

THE KOO WEE RUP BLACKFISH



OCTOBER 2017

DEMON'S FLAG

The Koo Wee Rup Reserves were triumphant in winning the inaugural West Gippsland Football Netball Competition Grand Final when they beat Phillip Island at Wonthaggi on September 16th. The game was one of intense pressure as the



two sides, who had met on three other occasions during the year, battled it out to take home the prized cup and become part of the history of the new competition.

Demons coach Brett Hobson had moulded his players into a very tight knit group, who remained fully committed to stopping the Islanders who they had formed a certain fixation against. Brett Hobson laid down the law to his players before the game, stressing not to take a backwards step and make the ball the main object at all times.

The huge crowd of Demon faithful showed great support as Hobbo's Hero's kept the pressure on and rarely allowed the Islanders to gain any ascendancy and the combination of youth and experience from Koo Wee Rup proved to be a winning combination at the final siren. In fact it was the young players who

shone out as they tackled hard, ran fast and followed every direction from their more experienced team mates.

The celebration after the game and on the bus trip back to the Koo Wee Rup Social Rooms after the game were equally matched by the partying that lasted by all accounts until the following Tuesday as the players and supporters toasted the glory of the clubs first premiership in the WGFNC.

To all the workers behind the scenes who often go unrecognised, the committee extend their heartfelt thanks for all the hard work and commitment to the success of the Reserves Premiership and for ensuring that the overall success of the club in its inaugural season in the WGFNC was most positive and the committee is looking forward to a bigger and better 2018 season.

The club Presentation Functions are being held over the coming weeks, so look forward to who will take out the various awards in all grades and other exciting announcements for next year that will enable the Mighty Demons to further improve and develop as your local Family Football Club!!!!

THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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

Councillor Brown will follow up to review species selection for the street trees in the shopping precinct as the Township Committee is still not happy with the selection of a deciduous tree. Gavin Brock to forward all information on short listed species to Councillor Brown.

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JACK NUNN - 1932-2017

John Gerard Nunn was born on 30 October 1932. As a young man he worked on the family's potato farm. Jack married Pat on 7 September 1957, a union that endured for over 60 years and produced 12 children.

Jack and Pat brought their family to Koo Wee Rup in 1973 where he worked growing spuds and later at Warook Cattle Farm.

For over 40 years, Jack was actively involved in the community of Koo Wee Rup. Jack was a man of considerable charm and a lively sense of humour. When he asked you to do something, you just did it, because you wanted to, because you knew it was the right thing to do, because he wouldn't ask you if the task was beyond you and because you knew he would always return the favour.

A man of strong faith, Jack was an active member of St John's Parish and his many children attended St John's Primary School. Jack was always available to help out with anything that needed to be done at the school and church.

As a potato grower, Jack quickly became involved in the Koo Wee Rup Potato Festival, which was held annually in the local hospital grounds. Jack was a very active member of the committee, organising events on Spud Festival day, making sure the potato picking, bag carrying, bag loading and other events all ran smoothly.

When he retired, Jack formed a group who met one day a week to maintain and upgrade the gardens within the Hospital precinct; utilising his many contacts around Koo Wee Rup and district to obtain support for their projects and thus keeping the costs down for the Hospital.

Jack was an inaugural member of the Koo Wee Rup Township Committee and took on the role of maintenance organiser. He had innumerable contacts at the Shire and around the private contractors of the area and could get any maintenance job done in super quick time. From dangerous potholes in the road and overflowing drains to broken lids on inspection pits, the cutting of long grass and the pruning of overhanging trees, Jack noticed everything and acted promptly to get it fixed.

In retirement Jack joined the Koo Wee Rup Senior Citizens Club taking on the role of President from 2001 until 2012 (with a short break due to ill health). Under Jack's presidency, many grants were obtained from Council to upgrade the building and surrounds of the centre. Jack was made a life member of the club in 2012.

Jack's involvement with the Koo Wee Rup Football Club is legendary. Jack joined the KWR FC committee in the early seventies as groundsman, putting in countless hours ensuring the football ground was in pristine condition for the players. In 1979 Jack was team selector when the seniors won the West Gippsland Football League premiership.

In 1981 Jack stepped up and took on the role of club president, overseeing the club winning premiership flags in the seniors, reserves and Under 17s. This achievement is rare in country football and was significantly contributed to by Jack's leadership and the stability that he developed at the club. Jack's philosophy of football club leadership was that everyone must work together to achieve success both on field and off.

Jack continued as club president for three more years then stayed as a committee member until 1986 when he took on the role of team manager of the Under 17s who won the WFGL premiership and went through the season undefeated.

Jack was always prepared to contribute at a higher level taking on the role of President of the WGFL Junior League and working as a member of the Senior and Junior tribunals.

In recognition of his commitment to the Koo Wee Rup Football Club, Jack was honoured with life membership in 1994.

Jack would be the first to tell you that none of what he did would have been possible without Pat, who worked beside him on many projects and always had his back. Jack and Pat Nunn were among the very first recipients of a Koo Wee Rup Australia Day award.

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VALE - NORMA O'HEHIR

All members of the Koo Wee Rup Football Club Family are most saddened following the passing of club icon and life member **NORMA O'HEHIR**.

Norma had been part of her beloved Demons for the best part of 55 years as she followed her many family members who played both football and netball (estimated at 26 who donned the Red and Blue) and it was that commitment that saw Norma develop many many friendships, not only at Koo Wee Rup but at many other of the district's football clubs, as she equally enjoyed the sporting and social aspect of Grassroots Country Football.

Her barracking from her exclusive spot on the fence at Koo Wee Rup with her life time friend June Esler was fanatical and many opposing players were put off by these two ladies (and let's not forget umpires) as they cheered and barracked for their Demon Hero's, and history will tell how games were won due to the distraction of Norma's and June's passion.

There will be games in the future when Demon supporters will look to that special parking spot in front of the canteen at Koo Wee Rup with the feeling "was that Norma we can her cheering her Demons on", as the legacy of **NORMA O'HEHIR** will forever be part of the history of the Koo Wee Rup Football Club

REST IN PEACE NORMA

Gary King, Koo Wee Rup Football Club



Norma O'Hehir with lifelong friend June Esler and many family members, waves and cheers her beloved Koo Wee Rup Demons big win in the 2017 Grand Final on Sept 16th

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Secretary Peter Hayden 0417 593 719

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES *(from page 1)*

The KWR CWA asked if the Township Committee would lead a Cleanup Koo Wee Rup day. There was a feeling in the meeting that this would be a significant even to organise. The Township committee does not have the capacity to lead this type of event at present. The Township committee is happy to support, promote and participate in the event.

The President suspended the normal agenda to allow our guests, Janette Schimleck from Cardinia Shire Council and Matt Taranto from the SES, to present information regarding the Cardinia Shire Emergency Management Plan.

The Cardinia Shire Emergency Management Plan (EMP) covers the whole shire for a variety of risks. The top were identified as: Fire, Heat Wave, Flood and Storm. The plan identifies the risks and sets out ways to mitigate those risks.

Council is not the lead agency but has responsibility to support the lead agency in the event of an emergency. Council's main roles are in communication, messaging to community and planning.

The Flood and Storm Plan which is subordinate to the Cardinia Shire EMP has recently been reviewed and renewed.

The Koo Wee Rup local flood guide is also being reviewed. Both these plans are available on the SES web site. The Flood Plan gives context to how the plan should be prepared, and sets out the responses in the event of a flood. The Shire Flood Response Plan and local plans are available on the SES website.

The Flood Management Plan is developed between the council and Melbourne Water and informs the Storm and Flood EMP. The Flood EMP is rewritten every three years and reviewed every year. The Steering Committee meets twice yearly to review the EMP. Flash flooding (due to the prevalence of hard impermeable surfaces) is the greatest risk.

Council's main role is community education and awareness raising. The Koo Wee Rup local flood guide is available to assist Koo Wee Rup residents prepare for the risks of flood. The local flood guide sets out the type of warning residents will get and guides development of a personal flood plan. Mapping for the local area flood plan is updated every three years. Data from past flooding events is used to forecast future events.

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Council informs the community of the risk, when they are or will be at risk, and how to mitigate that risk. Council has arrangements to cooperate with other organisations such as; Red Cross, SES, Police.

The team were asked what effect the proposed airport will have on flood risks in the region. The increase of hard and impermeable surfaces will have a local effect on flooding and will be required to be mitigated as part of any development.

Councillor Brown suggested that in the event of a flood some past practices need to be re-activated, Such as having crews available to clear debris from the rail bridges west of town to facilitate flows down the drain system.

Where are the relief centres in the Shire? Access to Pakenham can be cut by flood waters. It was suggested that the Community Centre in Koo Wee Rup would make a useful gathering place or Community Safer Palace in the event of a flood. Janette will confirm the rationale for the selection of Community Safer Places, and investigate the possibility of the Koo Wee Rup Community Centre being included in the future.

The president thanked the team for their attendance.

Cr Ray Brown advised that a Youth Council is being established in Cardinia. It will mirror the Shire Council. This will allow input from younger members of the Shire; it will have the same structure as the Shire Council.

Tennis courts in Koo Wee Rup to be upgraded to Rebound Ace and investigating the possibility of two more courts and lighting. The Swimming Club rooms are available for the Tennis Club to use and looking into upgrading them, this will require council funding which has not been budgeted.

Ray confirmed the construction of the footpath from Shelton Park/Waterways Estate to Charles Street.

A Steering Committee to plan a Biodiversity Corridor linking Healesville Sanctuary to Phillip Island is to be established with the inaugural meeting being held on Monday 11 September.

A new estate on Moody Street is advertising building lots but planning approval has not yet been agreed.

New estate Alexandra Park will not connect Townley Road with John Street.

The state of the open section of the drain on Denhams Road was raised, Ray has promised to follow his up.

A new pavilion at Koo Wee Rup Secondary College is being planned to facilitate sporting activity on the oval, this proposal needs to be included on council's project priority list to ensure that momentum is maintained.

The Shire's CEO, Garry McQuillan, will attend the October meeting to discuss the proposed third airport for Melbourne. The meeting suggested that other issues to be raised with Garry McQuillan at his visit were a second footy oval for Koo Wee Rup and how the local community can be heard when planning decisions are made in Koo Wee Rup.

There have been reports of horse riders using the rail trail and Cochrane Park, it was suggested that signage advising against this practice could be installed along the rail trail and at the entrances to Cochrane Park.

Seating along the rail trail funded through a Community Capital works grant is to be installed in the next few weeks.

The Cochrane Park Master plan is currently being reviewed after consultation with the Cardinia Shire Open Space Coordinator. The updated plan will be presented to the Cochrane Park Committee in November.

**Koo Wee Rup Township
Committee AGM**

The Township Committee will hold their AGM on Wednesday, 1 November at 7.30pm at the Koo Wee Rup Community Centre

The meeting will elect a new Vice President and Treasurer and all general committee positions will be vacated and new members nominated

Please come along if you would like to be part of the Committee for 2018

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Caroline Roff, Editor

LIONS CLUB NEWS

At our meeting on 6th September the Club hosted the Club final of the Junior Public Speaking Competition.

We had a full house at the Koo Wee Rup Bowls Club, with contestants, their teachers and families, a full table of RSL members – what wonderful support this organisation continues to give our Club – and, of course, Club members and partners. You may remember, the competition is for Year 3 – 4 and Year 5 – 6 students from our local primary schools, namely Koo Wee Rup, Bayles and Lang Lang. Now for the important stuff. The contestants were:

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| Year 3 – 4 | Tylah Cope (Bayles) | Year 5 – 6 | Natalie Gurney (Lang Lang) |
| | Bianca Wilson (KWR) | | Tynesha Pirotta (KWR) |
| | Campbell Mathers (Lang Lang) | | Mily Jenkins (Bayles) |

The topic for the Year 3 – 4 contestants was *'If you had the chance to go anywhere, where would you go and what would you do when you got there? Would you go alone? Who would you take? Why this place?'*

Tylah, the first speaker, regaled us with reasons why she would visit New York, reminding us of its nickname 'The Big Apple'. She spoke enthusiastically about the famous landmarks, such as the Statue of Liberty, Times Square and Central Park with its zoo as well as giving us some historical facts about this great city.

Bianca followed, enthusiastically extolling the virtues of Paris, the 'City of Light and Love'. Mentioning two of the city's major tourist attractions in the 324m high Eiffel Tower and the Louvre, famous for the Mona Lisa and the Venus de Milo statue, Bianca's main reason for visiting Paris would be for the cutting edge fashions.

Our third speaker, Campbell, told us about his Scottish heritage and his strong desire to return to Aberdeenshire, the home of his grandfather. Campbell explained that this area of Scotland is best known for its farming and fishing and Balmoral Castle, our present Queen's favourite country retreat. We also learned about the Highland Games and some of its traditional events, the bagpipes and the kilt.

The topic for the Year 5 – 6 contestants was *'If you could fix one problem in the world, what would you fix? How do you think you would fix it? What resources do you think you would need? Would you do it alone? If not, who would you ask for help?'*

Natalie spoke passionately about animal cruelty. She reminded us of instances where animals are placed in pens and starved. Dogs are stolen and used for dog fighting. Animals are used for testing such things as cosmetics before they are declared safe for use by humans and the illegal trading in Australia's native animals, some of which are endangered continues. Even though a person convicted of animal cruelty is liable for a two year prison sentence or a fine of \$75,000, cruelty to animals is still commonplace. Natalie believed such cruelty can only be stopped if the general public has a will to do so.

Tynesha spoke most eloquently about the right every person has to receive an education, because a lack of education impacts immensely on a person's ability, particularly in third world countries, not only to find work, but to find well-paid work. Bemoaning the plight of many children in Africa, Tynesha has an ambition to raise sufficient funds to both build new schools in Africa, as well as refurbishing existing schools. The next step would be to have teachers trained in Australia teach in these African schools. As Tynesha reminded us, 'education is the passport to the future'.

Our last speaker, Mily, advocated the abolition of plastic bags since, not only do they take 1,000 years to disintegrate, but currently huge numbers of plastic bags either end up in landfill or find their way into our oceans, where they can cause a slow and painful death to some of our marine animals. Mily suggested the use of reusable bags and shopping bags rather than accept plastic bags when we go shopping. She urged us all to do something now in the campaign against plastic bags, because, if we sit on our hands and do nothing, what kind of world will we leave to our children and children's children?



Lion Ron Payne, Bianca Wilson, Tynesha Pirotta, President Sheryl Blay

The difficult task of deciding the winner in each age group fell to the judges, being Leonie McGinley, Assistant Principal at Koo Wee Rup Secondary College, Maurice Schwenneren from the Strzelecki Lions Club and Laura McBride from the regional office of the Bendigo Bank.

After considerable consideration Leonie McGinley, the chairman of the judging panel, confirmed the Year 3 – 4 winner to be Bianca Wilson and the Year 5 – 6 winner to be Tynesha Pirotta, both representing the Koo Wee Rup Primary School.

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LIONS CLUB NEWS *from previous page*

Hearty congratulations and a big thank you to Ron Payne for once again running the final with great aplomb on the night and for all the hard work he does with the local primary schools leading up to the Club final.

Lion Ron also thanked PDG Ian Gration for acting as timekeeper and Bunyip Meats, who once again provided a delicious dinner.

Both Bianca and Tynasha will be representing our Club at the Zone Final to be held at the Pearcedale Hall on 27th September 2017.

Now for something totally different. On Thursday 21st September, Lions across Victoria were invited by Her Excellency, Linda Dessau, Governor of Victoria to attend a special function at Victoria's Government House.

With the function starting at 10.30am, approximately 700 Lions and partners assembled in the grand ballroom, which included Jill and Hans Bruin, Geoff and Audrey Gee and Jack and Carol Napior representing the Koo Wee Rup Lions Club, in anticipation of what was to come and we were not disappointed.



The gathered throng in the grand ballroom

Hudgton, who made mention that, although the first Lions Club in Australia was established in NSW, the person responsible for this, Bill Tresise, was a Victorian coming from the South Gippsland town of Drouin.

The mention of this was made more poignant when it was confirmed Bill Tresise's grandson was present in the audience.

Upon completion of the speeches all Lions and partners were invited to enjoy light refreshments and take the opportunity to explore the ground floor of Government House. As can be imagined, because of the function the building serves, there was a huge dining room with a dining table seating, at best count, about forty guests, a drawing room almost the size of the grand ballroom, in which the Governor graciously conducted a 'meet and greet' session during which many photos were taken.

One much smaller room was given over to a billiards/snooker, on one wall of which wall was a photographic 'Hall of Fame' of all the Governors of Victoria and their spouses from Charles La Trobe, Governor from 1839 until 1854 to Alex Chernov, who held the same title between 2011 and 2015.



'Hall of Fame' – photographs of all Governors and their spouses

All in all, a most enjoyable morning. Not only were we treated to a visit to Government House, but it also gave us an opportunity to catch up with many other Lions from our District in beautiful surroundings on a lovely warm sunny day.



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The entry fee to the garden remains at \$5 so that it can be as accessible as possible to everyone who might be interested in visiting, to enjoy all the spring plants in bloom as they stroll around with a cuppa and biscuit (which are included in the entry price) as well as raising funds for Bionics. There will be the usual well-stocked Plant Stall. Saturday morning should be busy, as keen gardeners come early to get the pick of what Suzanne has grown for sale over the past 12 months.

It is 11 years since Suzanne moved from a 3/4 acre mature garden in Healesville to the flat sandy swampland of Koo Wee Rup to an ordinary suburban garden. She brought over 1,500 potted plants and shrubs and plants with her, containing struck cuttings from most of her favourite plants: roses, clematis, camellias, maples and magnolias. She has created a garden which provides year-round colour and perfume. The 1920s house is surrounded by a peaceful, bird-filled garden to give delight every day to all who enter. The garden is designed so that you can never see it all at once, each section flowing into the next.



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Casey/Cardinia Life Activities Club Berwick Seniors Week Activities

Sequence In-Line Dancing to be held at Brentwood Park Neighborhood House, 21A Bemersyde Drive, Berwick on the 19th October 2017 from 2pm – 4.30pm.

An afternoon of Sequence In-Line Dancing to old time music. No partners required. Come along and learn "how to do" the steps; tuition given. We warmly welcome new members. Afternoon tea provided.

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Table Tennis to be held at Beaconsfield Neighborhood Centre, 8 O'Neil Road, Beaconsfield on 18th October 2017 from 1.00pm – 3.00pm.

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Kurth Kiln



YEAR 8 STATE COAL MINE EXCURSION

Last month 39 KWR Secondary College Year 8s visited the Wonthaggi State Coal Mine.

It was chilly above ground, but the kids had a great time playing footy, throwing Vortexes at each other and generally being teenagers! They got the chance to explore the above ground exhibits and also spend time underground.

The kids loved the chance to do some "mining" and take some pieces of coal home from underground.

At one point during our tour, we were plunged into darkness (purposefully) when the tour guides turned out the lights. My group went dead quiet. Being 61 meters underground, in the pitch black, without any kids talking was very odd!

The kids behaved amazingly and did our school proud. A member of the public came up to me at the cafe at the mine pointed out how polite and friendly they were.

Max Eldridge, Year 8 Learning Community Assistant



CUSTOMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE - NEWS.

This month there has been a couple of instances of customer feedback to the Customer Advisory Committee (CAC) from users of the Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Services (KRHS) and the two items will be debated, discussed and actioned at the next CAC committee meeting. These matters were not complaints, as such, from users of the Health Services, but they did offer the committee the direct thoughts and opinions of user customers about a possible improvement and betterment of a provided KRHS service. The CAC will advocate to the Board of KHRS on their behalf if necessary.

The aim of this Customer Advisory Committee is to provide the KRHS with feedback and advice from patients and users and thus to improve and strengthen KRHS services, improve information, and future KRHS policy development.

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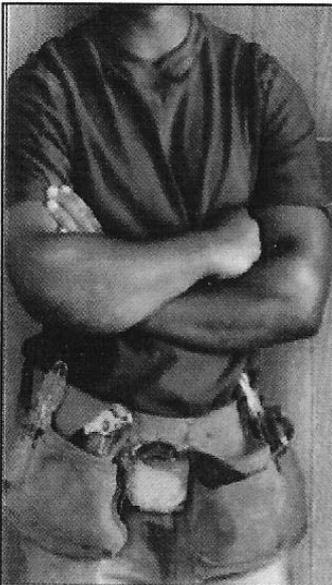
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classrooms to join in Numeracy activities.

Lightning Premiership

This year, 10 schools from the area met in Pakenham to participate in the annual Lightning Premiership. Congratulations to all Grade Five and Six students who competed in football, newcombe and netball. Our teams should be extremely proud of themselves, placing third in football, and our netballs and newcombe team just missed out on placing. Well done!

Footy Day

Students and staff dressed in their favorite footy colours. A very bright and cheerful day. Teams paraded whilst singing their clubs theme songs. It was wonderful to hear children clapping along to all the songs.

This year, Essendon had the most fans closely followed by Richmond then Collingwood.



First Holy Communion

Over the past two Sundays, 28 children from Grades Three and Four received the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time. This Sacrament is the third of seven Sacraments in the Catholic Church. We congratulate them on this very special occasion when they are able to participate fully in the Eucharist for the first time.

Building Project

We are very pleased that following many delays, our building project is now under way. This will help to accommodate a growing staff and to provide additional parking and parent access to the school grounds.



The first stage of the building project, the administration building, will provide a larger staffroom, complete with refurbished amenities and office area.

Orientation for our 2018 Students

To help prepare students for the transition from kinder to school, we have carefully developed a 5 session orientation program that allows us to really get to know your child before starting.

Orientation will take place on the following dates:

- Monday 23rd October (2:00-3:00pm)
- Monday 30th October (2:00-3:00pm)
- Monday 13th October (1:30-3:10pm)
- Monday 20th November (1:30-3:10pm)
- Monday 27th November (12:00-3:10pm)

Planning for 2018 has already commenced, so if you are interested in exploring the wonderful educational, social and wellbeing opportunities that John's have to offer, please contact the school to arrange a tour and to meet the principal Mr Justin Greenwood. (5997 1653)





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Breakfast Club: Tuesday &
Thursday 8:15am

Playgroup: Tuesday 10am -
12noon

Assembly: Tuesday 2:15pm

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

School Disco
Friday 13th October

African Dance Incursion
Tuesday 24th October

Italian Day
Wednesday 25th October

It was wonderful to see all of the brilliant artwork on display for our Art Show recently. The students were extremely proud of their work and it was wonderful to see so many of our parents, grandparents and wider families come along on the night to appreciate all of their wonderful work. Some of the feedback I received on the night indicated that we have some budding artists within our school with the suggestion being made that we need to auction or sell the artwork in the future! Well done to Ms Brown and all of the staff who supported the night. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported another successful event.



Wow, what an amazing achievement from Tynesha and Bianca in taking out the district Lions Club Public Speaking competition. Both girls spoke with such confidence and poise in front of a big crowd at the KWR Bowls Club. It is the first time in the history of the competition that two students from the same school have taken out the Middle and Senior School competitions! We are so proud of the girls' achievements and wish them well as they move onto the next stage of the competition during the school holidays. Good luck Tynesha and Bianca!

'TERM 4 REMINDER - Footsteps into Foundation 2018'

Just a reminder that our transition sessions during Term 4 stretch out to 90 minutes (beginning at 1:45pm) as we continue to develop the children's confidence, independence and familiarity with school life. During our Term 4 sessions, we will be running 2 parent information sessions on Wednesday 1st November and Wednesday 29th November. They will run at the same time as when the children are here. These sessions will provide parents with information about how best to prepare your child for the beginning of the school year. We will also outline how the Foundation program will run in 2018 and the ways you can support your child's learning development. We look forward to seeing you all these valuable information sessions in Term 4.



Term 4 Transition sessions

1:45-3:15pm

Wednesday 18th October

Wednesday 1st November - PARENT INFORMATION SESSION IN OLD SCHOOL BUILDING

Wednesday 15th November

Wednesday 29th November - PARENT INFORMATION SESSION IN OLD SCHOOL BUILDING

9am - 1pm

Tuesday 12th December

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



Above Right: Jenny is welcomed to our Cub Scout Pack as a new leader!



What an awesome end to Term 3!

The Joey Scouts went on a hike. The Cub Scouts organised and ran their own pack night.

The Scouts participated in the Cohen Shield competition camp.

The Venturer Scouts ran an awesome Sci-Fi themed disco for the whole Group.

The Rover Scouts took a break from their usual service to the community to cook on their own camp fires AND we welcomed a new Cub Scout leader into the group.



HAVE YOUR SAY ON OFF-LEAD DOG AREAS

Cardinia Shire residents are invited to have their say on off-lead areas for dogs as part of a regular review of designated areas and the criteria used to establish other areas in the future.

The online survey is now open and includes questions on how often and when residents walk their dogs off-lead. There is also a section about the criteria for establishing an off-lead dog area that considers proximity to wildlife, traffic, other residents and the impact on children's play areas, sport and recreation and existing picnic areas.

Feedback is welcome from dog owners and non-dog owners.

Cardinia Shire Mayor Cr Brett Owen said there were close to 14,000 dogs registered in the Shire, and it was important that Council tried to find a balance that met the recreation needs of dog owners and others in the community.

"There are currently 10 off-lead parks across the shire. These areas provide great benefits for dogs and their owners in terms of physical exercise and mental stimulation, however we need to ensure that they are still the most suitable areas to allow dogs off-lead," Cr Owen said.

"With this review, we want to make sure that all residents' needs are considered, and also take into account the huge amount of growth and development we experience in parts of the shire."

The survey is available online via www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/offlead

A drop-in session will also be held at Council's Civic Centre, 20 Siding Avenue, Officer on Tuesday 3 October from 10am to 2pm where residents can come in and speak to council officers about dog off-lead areas.

For more information about off-lead areas in Cardinia Shire visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/pets



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Hello from Nottingham England,

We have been reading the "Blackfish" newspaper on the web. We enjoy reading about Koo wee rup. Our son when he was a child had a pen friend in Koo wee rup.

We like reading in your paper about all the activities in your area, they all look really good, if we were there I know that we would join so many of them. There are a lot I would fancy to do.

Here it is still summer but only for a little while now but the weather is really good today. The gardens are still looking good and everything is still in flower. It was our Bank holiday last weekend, normally we have lashings of rain at a Bank holiday but this time we were lucky and it was very hot. Never go out without a broly is a good plan though, we talk a lot about the weather here.

The river Trent is near Nottingham and we always have the "Riverside Festival" in August. It is really good and it is free, so it is a great day out for families. There are all kinds of boats up and down the river, a big funfair and a funfair for the little ones as well. Competitions, raffles and all kinds of live music. It lasts for two days but it gets really crowded so we go early on a Saturday to avoid most of the crowds. And there are fireworks in the evening. A lot of money is raised for charities.

There were lots of village fetes and garden parties as well, I really like those and it is a chance to get out into the countryside.

Next week most of the children start back to school and soon it will be autumn and summer will be over.

I love the idea of the "sausage sizzles" written about in your paper we don't have these but I wish we did. And all the garden parties.

Here in England the papers right now are talking about the awful floods in Texas it is something no one could have expected. It is all very sad. Brexit also is in the papers right now.

About Nottingham we have:

"Nottingham Forest" football club, Nottingham ice stadium made famous by Torvil and Dean figure skaters. The "Panthers" ice hockey team. Also Nottingham is the home of Robin Hood and Maid Marian. Nottingham Castle which really is a mansion house museum set high above looking over Nottingham, set in its own grounds and gardens. It used to be a castle way back in history. It is going to be transformed they say but I don't know when. I love the Castle gardens.

The "Old Market Square" is steeped in history, the Goose fair market used to be held there but in time the space became too small. So "Goose Fair" is held on the Forest recreation ground a bit further out above the city. Back in history it really was a market fair. People came from everywhere to buy and sell before the winter set in. It is called "Goose Fair" because geese were herded from all over England travelling to the big market in Nottingham, the geese had hot tar painted on their feet so they could walk the long miles to market. "Goose Fair" is held in the Autumn in October.

The Forest recreation site was in history a part of the old Nottingham forest, there are still a lot of trees there which look lovely, lots of Oak trees. We have a saying here in Nottingham when it gets to Autumn time, we say "It's proper Goose fair weather" and everyone knows what you mean a sort of misty smoky atmosphere and the golden leaves starting to fall. "Goose Fair" now is a big funfair a lot of the smaller fairs all meet up here so it makes one very big fair.

There are "Goose Fair" foods which are brandy snaps which are crisp biscuits rolled and curled, if they are made at home some people fill them with cream. Also hot mushy peas served in little bowls with mint sauce and of course candy floss and sticks of rock and not forgetting Grantham ginger bread.

After that there will be "Bon Fire Night" which is Guy Fawkes Night 5th November. Bon fires and fireworks, it is nice when there is a firework display on the Forest recreation ground. "Bon fire" foods are bon fire toffee which is very hard and crisp, hot dogs, cinder toffee, peanut brittle and bowls of hot soups with bread rolls.

We enjoy reading about the history of Koo wee rup, about the people and how they lived. What kind of work they did, how Koo wee rup got its name. Also I like it in your paper when you write the names of trees and plants that are very different to ours. I look them up on google so I know what they look like. Often the names of plants are on the adverts in your paper for garden centres.

You are so lucky to have all that lovely sun in Australia. Soon it will be our winter but we try to make the most of everything there is always something to look forward to. Christmas and the New year. Robbie Burns night in January foods are haggis, potatoes, parsnips. I've got to admit I don't like haggis. Then there is pancake day in February and back to May day in the spring. I like the spring when all the spring flowers return and then it won't be long before summer begins again.

We look forward to reading your next edition of the "Blackfish" newspaper.

Hello to all the people over there. From the Kirk family, Sylvia, George and David.



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KOO WEE RUP BOWLS CLUB NEWS



Our small Club continues to attract members from other Clubs with Jen Grant & Helen Ralph recently transferring from Drouin BC. to join Husband & Brother Frank at our Club. Former member Matt Stevens has decided to rejoin the Club after playing at Cranbourne for a while before missing a couple of seasons with a serious ankle injury. Welcome back to the Club Matt. The Club held our opening day on Sunday 10th Sept. with an afternoon tea together with some of our sponsors. All were impressed with our Club and facilities. Great to have Life Member Pauline O'Brien, Ex-President Ray McMillan & Christine, Ex-Ladies President Fay Halligan & Ron all attending the afternoon. We have almost completed our Pennant practice matches for both Saturday & Tuesday and now look forward to the season commencing. We are still looking for players as we field 36 players {Saturday} & 24 players {Tuesday} each week. Saturday Pennant have had good practice games against Cardinia Waters, Cranbourne RSL, Belvedere & Blue Hills whilst Tuesday Pennant have played a game against Somerville. Unfortunately a game against Cardinia Waters and a Intra Club game were cancelled due to inclement weather.

KWR Bowls Club invites the community to Try Bowls for Free

If you think you would like to try the game, please contact the Club for further information or attend one of our Try Bowls days in October.

The days set aside for these activities are Oct. 8th for Try Bowls day [10.30 – 1.00], Oct. 13th Barefoot Bowls [5.00 – 7.00], Oct. 16th & 23rd for School days [1.00-3.00] & Oct. 25th [10.00-1.00] for Ladies morning tea. Everyone will be made most welcome.

Commencing on Thursday 5th October our Club is inviting Junior {Under 18} members to come along and try the game of bowls. These sessions will be held on each Thursday between 3.30 p.m. - 4.15 p.m.. Cost is free and all you need is a pair of flat soled shoes.

HEART FOUNDATION EVENING WALKERS



With the start of Daylight Saving we are raring to start the evening walks again. We had an early introduction at Wilson Botanic Park a few weeks ago and will welcome you all to walk with us every Thursday night at 7 pm at the Koo Wee Rup Clock Towers in Rossiter Rd . Last year we discovered Cardinia Lakes walking track with its 110 steps so we've enjoyed several early walks there, finishing with a takeaway tea in the park. So we even have "excursions" to challenge you a little more.

Enquiries to Marlene on 0429 814410

EVENING DOG WALKING GROUP

The Koo Wee Rup dog walking group was established six years ago as part of the Heart Foundation Walking network. Walks begin at 6:30pm every Monday evening from 2nd October 2017 until the end of daylight saving. Meet at the bus interchange carpark for an easy 30-40 minute stroll around town, great social activity for both dogs and owners. Enquiries to Lyn on 0439 519 859.

MILO IN2CRICKET RETURNS TO KOO WEE RUP

This season we have realigned with the Cricket Australia Milo In2Cricket program. This will enable us to access funding that is currently unavailable to us.

The program is aimed at 5-8 year old children and is still run by the club itself. The kids will receive:

- Plastic bat & soft ball
- ASICS t-shirt
- Bucket hat
- Water bottle
- MILO sachet
- Back pack
- Blue "one day" Kooweerup Club Shirt

The cost will be \$80 for 9 sessions running Mondays October 16th – December 11th. The sessions will run from 5pm – 6pm at the Rec. Reserve.

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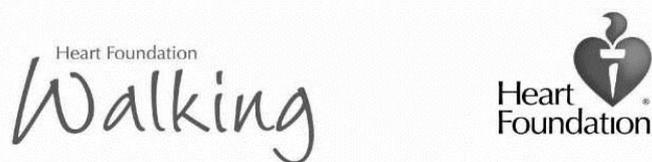
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ST SOFIA FESTIVAL 2017

The 45th Annual Saint Sofia Festival will be celebrated at St John's Church, Salmon Street, Koo wee rup on Sunday the 29th of October 2017.

The day will begin with Mass concelebrated by Fr. Frank

Bertagnolli and Deacon Tony Aspinall in both Italian and English. St. Anthony's Choir will provide beautiful singing during the Mass.

After Mass colorful balloons

will be released and then the Procession will proceed along Gardner, Moody, Henry, Salmon Streets and then back to St. John's grounds for lunch and entertainment. The procession will be accompanied by the Bellini Brass Band.

A roving piano accordionist will mingle with the crowd during lunch.

This year, James Liotta, a popular comedian, will entertain the people.

The singing trio "Something to Talk About" will perform 2 brackets during the afternoon.

An auction of donated goods will also take place early in the afternoon.

There will be a gelati van and a coffee stand.

Enjoy Italian and Aussie sausage sizzle with asparagus and onions which will be available for purchase. Entry is free and a good day is assured to all who attend.



MEN'S SHED NEWS – COME ALONG AND MEET US, YOU WILL BE WARMLY WELCOMED.

There's a lot being said about the Men's Shed members this month especially in the Pakenham Gazette; in fact there were two separate and interesting stories written about the members on-going activities that made great reading. The youth group, that the members mentor and advise, has been doing some good deeds too by planting vegetables in the garden beds at the Westernport and Koo Wee Rup kindergartens. First there was the preparation and fertilizing of the soil before the plants were bedded in. Now these plants can be nurtured and harvested by the kindergarten children to further their interest in nature and gardening.

A very successful 'Car Boot Trash and Treasure Sale' was organized for the mid Saturday in September. Lots of people came along to get rid of their unwanted items from around the house and surprisingly found that there were others who thought these items were absolute treasure-trove. This, together with the display of Hot Rod and Mustang cars and a simply spectacular Drag Racing car, made an exciting and wonderful day for all. Thanks also go to John Farmer and his helpers who organized the super barbecue complete with popcorn and fairy-floss for the kids. Everyone had a great time.

At the end of September the Men's Shed organized a 'Depression and Suicidal Awareness Session' under the headline of 'Depression is the Silent Killer'. It is a fact that there are many lonely men who feel loath to talk about being depressed or anxious, and often see doing so as a weakness of character. The Men's Shed actively encourages its members to come along for a friendly chat if they are in this sort of trouble and this session was well attended. The

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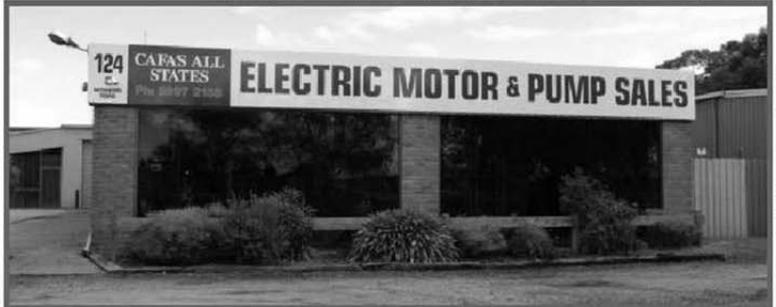
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KBA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To the community of, and visitors to, Koo Wee Rup,

Spring is here and with it the opening of two new businesses in town. If you haven't already, pop into Feather and Tails beside the Chandelier cafe for a browse. As yet I haven't visited Whimsy Wants and Wishes but plan on having a look asap. Both businesses are creating lots of conversation in town.

The association has held its first committee meeting and is gearing up for a busy and productive new term. Suellen, Ziggy Hair Artistry, is busy reviewing the associations facebook page and looking forward to promoting association members businesses. If you're a member, give her a call. If not, maybe you'd like to have a chat about how being a member may be of benefit to you and your business, feel free to contact myself or Andrea, Bendigo Bank.

Suellen is also assisting the events coordinator, Malcolm Brown, with the planning of an upcoming association event yet to be announced. Keep an eye on the facebook page and next edition of the blackfish.

The association committee is currently looking for someone to take on the role of secretary. If you are a local business person and think this is something that you could take on please contact Andrea or myself.

The association is still working on putting together a register of local business. You do not have to be an association member to be on the register. If you are a local business owner or have a business that services the local area, please call Vicki Charlton on 0413 384 480.

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

Rainfall (28th August to 25th September) 90ml.

So ends this report,

Till next time, please take care.

Vicki Charlton, President,

Koo wee rup business association

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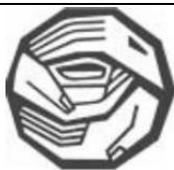
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In accordance with "The Rule" The Saint Vincent de Paul Society's Koo Wee Rup Conference holds a regular meeting. The meeting is held on the fourth Sunday of the month at St John the Baptist church Koo Wee Rup. At the meeting, they discuss the activity's they have been involved in during the previous month, the people that they were able to assist, and determine if the assistance they were able to provide is in accordance with the code of conduct and the rules.

Over the last month the Koo Wee Rup conference made nine visits to assist ten adults and three children. They have provided food, furniture and other assistance, valued in excess of \$800.00.

At the last meeting Peter Kerr was elected president of the Koo Wee Rup conference. Also at the last meeting the winter raffle was drawn. The raffle raised \$146.50 for our local conference. The prizes went to Frank Worcester, Luke Briganti, Marlene Scanlon, and Peter Gallagher. Congratulations to all the winners. A big thank you goes to our local businesses and individuals who donated to our raffle.

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THE 1937 FLOOD

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

It is eighty years since the Koo-Wee-Rup Swamp experienced the second largest flood in its history. The largest flood took place in the first week of December 1934. The 1937 flood hit the area on October 18 and water was 60cm deep in Rossiter Road and Station Street. The flood peaked at 20,000 cusecs (50,000 megalitres) about half the 1934 flood volume. There had also been a smaller flood of around 10,000 cusecs in April 1935.

The 1937 flood was caused by an extraordinary amount of rain over the preceding few days. *The Argus* of October 20 1937 had a map showing the rainfall totals of the five days from the 14th to the 18th of October and Dandenong had 532 points (just over 5 inches or 125 ml) and Gembrook had 977 points – close to 10 inches. The *Pakenham Gazette* reported that Pakenham had over 4 inches at the same time and Pakenham Upper 7.5 inches. As you would expect, with that amount of rain, parts of Melbourne including the Yarra River and the Patterson River also flooded.

The *Koo-Wee-Rup Sun* of October 21 1937 reported that *the experience of previous floods had taught Swamp settlers the lesson of removing stock and what property that could be shifted to higher levels and this precaution, as far as possible, was taken. Therefore although the body of water was almost as great as the 1934 flood, damage to the above was in no way as large. Crops however suffered in many cases owing to the waters being diverted since then, there were many cases in which settlers fared worse by this deluge.* The *Koo Wee Rup Sun* estimated the damage at £50,000.

The townsfolk placed the blame for the water in Koo Wee Rup squarely on the closure of the openings in the railway embankment which caused the water to be bottled up in the town. They were made even angrier by the fact that this was seen to be the cause of the town being flooded in the 1934 and 1935 floods and there had been no action to rectify the problem. The Koo Wee Rup Defence Corporation was established after the 1937 flood, at a representative meeting of trades people, residents and farmers of the township and district... *Nothing but bitterness was expressed at the continued apathy of Government bodies in ignoring all the past representations and in failing to at least take measures to ameliorate the consequences of the disastrous flooding.* The *Koo Wee Rup Sun* reported that in 1934, the Premier, Mr Dunstan, had promised to go into the question of co-ordination of the Railways and the State Rivers & Water Supply Commission but up to the present had sat idle.

There was a lot of publicity about the effect of the flood in the Koo Wee Rup township but surrounding areas also suffered as testified in this letter to the editor of *The Argus* on October 25, 1937 signed 'Also a mug' from Cora Lynn.

It is a cause of annoyance to residents of Cora Lynn and adjoining districts to read in the newspapers, and to hear over the air, the plight of the people of Koo-wee-rup. We are sorry for them, but they have the railway to remove them from the danger zone. They have many more hours of warning than we, with greater facilities for getting away. The water that floods Koo-wee-rup has previously surged over our lands and homes. Long before the flood reaches us in Cora Lynn all means of exodus have been cut off by the flooding of such towns a Vervale, Iona, Tynong, and Garfield for the most part. Cora Lynn is in a very decided depression, and, in my opinion, suffers more than most of the unhappy districts during the awful floods which visit us with monotonous regularity.

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THE 1937 FLOOD *(from previous page)*

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

The Age of October 19, 1937 had a report about the effect of the floods in the local area; some of the report is reproduced here. At Longwarry it flooded the butter factory to a depth of 4 feet, causing considerable damage to the machinery. Stores had to be removed to the mechanics' hall for safety. The Ararat Creek between Tynong and Nar Nar Goon became flooded, and there was 3 feet of water on Princes Highway. The Longwarry-Nar Nar Goon road, which runs parallel to the railway line, was submerged for more than half a mile. The railway embankment and line was washed out for a distance of 26 chains, and the railway service was disorganised. Buses had to run from Nar Nar Goon to Bunyip.

The main canal fed by Bunyip and Tarago rivers first overflowed its banks at Cora Lynn, but later it overflowed near Long-bridge, between Longwarry and Bunyip. The water is now over the Princes Highway and the the Longwarry-Nar Nar Goon road. Many residents have been compelled to go to Bunyip, as their homes have been flooded. Stock, sheep and pigs, wherever possible, have been removed to higher ground.



Station St Koo Wee Rup 20 October 1937

At Cora Lynn there is 5 feet of water in the Drouin Co-operative Cheese Factory, and at Keast Hall the water is flowing through the windows. The Bunyip show ground is submerged to a depth of 2 to 3 feet, and water is flowing copiously across the old racecourse. The golf links is a lake of water. Many residents have water running through their homes and women and children have been removed to places of safety. It is feared that if the rain continues throughout the night the record flood of 1934 will be eclipsed.

The Argus of October 20 reported on the telephone lines *The exchange at Iona, near Bunyip, went out of order when flood waters reached the cables. The exchange was in touch with Melbourne, but could not give connection to subscribers. Men were working on the fault last night, and expected to have the lines clear by this morning. All other country exchanges carried on services.*

As we saw before there was widespread unhappiness and anger after the 1934 flood and, as a result, the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission (SRWSC) worked on new drainage plans for the Swamp and these plans became known as the Lupson Report after the compiler, E.J. Lupson, an Engineer. A Royal Commission was also established in 1936. Its role was to investigate the operation of the SRWSC. The Royal Commission report was critical of the SRWSC's operation in the Koo-Wee-Rup Flood Protection District in a number of areas and it ordered that new plans for drainage improvements needed to be established and presented to an independent authority. Mr E. G. Richie was appointed as the independent authority. The Richie Report essentially considered that the Lupson Report was "sound and well considered" and should be implemented. Work had just begun on these recommendations when the 1937 flood hit the area.

The main recommendation of the Lupson / Ritchie report was the construction of the Yallock outfall drain from Cora Lynn, cutting across to Bayles and then essentially following the line of the existing Yallock Creek to Western Port Bay. The aim was to take any flood water directly to the sea so the Main Drain could cope with the remaining water. The Yallock outfall drain was started in 1939 but the works were put on hold during World War Two and not completed until 1956-57. The Yallock outfall drain had been originally designed using the existing farm land as a spillway i.e. the Main Drain would overflow onto existing farmland and then find its own way to the Yallock outfall drain. Local farmers were unhappy at this, as the total designated spillway area was 275 acres. They suggested a spillway or ford be constructed at Cora Lynn so the flood water would divert to the outfall drain over the spillway. The spillway was finally constructed in 1962.

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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