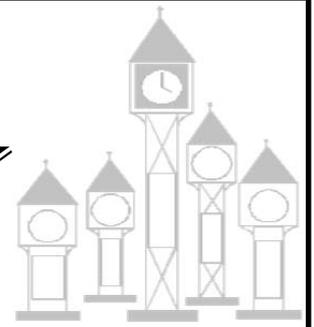


THE KOO WEE RUP BLACKFISH



DECEMBER 2018/JANUARY 2019

Walking for a Cause

Spotted recently on social media was Koo Wee Rup local and regular Blackfish columnist Geoff Stokes.

Geoff, once again, joined Greg Hunt on his third walk raising awareness of Australians living with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

All money raised by the walk is donated to local charities working with children with ASD.

The Township Committee Meeting Minutes

The Township held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, 7 November. Township Meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 5 December at 7:30 pm at the Community Centre. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Last month the Township held its AGM. This year's committee is: Caroline Roff - President, Rob Muré - Vice President, Gavin Brock - Secretary, Cathy McNulty - Treasurer and general members Lou Bucello, Frank Crameri, Joyce Light, Audrey Mills, Gus Moore, Garry Oates, Geoff Stokes, Valmai Walker, Trevor Westmore and Frank Worcester.

Clr Ray Brown advised that the Tennis Courts in Cochrane Park are due to be completed by January. Existing courts will be upgraded, two new courts build, old swimming clubrooms to be upgraded as club rooms and include toilet facilities.

The 2018 fire inspection program has begun, notices to maintain fire protection will be sent if properties are not up to standard.

Beautification grants are available for application, close 10TH December. Councillor Brown suggested that the entrances to town might qualify for a grant.

The Koo Wee Rup Recreation Reserve review and redevelopment is under way. Council is pulling together an application for a grant. The pavilion was constructed in the late 60s. The football land cricket clubs have both been involved in the discussions. The proposal is for a new building including female friendly facilities, part of the redevelopment also looking at connecting to sewage as the septic system struggles to meet the volume currently. There will be new netball facilities as well.

Last Wednesday Clr Brown showed Carol Jeffs the new CEO of Cardinia Shire around port Ward. Ms Jeffs was very interested in the proposed extension to the Koo Wee Rup Community Centre.

There has been no further development on the improvements to the bus services as the state government is in the caretaker period in the lead up to the election.

Clr Brown is still working on the sealing of Icke Road.

Greg Hunt @GregHuntMP · 4h

Incredible effort by 86 YO Geoff Stokes to walk 15 km and raise \$800 today for the Autism Walk



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What's on in Koo Wee Rup and District

December

Sat	1st	Christmas Decorations go up in Koo Wee Rup		
Mon	3rd	Summer Social Soccer	Lang Lang Showgrounds	5.30-8pm
Mon	3rd	Dog Walking Group	Bus interchange carpark	6.30pm
Tues	4th	Bingo	Senior Citizens Club	7.30pm
Weds	5th	Koo Wee Rup Coffee Club	Royal Hotel	10am
Weds	5th	Township Committee Meeting	Community Centre	7.30 pm
Thurs	6th	Walking Group	Clock Towers	7pm
Sat	8th	Carols By Candlelight	Cochrane Park	7pm
Sun	9th	Bayles Fauna Park Working Bee	Bayles Fauna Park	9am
Mon	10th	Summer Social Soccer	Lang Lang Showgrounds	5.30-8pm
Mon	10th	Dog Walking Group	Bus interchange carpark	6.30pm
Tues	11th	Bingo	Senior Citizens Club	7.30pm
Weds	12th	CFA Santa Run		4-7.30pm
Thurs	13th	Walking Group	Clock Towers	7pm
Fri	14th	Children's colouring competition winner announced		
Sun	16th	Christmas Fair	Masonic Lodge	10am - 5pm
Weds	19th	Koo Wee Rup Coffee Club	Chandelier Café	10am
Thurs	20th	Walking Group	Clock Towers	7pm
Mon	24th	Christmas Eve Mass and Carols	St John's Church	6.15pm
Tues	25th	Christmas Service	Turning Point Church	9.30am
Thurs	27th	Walking Group	Clock Towers	7pm

January

Weds	2nd	Koo Wee Rup Coffee Club	Royal Hotel	10am
Thurs	3rd	Walking Group	Clock Towers	7pm
Mon	7th	Dog Walking Group	Bus interchange carpark	6.30pm
Thurs	10th	Walking Group	Clock Towers	7pm
Mon	14th	Dog Walking Group	Bus interchange carpark	6.30pm
Tues	15th	Bingo	Senior Citizens Club	7.30pm
Weds	16th	Koo Wee Rup Coffee Club	Chandelier Café	10am
Thurs	17th	Walking Group	Clock Towers	7pm
Sat	19th	Koo Wee Rup Community Market	Men's Shed	8.30am-1.30pm
Mon	21st	Dog Walking Group	Bus interchange carpark	6.30pm
Tues	22nd	Bingo	Senior Citizens Club	7.30pm
Thurs	24th	Walking Group	Clock Towers	7pm
Sat	26th	Australia Day Ceremony	Community Centre	9am
Mon	28th	Dog Walking Group	Bus interchange carpark	6.30pm
Mon	28th	Bayles Fauna Park Meeting	Bayles Hall	7.30pm
Tues	29th	Bingo	Senior Citizens Club	7.30pm
Thurs	31st	Walking Group	Clock Towers	7pm

February

Sat	2nd	Pilates	Eco House at hospital	9am
Mon	4th	Pilates	Eco House at hospital	6pm
Mon	4th	Dog Walking Group	Bus interchange carpark	6.30pm
Mon	4th	CWA Meeting	Senior Citizens Club	7.30pm
Tues	5th	Bingo	Senior Citizens Club	7.30pm
Weds	6th	Koo Wee Rup Coffee Club	Royal Hotel	10am
Weds	6th	Township Committee Meeting	Community Centre	7.30 pm
Thurs	7th	Walking Group	Clock Towers	7pm

HAVE YOU GOT SOMETHING TO SAY?

Have you got some news, a photo, or an opinion you want to share with your community? Why not say it in the Blackfish? Just drop me a line at blackfish@live.com.au post to PO Box 64, KWR or phone 5997 2333

Caroline Roff, Editor

I'm hoping to make 'What's on' a regular feature. If you want to be included, please contact me. Details at left.

Bayles Preschool

Exciting changes have occurred in our kinder yard, with the help from kinder families at our recent working bee. We have created a dry river bed (see picture) with generous donations from kinder families and the Garfield Op Shop. This thrilling addition enhances our landscapes and provides another natural surface for children to explore.

Recently our 4-year-old kinder group visited Bayles Regional Primary School to participate in outdoor classroom day. The children enjoyed building a scarecrow alongside the bigger school kids. These visits and interactions at the primary school are important, as the kinder children begin their transitions to school.

4-year-old group runs Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9am -2pm

3-year-old runs Wednesday 9am – 12pm

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To enrol contact Cardinia Council on 1300 787 624.



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Township Committee Meeting Minutes *(from page 1)*

No Koo Wee Rup projects were successful in the Pick My Project process. Only a small number of votes (300-400) got some projects over the line. With a coordinated effort Koo Wee Rup projects could have succeeded, need to keep this in mind for future rounds.

Questions for Councillor Brown:

When fire protection notices are sent out, do officers make physical checks? If council is asking farmers to control grass then roadsides should be managed. Ray will follow this up for the next meeting.

A 2 acre lot on Rossiter Road opposite the stock feeds has a permit application for medium density housing with a common road. Quoting the Township Strategy to support the application but Council repeatedly advises that we can't use the strategy to object to developments. The strategy recognises that this lot should only be developed into 5 lots, but the proposal for the development is for 10 lots and they state they are complying with the strategy. Also there are no roads (is really only a driveway), nor footpaths. The township needs the strategy document updated so that it can be used as it was intended to guide development in the town.

Ray: the Strategy was update several years ago with aim of being more enforceable however this has not been the case. Developers are being asked to comply with the strategy. If a development goes to VCAT even if the objectors lose can still have conditions placed on approval that restrict the viability of the development.

One of the seats at the clock tower has been removed (base was rotten), when will it be replaced? Ray will follow up.

The president suggested a couple of projects which we could consider to improve the amenity of the town.

1. Tables on Station St (opposite fish & chip shop), Council could purchase land and create a mini towns square. Secretary to write letter to council suggesting this project (CC Clr Brown).

2. The toilets on Rossiter Road could be painted with a mural to beautify the area. It was suggested that high school students could paint the mural. Secretary to write to council seeking support for this project. (cc Clr Brown)

Christmas on the Swamp - at the October meeting, all activities were confirmed.

The ladies auxiliary is holding a Christmas Fair on 16TH December
Carols by Candlelight organised by the Lions Club will be Saturday 8TH December.

CWA is organising the Community Christmas Tree at Woolworths
The CFA lolly run will be on Wednesday, 12TH December.

A laser light display is to be presented at the Clock Towers over the Christmas period.

Andy Butt gave a brief report on the Koo Wee Rup Scout troop and activities. The scouts and cubs are doing a colour run tonight. Scouts are off to a jamboree in South Australia next year, ant the Venturers are going to New Zealand. The scout hall is available for use free of charge when not in use by the scouts. Scouts are available to assist at community events, recently helped out at the Tooradin Church market. Community Childrens Choir at the scout hall on Sundays.

Numbers are dropping slightly. Current numbers are: 6 joeys, 24 cubs, 14 scouts, 12 venturers, 10 rovers.

They are focussing on getting out and about more to raise the profile, the state section is promoting Joey scouts. It was suggested that scouts put more posts on facebook to raise the profile in town.

All community groups seem to be having a similar problem with numbers, Scouts compete with sporting groups for attention.

Garry Oates raised the issue of visitors waiting at the Vline bus station not being aware of what there is to do in town whilst waiting for their bus. He suggested that a sign be erected at the bus stop indicating what businesses and activities there are in town for people to occupy their town as they wait. Secretary to write to Vline seeking support for a sign at the bus stop.



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Koo Wee Rup Country Women's Association.

The CWA AGM was held last month with all committee members handing in their positions and new nominations taking place. For the 2019 period we are delighted to welcome Cathy Stephens as our new CWA President.

2019 committee members: Cathy Stephens- President, Lyndsay Sharp- Vice President, Joss Pohl- Secretary, Kershel Elliott- Treasurer (re-nominated), Kaye Chaplin- Craft leader and Linda Sanders- International Officer.

Our first meeting for 2019 will be **Monday 4th of February 2019, 7.30pm, Koo Wee Rup Senior Citizens Club, 1 Icke Road.** For more information on the KWR CWA please contact us via our Facebook page or via email: kwrcwa@outlook.com

Music on the Grass

Thank you to all who attended the event and visited our stall on the 18th of November. It was a delight to have all of our baked goods and vegetables sold on the day. It was an additional honour to receive requests for additional cookies from the public!

The money raised on this day will be going towards the school scholarships in 2019. A big congratulations to the group and your hard work!

EVENTS COMING UP:

1st December: Koo Wee Rup Christmas Tree

We will be raising the CWA Christmas tree in the Woolworths lobby on the 30th of November, ready for the start of the festive season. Decorations will be collected from each educational facility on this day.

We understand that not all local children go to the local schools and thus, if your child wishes to place their own ornament on the tree, we welcome you to do so. Experience has taught that to ensure your ornament stays on during the length of the time of the Christmas period, that you use wire/paperclip to twist the ornament onto the tree branch. This is due to the Woolworths lobby being very windy.

We will not be returning ornaments to schools, so please, if you wish to collect your child's ornament, please do so between 27-29th of December. The tree will be removed on the 30th of December.

3rd December: Win Pankhurst Scholarship: Results

The scholarship applications have now been collected from the local schools and are currently under assessment from a group of the CWA who have no affiliations to the schools or children who may be attending these schools. The result/s will be announced on December 3rd to the schools and later posted to the Koo Wee Rup CWA Facebook Page. Good luck to all candidates.

16th December: Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Fair, Masonic Hall

The KWR CWA will be attending the Christmas Fair on the 16th of December, with all sorts of yummy treats and goodies for your Christmas table or under the Christmas tree. Please come down and support a wonderful cause.

The Koo Wee Rup CWA would like to wish everyone in the Koo Wee Rup and surrounding community a safe and enjoyable Christmas period.

All the best for 2019.



Members Bonnie Sharp (Left) and Amy Quinn setting up the stall for Music on the Grass



Start school - start Joey Scouts!

Did you know that Scouting starts as early as 5 years old? That's right, Joey Scouts is just for 5-7 year olds!

Jiggai Joey Mob meets on Thursdays
6:30pm-7:30pm at the Scout Hall.

Call Andy Butt (Leader) on 0433 10 342
or contact us at

<https://www.facebook.com/1stKooWeeRupScoutGroup/>
for more information!



How To Avoid The Grinch Burglar Stealing Your Festive Cheer!

We're heading into the Christmas holiday season, which may have many of us feeling very jolly. However, for any would-be burglars out there, the upcoming holidays may seem like the perfect opportunity to get their "Grinchy" ways into gear. After all, homes are typically filled with much more gifts and goodies during this festive time.

If you are not planning to be ho-ho-home during the upcoming holiday period, and don't want your tinsel in a tangle, it is a good idea to take special precautions to protect your property and your valuables.



Here are some tips to help stop burglars stealing your merry mood:

1. Invest in Technology.

There's a whole new world of 'smart' products that help you keep an eye on your castle from afar. There's no shortage of retail DIY home security equipment out there and you don't need any kind of networking expertise to rig it up to help keep an eye on your home from anywhere in the world, provided you have a good internet connection. Security Cameras quickly ping your smartphone, tablet and email when they detect movement, you can even use cameras to have a conversation with the person poking around your home, as some systems include a speaker and support for a smartphone mic. Look around for one that will meet your needs and price bracket.



2. Strategically leave some lights on.

When you're leaving your home for a few days over the holiday season, it is a good idea to leave a few lights on. Set a few timers on different lights in varying locations around your home. That way it will be harder for anyone to recognise a pattern and realize that no one is home.

3. Ask a friend or neighbour to check on your house and pick up your mail.

If you have a trustworthy neighbour or friend who will be home for the holidays, have them check in on your house and bring in your mail and any packages that have been delivered. Seeing someone regularly go in and out of your home can deter any suspicious individuals from lurking nearby.

4. Don't be too social about your holiday travel plans.

Posting about your travel plans or putting your holiday photos on social media can basically be the same as putting up a sign in your front yard advertising you are away. Never assume that only your friends see your posts. Want to tell someone you'll be away for the holidays? Go the old-fashioned route and call them!

Don't let a Grinch steal your holiday cheer — or your valuables — this season.

The team at One Agency Robert Mure would like to wish you all a very Merry and Safe Christmas and New Year period.



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Koo Wee Rup RSL Sub Branch Report

Words of gratitude are all I have to offer to our wonderful community for their generous support of our poppy appeal, which directly supports our ex-service men and women and their dependents.

Our success each year is solely dependent on the work of our members in taking poppies to the public in the days leading up to Remembrance Day. None of this would work as well without the drive and passion for the course by Mrs Lynnette Ingram. I congratulate you Lyn, your dedication and organisation ability is to be admired and we are all grateful to you and all our volunteers for the good work you do, and may I also thank the manager of Woolworths for his support and allowing us to use the foyer, year after year and I am mindful too, of the very pleasant and friendly staff at the store - it all goes to make our task pleasurable.

It was a moving day for many of us at the KWR Secondary College, our members were warmly welcomed by the college principal, Mr Felix Patton, and assistant principal Ms Margaret Nicolson, one could easily see and feel that much effort has been made by all concerned to make this Remembrance Day a day to remember. Nothing can unite a group of like minded people than a common goal and we at the RSL feel very much so and privileged to work with those at the college on all occasions. The college staff, students and gardeners worked together to honour our fallen - one only has to walk past the college to see the love in their work. Words fail me as one had to be there to fully experience the atmosphere as the choir so beautifully sang 'Prayer of the Children', with the college Senior Band supporting them.

I congratulate you on a job very well done at the KWRSC and from all of us at the RSL, thank you for the privilege. Congratulations also to Miss Alysha Alie, who was unanimously nominated by her teachers for the RSL Citizenship award. This is awarded to those students who demonstrate the virtues of Mateship, Courage, Endurance and Sacrifice and



by all reports there are many such students at the KWRSC who show these virtues in concrete daily actions, and to those young people who may feel disappointed by missing out on the award, don't let this deter you from being the best person you can be - forget the hurt and remember what this has taught you. We are continually being formed by those around us and one can only feel joy and gratitude in having beautiful people such as Alysha among us, a very delightful young lady and a worthy recipient of the award.

Once more, our Minister for Health, the Hon Greg Hunt, as well as several of his office staff made time to be with us on the centenary of the end of WW1. Walking 500km over three weeks to raise money to support children with autism, work did not stop while this was on, phone calls, decision making

and interviews still went on. Our admiration and heartfelt gratitude to you Minister Hunt, your family and your cheerful and helpful office staff.

Many thanks to Lt Bret Wiles and Sub Lt Bettina Harper of TS Tingira for their effort and commitment shown to us; this involves more people than one can imagine, including the Sea Cadets' parents who do the taxiing work, to and from the Naval Base - they all contribute to making the ceremony the best we can in honour of our fallen and we are forever and always mindful of those left to mourn their loved ones.

On a personal note, I am thankful to have had Cr Raymond Brown with us on the day and to announce the names of the grade six students nominated by their school for the RSL Citizenship award and giving a detailed explanation of the criteria for the award. Those awarded are as follows: Bayles RPS - Maddy Dalton, Cardinia PS - Mackenzie Brown, St John's PS - Jai Bethune, Koo Wee Rup PS - Shelby Deszcz, Tooradin PS - Riley Leopold.

Congratulations also to Rosie Witteveen, nominated for a Citizenship award by the KWR Scouts.

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Remembrance Day at Koo Wee Rup Secondary College

The College celebrated the 100th anniversary of the end of World War 1 with an assembly attended by local RSL members. Mark Kinder, Chief Petty Officer (RAN) retired spoke to the assembly reminding them what Remembrance Day means.

We wear poppies to remember our fallen and departed and to show how proud and free we are.

So what does it really mean to be free?

To be free means that we can do things like:

- *live, work, go to school and play safely - that's called security*
- *be treated equally regardless of our differences or colour - that's equality*
- *to be free allows us to elect our own leaders and do our own things under fair laws - that's democracy*

To be free also means we can do things like:

- *have say in the laws and rules that we live by - that's participation*
- *acknowledge the original indigenous owners of Australia and welcome into our country those who fear persecution or bad bullying in their own lands - that's tolerance*

Free also means that we can do things like:

- *write, speak, act and draw about how we feel without fear of being unfairly punished - that's freedom of speech*

In some countries people are sadly not allowed to do these things.

The celebration concluded with the official opening of the College's Remembrance Garden.



Koo Wee Rup RSL Sub Branch Report *from previous page*

We in the RSL and our community join your families and schools in congratulating you on your excellent conduct and please continue to lead by your good example - well done.

Our dear friends from the scouts and members of the Lions Club were there mingling with the crowd, ready and willing to be of service when required - thank you everyone.

Last, but by no means least, I want to express my sincere thanks to all the men and ladies at the Men's Shed for their amazing hospitality - all I can say is 'what a blessing you are to us' on behalf of all at the RSL, thank you.

As the festive season fast approaches, may I, on behalf of all of us, wish you a joyful and holy Christmas with the best of health to you and yours.

Yours Aye, John Camilleri,
President KWR RSL Sub Branch, 5629 4242

Heart Foundation
Walking



Thursday Night Summer Walking Group

When: 7 pm Every Thursday Night during daylight saving.

Where: Koo Wee Rup Clock Towers Sessions start: Thursday 11th October 2018 until April 2019

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Koo Wee Rup has a number of opportunities for people to walk together in a social setting including 9 am Monday and Thursdays from Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service & 6 pm Monday Evening Dog Walkers who brave it year round.

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School Council was thrilled to receive a commitment from both major parties in the lead up to the State Election to build a much needed gymnasium here at Koo Wee Rup Primary School. This was a great outcome and a very positive step in the right direction to improve some of the facilities in our school. School Council would like to thank all members of the Koo Wee Rup community who supported our endeavours by signing our online petition and having our voice heard. School Council now looks forward to working with Jordan Crugnale, the new member for Bass in getting our gymnasium built. Exciting times ahead for our students, families and the wider school community.

Italian Day is always an anticipated event at Koo Wee Rup Primary School and once again it was 'fantastico' to see students and staff dress up Italian by wearing the Italian flag colours of green, white and red, to dressing up as Pinocchio, Leonardo Da Vinci, an Italian chef or fashion designer, an Italian food item (pizza or spaghetti), Mario, Luigi, a gondolier, a soccer player, a Commedia dell'arte character- Arlecchino or Colombina, just to name a few!

The students began by participating in a variety of cultural activities: Venetian Mask Making, Mosaics, Soccer drills, Waiter's Races and Designing Placemats. For lunch they enjoyed a special pizza lunch and gelato treat! After lunch they were entertained by James and Mario from La Comica Variety Productions. It was obvious that fun was had by all as we were all in hysterics throughout the show!



What's Happening

Friday 30th November	Christmas Raffle Donation Free Dress Day
Monday 3rd December	Dance Incursion
Wednesday 5th December	Year 6 Celebration Day at Luna Park
Thursday 6th December	Foundation Celebration Day
Tuesday 11th December	State wide Transition Day
Wednesday 12th December	Year 6 Graduation
Monday 17th December	Christmas Concert
Tuesday 18th December	Whole School Transition 9-11am
Wednesday 19th December	Class Parties
Friday 21st December	1:30pm End of Year dismissal

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Fourth Term is always a busy time, and this year has been no exception!! To start the term, we have had an Outdoor Classroom Day, Curriculum Day, Sleepover or Late Night for our Junior School, Camp for our seniors, a visit from Greg Hunt MP to chat about his 500km walk for Autism, Leadership Day, Bayles Has Talent and the yearly visit from the Life Education Van. We also had students compete in the T20 Cricket competition, and our choir performed at the Music on the Grass event in KWR. It has also been very exciting to have our future Foundation students come along to our Transition Days, and to watch our Year 6 students prepare themselves for their final weeks of primary school and the start of secondary school.

As we finish the year, I would like to wish our school community a very Merry Christmas and hope you enjoy a well-deserved break over the summer holidays.

Ms Alison Andrews, Acting Principal

Leadership Day for Year 5 Students



Year 5 students from Bayles, Lang Lang and KWR Primary Schools recently participated in a Leadership Day presented by YLead - this year our school hosted the event. Everyone had a very inspiring day and were presented with lots of fun activities to engage them in their leadership development. A special thanks to the KWR and Lang Lang Bendigo Bank branches - Bendigo Bank were the major sponsors for the day and without them, today would not have been possible.



School Camp at Yarra Junction!



Outdoor Classroom Day



Music On the Grass



Our school Choir sang beautifully at this event. Thanks to everyone who attended, and to Lea Naismith our Performing Arts Teacher for preparing them so well.

Our Amazing Students!!



Fred Hollows Humanity Award

We are extremely proud of Kayla B for receiving a Fred Hollows Humanity Award for 2018. This award recognises Year 6 students who follow in Fred's footsteps by making a positive difference in their community. It celebrates students who show compassion, integrity and kindness in their everyday lives, just as Fred did. Congratulations to Kayla on a well-deserved award.

Remembrance Day Community Spirit Award

Congratulations to Maddy D for receiving the Remembrance Day Community Spirit Award! This award is given to students who show the attributes of mateship, courage, endurance and sacrifice. Maddy is certainly a worthy recipient of this award. Thanks also to Ms Andrews and our school representatives - Max, Kye and Kayla for representing our school at the ceremony in KWR.



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 Scout Troop (11 – 14 yrs)
 Swamp Rats Venturer Unit (15-17 yrs)
 Odonata Rover Crew (18-25 yrs)

meet every Thursday 6.30pm – 7.30pm
 meet every Tuesday night between 7pm - 8:30pm
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 meet on Friday nights from 8pm

New Members always welcome!

Contact Andrew Butt our Group Leader on 0433 100 342

Once again it has been a busy month for all 1st Koo Wee Rup sections – there's always something exciting happening!

The Joey Scouts went in search of Pokémon around Koo Wee Rup, took a mystery train ride, and built a life-sized Dilophosaurus out of cardboard, which promptly became extinct. Ashley also achieved her Promise Challenge before going up to Cubs – well done Ashley!



The Dilophosaurus is extinct, and so are the Joeys

The Cubs joined forces with the Scouts for a colour run, which was great fun, though very messy! They also went on a special trip to the Apple Store at Fountain Gate, where they learned how to code a robot ball to navigate a maze. This was followed by a scavenger hunt around the shopping centre.



Cubs programming at the Apple Store



Searching for spectres: the Swamp Rats Venturers embrace their inner Fox Mulders

Three new Scouts are invested at Kilcunda

The Scouts have been busy too. In addition to pummelling Cub Scouts with coloured cornflour missiles during the colour run, Molly, Alexander, Lara, Hayley and Lachlan participated in a camp up at Gilwell in early November, in preparation for Jamboree in January. They have also been on a hike down at Kilcunda, enjoying some of the lovely beachside scenery.

The Swamp Rats Venturers mixed things up with a Paranormal Investigating night at Lang Lang cemetery, looking for apparitions with a real paranormal investigator and his specialist equipment. They also ran a sausage sizzle, helped in the car park, manned stalls and helped people to carry things to their cars at the Tooradin Bazaar on November 17th.

Representatives of all sections also attended the Remembrance Day service at Cochrane Park. Rosie Witteveen received the Koo Wee Rup RSL Citizenship Award at the conclusion of the service. Congratulation Rosie!

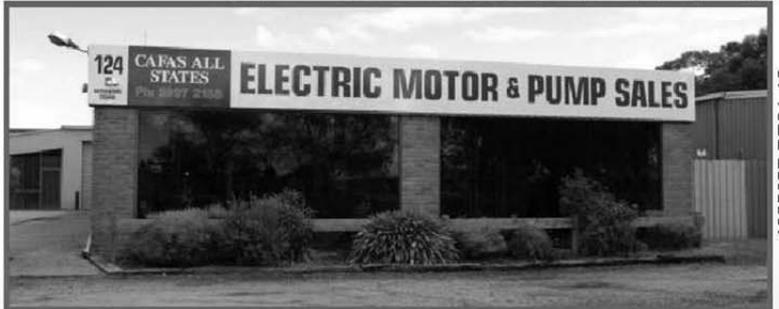
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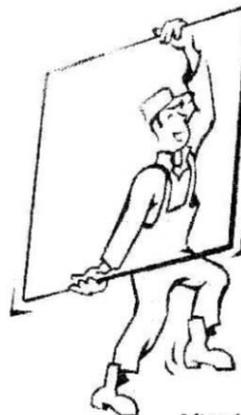


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Following a local presentation at the Koo Wee Rup Scout Hall on October 23rd attended by family, friends, Koo Wee Rup and district Scout members and MP Brian Paynter, Scout Zack Condron attended the state presentation of his Australian Scout Medallion at Gilwell Park on November 24th. Around 160 Scouts from across Victoria celebrated this remarkable achievement, which is the highest award that a Scout can earn in their section.

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Accomplishing his Australian Scout Medallion is an outstanding achievement for Zack. Congratulations!



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Koo Wee Rup Bowls Club News



Rd. 3 in Tuesday Pennant saw both teams play Mt. Eliza with Div. 2 having their 1st loss for the season 46-55. Pauline Gray, Mary Masters, Wendy Pownall & Lois Mahomed lost 12-26. Jim Jenkins, George Crynes, Betty King & Bob Mason were beaten 15-18. Bryan Walker, Gerry Fuller, Joy Jenkins & John Dale won 20-11. Div. 4 despite winning 2 rinks were beaten 55-63. Fay Halligan, Steven Haines, Shane Green & David Talbot lost 11-38, John Durrant, Stephen Payne, Margaret Scullin & Brian Potter won 21-15 & Jill Roissetter, Peter Stevens, Iain Caig & Glenice Jackson won 23-10.

The Ladies conducted their Invitation 4's day on 25th Oct. with teams from Cardinia Waters, Hampton Park, Somerville, Garfield, Korumburra, Corinella, Pakenham, Loch & Dist. Belvedere, Warragul, Lang Lang, Yamala Park & Drouin competing. Winning team for the day was from Korumburra with 52 pts. Runner Up team from Pakenham had 49 pts. & Best Game went to Garfield with 17 pts & 11 shots up. A big thank you to all members who worked on the day and to our sponsors, Tooradin Sports Club, for their continued support.

Rd. 4 Tuesday Pennant has similar results with Div. 2 losing 48-72 to City of Frankston & Div. 4 to Somerville 41-71. A close game for Jill Roissetter, Luke Monckton, Iain Caig & Peter Stevens losing 20-26. Never really in the game Fay Halligan, George Crynes, Gillian Harper & David Talbot were beaten 13-28. Same for John Durrant, Stephen

Payne, Ken Hammond & Brian Potter beaten 8-23. Rd. 5 had another 2 close losses for the Club. Div. 2 at home to Mornington Civic were beaten 50-58. A 14-22 loss for Jim Jenkins, Peter Dillon, Betty King & Bob Mason. Good result for Pauline Gray, Mary Masters, Wendy Pownall & Lois Mahomed winning 22-19 Gerry Fuller, Noel Speight, Joy Jenkins & Julie Walker lost 14-17. Div. 4 at Karingal lost 52-58. Div. 2 hosted Somerville in Rd. 6 and lost 58-62. Shared pts. for a 21-21 draw for Pauline Gray, Peter Dillon, Wendy Pownall & Lois Mahomed. A good finish by Bryan Walker, Gerry Fuller, Joy Jenkins & Julie Walker resulted in a 20-16 loss. The difference of the game of 12 shots on 3 ends saw Rex Alexander, Noel Speight, Betty King & Lindsay Wealands beaten 17-25. A trip to City of Frankston resulted in a 44-72 loss for Div. 4.

Rd. 4 of Saturday Pennant and Div. 3 played Karingal at Karingal with Div. 5 going to Mornington Civic. Div. 7 had a bye. A slow start for all 3 rinks in Div. 3 was the end difference in the game. Bryan Walker, Pauline Gray, Gerry Fuller & Trevor Kitchin lost 12-26. A concerted 2nd half effort from Brad King, Bob Mason, Peter Butera & Michael Pors resulted in a 30-19 win.

Dropping 6 shots on the final 2 ends made the score look worse that it should have for Jim Jenkins, Rex Alexander, Peter Dillon & Laurie Bell losing 17-27. Div. 5 "copped" a real lesson losing 47-100. With the scores being John Durrant, Steven Haines, John Dale & Luke Monckton lost 17-33. Bright spot for the day was a 21-20 win for Wayne Stevens, Wendy Pownall, Brett Condron & Stephen Payne. Low spot for the day was a 9-47 loss for Peter Stevens, Betty King, Ivan Royle & Brian Potter. Rd. 5 had Div. 3 lose to Mornington 58-74 but Div. 5 at home to Hastings really "turned the result around" from the previous week winning 102-49. Scores from Div. 3 were Brad King, Bob Mason, Peter Butera & Michael Pors lost 25-28. Outplayed Bryan Walker, Pauline Gray, Gerry Fuller & Trevor Kitchin were beaten 10-26. Bright spot was Jim Jenkins, Rex Alexander, Peter Dillon & Lindsay Wealands winning 23-20. A complete rout against Hastings for Div. 5 winning 102-49. A brilliant effort after the previous round. Wayne Stevens, George Crynes, Wendy Pownall & Laurie Bell won 31-17. Going 1 shot better was John Durrant, Steven Haines, John Dale & Luke Monckton winning 31-16. To complete the day Peter Stevens, Betty King, Noel Speight & Ivan Royle won 40-16. Div. 7 went to play 2nd team Somerville and were unlucky to lose narrowly 42-44. Stephen Payne, Iain Caig, Brett Condron & Brian Potter lost 17-24. A good 25-20 win for Margaret Royle, Trevor Butcher, Gillian Harper & Pat Leonard.

Results from the round of Triples played 2nd Nov. were the Winning rink John Williams, Neville & Kevin Kitchin [Lang Lang] with 37 pts. Runner Up rink with 36 pts. was Geoff Barber [Korumburra], Jim Garnham & Tom Loughnan [Loch & Dist.]. Best 1st game went to Ken Taylor, Edna Adams & Fred Forde [Warragul] with 21 pts. & Best 2nd game to Pauline Gray, Mary Masters & Lindsay Wealands [KWR] also 21 pts.

A disappointing result in Rd. 6 for Div. 3 losing 73-78 at Dromana. Brad King, Bob Mason, Peter Butera & Michael Pors lost 22-27. Bryan Walker, Pauline Gray, Gerry Fuller & Trevor Kitchin won 29-26. A 22-25 loss for Jim Jenkins, Steven Haines, Rex Alexander & Peter Dillon. Better news for Div. 5 at home to Somerville winning 89-60. Wayne Stevens, Wendy Pownall, Stephen Payne & Laurie Bell won 28-16. A good 31-18 win for Peter Stevens, Betty King, Noel Speight & Ivan Royle. A close 30-26 win for John Durrant, George Crynes, John Dale & Luke Monckton capped off a good win. Div. 7 at home to Blue Hills were beaten 33-48. Brett Condron, Iain Caig, Luke Haines & Richard Bricknall lost 14-33. A good 19-15 win for Margaret Royle, Trevor Butcher, Gillian Harper & Ken Hammond.

Twilight Bowls

Our popular Twilight bowls season will commence on Friday 11th Jan. 2019. Same as last season, we ask you to be at the Club about 5.45 p.m. for a sausage sizzle at 6.00 p.m. followed by a game of bowls [not too serious] at approx. 6.45 p.m. finishing around 9.00 p.m. Cost for the night is \$5.00 per person. Drinks at bar prices.

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Christmas in Koo-Wee-Rup

The October 2018 meeting of the representatives of all the interested Koo-Wee-Rup community groups took place at the end of the month, just a little past the deadline and therefore too late for publication in October's edition of 'Blackfish'.

In essence, the meeting finalised the decisions it made at previous meetings about decorating the town and all the exciting competitions that will take place. The two main functions being the ladies Auxiliary Christmas Fair to be held at the Masonic Hall on the 16th of December, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, and Carols by Candlelight in Cochrane Park, primarily organised by the KWR Lions Club, to be held on the 8th of December at 7:00 pm, gates open 6:30 pm.

All will indeed be very welcome to come along to Carols by Candlelight. There will be some very talented guest artists performing with a full orchestra, and the evening will finish off with a 'monster' fireworks display. Father Christmas will pop in and there will be food stalls for the hungry. So ... fun for all!

The ladies Auxiliary Christmas Fair will also have Santa's presence and there will be a barbecue lunch with door prizes and lots of competitions. There will be a prize for the best dressed table, Christmas stocking, table centre, Christmas cake, homemade Christmas pudding, shortbread and best decorated bike and a prize for the best dressed girl and boy (under 13 years old). There will also be stalls showing off the many talents of local residents with lots of items for sale just in time for Christmas proper.

Remember there are other prizes for our residents to win. The best decorated shop will be judged on the 14th of December the same day the winner of the children's colouring competition will be announced and best decorated house on 21 December, and the street decorations will be put up during the first week in December. Details of all these events can also be read in the individual adverts published in 'Blackfish'.

There will also be many other things going on around the Town. Look out for the CWA Christmas tree at Woolworths and the decorated tree outside the hospital gates and Father Christmas flying around on his 'four wheel drive' sleigh. Listen out for the sirens of our wonderful Fire Brigade on their 'Lolly Ru n' around the houses. Then there will be the clock towers to look at with their myriad blips of coloured light. We all hope you will enjoy the efforts of your fellow townfolk and be proud to be a resident of this really great town.

Geoff Stokes.

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Holy Family, Maryknoll	Carols	7.30 pm	Mass	8.00 pm
St John the Baptist, Koo Wee Rup	Carols	6.15 pm	Mass	7.00 pm
St Joseph's, Iona	Carols	8.30 pm	Mass	9.00 pm

Christmas Day (Tuesday 25 December)

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The Rotary Club of Koo wee rup - Lang Lang is in full swing for Christmas Carols at the Lang Lang Showgrounds on Wednesday the 12th of December. Seems a bit strange to be speaking of Christmas when we are still in November as I write this report for the Blackfish but it isn't far away. Admission is a gold coin donation which includes a booklet. The Lang Lang Primary School will have the barbecue fired up, The 1st Lang Lang Scout Group are selling drinks, Cafe Alfresco will be in attendance with their coffee cart, or you can a picnic. Candles and glow sticks are available for purchase. Brian Candy, the Lang Lang Primary School Choir, Elisa & Charlotte Cammarano and Chloe Farnham will be performing. We have scheduled the man in the red suit to pay a visit so hopefully he is not too busy checking on others who have been naughty or nice to be able to be there. Gates open at 6pm and Carols will commence at approximately 7.30pm. This is a joint project by our Rotary Club with the Lang Lang Business Group so we hope to see many of you there.

There are many misconceptions about Rotary, we welcome you to come along. Our meetings are held fortnightly, the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Lang Lang Showgrounds Sports Club Rooms. For further information please contact our Secretary, Graham Warry on 0499 101 953. If you feel more comfortable in writing to us please address your interest or enquiry to 'Rotary Club of Koo wee rup - Lang Lang, P.O. Box 18, Lang Lang. Vic, 3984.'

We have our Christmas Dinner on the 19th of December, we will then break for a couple of weeks to enjoy our time with family and friends. Our club and members wish you all a Safe and Prosperous Christmas with Family and Friends over the Christmas Festivities period. We will be back to action with our Show'n'Shine on the 10th of February in 2019 at the Lang Lang Showgrounds.



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The annual St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal is a major source of funds for the organisation and they would greatly appreciate the community's assistance. Donations for our Christmas appeal of non-perishable food and small gifts for the children is appreciated by those in need and those who are struggling to make ends meet especially over the Christmas period.

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Koo Wee Rup Senior Citizens Club

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We all had a most enjoyable day at Warragul Golf Club. Our next big day is our Christmas Breakup in December. Our members wish everyone a safe and Happy Christmas.

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Lions Club

As we head for Christmas and 2019 with what seems ever increasing speed, there are two events with which the Club is involved early in December. Namely, the Club final of the Youth of the Year competition on Sunday 2nd December and the Community Carols in Cochranes Park on Saturday 8th December. More about these events in the next Blackfish article.

The major news for the month of November is that the Koo Wee Rup Secondary College will be working towards the formation of a Leo Club in 2019 .

Some while ago our current Lions Club President, Frank Grant suggested that the Club look into the feasibility of the formation of a Leo Club at the Secondary College. After adopting the idea a couple of the Lions Club's members met with senior members of the College's teaching staff to present a case for the formation of such a Club and were pleased to find that the Leo Club concept had an excellent fit with the College's current curriculum. Then, with the College's blessing, a meeting was held with the College's Student Representative Council, which resulted in that body overwhelming supporting the concept, with a decision to promote and, hopefully, form a Leo Club early in 2019.

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Lions Club *from previous page*

It is to be expected that a large portion of the readership will have little, if any, idea about the history, structure or aims of Leo Clubs, so the following attempts to fill that gap.

Leo Clubs are a youth organization of Lions Clubs International. The word "Leo" stands for

- i) Leadership – Leos develop skills as organisers and motivators of their peers,
- ii) Experience – Leos learn the importance of co-operation through community service,
- iii) Opportunity – Young people are given an opportunity to excel, to develop positive character traits and to receive recognition for their contributions to the community.



Leo Clubs encourage youths to develop leadership qualities by participating in social service activities. They are dependent on a Lions Club to sponsor and initiate a Leo Club. Leo Club members are addressed as "Leos." They conduct various projects in the fields of health care, elders, children, disabled, literacy and education, and self-development. Leos can raise funds by conducting fund-raising projects. They can conduct projects with another Leo Club, sponsoring Lions Club, or with an outside organization. Leo Clubs are sponsored by Lions Clubs and are an official program of Lions Clubs International.

Sixty one years ago, baseball coach Jim Graver started the Leo ball rolling. Back in 1957, Graver was the coach of the Abington High School, Pennsylvania, USA, baseball team. Graver was also an active member of the Glenside, Pennsylvania, Lions Club.

With fellow Lion, William Ernst, Graver talked about starting a service club for high school boys. "The Kiwanians had their Key Clubs and the Rotarians had their Wheel Club (since changed to Interact Clubs)," Ernst is quoted as saying in an October 7, 1976 newspaper article in "The Evening Bulletin." So they asked their fellow Lions for support. Without hesitation, the Glenside Lions agreed that a Lions youth group was a good idea. Graver and Ernst set to work.

A meeting was held at the High School, which was attended by Graver's baseball team and students from the school. Together, 26 baseball players and nine students formed the Abington High School Leo Club, which was chartered on 5 December 1957.

Today, the Leo Club Program is stronger than ever. Community service remains the cornerstone of the program. Like their Lion counterparts, Leo Club members enjoy serving their neighbours and watching positive results unfold.

In 2002, existing Leo Clubs declared themselves as either Alpha or Omega Leo Clubs. Members of Alpha Leo Clubs are between the ages of 12 and the legal age of majority in their country.

Omega Leo Club members are between the legal age of majority in their country and an age deemed appropriate by the Multiple District, usually 30 years. All other requirements are identical for Alpha and Omega Leo Clubs.

All Leo Clubs have been asked to declare their Clubs as either Alpha or Omega Leo Clubs. Alpha Leo Club advisors will accept a more active role in guiding young Leos to plan effective meetings and successful service projects. Omega Leo Club advisors will serve mainly as liaisons between the Leo Club and the sponsoring Lions Club.

The first Leo Club in Australia was formed at Ingham in 1968. There are now 133 Leo clubs in Australia with over 67 school-based clubs. The Leo Program has grown to include more than 159,775 Leos in over 141 countries and that number continues to grow.

It goes without saying that this Lions Club will provide whatever support the Koo Wee Rup Secondary College may need in its efforts to both form and successfully run its Leo Club. We Lions Club members are both proud and excited to have a further opportunity to nurture our wonderful young people.

Leo's Pledge

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I pledge of my ears,
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My eyes to see,
the plight of others.

My knowledge to bring
a man closer to his dreams

I pledge of myself for the betterment
of my community and my country.

Dog Walking Group

The Koo Wee Rup K9 Walking Group's annual summer dinner is planned for Monday 17th December, please contact Lyn on 0439 519 859 for details. We usually meet at the bus interchange carpark at 6:30pm every Monday and new members are welcome. The walk may be cancelled or dog-free on days of extreme heat. Please keep your dog/s on lead, ask before allowing your dog to greet unknown dogs, wear closed footwear and have waste bags at the ready! We wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.



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Customer Advisory Committee – the latest news.

At this month's meeting of the Community Advisory Committee, the procedures of the day commenced with a presentation by Dr. Ferghal Armstrong of the Blackfish Medical Clinic. His very interesting talk was based around the subject of Mental Health v Mental Illness and the involvement of your General Practitioner. Dr Armstrong provided the Committee with a very interesting, enjoyable and educational session on two of the highly common mental health conditions - Anxiety and Depression and explained how GP's may assess and treat these conditions and how they assist their patients.

Dr. Armstrong also explained how Mental Health plays an important role in the wellbeing of older people and indeed younger people. Eating well, exercising and being part of a community all help people to lead a healthy life. Receiving the appropriate support if things are not going well is equally important. Dr Armstrong also discussed changes to the legislation around Codeine and how this impacts patients. The Committee expressed their thanks to Dr. Armstrong for his excellent presentation.

After this very enlightening talk and a coffee break, the Committee looked at the ongoing business that this meeting should consider and action. Remember, the aim of this committee is to provide the Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service (KRHS) with feedback and advice from patients and users to improve and strengthen KRHS services, information, forward planning and future policy development of the Koo-Wee-Rup Regional Health Service.

That being so the Committee listened to updates of the current Home Care Problem, an update on the subject of the strengthening of hospital responses to Family Violence and also the hopes, and work being done, to create a separate 'Youth Hub' building' in the hospital grounds one day. Running parallel to the CAC's overall aim is the newly formed Patient Advocate Liaison Services (PALS). PALS is a free support service for patients and their families to help them with any problems that may arise during their stay in hospital. Tony Rodhouse (Volunteer Patient Advocate) was welcomed to the Committee. Tony will be attending each meeting and gave an update of how well the initiative has been received over the last four weeks. New posters were shown, and additional resources are currently being developed to support this great project.

Other relevant subjects were discussed such as the committee's close relationship with Cardinia Aged Friendly Alliance Committee and future interactions between the two committees. The Ready2GO project - Geoff Stokes gave an update on progress and training, and the news of a 'Meet and Greet' Session scheduled for the 7th November 2018. Another subject discussed was 'Social Media Strategy'. Leanne Duff discussed Social Media Tools and how Facebook has been a very successful medium for KRHS. A mention was also made of events that took place during Seniors' Week; the Expo at Pakenham Central, and the walk at Kurt Kiln, as well as connecting in with other events across the community during this dedicated week to our Senior citizens. Finally with the subject as 'Print and Media Publications', new brochures were reviewed: the Volunteer Booklet, Enhanced Primary care (EPC), Foot Care etc., all very clearly written in positive and simple terms.

Geoff Stokes

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Our calls this month were:

- 25/10/18 – Car accident – South Gippsland Hwy Koo Wee Rup
- 26/10/18 – Trees on fire – Manks Rd Dalmore
- 6/11/18 – House Fire – Boundary Drain Rd Koo Wee Rup
- 10/11/18 – Tractor Fire – Denhams Rd Koo Wee Rup
- 11/11/18 – Automatic Fire Alarm – Rossiter Rd Koo Wee Rup
- 20/11/18 – Powerlines down/sparking – McDonalds Drain Rd Koo Wee Rup
- 20/11/18 – Car accident – South Gippsland Hwy Lang Lang
- 20/11/18 – Trees over road – Several locations on Rossiter Rd Koo Wee Rup
- 25/11/18 – Car smoking after collision – Station St Koo Wee Rup

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All the News from the Koo-Wee-Rup Men's Shed

It's getting near to Christmas and the members of the Men's Shed have been very busy making wonderful decorative cut-outs for placing around the town to help give Koo-Wee-Rup a fantastic festive look for Christmas. These cut-outs of Santa, his elves, and helpers etc., will be painted by members of the KRHS art group.

'Music on the Grass' was a great success and it is the main fundraiser of the year for the Men's Shed so the members were very pleased with the outcome. A lot of people found their way to the event in the grounds of the Koo-Wee-Rup Regional Health Service (KRHS) and stayed to enjoy the excellent entertainment throughout the day. It was indeed very well organised, not only were the performers absolutely outstanding but so was the barbecue offering succulent food, and also the Community Stalls on the outer area. The president and the committee of the Men's Shed publically thank KRHS, Cardinia Shire Council, and the Bendigo Bank and all the many volunteers for their magnificent support and help.

Also a success was the latest 'Car Boot Sale' held in November. It is planned that this event will be a regular monthly occasion except during the real winter months. All sellers are very welcome and should contact Jeff Warren or George Fittock via the KRHS phone number 5997 9679. So come along on the day between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm, have a look round and remember; one person's trash is another person's treasure.

The planning for the new 'workshop' shed is well under way and it is expected that its detailed structural plans will be ready to be acted upon in the New Year. All the members are excited with this new venture that will see a dedicated metal-work and woodworking workshop away from, but still close to, the everyday social meeting area.

Coffee at the 'Shed is proving to be very popular with all types available so why not come along on any Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 11:00 am and 2:00 pm and enjoy yourself with a coffee of your choice a warm fire in the winter, a nice soft chair and the friendly company. Our members will give you a real warm welcome. There is always an open invitation to the men of Koo-Wee-Rup and District to come along, meet us, and enjoy the company of real good blokes and maybe get a boost to your own health and wellbeing at the same time.

It was at the Men's Shed that many RSL members and guests, hosted by the 'Shed committee and members, enjoyed a barbecue following a moving Centenary Remembrance Day service at the close-by Memorial Garden. It was an additional relaxing way in which everyone could stop and remember the 40 lads of Koo-Wee-Rup and District who died for us, our freedom, and our super Aussie lifestyle.

To finish and to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a good New Year here is the latest Men's Shed Tradies' joke.

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Geoff Stokes



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Great day out at 'Music on the Grass' 2018

The community enjoyed perfect weather and some amazing acts including some talented school children from both the local Secondary College as well as Kooweerup, Bayles and Cardinia Primary Schools. Families should be very proud of all the children who attended and were certainly a hit with everyone in the audience.

Another strong list of performers brought together by our own volunteer and well known local singer Jane Coupe were very well received and are to be congratulated on their amazing and professional performances. Chasing Ray was the headline act for this year and certainly did not disappoint. Lots of delicious food and drink were provided by the volunteers in the Men's Shed and Ladies Auxiliary. Having received lots of positive feedback it's clear that everyone who came along really enjoyed the day and we would love to welcome an even bigger crowd next year.

Thanks again to everyone involved and for showing such wonderful community spirit in supporting the fantastic work our men's shed do with all monies raised being put back into this worthwhile and necessary group who do so much for their members and the local community.



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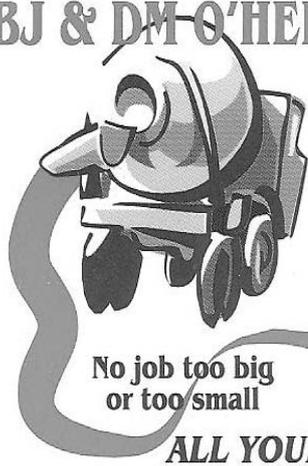
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Cranbourne Meteorites

By Heather Arnold on behalf of the Koo wee Rup Swamp Historical Society

The first meteorite discovered in the Cranbourne region was in 1853. The first time they came to the public notice was in 1854 at the Melbourne Exhibition when a horseshoe was exhibited made from a specimen of iron from Western Port. This iron turned out to have come from the Cranbourne No. 1 meteorite. Another crop of iron (Cranbourne No.2) had also been discovered 6km from the first however it wasn't until 1860 that the two outcrops of 'iron' were identified as meteorites. This publicity bought to life another meteorite which had been unearthed in 1857. This meteorite is known as Cranbourne No. 3. These meteorite discoveries created interest overseas partly due to their size, and were reported in scientific papers.

We will look at the meteorites in detail. Cranbourne No. 1, weighs 3,550kg is now housed at the National History Museum in London. It has been in England since 1865 when it was acquired by the British Museum. It was found around Craigs Road in Devon Meadows.

Cranbourne No. 2 weighs 1,525 kg and is at the Melbourne Museum, though it was initially purchased by the British Museum for £300 in 1862. Colonial scientists strongly protested at the loss to England of both these meteorites and so Cranbourne No.2 was returned to Melbourne. It had been discovered in Clyde at the property owned by James and Charlotte Lineham.

Cranbourne No.3 was discovered in 1857 and was 6.8kg. It was found on the same farm as Cranbourne No.1 and had been broken in two, one part being used as a kitchen hob. Unfortunately both pieces are now lost. Cranbourne No.4 is 1270 kgs and Cranbourne No.5 weighs 356 kg. They are both at the Melbourne Museum and were both unearthed in separate locations in 1923 in the Devon Meadows area between Browns Road and North Road.

Cranbourne No.6 was discovered in Pakenham, west of the Toomuc Creek, during works connected to the widening of the Princes Highway, in 1928 and weighs 40.5 kg. Numbers 7 & 8 were both discovered in 1923, in the same paddock as No.5 and weigh 153 kg and 23.6 kgs respectively. Numbers 4, 5, 6 and 8 are at the Melbourne Museum and no.7 is at the University of Melbourne.

No.9 was discovered in 1876 in a railway cutting about three kilometres east of the Beaconsfield Railway station and weighs 75 kg. It was broken up into samples which are now at various Institutions around the world. Cranbourne No.10 was found at Langwarrin in 1886, by a farmer ploughing his field. No.11 was discovered two kilometres north of Pearcedale in 1903. No.10 is 914 kg in weight and is at the Melbourne Museum and No. 11 is at the National Museum in Washington, and weighs 762 kg.

Number 12 was also found in Pearcedale, in 1927 though it was not identified as a meteorite until 1982. This 23 kg piece was on display at the now demolished City of Casey Civic Centre at Narre Warren, I believe it is currently in storage. The last and thirteenth meteorite was found on a market garden at Clyde, and weighs 85 kg. The farmer had been working around this rock for years, but it was only dug up and identified as a meteorite in 2008. Though he could have sold it for a large sum of money, he generously donated it to the Melbourne Museum and it is now on display at the Casey RACE Leisure Centre at Cranbourne.

Most of these meteorites were discovered by chance, mostly by farmers ploughing their paddocks. The Meteorites were all located in a straight line, except for the slight deviations of No.6 and No.11, and are 21 kilometres apart. There are no large craters, such as the one at Wolfe Creek in Western Australia, as the Cranbourne Meteorites impacted at a low angle on swampy or sandy ground. Our meteorites are iron of the Octahedrite type, the most common type of iron meteorite and are some of the heaviest in the world. I wonder how many other meteorites may still lie undiscovered in our area?

The Koo-Wee-Rup Swamp Historical Society meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm at Mallow house in Rossiter Road, corner of Henry Street. Our last meeting for 2018 and Christmas party is on Wednesday, December 12 at 6.00pm. New members welcome. Stay tuned for the gala re-opening of the Museum in February 2019! Heather Arnold harnold@dcsi.net.au ☎0407 521 637.



Cranbourne meteorite with the chain which was employed to pull it from its position for transport to the Melbourne Museum, 21 February 1862. Photographer: Richard Daintree. Photo from the State Library of Victoria collection

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT
8th of December



After last years success with over 1,000 people enjoying the carols presentation and fireworks, your committee has again come together to run this event at Cochrane Park, Koo Wee Rup.

MUSIC - FIREWORKS - GUEST ARTISTS - FUN FOR ALL

SPECTACULAR FIREWORKS *Starts at nightfall
Please confine animals
from 8.30 to 9.15 pm*

Our Fireworks contractor Howards, stage the New Year's Eve display from the rooftops of the Melbourne CBD. Positive comments after last year's display encouraged us to lock them in for Koo Wee Rup residents to enjoy once more.

Cardinia Council, the Bendigo Bank, Koo Wee Rup Township Committee and the Lions Club of Koo Wee Rup have all made big contributions to ensure our event is again one of the best of its type. Local businesses have also willingly come on board to finance the huge cost of mounting a first class Carols by Candlelight and Fireworks.

THE FUN STARTS AT 7pm

The committee recommends people bring a chair and arrive at 6.30 so we can get underway at 7pm. Community Groups will serve a wide range of food and tea and coffee will be available from professional vendors.

FATHER CHRISTMAS

Father Christmas will arrive to spread goodwill and distribute confectionery to the children. A 22 piece Koo Wee Rup Secondary College orchestra under the direction of Claudia Barker will accompany the choir, guest artists and singers.

The Lions Club has had the assistance of the Men's Shed, Turning Point Church, Koo Wee Rup RSL, 1st Koo Wee Rup Scouts, Koo Wee Rup Secondary College and the Koo Wee Rup Township Committee who have contributed their ideas so we can maximise your enjoyment.

FREE SONG BOOKS

We thank the Bendigo Bank who have donated the printing for the event as well as their major sponsorship.

All we need is good weather and we will have a night to remember.

For further information contact program chairman, Ron Payne on 5997 1916.

This is an alcohol free event

Kooweerup REGIONAL HEALTH CENTRE Ladies Auxiliary

Christmas Fair

Sunday 16th December
10am - 5pm
Masonic Hall, 238 Rossiter Road,
Koo Wee Rup

Stalls
BBQ Lunch
Santa
Competitions
Door prizes

Entry - gold coin
Children - free
Enquiries - Joyce Mills 5997 1571

Competitions you can enter:

- Best dressed table
- Best decorated stocking
- Best decorated table centre
- Best decorated Christmas cake
- Best decorated Lions Christmas cake
- Best homemade pudding
- Best homemade shortbread
- Best decorated bike *Judging at 2pm
- Best dressed boy and girl (under 13) *

KooWeeRup Fire Brigade

Annual Santa Run

Wednesday 12th December

Tesoro Estate
Approx. 4pm to 5pm

Lauriston Park Estate (Townley Rd)
Approx. 4.30pm to 5.30pm

Vicinity of John Street, Alexander Ave
Approx. 5pm to 6pm

Walker Estate (Bailey Boulevard)
Approx. 5.30pm to 6.30pm

Shelton Park Estate & Charles Street
Approx. 6pm to 7pm

Original Koo Wee Town Centre Santa Run Koo Wee Rup
Approx. 6.30pm to 7.30pm

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Santa will be driving around town with the fire trucks giving out lollies to the kids. We ask that you donate cans and non-perishable items in return. The items will be given to the 4C's to support those in need this Christmas.

Santa may not come down your street —but his helpers will come down and ask you to meet at the top of your street.

215-235 Rossiter road, Koo Wee Rup

Koo Wee Rup community

Market

Sites \$20

Fresh produce | plants | brick-a-brac |
animals | food | and more

January
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Saturday

8:30am – 1:30pm

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