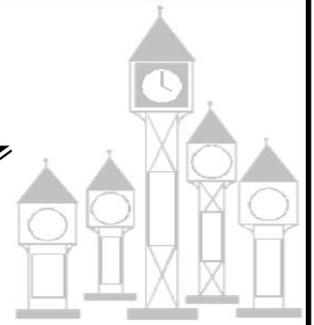


# THE KOO WEE RUP BLACKFISH



FEBRUARY 2018

## AUSTRALIA DAY 2018



The community gathered in Koo Wee Rup on Australia Day morning to celebrate community members who have made a significant contribution to helping others.

Once again the Township Committee provided an egg & bacon roll breakfast with the invaluable help of the CWA in the kitchen. The Scouts and RSL combined for the flag raising ceremony and the Scouts led the singing of the National Anthem.

Pictured are the Mayor, Collin Ross, giving his Australia Day address. CWA President, Lyndsay Sharp and junior CWA member Keely helping out in the kitchen. Volunteers cooking the eggs for breakfast.

Details of award winners are on pages 3-5.



## THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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

Cr Ray Brown has advocated for the improvements to the Tennis Courts at Cochrane Park to be included in the Supplementary Capital Works Budget. Proposal is for four courts, players shelters and new wiring and floodlights to be completed in the 2017/18 financial year. Also aiming for the Swimming club rooms to be refurbished including toilets for use by the tennis club.

The new managers at Gumbuya World presented to council on the upgrades they are making to the local tourist attraction. The Water World attraction will re-open in mid December. Future developments include a Chocolate Factory, microbrewery, Nature Walk and Dinosaur exhibition.

Senior Citizens will now deal direct to council rather than through MECWA Care. This should mean that funding can go further as no "middle-man".

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## Australia Day Award Winner - Iris (Tobe) Florance



*Tobe Florance with her great grandchildren*

Iris Florance, better known to most locals as Tobe has been an active contributor to the Koo Wee Rup Community for most of her life.

Tobe was a founding member of the KWR Fire Brigade Ladies Auxiliary. Their first meeting was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> November 1956. Tobe has been an active member of the Ladies Auxiliary ever since and recently celebrated her 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with the Auxiliary with a dinner held at the KWR Hotel where a number of past members joined her for an entertaining evening swapping stories and catching up with old friends. Tobe was awarded her Life Membership in 1981. She still attends meeting on a regular basis and helps with any of the Auxiliary's activities where she can. Over her time with the auxiliary she has been President multiple times,

Senior Vice President, Secretary and Press Officer.

Tobe was very involved with the West Gippsland Basketball competition (as it was then known, now netball). She was a key member of the married women's team. Involved in the sport at many levels, helping with coaching, umpiring and anywhere else she could. Still a keen supporter of the KWR Netball Club, Tobe attends every home game. To give you an insight into Tobe's commitment, the article at right was in a Kooweerup Sun from August 1950.

In more recent years Tobe was active for many years on the committee of the Seniors Club in Koo Wee Rup. Always available to lend a hand with Club activities, her sandwich making abilities are legendary. She was awarded life membership of the club for her service in 2011.

But what of the basketballers? Fighting against great odds, one player with a bandage around her knee spent more time on the ground than standing up, but eventually Betty was replaced by Val Lewis after much changing of trousers and shoes. (I wondered why so many spectators had gone to watch the girls!) Then "Happy" Keast went down with a sprained ankle, and the only reserve left to take her place was the umpire, Mrs Florance, who played in her newly dry-cleaned slacks.

## Australia Day Award Winner - Suzanne de Pelsenaire

*nominated by Professor Colette McKay, Leader, Transitional Hearing Research, Bionics Institute*

For many years now, Suzanne has worked diligently to help hearing impaired people like herself to a better quality of life. To help the Bionics Institute to improve the lives of severely deaf people, Suzanne has opened her garden to the public every year in Spring. Not only does she work tirelessly to make her garden beautiful for the day to attract many visitors, but she coordinates her friends and relatives to help on the open day and to provide plants for sale. The proceeds of her work have helped us to develop a new laboratory that will help infants born deaf to develop good language and subsequently an improved quality of life. Not only have we been able to buy the equipment we need for this important work, but we have been able to make our laboratory child-friendly with beautiful quilts and toys.

You may think that the above work is worthy on its own for an award, but Suzanne goes a further mile by participating herself in many research projects that are aimed at improving the way a cochlear implant works. For this, she travels frequently to Melbourne to participate in our research, and that of other research groups in Melbourne that are aiming to improve how cochlear implants work. She also makes herself available to talk to mentor other deaf people who are considering having an implant.

I cannot think of anyone more worthy of an Australia Day award!



*Suzanne de Pelsenaire with Professor Colette McKay*

## Australia Day Award Winners

Each year the township committee asks our local schools to nominate students for recognition on Australia Day. These young people should be willing to be involved and assist others. Have leadership qualities and a commitment to the wellbeing of the school community and show a dedication to their school and schooling.

### CARDINIA PRIMARY SCHOOL

#### Cristina Jonoski

Cristina has been elected School Captain for 2018 by her peers and staff at Cardinia Primary School. Cristina is an exemplary student - extremely motivated and dedicated to her studies. Her work is always of the highest standard and a real credit to her endeavours. Cristina has a very caring and personal nature who goes out of her way to assist in any way that she can at Cardinia Primary School. Cristina is a fantastic role model for all students, leading by example. She is truly a fantastic ambassador of the school who goes about her work in a quiet and diligent manner.

#### Connor Carmody

Excels both in the sporting arena and academically. In athletics, swimming and team sports Connor has competed at the Zone Level of Interschool sports where he has acquitted himself extremely well. Connor is also a very diligent student, achieving extremely high grades in all areas of his classroom work. Connor's exceptional talents were recognised by his peers and Staff at Cardinia Primary School when he was elected School Captain for the 2018 School year. Connor has a quiet determination that he utilises well to get the best out of himself.

### BAYLES REGIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

#### Kayla Beveridge

Kayla always has the best interests of others' and continually makes our school and her family proud. Kayla is a reflective learner who is constantly learning about the world she lives in. Kayla was selected as one of our School Captains for 2018. She has consistently displayed leadership qualities all throughout her years at Bayles Regional Primary School. She is confident, persistent, resilient, organised and a team player. Kayla is a talented musician who plays the violin and guitar. She regularly volunteers with The Bayles Church to entertain the residents at Killara Nursing Home in KWR. This is a highlight of the residents day and Kayla loves to make them happy. Kayla loves to ride the motorbikes at home and is the 'best big sister' in the world. She is loved by all her family and her Aunts love to have her around as she is a great helper and carer for all of her cousins. Kayla excels at school and has a very bright future ahead.



Kayla and Mily with Mayor Collin Ross

#### Mily Jenkins

Mily is an outstanding student who puts in 100% + in everything she does. She is constantly helping others, especially in a wellbeing capacity and has some great strategies that she shares with others when dealing with conflict. She is well mannered and assists others where needed. We know we can depend on Mily to get things done. Mily has been selected as one of our School Captains this year as she has consistently displayed leadership qualities throughout her short time at Bayles Regional Primary School. Mily has volunteered at Mums Supporting Families In Need in Seaford this year. She thoroughly enjoyed helping others less fortunate than herself. Mily is extremely organised and has a passion to help others succeed and feel safe.

### KOO WEE RUP SECONDARY COLLEGE

#### Chloe Wells

Chloe was chosen as an exemplary student when it comes to representing the College's values of Personal Best, Responsibility and Resilience. She is an outstanding academic student who always sets the highest standards for herself and works accordingly. She also has demonstrated that she is able to tackle challenges and show remarkable resilience when things get difficult.

#### Cameron Fearn

Cameron was chosen because of how well he represents the College's values of respect, responsibility and resilience. He is always prepared to assist others, to volunteer his time to help out staff and students, to make the right decisions when it can be difficult and shows exemplary behaviour in the classroom. Most importantly helping out is just what he does – and he doesn't expect any reward.

## Australia Day Award Winners

### ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PRIMARY SCHOOL

#### Jack Edden

Jack's cheerful demeanour makes him a friend to all. He is an outstanding student in every way - in all areas of the curriculum and extra-curricular activities. Jack is thoughtful, kind and honest. Jack displays drive and ambition in all areas of school life. He is a credit to himself, his family and the St John's School Community and, as such, he is undoubtedly a worthy recipient of a Koo Wee Rup Junior Citizen Award.



*Jack and Hannah with Mayor Collin Ross*

#### Hannah Seuren

Hannah is dedicated to her school and schooling. She supports the ethos of the school at every opportunity. Hannah is an all-round positive person. She shows a sincere concern for others in the school community, happily assisting those in need. On a community level, Hannah is involved in local sporting clubs, volunteering her time to umpire junior development netball. She can be very proud of her participation, attitude and effort. Hannah is a worthy recipient of a Koo Wee Rup Junior Citizen Award.

### KOO WEE RUP PRIMARY SCHOOL

#### Sienna Roden

Sienna has been an exceptional School Leader at KWRPS in 2017. She is always actively involved in all community events the school participates in, including the Dawn Service and Music On The Grass. Sienna has also supported the school's Breakfast program where she volunteers her time weekly. Sienna always pushes herself to take on all challenges. This is evident in the fact she was successful in attaining an Academic Scholarship at KWRSC for 20187 and has also been accepted to the SEAL Program. Sienna has been an active member of the local Scouts group for a significant period of time. She has also begun volunteering time at the local Op Shop to support the efforts of this much needed group within our community. Sienna will continue to be a valuable member of our local community as she makes the transition to secondary school.



*Lara with the Koo Wee Rup Scouts*

#### Lara Johnson

Lara has always involved herself in all school activities with enthusiasm and positivity. She has a strong 'others first' mindset and is always considering the needs of others in her actions. This selfless attitude is one of the key qualities which shone through as Lara was selected as one of KWRPS's School Leaders for 2018. Lara is an amazing role model for her peers in the way she approaches all challenges with a 'can do' attitude. Lara is actively involved within our local community and was a founding member of the KWR Cricket Club's girls side and continues to lead the way in this sport. Lara is also a very active and enthusiastic member of our local scouting movement. Lara is an exemplary junior citizen of Koo Wee Rup and thoroughly deserves this award.

### KOO WEE RUP SECONDARY COLLEGE

#### Sarah Bayliss

Sarah was chosen for her outstanding work last year as the College Captain of the school. As a student leader she showed great maturity, commitment and communication skills. She excelled in representing the school and the student body and was able to seamlessly work with people of all ages. In particular she developed a close understanding of how schools operate through her place on the College Council and represented student issues very effectively.

#### Alix Galante

Alix was chosen for her outstanding work last year as Vice College Captain of the school. As a student leader she showed great maturity, commitment and communication skills. She excelled in representing the school and the student body and was able to seamlessly work with people of all ages. Her personal development was remarkable as she moved from having little experience of student leadership to successfully taking on one of the most important positions in the school.



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## Township Committee Meeting Minutes *(from page 1)*

Councillors from Cardinia attended the opening of Bunjil Place the new home for Casey Council in Narre Warren. This development was supported by federal funding as well as Casey Council's input.

Councillor Brown suggested that in future Christmas Lights could be displayed on the Clock Towers. This was accepted by the meeting. The Township Committee ask the Koo Wee Rup CFA to purchase Christmas lights and install them at the Clock Towers. The Township committee will fund the purchase.

There have been suggestions of a new prison to be constructed in south east Melbourne. Ray stated that nothing had been presented to council; he will investigate and report at the next meeting.

Ray advised that VicTrack are currently designing several options for removal of part of the old railway platform and the upgrade restoration of the remainder.

Frank Crameri asked that a new sign for the Community Centre at Cochrane Park be considered when upgrades to the Tennis Court are completed.

Music on the Grass was a very successful event again this year.

The mentoring program is running well, further information on the Men's Shed programs are in the Blackfish.

Ready To Go Program – Fleur Hamilton-Weeks, Ready2Go Project Coordinator.

Ready to Go is a partnership with Eco Youth and Family Services, it was initiated in Emerald after the Black Saturday Bushfires. The program links volunteers with participants who are vulnerable in an emergency (eg Heatwave, flood, fire). The Cockatoo program has been running since 2009. Volunteers are linked to participants with a similar background or interests. Once the program is established one of the local volunteers would coordinate the program. The District Nursing Service has already started a register of vulnerable people in the community.

The Ready to Go program has a risk assessment tool and will develop a plan in response to an emergency, this will include pets of identified vulnerable people. Each plan is individual to each person. The program is looking for local people to volunteer s to support vulnerable people in our community. Once volunteers are, registered training will be organised by the Cockatoo coordinator. The program has a social component and there will be a few events organised during the year to bring everyone together. This is initially a Two Year Pilot Program.

The training will be towards the end of January 2018 if enough volunteers have registered. Volunteers would require police and working with children checks. This program is happening across the shire. The Vulnerable people list has very strict conditions and processes have been developed to manage many situations.

David McPherson suggested that some of the residents of the units in Icke Road would be candidates to participate in the program.

The smell around Woolworths has again become noticeable. It was advised that this be reported directly to council or the EPA.

Frank Crameri raised the issue of the Avenue of Honour in Cochrane Park, some of the trees have died. Gus Moore advised that he is meeting with council officers and will raise this issue.

Considering Councillor Brown's advice that Community Capital Works Grants were now open for applications the Committee was looking for suggestions for projects that could be submitted for funding. Some suggestions were:

- More seating along the walking trails in town
- Solar lighting along some of pathways that currently are not lit at night.

Gwen Lengersdorf asked how the current development in Koo Wee Rup is meeting the Township Strategy. Councillor Brown advised that the Township Strategy did not have the weighting in development decisions that was intended. The Manager of Planning is considering using the Township Strategy to develop overlays within the planning scheme which will strengthen the intent of the strategy.

Gwen also raised the issue of flooding from the South East Catchdrain, and flooding of Koo Wee Rup in general and asked about the nomination of the Community Centre as an emergency centre. The secretary will investigate the plans contained on the SES website.

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Caroline Roff, Editor

## Lions Club Report

It seems like only yesterday we were looking forward to the festive season and now we find ourselves into the second month of 2018 – how time flies when you're having fun!

Going back to the start of December 2017, the Club was involved in two major projects.

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December the Club, with the able assistance of a number of other community organisations, organised the new look Koo Wee Rup Community Carols by Candlelight.

It is almost certain that others contributing to this month's Blackfish will also be reporting on this event. So, instead of writing a lengthy article, the Club would like to acknowledge what a fantastic success the evening was, with what appeared to be well over 1,000 in attendance. The members would also like to acknowledge the outstanding contribution Lion Ron Payne, who was the driving force behind the event, made to the success of the evening. Ron not only brought the community committee together, but also worked tirelessly with the committee towards a most memorable outcome. What an outstanding job, which sets a wonderful foundation for 2018.

Sincere thanks must also be extended to all those individuals, organisations and businesses which in a number of ways sponsored the event. Without this support this year's Carols may not have happened.

On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December the Club final of the Youth of the Year competition was held at the Senior Citizen's Hall in Icke Street with four contestants participating, again all from the Koo Wee Rup Secondary College – the College continues to give exceptional support to our Club.

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

This year, President Sheryl Blay took on the mantle of the Club's YOTY Chairman and compered the event, introducing the judges and contestants, Joel Mudge, Camryn Walker, Simone Geyer and Taign Horsburgh.

The impromptu questions were:

1. *What do you think is important for school to teach to prepare students for the future?*
2. *If I ruled the world.*

Recognising these questions required the contestants to think on their feet, without preparation, they all acquitted themselves extremely well. It was interesting to note that, with Question 1, all contestants spoke about the need for schools to not only teach academic subjects, but to also teach students some basic life skills. *(Continued next page)*



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## Lions Club Report *(from previous page)*

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

*Joel Mudge:* Joel asked whether Australia should involve itself overseas in the fight against terrorism. Some may say that Australia should not involve itself, because it is not that country's business. Joel advocated strongly that Australia must involve itself in such a fight, because terrorism is a global problem and it is only by countries working closely together that terrorist acts anywhere in the world can be minimised. Australia also has a moral responsibility towards those affected by acts of terrorism. A thought-provoking presentation.

*Camryn Walker:* Camryn discussed the disconnection between many young and old people caused by technology. Young people have been brought up with electronic devices as the norm, which has resulted in many of them conducting their lives through social media, which requires little face-to-face contact. Many members of the older generation are not 'tech savvy' and still rely heavily of face-to-face communications. Another excellent presentation, delivered with great conviction.

*Simone Geyer:* Simone explored the effect on young people born into families where no family members have worked for a considerable period of time, with such families existing on unemployment and welfare benefits. Not only can such a regime have devastating consequences on members of these families, but, on occasion, some families are better off 'on the dole' than they would be if gainfully employed. Simone believes the Federal Government must resolve this situation to reduce the burden on taxpayers and to put monies saved into other critical areas, such as education, health and aged care. Another thought-provoking topic.

*Taign Horsburgh:* Taign advocated for the introduction of a national sugar tax in an effort to address the problem Australia has with obesity. Taign reminded us of the extremely high quantities of sugar contained in some products, particularly soft and energy drinks, which is not only a major cause of obesity, but is also a major contributor to a host of other diseases, particularly diabetes, which is currently at a frightening level in Australia. Taign suggested a campaign similar to that used to encourage people to quit smoking could be used. An excellent presentation.

After considerable deliberation, the three judges, Susanne Rutten, Mat Anderton and Brian Harlow declared Taign Horsburgh as the winner of the public speaking component, with Joel Mudge being the overall winner.

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



L to R: Simone Geyer, District Youth of the Year Chairman Colin Stevens, Joel Mudge, Judge Susanne Rutten, President Sheryl, Judge Mat Anderton, Camryn Walker, Judge Brian Harlow, Taign Horsburgh

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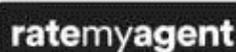
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## Koo Wee Rup RSL Sub Branch Report

Always a joy and a privilege to visit our schools and to be invited to our Secondary College in November is something even more so - as we all know it is that time of the year, when exams are being conducted and everyone at the college is even busier; yet we were warmly welcomed by the college principal Mr Patton, assistant principal Mrs Nicholson and the teaching staff and, of course, our students, who are always very respectful and attentive. As I looked at all the young faces, I am one with their parents and teachers as we hope and pray to live without war and that no harm will ever come to our young people.

It is a wonderful feeling to be surrounded by the amazing people that we have in our community and for them to be with us on Remembrance Day. It is with immense gratitude that we remember our fallen, prisoners of war and those broken in body and mind by the horrors of war; for it is because of their supreme sacrifice that we live in freedom, which must never be taken for granted, nor abused. Throughout my life, the fallen and all those of that generation have inspired and motivated me to be the best version of myself; I feel sure that most of us, if not all of us, can say the same.

Our primary schools were represented, but we really missed seeing large numbers of grade 6s at the Remembrance Ceremony as we truly appreciate having them with us.

Many thanks to Petty Officer Ellen Clark for clearing lower deck of the entire TS Tingara crew and to must at the KWR cenotaph. We are so very privileged and grateful to all involved for their dedication and commitment shown to us.

A very big thank you to the scouts group, it is great to have you with us and so ready to assist in any emergency, as well as doing an excellent job at the BBQ after the ceremony.

As I have stated above, it is a wonderful feeling being surrounded by the amazing people in our community and it is indeed my pleasure to congratulate Josie Bennett and Tim Miller on their remarkable achievement in being awarded the Australian Scout Medallion.

May I also express my belated congratulation to Miss Sally Jensen on her receiving her Queen Scout Award. An extraordinary achievement, by a very delightful young lady who is involved in everything that is good, as well as radiating joy by her beaming smiles.

I can't let this opportunity slip by without saying how blessed we are in our community to have people all those at the scouts, who willingly devote much of their time to the betterment of our young people. One has to be at the scout hall to see and feel the family atmosphere the children enjoy. So, to Mrs June Wright and all those involved; my heartfelt thanks for the wonderful work you do, it is you who make all the above possible; you must be doing more than something right - children come from all over the shire and beyond to join the Koo Wee Rup Scout Group.

Lastly I wish to thank all our sponsors and especially our RSL members for supporting Win, in her effort to raise the funds necessary for our museum.

I hope our community enjoyed a Holy and joy filled Christmas. May the love of our Lord Jesus enfold you and your dear ones and may He keep you in His protective care and Peace.

We will remember them.

Lest we forget.

*Yours Aye, John Camilleri, President, KWR RSL Sub Branch*

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Tuesday 27th  
Curriculum Day

I hope that everyone in our community has enjoyed a restful and enjoyable holiday period with their family and friends. It has again been a busy time here at the school, with the final fitout of the new portable being completed and new furniture and resources arriving. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of our new students and their families to our school. I look forward to working with you together to achieve great things with our students.

With our continued growth here at KWRPS, we are also welcoming some new staff to the school. Our new staff are Nicola Downie (Foundation), Kimberley Collis (Foundation), Carly Millichap (Senior School 5/6), Kayla Wallis (Senior School 5/6) and Rachel Hyatt (Business Manager). I am sure you will all join me in making them feel very welcome to KWRPS.

Congratulations to Sienna Roden and Lara Johnson, our 2 very deserving Australia Day award recipients. We are extremely proud of their achievements and the work they do within our local community.

The year ahead promises to be an extremely exciting one, with upgrades to our facilities and also many more new initiatives being introduced to further support the needs of all of our students. I look forward to sharing them all with you throughout 2018.

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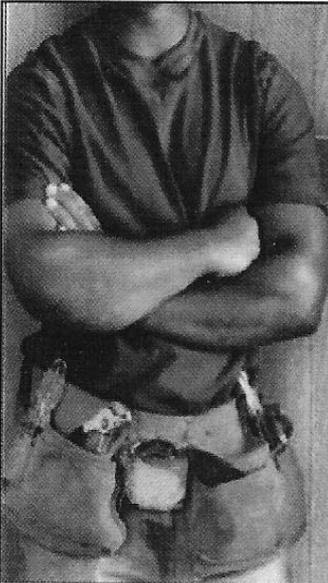
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## Change is coming to Scouting in Koo Wee Rup!



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In 2018 we want to share Scouting not just amongst ourselves but with everyone in our fantastic community. We are planning to run a trivia night with the Lions Club, participate at the events at Harewood Estate, ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day while we (the Rover Scouts) continue to help out at the Lodge, just to name a few things.

If you are a community group and would like us to help at an event or just to raise some much-needed cash, please don't hesitate to get in touch as we would love to work with you.

We will also be camping and hiking, having fun and learning what it takes to become a leader of tomorrow as we continued to do over summer (see photos). The Joey Scouts are preparing for Kangaree (an overnight sleep over in Drouin with all the other Joey Scouts in the state), the Scouts are preparing for Jamboree (10 day national camp in SA) and the Venturer Scouts are getting ready for Venture (12 day camp in NZ).

***It is an exciting time to be a part of Scouting and we would love to share it with you!***

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## End of year at the Koo Wee Rup Men's Shed.

A very happy and successful year finished with members of the Men's Shed helping to organize and run a wonderful "Carols by Candlelight" evening in Cochrane Park. Together with superb guest artists, a full orchestra, an evening market, and a scrumptious barbecue, the night ended with a thunderous and spectacular fireworks display; who could forget all that? We send our many, many thanks to all our helpers and volunteers.

Nearer to Christmas at the 'Shed', the members and a few guests enjoyed a happy luncheon get-together to mark the end of yet another fruitful year. Glasses were raised in toasts to all who had made the year the best yet, with the future to be even better in 2018.

Plans for 2018 include the continuation of computer lessons for the over fifties, the art classes for budding artists, and the re-starting of the youth mentoring programs during and after school times for senior students. The Men's Shed is open six days a week, Monday to Saturday and non-members are always made very welcome; if you are one and thinking about it, go on, come down and give it a try, you won't be disappointed. If you are feeling a little anxious or maybe even depressed a bit, come in and have a chat with some new friends who can help make you feel great again.

Now ... some thankyou's must be made especially to Jeff Warren who is using his innate building skills and craftsmanship in relining, insulating, and beautifying the inside of the Men's Shed building. Jeff is doing a splendid job; again we say - come along and have a look. To John Farmer - general factotum - who looks after the garden and it's harvests and, in the winter, lights the fires to keep us all warm; thank you John. And finally, many thanks to George Fittock, our hard working and ubiquitous president, who has recently had a bad run health-wise. We all wish George a speedy recovery and for George to get back to his best self in this New Year.

Remember, there is always an open invitation to men of the area to join us and enjoy the company and we can guarantee a boost to their health and wellbeing.

To finish, here is the latest Men's Shed Tradies' joke:

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Most of our walkers fitted in a break plus continuing our walks during unpredictable weather conditions. Since early December we have been **pelted with heavy rain and were even washed out once. Other times have been really pleasant especially after a hot day.** We walk at 7 pm every Thursday night leaving from the Koo Wee Rup Clock Towers in Rossiter Rd. We combine social occasions with our walks and on one of our extremely wet nights when we had planned a group walk at Cardinia Lakes (includes the 110 step challenge), we ended up having a nice social meal instead. Anyway we are continuing to walk every Thursday night at 7 pm until Daylight Saving finishes in early April, so here is an opportunity to establish some good exercise habits.

Also remember we have the Dog Walkers at 6 pm Mondays leaving from the Koo Wee Rup Clock Towers and the two day time groups which meet at 9 am on Mondays and Thursdays at the front gate of Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service.

Enquiries to Marlene on 0429 814410

## Koo Wee Rup Dog Walking Group

The Koo Wee Rup K9 Walking Group is going on a beach excursion on Monday 5th February 2018. After a hot and humid January we thought booking in a beach date is the best way to make it rain! Please contact Lyn on 0439 519 859 for meeting details if you would like to come along. Except for

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## KWR Regional Health Service Ladies Auxiliary

The KRHS Ladies Auxiliary are once again organizing 'Scots on the Swamp' Harewood House Open Day on March 18th 2018.

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Our Christmas Raffle Winners  
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## CWA Update

The KWR CWA starts again with our first meeting on Monday February 5th, 7.30pm at the Koo Wee Rup Primary School. Any local women interested in meeting a dynamic group of ladies who donate time to support local events and groups, are more than welcome. The ages vary from 30-60 in the group with junior girls as well!

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## Recipe: Lamingtons

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### INGREDIENTS

125g butter, softened  
 1 cup caster sugar  
 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract  
 3 eggs  
 1 3/4 cups self-raising flour, sifted  
 1/2 cup milk  
 2 cups desiccated coconut

### ICING

3 1/2 cups icing sugar mixture  
 1/4 cup cocoa powder  
 1 tablespoon butter, softened  
 1/2 cup boiling water

### METHOD

#### Step 1

Preheat oven to 180°C/160°C fan-forced. Grease a 3cm-deep, 20cm x 30cm (base) lamington pan. Line with baking paper, leaving a 2cm overhang on all sides. Using an electric mixer, beat butter, sugar and vanilla until light and fluffy. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating well after each addition (mixture may curdle).

#### Step 2

Sift half the flour over butter mixture. Stir to combine. Add half the milk. Stir to combine. Repeat with remaining flour and milk. Spoon into prepared pan. Smooth top. Bake for 30 minutes or until a skewer inserted in centre comes out clean. Stand in pan for 10 minutes. Turn out onto a wire rack. Cover with a clean tea towel. Set aside overnight.

#### Step 3

Make icing: Sift icing sugar and cocoa into a bowl. Add butter and boiling water. Stir until smooth.

#### Step 4

Cut cake into 15 pieces. Place coconut in a dish. Using a fork, dip 1 piece of cake in icing. Shake off excess. Toss in coconut. Place on a wire rack over a baking tray. Repeat with remaining cake, icing and coconut. Stand for 2 hours or until set. Serve



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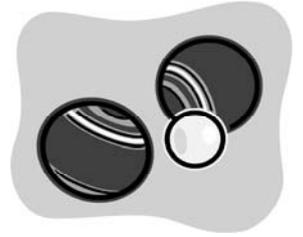
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Congratulations to our Club Champions for season 2017/18 with Pauline Gray defeating Julie Walker in the Ladies final & Rob Matthews beating Peter Butera. This was the 2<sup>nd</sup> win for Pauline & 1<sup>st</sup> win for Rob in these competitions.

Our Twilight bowls season has commenced and is an invitation to anyone who would like to try the game in a friendly & fun atmosphere. Sausage sizzle at 6.00 p.m. followed by a couple of games to finish approximately 8.99 p.m. Come along as all you need is a pair of flat soled shoes, thongs or play barefooted.

Forced to make a number of late Div. 2 played the strong Karingal team in Rd. 7. These changes also impacted on Div. 7. A 77-109 loss in Div. 2 was the end result. K.McMahon, P.Butera, R.Kent & L.Wealands lost 15-31. Brad King, R.Matthews, L.Bell & L.Monckton were defeated 22-34. B.Walker, W.Stevens, M.Masters & J.Walker won 24-21. R.Alexander, P.Gray, N.Speight & J.Dale were beaten 16-23. Div. 5 went to Belvedere and were beaten 69-79. As with Div. 2, Div. 7 had to reshuffle their team and were beaten by Blue Hills 38-64. In a nail biter F.Grant, R.Bricknall, G.Topperwien & C.Kent lost 26-27. K.Hammond, J.Grant, G.Fuller & G.Harper were beaten 12-37. Next round was Rd. 9 and Div. 2 had a big loss against Dromana 63-117. R.Alexander, P.Gray, N.Speight & J.Dale lost 13-32. Brad King, R.Matthews, L.Bell & L.Monckton beaten 14-35. B.Walker, W.Stevens, Betty King & J.Walker lost narrowly 19-21. B.Mason, P.Butera, I.Caig & L.Wealands lost 17-29. Div. 5 also had a big loss playing Karingal 56-104. Highlight of the day was the maximum score of 8 shots by J.Durrant, S.Nixon, T.Butcher & S.Payne. The rescheduled Rd, 8 was played on 16/12 with Div. 2 playing top team City of Frankston and went down by 11 shots. B.Walker, W.Stevens, Betty King & J.Walker lost 12-24. A 26-19 win for B.Mason, P.Butea, R.Brown & L.Wealands. R.Alexander, P.Gray, N.Speight & L.Bell won 22-11. Brad King, R.Matthews, M.Masters & L.Monckton were beaten 11-28.

Div. 5 played Mornington Civic and received a "lesson" losing 44-98 incurring 3 big losses. J.Durrant, B.Files, T.Butcher & G.Harper lost 11-38. 17-31 defeat was the result for M.Royle, I.Caig, R.Kent & I.Royle. P.Stevens, K.Walton, D.Talbot & H.Ralph lost 16-29. After this game Helen Ralph was taken to Warragul hospital after complaining of stomach pains. Helen underwent emergency operation but was able to return home for Christmas and is progressing well.

The 1<sup>st</sup> round after the Christmas break had Div. 2 lose to West Rosebud 69-106. B.Mason, P.Butera, P.Dillon & L.Wealands won 20-18. R.Matthews, G.Crynes, Betty King & L.Monckton lost 14-35. B.Walker, W.Stevens, M.Masters & L.Bell lost 17-29. R.Alexander, P.Gray, T.Butcher & J.Dale lost 18-24. Div. 5 played against Belvedere and were beaten 51-87.

Tuesday Rd. 8 Div. 1 played City of Frankston and were well beaten 39-90. B.Walker, Betty King, N.Speight & J. Walker lost 9-34. P.Gray, M.Masters, B.Files & J.Dale were beaten 19-29. R.Alexander, W.Pownall, S.Green & L.Mahomed lost 11-27. Div. 4 played City of Frankston also and were beaten 42-81. M.Royle, K.Hammond, D.Talbot & I.Royle lost 16-22. P.Stevens, I.Caig, S.Payne & J.Grant were beaten 15-29. J.Roissetter, L.Monckton, M.Scullin & G.Jackson were defeated 11-30.

Results from Rd. 9 had Div. 1 lose to Somerville 80-40. P.Gray, Brad King, B.Files & J.Dale lost 11-26. N. Speight, Betty King, G.Fuller & J.Walker were beaten 15-28. R.Alexander, W.Pownall, S.Green & L.Mahomed lost 14-26. Better result for Div. 4 winning 53-48 against Mornington Civic. P.Stevens, I.Caig, S.Payne & H.Ralph won 15-10. M.Royle, K.Hammond, D.Talbot & I.Royle lost 15-20. J.Roissetter, L.Monckton, M.Scullin & B.Potter won 23-18. Rd. 10 Div. 1 had 2 close rinks before losing to Mornington Civic 53-67. B.Walker, N.Speight, Betty King & J.Walker lost 14-24. P.Gray, L.Wealands, P.Dillon & J.Dale lost 20-22. R.Alexander, W.Pownall, S.Green & L.Mahomed lost 19-21. Div. 4 went to Somerville and were beaten 46-64. P.Stevens, G.Crynes, C.Bowers & S.Payne lost 13-20. M.Royle, D.Talbot, K.Hammond & I.Royle lost 14-23. J.Roissetter, L.Monckton, T.Maher & B.Potter lost 19-21.

The final round of Friday Triples before the Christmas break saw the Winning rink with 40 pts. was J.Van Vugt, G.Wilde & S.Koning [Cardinia Waters]. Runner Up rink was B.Lamport [Garfield], G. Salomons & J.Smith [Cardinia Waters] with 36 pts. Best 1<sup>st</sup> game was won by P.Gray, M.Masters & S.Green {KWR} with 20 pts. & Best 2<sup>nd</sup> game was won by J.Williams, N.Kitchen & K.Kitchen [Lang Lang] with 20 pts & 22 shots up.

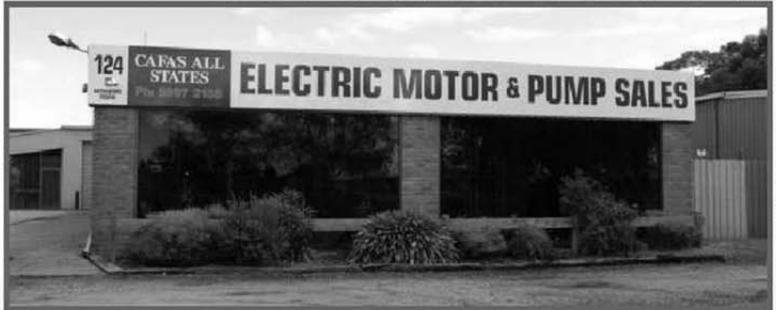
The 1<sup>st</sup> of our January tournaments has been played with the Mixed Pairs. A decision to reduce the tournament to 2 games because of the oppressive heat was made. Winners for the day with 33 pts. were Bryan & Julie Walker [KWR]. The Runner Up team was Rob Matthews & Margaret Royle [KWR] with 31 pts.& 3<sup>rd</sup> place was won by Norm & Diane Brown [Blue Hills] with 30 pts. The Club would like to thank the sponsors of the event, Stockdale & Leggo Real Estate, who have sponsors of this tournament for many years.

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## KBA President's Report

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

Welcome to another year. On behalf of the Koo wee rup business association I would like to wish you all a safe and peaceful 2018. Hope this extreme weather isn't causing you too much discomfort. You've got to feel for the tennis players, seems a bit cruel really.

Most of the NiVans, who were here last year working on the local asparagus, left Australia in December just in time to have Xmas (some for the first time in a number of years) with their families back home in Vanuatu. A new group have arrived in the past week to work on the spring cut.

The first meeting of the Koo wee rup business association for 2018 will be held on Tuesday 20th February. This will be a general meeting to include all members, financial and non financial. The first order of business for the committee, all going well, will be to follow up on marketing. As previously noted, a number of members were involved in previous discussions and hopefully will come back to the table to re-present their ideas. If you're a local business, or a business that services the local area, and feel that this is something you'd like to get involved in give me a call and have a chat about becoming a member. Or if you're interested in attending a meeting as a visitor feel free to get in touch.

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 (26th November-26th January) 181 ml

So ends this report,

Till next time, please take care.

Vicki Charlton, President, Koo wee rup business association

For any information on the association including: Meeting times and dates, Membership, Committee positions

Please call Vicki Charlton on 0413 384 480 (used to be new)President

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## Music on the Grass

Just like an old style country fair, people came from far and wide to enjoy the music and craft in the community garden. Now in its 5<sup>th</sup> year and supported by the Cardinia Shire Council, this community event showcased talented local musicians and school groups, entertaining crowds under the trees and on the lawns. The Koo Wee Rup Men's shed catered with a BBQ and fresh produce stalls, hospital staff and the Ladies Auxiliary offered Devonshire tea, raffles and cake stalls, children were entertained with a free jumping castle, painting and treats throughout the day. Local service clubs and community groups were there to offer



*Pictured, people enjoying Music on the Grass, right - Bec Hance, country music artist*

information on the benefits they provide our local community. The music was coordinated by Jane Coupe, a KRHS volunteer, who kindly donated hours of time to ensure a high quality and entertaining program, securing the fabulous feature act, local girl Bec Hance country music artist. Councillor Graeme Moore introduced the event, followed by KRHS CEO Frank Megens and Men's Shed President George Fittock, each bestowing their ongoing support and goodwill for the day. Mark in your 2018 diary **Sunday November 18** for a bigger and even better Music on the Grass, and if you'd like to volunteer to help call Maria on 5997 9792

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## What happened in Koo Wee Rup in 1918

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

As is traditional at this time of year we will look back 100 years at what happened in Koo Wee Rup and surrounds in 1918. 1918, is of course, the year the Great War ended on November 11, so the local community was still involved in fundraising for the War effort, local men were still enlisting and soldiers who had served were returning home, but this article will mainly look at the other activities that went on in the area.

On Sunday, January 13 light rain began falling and by Monday *the heaviest falls for some years occurred* and there was 3 inches (75 ml) of rain in 48 hours.

In the *Dandenong Advertiser* of January 31 there was this report - *Mr P. Einsiedel, of 'Myora Park', Monomeith, who may be termed the 'Cattle King' of South Gippsland, last week sold to Mr E. Manifold, Camperdown, 420 bullocks and they are to be despatched to their western home by special train tomorrow.* Back in the days when Monomeith had a railway station and cattle were carted by rail and not road. It would have been an impressive sight to see that many bullocks at the Monomeith Station.

On March 9, the *Lang Lang Guardian* reported that the dredge *is making satisfactory progress in widening and deepening the drain. It is now crossing the Yallock Creek and making towards Koo Wee Rup.* This was the Lubecker Steam bucket dredge, imported from Germany by the Public Works Department Engineer, Carlo Catani, in 1913.

The Cranbourne Shire Health Inspector's report was published in the *Dandenong Advertiser* on April 11. Dr Langley reported - *The health of the shire has been very satisfactory, especially if we might judge by the very few cases of infectious diseases reported during 1917. There were 7 cases in all - three isolated, one case of diphtheria at Koo Wee Rup, two at Pearcedale, and one group (the McKay family) at Yallock, consisting of four cases. This outbreak at Yallock was looked into by your officers, and it was found that the disease was brought from the Infectious Diseases Hospital, where one child had been an inmate with scarlet fever. The premises and drainage were all in good condition and the house was fumigated.* The Infectious Diseases Hospital had opened in 1904 at Fairfield and people with small pox, typhoid, scarlet fever, diphtheria etc were sent there for treatment and hopefully to isolate the outbreak of what could be fatal diseases.

On April 12, the Koo Wee Rup Red Cross met. The secretary, Miss Jack, reported sending to the Central depot for the quarter ending March 30 the following articles: 29 undershirts, 3 flannel shirts, 4 sets pyjamas, 18 handkerchiefs, 11 pairs of socks, 3 helmets, 8 scarves and 100 washers.

Also on April 12, Mr James Maroney the Station Master at Koo Wee Rup and his wife, Mary, were given a farewell, as he was taking up an appointment at Violet Town. Mr Maroney was presented with a *wallet of notes* and Mrs Maroney a *prayer book, mounted in silver, by the ladies of the Church.*



*Les Cochrane, Bill Gilchrist and Billy McGree*

The same article in the *Lang Lang Guardian* reported that Corporal Gilchrist and Privates Cochrane and McGree were warmly welcomed by a number of friends at the Railway Station. They later received a public welcome home at the Hall.

The *Birregurra Times* of July 23 had this to say about the *Koo Wee Rup Sun* - *We have received the first issue of the 'Koo-wee-rup Sun' a well-written and cleanly-printed weekly. The journal, which is ably conducted by Mr G. F. Hopkins, should be a real acquisition to the whole of the Cranbourne shire, and if it goes on as it has started we predict a long and useful career for it.* The *Koo Wee Rup Sun* was the successor to the *Lang Lang Guardian*.

On July 24, the Yallock Roll of Honor was unveiled at the Yallock Hall. The board, made of blackwood, contained the names and photos of 57 local boys. The Honor Board is now at the Lang Lang R.S.L.

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## What happened in Koo Wee Rup in 1918 *(from previous page)*

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



*Koo Wee Rup North School*

There was a flood in the Koo Wee Rup area in September - water was a foot (30 cm) deep in the Koo Wee Rup North State School and the teacher, John Donald, had water waist deep through his house. The report in the *Koo Wee Rup Sun* goes on to say that *this building is situated in a position particularly liable to flood, for every freshet in the Five Mile drain causes inconvenience. During the two years of the present teacher's regime he has suffered no less than 23 floodings, a record that must surely reach the limit of exasperation. The structure was removed*

*about 100 yards some time ago, to evade or try to minimise the risk, but without any relief.* Water was also a foot deep in the Koo Wee Rup North Hall.

In October, Mr M.D. Dalley of Koo Wee Rup, wrote the following letter to the *Farmers' Advocate* newspaper - *Among the papers of my late father the following recipe was found; it has been used by him on many occasions, and found an excellent embrocation (lotion). For the benefit of farmers I give it: - 1 oz. Laudanum, 1 oz. Tincture of Myrrh; 1 oz. Tincture of Aloes; ½ oz. Sulphate of Zinc; 1 oz. Carbolic Acid. Mix with 5 oz. salad oil.*

For the young readers of this article, the word oz is the abbreviation for an ounce which is about 28 grams. These ingredients were obviously freely available at the time; I am not sure how you would access them all now. Laudanum is opium mixed with alcohol and, not surprisingly, no longer available at the local shops; Myrrh is a type of tree resin and was one of the gifts given by the Three Wise Men at the birth of Jesus; Aloes is made from the leaves of the aloe plant; Sulphate of Zinc is the dietary supplement; Carbolic Acid or phenol is used as an antibiotic or disinfectant and is considered to be a poison. Salad oil sounds like the least dangerous and easiest to obtain ingredient out of this list. As a matter of interest, Mr Dalley's full name was Moorabool Darriwell Dalley, quite an unusual set of given names. He was born at Batesford, which is on the Moorabool River, and Darriwell is the name of a land administration Parish, just north of Batesford. Darriwell was also the name of the 1879 Melbourne Cup winner.

In *The Argus* on December 19 there was a report headlined 'Children without schooling' *Strong discontent is expressed over the delay of the Education department in providing a School at Dalmore East. The residents have for 12 months past offered to provide and clear a site, but nothing has been done. There are about 40 children not receiving education, including families of returned soldiers, who were promised school facilities when they took up their blocks. It is felt to be little short of a scandal that children within 40 miles of a big city have no means of acquiring education.* The school, on Island Road, eventually opened on June 23, 1919. The building they used was the original Koo Wee Rup State School located on the corner of Bethunes Road and the Bayles Road. This building was shifted into Koo Wee Rup in 1910 and used until a new school was built in 1915. Dalmore East closed in 1974 and in 1984 the building was shifted back into Koo Wee Rup and is now on the Primary School site.

**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 first meeting for 2018 is scheduled for Wednesday, February 14 at 7.30pm. New members welcome. The Museum will hopefully reopen in February but we are still carrying out renovations - so check our Facebook page or contact me for an update. Heather Arnold [harnold@dcsi.net.au](mailto:harnold@dcsi.net.au)**

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