town can become involved in this exciting venture, which the Club expects will become an annual event. So, if you are a newcomer to KWR or a business in the town and would like to find out more, please contact Ken Blay on 5915 3613 – he would love to hear from you.

Next month's article will include further details about the 'Newcomers & Neighbours Dinner', an update on the Lions Youth of the Year Competition and information about an exciting March to May membership initiative, sponsored by the RACV with details of an exciting prize associated with this initiative.

Cardinia Shire Council Pedestrian & Bicycle Strategy



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Cardinia Shire Council is currently seeking feedback on the draft Pedestrian & Bicycle Strategy. This strategy seeks to develop Victoria's premier shared pathway network for all abilities where practicable to connect Cardinia's residents, businesses and visitors to town centres, schools, and main tourist attractions.

The focus of the strategy is the incremental development of 11 regional trails. The strategy is a long term document that will provide strategic justification for Council to seek external funding to assist with the delivery of the trail network.

Council wants to hear from you

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Council will be hosting 3 Open House sessions on **Saturday 18 March 2017** and we invite the community to come along:

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KOO WEE RUP FOOTBALL CLUB UPDATE

With the Christmas Break now behind us, the committee has been very busy preparing for the 2017 season and particularly the transition into the new West Gippsland Football Netball Competition. The amount of work required to ensure that all the administration requirements are in place has been ongoing over the past six months and the committee has been working closely with AFL Gippsland who are now the controlling body that will run the new WGFNC

On the football front the coaches and players have been in regular training over the summer to ensure that they are fully prepared for the first game on April 1st at Koo Wee Rup when we take on Kilcunda Bass who were premiers in the Alberton league in 2103/14/15. Demons Senior coach Ben Collins has kept the pressure on the players and has set his expectation at a high level in his endeavor to have the Demons competing at the highest level knowing that the competition will be of a higher standard than 2016 when Koo Wee Rup were members of the EDFL.

Having retained a full list from 2016, the football committee is fortunate to gain the services of Anthony Giulliano and Nathan Muratore from Cora Lynn and Luke Walker who is back at the club after one season at Pakenham.

Equally important is the expectations of young local stars Troy Dolan and Jesse Hand, who have been stand out players at Tooradin over the past couple of years plus Brad Harding who spent 2016 at Mornington will all be back at Demon Land. Coach Ben Collins is excited to have these young players under his wing for they will be part of the future at Koo Wee Rup.

The numbers at training have been most encouraging with 40 plus working hard at the Koo Wee Rup Secondary College oval as the works on the Denham's Rd surface are being fine-tuned to ensure that the ground is in 1st class condition for Round 1 on April 1st. The committee thanks the Secondary College for permission to use their oval.

The U/18's and U/16's numbers have also pleased the respective coaches, Mick Munckton and Phil Backman. Now that the school year has commenced most players who are not tied up with cricket commitments have been working hard in their preparations to taking on the new challenges of the former Alberton League clubs and to reunite the regular clashes with the other ex Ellinbank clubs who are all now part of the WGFNC.

The clubs first practice match for the season was held last Friday night at Beaconsfield and in front of a huge crowd the Demons took the game up to the Eagles in a very high standard of fast play on football. Going down by less than two goals the seniors pleased Coach Ben Collins and the match committee. The young players combined well with the more mature players to carry out the various game plans that Ben and his team leaders have developed.

The Reserves was also a very good game considering the lack of match play and Reserves Coach Brett Hobson thanked all the players who turned out, in particular the young guns who have stepped up from the last years U/18s. It's now time to fully commit to training which will be back at our home track next Wednesday March 1st

The next practice match is against Moe on March 18th with the final hit out at Mulwala on the weekend of Friday March 24th to Sunday 26th. All players and supporters are reminded to book their accommodation for this family weekend before Round 1 the following week

Watch out for future football news in the monthly Blackfish, however the date to remember for all Grassroots Football fans is;

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By Heather Arnold, Koo-Wee-Rup Swamp Historical Society

The Koo-Wee-Rup Sun of November 9, 1944 reported on the inaugural meeting of the Koo-Wee-Rup branch of the Country Women's Association. I have transcribed the article.

On Wednesday afternoon, 25th ult. [October 25 1944] a most important and pleasing event took place in the Kooweerup Memorial Hall, viz the inaugural meeting of the local branch of the Country Women's Association. Mesdames Nicholson, Keighery, Mortimer, Riggall and Harder transformed the hall into a delightful meeting place. The stage end was banked with shrubs and flowers and the eastern end was set with tables to hold a delicious afternoon tea provided by Mrs H. Bourke and Mrs C Einsiedel.

Cr Cochrane, as deputy for the Shire President, in a few well chosen words assured the convenors of the personal interest of the councillors in the formation of a local branch and welcomed and introduced the official party. Mrs Sewell,

M.A., representing headquarters, was the speaker for the afternoon and seldom have the ladies of Kooweerup listened to a more able speaker who clearly and concisely and interestingly covered the whole of the functions and aims of the association. As a result 30 members were later enrolled.

Miss Kent, [West Gippsland] Group President and Mrs Ellwood, Secretary installed the following office bearers. President, Mrs E. Glasscock; vice presidents Mesdames H. Bourke and Nicholson; secretary, Mrs A Mortimer; treasurer, Mrs R. Levey; committee Mesdames C. Einsiedel, C. Keighery, A. Hewitt, E. Holley, W. Levey and W. Henry.

On taking the chair Mrs Glasscock assured those present that she fully realized the importance of the office she had been elected to. After hearing Mrs Sewell's account of the activities a branch can undertake she also realized the great importance a branch is to a district. She congratulated Mrs Nicholson and Mrs Bourke for the way they had organised the meeting. Afternoon tea was then partaken of and the function closed with the President passing a vote of thanks to the visiting ladies for their attendance, also the local ladies who had supported the effort.

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THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE KOO-WEE-RUP BRANCH OF THE COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION IN 1944 *(from previous page)*

By Heather Arnold, Koo-Wee-Rup Swamp Historical Society

As is usual in newspaper reports of this time first names are rarely used, you only get the first initial of the person and in the case of women, they don't even get the initial of their own first name, it is the initial of their husband's first name. I have done some research in the Electoral rolls, old newspapers and indexes to marriages to give these women a name (and I believe the names are all correct) so, below, is an alphabetical list of all the people mentioned in the article.

Bourke, Aileen (nee Donoghue). Wife of Hugh Bourke, grazier, of Monomeith.

Cochrane, Leslie James. Cr Cochrane was a Shire of Cranbourne Councillor from 1930 to 1964 and Member of the Legislative Assembly from 1950 to 1970. Cochrane Park is named after him.

Einsiedel, Agnes Constance (nee Grant). Wife of Percival Gustav Claude Einsiedel, grazier, of Monomeith.

Ellwood, Margaret Jean (nee Mason). Secretary of the West Gippsland Group and a member of the Harkaway Branch. This is Margaret Ellwood, wife of Allan, who was the Manager of the Boys Home (Melrose Training Farm for Boys) at Harkaway.

Glasscock, Phyllis (nee Witty). Wife of Eric Gordon Glasscock, grazier, of Monomeith.

Harder, Alma Evelyn (nee Sevier). Wife of Dudley Grenfell Harder, Bank official, of Sybella Avenue.

Henry, Alma Constance (nee Sturley). Wife of William Henry, Bank Manager E S & A Bank at Koo-Wee-Rup.

Hewitt, Vera Wakefield (nee Mann) Wife of Dr Alan Hewitt of Rossiter Road.

Holley, Constance Mary (nee Feild). Wife Edward John Holley, Theatre Manager, of Koo-Wee-Rup.

Keighery, Eva Emily Adeline (nee Misson). Wife of Christopher Keighery, saddler, of Rossiter Road.

Kent, Kathleen Valetta. This is Kathleen Kent of Wilson Street, Berwick. She was elected as President of the West Gippsland Group on March 16, 1944 at the half yearly group conference held at Dandenong, attended by nearly 100 delegates, according to the report in the *Dandenong Journal*. Kathleen belonged to the Berwick branch, she was the granddaughter of William Wilson, who established the Berwick quarry in 1859 (now Wilson Botanic Park)

Levey, Marie Alice (nee Jackson). Wife of Wilfred Levey, farmer, of Manks Road.

Levey, Mollie Enid (nee Humphries). Wife of Raymond Wallace Levey, farmer, of Manks Road.

Mortimer, Adele (nee Lamb). Wife of Afton Lindsay James Mortimer, hairdresser, of Rossiter Road.

Nicholson, Jane Stewart (nee McDougall). Wife of Norman Nicholson, farmer, of Bayles.

Riggall, Edna Muriel (nee Flack). Wife of Horton Riggall, surveyor, of Gardner Street, later lived in Charles Street. They were married in 1932 and the wedding was reported in *Table Talk* a newspaper that reported on popular culture - theatre, movies, sport and the activities of the 'social set'.

Sewell, Alice Maud (nee Cunning). Wife of Sir Sidney Sewell, a Melbourne surgeon noted for his research into tuberculosis.

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 next meeting, which is also our AGM, is on March 8, 2017. All welcome. The Museum is open the second and fourth Sundays from 1.30pm until 4.30pm or by appointment.



Mrs Horton Riggall
(Edna Muriel Flack).
Austin-Murcott photo.

Koo-Wee-Rup Swamp Historical Society Annual Luncheon

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