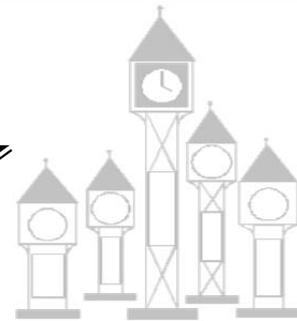


THE KOO WEE RUP BLACKFISH



JULY 2018

College Marching Band's ANZAC Honour



We play their Battalion march "Sussex by the Sea". It is of special significance as it is the music the diggers trained with at the wartime Darnham Military Barracks.

Pictures show the band at the 2018 ANZAC March in front of the Shrine of Remembrance and performing at this year's Cranbourne Lions Band Festival.

Recently Kooweerup Secondary College Director of Music, Claudia Barker attended a reception at ANZAC House to receive acknowledgement of the marching band's contribution to the Melbourne ANZAC march.

The band has been attending the Melbourne ANZAC march since 1999. One year by chance it led the 39th Battalion. The Battalion that had defended Australia at Kokoda. The diggers reckoned they had never marched so well and since then we are known as the Band that leads the 39th Battalion.



The Township Committee Meeting Minutes

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

Councillor Ray Brown spoke of the upgrades to the Koo Wee Rup recreation reserve. At a total cost of \$1,200,000 the facilities will be upgraded including female change room upgrades. Separately Ray Brown is working towards obtaining funding for pavilion upgrades at the recreation reserve.

The Koo Wee Rup CWA were attendees at the shire run leadership program. Ray congratulated the CWA on their passion and enthusiasm.

Further to a question raised last month, Ray advised the next drum muster will be in October.

Lou Bucello asked about the trees lifting footpaths around the town. He was advised to submit a merit noting these instances.

Gus Moore spoke about the swing stolen again from Cochrane park and whether the council would consider cameras, Ray to assist in organising replacement swing.

Lochie Mackay complained about the grading of local dirt roads as it simply isn't effective as they are graded and the next day they have pot holes again. He asked Ray to investigate if there is a better way or whether the road maintenance need a better long term measures. It was bought up whether the grader drivers work actually gets inspected by a supervisor. Ray will report back on grading.

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Golden Jubilee for Father Peter

On Friday the 15th June, Reverend Father Peter Kooloos of Koo Wee Rup, celebrated the Golden Jubilee of his Ordination. Father Peter, currently the Parish Priest of the Iona-Maryknoll and Koo Wee Rup Catholic Parishes, resides at St John's Presbytery in Koo Wee Rup.

The Kooloos family, immigrants from Holland, initially settled in Narre Warren North for nine months, then moved to a share farm in Cardinia and after that, they moved to a farm in Nar Nar Goon. Over that time he developed strong links within the area.

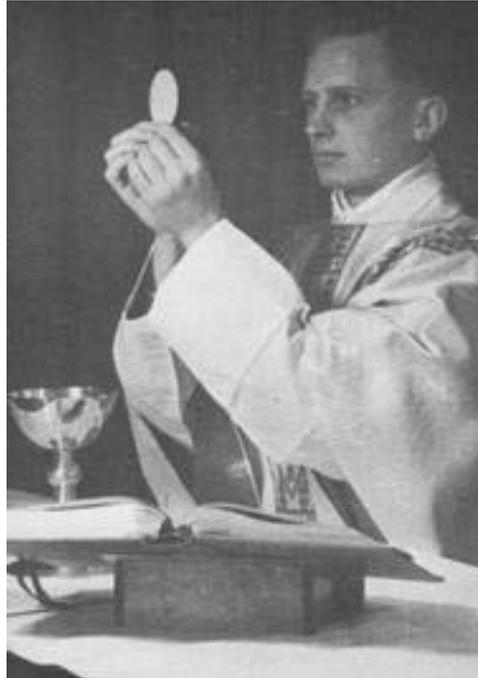
After almost one year in Australia Father Peter, as a child, was enrolled in the local Catholic Primary School, St John the Baptist, Koo Wee Rup. Although he could speak no English at first, Fr Peter enjoyed school and excelled academically.

It was even before he came to Australia that Fr Peter first acknowledged his desire to become a Priest. He was encouraged to learn Greek and taught this by Fr. Jim Opie, the Parish Priest of Koo Wee Rup at that time. After completing his Intermediate Certificate (Year 10) he went to St. Patrick's College, Sale, to complete his secondary education. Then he went on to the Seminary at Werribee to study for the priesthood.

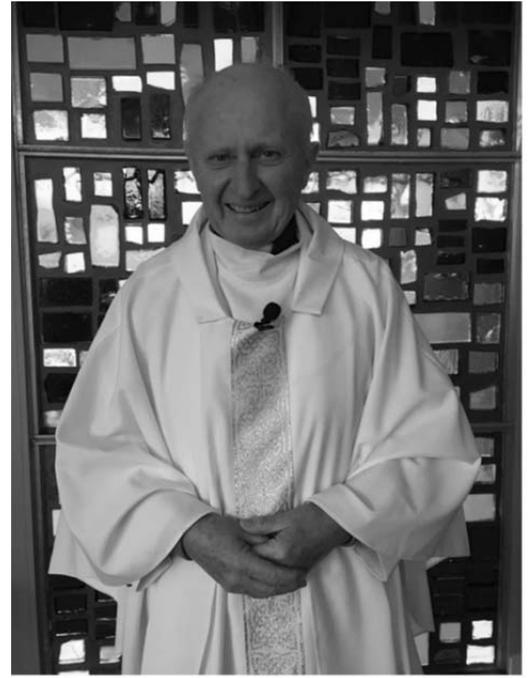
Fr Peter was ordained a priest at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Iona, on 15 June 1968 and has served in various roles and Parishes throughout the Diocese of Sale during the past 50 years. His first temporary appointment was to the Koo Wee Rup parish.

To commence his Golden Jubilee celebrations Fr Peter celebrated Mass with the school community of St John's, Koo Wee Rup, the same school which he attended during his Primary and early Secondary School days and in the same church in which he celebrated his first Mass on the day following his Ordination in 1968. During this Mass, Fr Peter proudly used a chalice that had been given to him as a gift following his Ordination into the priesthood 50 years earlier.

Last week, Parishioners gathered at Iona Hall to share a celebratory lunch with Fr Peter and celebrations continued this weekend when Koo Wee Rup Parishioners held a morning tea to acknowledge Fr Peter's dedication to his vocation over the past 50 years.



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Reverend Fr Peter Kooloos

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Township Committee Meeting Minutes *(from page 1)*

The president, Caroline Roff, asked if Ray had seen the heritage report prepared for council about the railway station platform which recommends preserving the entire platform. Ray will review and report back at next meeting

Caroline had a meeting with Jordan Crugnale, the Labor candidate for Bass, this month. She is meeting with various people in the electorate to try to understand their issues and priorities.

Caroline noted the quality of design of the new estate at Alexander Avenue and John Street. The estate shows good forward thinking in regards to footpaths, alleyways and linking the existing community walking paths.

Geoff Stokes welcomed anyone and everyone in the Koo Wee Rup township to pop in to see the fantastic changes at the Men's Shed. He encourages community members to pop in for a cuppa now they have had their barista training.

Geoff Stokes presented an idea on behalf of the KRHS Ladies Auxiliary in regards to decorating Koo Wee Rup for Christmas. This year each community in the shire can apply for a \$2,000 grant to help decorate the town. The ladies

auxiliary are planning a large Christmas event on Sunday the 16th December for the community to get behind and hope this event, along with decorating the town and Carols by Candlelight will give Koo Wee Rup a wonderful Christmas spirit. They asked for the township to be involved in applying for the grant and assisting in organizing the decorating of the town. A 'Christmas on the Swamp' subcommittee has been formed, incorporating members of the Township Committee and the Ladies Auxiliary.

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Who prepares the Section 32?

The *Section 32* should always be prepared by a qualified lawyer as it is a legal document. The Vendor should understand their responsibilities in preparing a *Section 32* as misleading, false or omitting information can be a criminal offense and fines may be issued. The Buyer may also be able to withdraw from the sale.

What is in a Section 32?

It will depend on the type of property being sold but some of the basic information that should be found in a *Section 32* are: Vendor Details, Title Details, information regarding Building Permits issued in the past 7 years, information regarding covenants, easements and any other restrictions on title, Planning Information (particularly where zoning restricts land use), information on services connected to the property, information regarding outgoings payable by owner of the property, particulars of any mortgages or charges against the land.

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Koo Wee Rup RSL Sub Branch Report

Some more information about the 'forgotten war'.

In June we commemorated the 50th anniversary of the Battles at the Fire Support Bases (FSB) of Coral and Balmoral. Following the defeat of the communist TET Offensive in January and February 1968, in late April, two Australian infantry battalions, the 1st and 3rd Battalions of the Royal Australian Regiment (RAR) with supporting arms, were again deployed from their base at Nui Dat to positions astride infiltration routes leading to Saigon to interdict renewed movement against the capital. Part of a wider allied operation in response to intelligence reports of another impending communist offensive, yet our forces experienced little fighting during this period.

Meanwhile, the Viet Cong successfully penetrated the capital on May 5th, plunging Saigon into chaos in an attempt to influence the upcoming Paris peace talks. During three days of intense fighting the attacks were repelled by US and South Vietnamese forces; another attack was launched by the Viet Cong a few days later, again they were defeated with significant losses on both sides, causing extensive damage to Saigon and many civilian casualties. The North Vietnamese Army (NVA) and the Viet-Cong (VCs) were forced to withdraw having suffered heavy casualties. US casualties were also high and it proved to be their most costly week of the war.

Once again the 1st and 3rd battalions were redeployed on May 12th to establish a fire support base (FSB) named Coral in an area of operations (AO) known as AO Surfers. By nightfall of the same day the base was only partially completed and the NVA mounted a number of battalion sized assaults. Casualties were high on both sides but our forces had won a convincing victory.

The base was again assaulted on the night of May 16th and again the base was penetrated but, after a six hour battle, the NVA was forced to withdraw after suffering high losses. Expecting further fighting, our forces were subsequently reinforced with Centurion tanks and additional artillery.

The 1st and 3rd battalions then moved against the communist base area with the 3rd RAR redeploying to establish FSB Balmoral on May 24th. Now supported by tanks from FSB Coral, the infantry at Balmoral were subjected to a two-battalion attack by the NVA 165th Regiment. Following a rocket and mortar barrage at 03.45 on May 26th, the attack was repelled by the combined fire power of the tanks and infantry.

The next day, the 1st RAR at Coral supported by tanks, destroyed fourteen bunkers and seven NVA body counted and quantities of weapons, ammunition and documents were also captured. Yet many more men were undoubtedly entombed in the bunkers after being crushed by the tanks, making a comprehensive body count impossible. Although it had been a fierce engagement, our forces suffered no casualties, a fact which was attributed to the effectiveness of the tanks and further validated Colonel Donald Dunstan's (later Governor of SA (not to be confused with the premier of the same name)) decision to call them forward from Nui Dat.

A second major NVA attack of regimental strength was made against Balmoral on May 28th and, being soundly defeated, the NVA called off the attack after 30 minutes. The battle continued into June as our forces patrolled their AO. However, with contacts decreasing, the battalions were relieved by the US and South Vietnamese forces and returned to Nui Dat on June 6th.

The largest unit-level action of the war for our forces and today the battle is considered one of the most famous actions by our forces during the Vietnam War, as the NVA operating in superior strength, which threatened to quickly overwhelm our isolated forces.

At our last RSL meeting, I learned that Ron Ingram was very much involved in the battle - especially at Balmoral. Yes, our very own Ron was in one of the four Centurion tanks from 'C' Squadron 1st Armoured Regiment. Based at Nui Dat, the tanks were to proceed to the AO on the orders of Colonel Donald Dunstan. Traversing the difficult terrain that included a number of old, rusting Bailey bridges, the 120km journey took over a day to complete and not without incident, the leading tank (Ron's tank) hit a road mine, damaging the dozer tank; thankfully resulting in no casualties.

50 years on and all members at FSB Coral and Balmoral have been awarded a well deserved 'Unit Citation for Gallantry'.

In conducting, with limited experience at fighting high intensity combined armour/infantry engagements, our soldiers demonstrated extraordinary gallantry in defence of FSBs Coral and Balmoral. The exceptional leadership and soldiering skills of all members of 1ATF (1st Australian Task Force) and their sustained outstanding performance in the face of overwhelming odds during the largest and most hazardous battle of the Vietnam War were in the finest tradition of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Forces.

Losses

Australia 25 killed, 99 wounded.

We will remember them, lest we forget

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

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National Youth Conference

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We were one of three schools which applied in this area and are delighted to announce that our two candidates – Imogen Paine from Year 9 and Jonte Horsburgh from Year 10 have been offered two of the places. They were selected based on school endorsement, written application and interview by the Bendigo Bank manager and executive officer.



Leonie McGinley

Division Cross Country report

We had around 75 students attend Division Cross Country at Casey Fields. We ended up winning the day overall, just edging out Casey Grammar by 3 points! Quite a few of our very good runners didn't run on the day, so I wasn't expecting that we would take the overall win, but our students ran really well and made me eat my words.

We had a few top 3 finishes:

1st - Steph Geyer (16 girls)

2nd - Mitch Campbell (17-20 boys), Jaymee Bayliss (16 girls), Ray Roeder (15 boys), Kobe Dore-Wilson (14 boys)

3rd - Caden Webb (17-20 boys)

And lots of students finish in the top 15:

12-13 age - Peyton Dunlop (6), Tiyaana Trang (10), Emma Miftode (15), Josh Hall (6), Lachlan Bonner (8).

14 age - Shakira Bourne (9), Ashlee Harrison (13), Alisha Jackson (15), Brock Marshall (8), Alex Wilson (10), Brody Smith (11), Ethan McDonald (12).

15 age - Chloe Reichelt (6), Alyssa Batiste (8), Imogen Paine (9), Casey Mills (15).

16 age - Maddie Diwell (13), Tayla Jackson (14), Caleb Whittam (10), Kasey O'Hehir (13).

17-20 age - Chloe Nagel (4), Keyara Garraway (7), Olivia East (9), Lexey Klaster (10), Simone Geyer (11), Jack McDonald (7), Ned Harrison (12)

We also had the winning teams in the following age groups:

17-20 boys and girls, 16 girls and 14 boys.

All students involved should be proud of their efforts. We have 34 students that have qualified for region in a couple of weeks time.

For anyone keeping count our school has now won division swimming and division cross country, all that's left is division athletics later this year. Fingers crossed we can get the clean sweep (that's the win, not the broomstick Harry fans)...



Regional Cross Country

Around 30 students went to Ballam Park in Frankston for regional cross country. Short summary:

- It was super cold, but not raining (tick)
- There were some hills and some flats
- Two ice packs used
- Mitch Campbell forgot to bring shoes (insert face palm emoji here)
- One running in a hoody (insert same emoji as above)
- The powerhouses of Frankston, McKinnon and Mornington are incredible
- Luke Rawiri sure can eat a lot of food, he also prefers to be called Chase from now on
- 6 top 30 finishers
- Lots of parent support
- **2 off to state cross country in July - Steph Geyer finished in 7th and is making her second appearance at state level and Jaymee Bayliss finished in 10th, making her first appearance at state level!**

Congratulations to all our runners, it's a great effort to make it to regional level.

Claire Notman

Senior boys' soccer (not football!)

A very keen group of boys competed in two pool games back on the 21st May at KM Reedy Reserve in Hampton Park. It looked like we were going to be outgunned, in many aspects of the sport, but that didn't stop the enthusiasm and enjoyment.

In the first game, against Alkira, our opposition scored quickly and repeatedly. The 0-9 halftime score line had brought some sympathy from the opposition coach, but I assured him it wouldn't dampen the boys' effort. This came to fruition as we limited Alkira to ONLY four goals in the second half, but more importantly, scored a GOOOOOOAAAAAAAAAL!! Bryce had a number of breaks which brought some scoring opportunities, one of which he finally converted. Relief was palpable....we weren't going to get a donut for the day.

In the second game, against Narre Warren, our defence held up better, and we also had several scoring chances. Some of these chances were again converted by Bryce, and would you believe, partway through the second half, the score was 3-3! And Bryce had scored all three of our goals. My thoughts were now getting ahead of the game to the point where I was entertaining the idea, not only of a match draw, but maybe a match WIN! These thoughts unfortunately rapidly faded when Narre scored two quick goals in succession. This snuffed out our chances, but it didn't stop Bryce scoring his fourth goal for the match, which included a hat trick in one half! What an amazing effort for a Koowee kid!!

I would be fairly confident that Bryce created Koowee history that day. I do not think that any Koowee student has scored five goals across all their soccer games combined, let alone on one day!

Anyway, that's what I'll hang my hat on, certainly not the end 4-9 score line!

In addition to Bryce's miraculous goal scoring, there were many other praiseworthy efforts. Andre was like the general back in defence, and Luke R stood tall all over the ground (literally). I wouldn't say Robbie was unbeatable in goals, but he was his usual vocal and enthusiastic self, and even saved a penalty kick!

The boys should be congratulated for their tireless efforts despite the score lines and their lack of experience and knowledge of the sport. They showed respect and sportsmanship.

A special mention needs to go to Austin who was meant to be a helper, but was a late inclusion in the team due to an injury to one of our players on the weekend prior to our games.

Also thanks to Jack Jenkins who performed very well in the very unfamiliar role as linesman.

Ken Jones

PS. And the jury is still out who should be given the mantle of 'Super Coach'.....Webby or myself.....

Team: Bryce Font, Austin Hernaut, Marten Ilgeroth, Robert Loudon, Tim Miftode, Luke Rawiri, Andre Schellebeck, Lachlan Shaw, Chris Sweet, Luke Townsend, William Yue





Senior Girls Netball Report

On Monday the 21st May I had the pleasure of taking the senior girls netball teams to Cranbourne

The B team only had one opponent – Hampton Park.

They played a four quarter match and hopes were high for a victory. Unfortunately, we didn't score in the first 3 quarters and our hopes were dashed, but boy did we play out the game well scoring an amazing 8 goals in the final quarter. Lexey and Simone were amazing in defence (if it wasn't for their efforts the margin would have been bigger), Iesha and Jess offered many leads and ran all game, always providing an option for a pass. We tried many goaling combinations and Amy and Shae were admirable but it was Taylah who scored our first goal of the game and this got Mikayla on a role. The final score was KRWSC 8 HPSC 22. The team consisted of – Mikayla Foy, Taylah Ridgway, Amy Oliver, Shae-Leigh Francis, Iesha O'Shanassy-Kent, Jessica Short, Simone Geyer and Lexey Klaster.

The A team has 5 matches for the day. Starting with two in a row. We won each game convincingly beating Casey 23 – 2 and Hampton Park 23 -4. We then has a break while the B team played their game so it was important to refuel as we then has the task of playing 3 games in a row. The first two were another two convincing wins, beating Narre Warren South 17 – 7 and smashing Cranbourne 30 – 2 (our biggest winning margin of the day). It all came down to our last match, against you know who.....Alkira. We started the game well going goal for goal for the first few minutes of the first half, but then Alkira showed their class. We had a much stronger second half but we weren't able to close the gap going down 5 – 18. The team consisted of Kayla O'hehir, Breanna Gibson, Kaitlin Harding, Lakoda Kendall, Chloe Grant-Collins, Alex Voss, Mikaylah Howes and Katie Prowd.

All the girls should be proud of how they conducted themselves on the day. The head umpire approached me to pass on a message to girls that she was impressed with how they had approached their netball and she thoroughly enjoyed umpiring them. This feedback is a testament to the wonderful students we have at the college.

Shona Perrin



Year 8 Boys AFL

A very impressive overall win by the Year 8 boys last month.

All boys played very fairly and represented the school exceptionally well.

The boys played 4 games back to back (2 x 20 minute halves). The hardest game was played against Alkira but KWR came away with the win, despite having to ration the water supply.

Special mentions to Seth Harris and Rhyce Harvie who battled all day in the midfield, Will Battams who played ruck all day, and Tyson Twite and Charlie Hobson for holding up the backline against Alkira.

Battle of the Bands recap

Last month several students took part in the Battle of the Bands in Cranbourne over two days. On Wednesday we had the seniors who were entered into the solo/duo section. The standard of the day was very impressive, but we were fortunate as Ned and Jess and Nicola were the only two items entered into the solo/duo section, whereas all the other schools entered bands. Nicola and Jess came in first place, with Ned a close second.

For the Junior event on the Thursday, Gef and Jemma did a wonderful performance, including an original song they wrote about being awkward which got everyone laughing. They were the only duo/solo, so they received a trophy. Josh, Riley and Lochie were very well prepared, having an original song as well as a complex arrangement of Californication. This was despite Josh having his hand in plaster having broken one of his fingers. They did a wonderful job and we were hoping for the win. Unfortunately Narre Warren had a 14 piece stage band with full horn section, and they took out the win. We don't know any of the scoring, but I will assume they were a close second, and should be congratulated on putting all the work in themselves. Overall a sensational 2 days, congratulations to the students as they have all been working hard and practicing for this event for months.

Students involved: Ned Harrison, Jess Short, Nicola Huffer, Riley Wade, Lochie Van Der Spek, Josh Owen, Gef Lombardo, Jemma Timewell

David Campbell

Year 7 Boys AFL

Last month 20 Year 7 boys donned the KWR guernsey at Berwick Springs Recreation Reserve.

Corey Lucus and Benji Pugsley proudly lead the boys out before their first game against Narre Warren South. The opposition scored early. Shortly after Brody Snooks took a heavy tackle, coming off for the rest of the day.

Jaylen Waixel and Benji Pugsley kicked a goal each, pushing our lead out to 2 goals before the half time break. Joel Anderson and Shak Brown dominated the centre in the second half, kicking away with the wind.

The boys took an impressive win, early.

KWR came up against Cranbourne East in the second game, going down by over 5 goals. A solid effort by the key backline players, holding their own against state players from Cranbourne.

The boys played a final for 3rd and 4th position against Officer in the last game.

The opposition scored early keeping all the boys on their toes. Anthony Meddings and Brody Parker defended well, while Logan Fox and Tait

Missen create movement in the forward line. KWR came away with the win in the end, 2 goals up by the final whistle.

Thanks to Claire for providing the photos for the coaches board (invaluable for a newbie!) and to Paige for all her help on both days.

Kate Thompson

Year 7 Boys Soccer report

The year 7 Boys had perfect conditions for their annual interschool soccer competition. No breeze, immaculate grounds and plenty of sunshine.

The competition itself was difficult but the students involved performed very well improving every game.

Final results:

Kooweerup 0 L Hampton Park 8 (They were the eventual Premiers)

Kooweerup 0 L Cranbourne East 3

Kooweerup 1 L Casey Grammar 3

Kooweerup 2 D Minaret 1 (Yeah, yes we won and what a tremendous feeling that was.)

Well done to all the boys who were a credit to the school in the way they played with positive, encouraging sportsmanship. Very proud!!!!

Anton Ham



Year 8 girls netball –

The B team – Maisie Duncanson, Xanthe Cuthbertson, Emily Taylor, Sunny Harrison, Ebony Elliott, Layla Bunting, Aria Plant, Emily Brown, Payton Humphrys, Porsha Matheson

The girls found it difficult to get a win on the board but only going down by one or two goals in each game, until they finally cracked the win against Cranbourne East.

The A team – Tian Jones, Jaide Hunter, Chloe Thornhill, Teegan Thornhill, Tyneal O'Dwyer, Payton Booth, Charlee Webb, Georgia Henwood, Neve Spranklin

A very talented team with such great versatility that it was actually quite difficult finding the best combination. The girls won every game comfortably in their pool, and as the all too familiar scenario goes – they came up against Alkira in the final. They started out strongly, going goal for goal but then Alkira shifted to another gear and played some outstanding netball to take out the title quite convincingly.

Huge thank you to Daniella Hnatiw (Yr 10 helper) who was a fantastic and incredibly organised with her highlighters!!

Tania Hamilton



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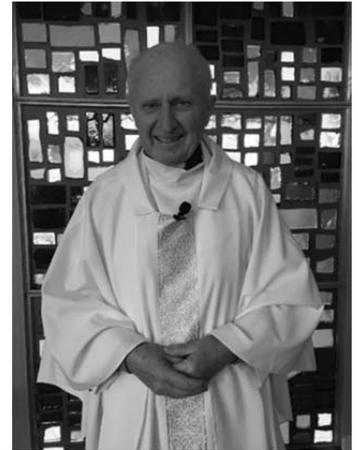
St John the Baptist Primary School

The last weeks of term 2 ended with celebrations, fun and laughter.



As a school community, we celebrated Fr Peter Kooloos' Golden Jubilee of being a priest. Fr Peter was a student and St John's and he presided over his first Mass at St John's so it was wonderful for him to celebrate his 50 years of priestly service in the same church.

We also celebrated the Feast of St John the Baptist's on Friday 22nd June with a morning Mass followed by morning tea for parents and then cross age activities throughout the morning. Students were treated to a sausage sizzle lunch, provided by the Friends of St John's. The day was a lovely celebration of St John's life and a great reminder of how he prepared the way for Jesus.



The annual School Disco was a highlight for most students. Not only did students pull out their best dance moves but also participated in group games, enjoyed a Sausage Sizzle dinner and of course, dressed-up for the occasion.

During the winter months, the students will be collecting non-perishable food items and warm winter woollies for our local St John's Winter Appeal. With the school holidays here, it provides a wonderful opportunity for parents and children to look through your winter clothes and consider how these items can benefit someone less fortunate.

There are close to 23,000 people currently experiencing homelessness in Victoria. 16% of these are children under 12 years of age.

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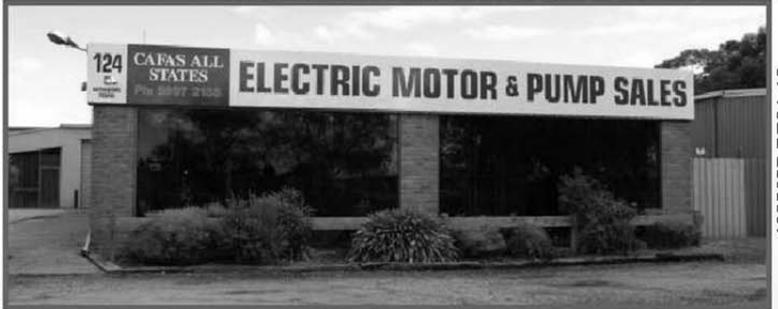
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Expressing Gratitude

One of the pillars of our work with The Resilience Project is 'gratitude'. One of the things we always focus on with our students and staff is to pay attention to what you have and not worry about what you don't have; be grateful for all of the great things you have happening around you. It was great to spend time with our Senior School students to talk about their interschool sports day and to hear the positivity of their attitudes and mindset to their day. Although they didn't come home with any teams progressing to the next stage, I am incredibly proud of how they competed and represented our school community on the day. It was great to listen to the students sharing what they were grateful for when I caught up with them. Our footballers mentioned their gratitude for Lara and April who changed sports at the last minute to ensure our footy team had enough players. Our teachers were grateful for the way our school was the only school to go and cheer on their classmates in other sports when their team wasn't playing. Other students mentioned they were just so grateful to have the chance to play interschool sports. Mr Dillon was grateful for the amazing sportsmanship our students showed. He used the example of when a student from Tooradin was injured during footy and it was in fact our players who helped him off the field. Another student said they were grateful for having Mr Dillon organise such an awesome day. A couple of our soccer players were grateful for the amazing work some of the defenders did all day stopping the opposition. Just sitting there listening to how naturally our students were able to find things they were grateful for, shows the positive power expressing our gratitude can have on our own mindset but also those we are sharing it with.

One of the things I have been encouraging all of our students to do at assembly recently is to go home and tell someone in your family something or someone you are grateful for. I encourage our parents to find time at dinner to sit and let people at the table share something they are grateful for about their day. It might seem awkward and challenging to do at first because it is so unfamiliar, but I can assure you it can become an incredibly positive and powerful experience for your family in time.

'Footsteps into Foundation 2019'

Koo Wee Rup PS strives to engage learning and expand minds, essential for preparing students for the future. Our teachers all work collaboratively to ensure students actively participate in learning experiences targeted at their specific point of need. The individual learning needs of students are catered for through student goal setting, constant feedback and effective assessment and reporting strategies. Our school motto of 'Together We Learn' is embedded through a strong professional learning program for all teachers to constantly reflect and build on their teaching practice.

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Wednesday 15th August
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Wednesday 12th September



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1:45-3:15pm
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Wednesday 28th November
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Cub Scouts Brave the Urban Jungle

The Cub-Scouts did a City Camp last month swapping the Australian Bush for a jungle of the more urban kind. They visited the Gallery, State Library, Old Melbourne Goal, ACMI, the Queen Vic Market, China Town and stayed in Carlton where they dined on the finest pizza from the original La Porchetta

Cubs outside ACME (Left)

Active inside & outside... The Cub-Scouts ran a fantastic night for the visiting Joey Scout Mob who learned what the next section of scouting is like on a fitness night. (Right)

Why are the Venturer-Scouts always cooking? Bush Battered Sav anyone? (Below)



Our Newest Leader

Welcome to Tamara who joined our Group as a Scout Leader this month (Below)



Lions Update



Suzanne, PDG Ian and sponsor Jacqui Armstrong

asset to the Club and a good fit, recognising that membership of any Lions Club is by invitation of its members only.

At our second meeting in May we were all very heartened when Suzanne confirmed her desire to join our happy band and those members present at the meeting voted unanimously in accepting Suzanne's application to join the Club.

Past District Governor Ian Gratton, a good friend of the Club and a frequent attendee at its meetings and functions carried out the induction, part of which included a brief presentation by John Burhop about the history of the Koo Wee Rup Lions Club.

Congratulations to Jacqui Armstrong, who not only introduced Suzanne to our Club, but has also undertaken to act as Suzanne's sponsor, which basically entails answering any questions Suzanne may have about the organisation, encouraging her involvement in the life and activities of the Club and, most importantly, making sure with all the other members of the Club that Suzanne feels welcome and becomes an important part of the group.

So, from everyone in the Club we wish Suzanne a long and enjoyable association with Lions in general and this Club in particular.

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It is always a very special occasion and a delight to welcome a new member into our happy band of Lions. In line with this sentiment, without doubt the highlight of the evening during our first meeting in June at the Koo Wee Rup Bowls Club was the induction into Lions of our newest member, Suzanne de Pelsenaire.

There is a standard requirement for all prospective members who are not already Lions to attend at least three regular meetings of the Club. This gives prospective members an opportunity to find out if Lions is for them and if the prospective Club is one they would like to join. On the other side of the coin, of course, it gives the existing members an opportunity to get to know the prospective new members and gauge whether they would be an

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Lions Update *(from previous page)*

On the evening of Friday 22nd June the Club brought its year to an end with its changeover dinner at Warrook Farm, which was attended by almost 90 Lions and members of our community. This is the time we Lions celebrate the successes of our Club during the year as well as taking the opportunity to thank our outgoing president, this year President Sheryl Blay for her commitment and leadership and to welcome our new president, who will be Frank Grant for 2018-2019.

Most importantly, though, it gave the Club an opportunity to thank all the community groups for their outstanding support over the last twelve months, since, without that support we would not have achieved all that we did.

As many readers will be aware, the Koo Wee Rup Lions Community Op Shop provides an opportunity for twelve local groups to work in the Op Shop and, in return, each group enjoys an equal share of the profits. One of the highlights of the evening was the presentation of



cheques to each of these twelve volunteer groups by our esteemed member, June Wright OAM, who is also the Manager of the Op Shop.

Op Shop Manager, June Wright OAM and the 'Op Shop Ladies'

It is interesting to note *Past President Sheryl Blay receives a bouquet from new President Frank Grant* that this year each volunteer group received \$4,370 as its share of the profits, which totals \$52,440. All of these funds are returned to the community through the good works of each of these twelve groups. What an absolutely fantastic result and it is a testament to all the hard work and dedication of those who give their time freely to work in the Op Shop.



New Club Board L to R Peter Martin, Sheryl Blay, Ken Blay, Shirelle Lean, Geoff Gee, Frank Ferguson, Jack Napior, John Burhop, President Frank Grant



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News from our Councillor

I am constantly being asked about the sporting complex at Caldermeade, who is it for, who paid and who will use it.?

And thanks everyone who reminded me, I am well aware that Kooweerup has twice the population of Lang Lang.

The complex is for the Lang Lang community, football, cricket, netball, tennis, soccer and lawn bowls.

The implementation will occur over a period of time with the football, cricket and netball clubs being the first users of the facility.

How did it come about?

A steering committee was formed comprising Officers of the Bendigo Bank, Cardinia Shire, a member of the Lang Lang community and Port Ward Councillors Young and Moore.

Their brief in the first instance was to find a home for the football and netball clubs, the others following over a period of time.

My understanding is that parcels of land around the Lang Lang Township were investigated, deemed unsuitable and the committee settled on the property the corner of Soldiers and Caldermeade road Caldermeade.

After securing this site a masterplan was developed, my information is that community meetings were held and the plan and the site were enthusiastically endorsed by the Lang Lang Community.

There were others that indicated they would use the completed facility these included Rotary, Scouts, CERT and other Community groups.

To facilitate the project my understanding is that the Bendigo Community Bank purchased the land for \$900,000.00 and donated it to the Community, along with a cash donation of \$ 2 million dollars.

In all the playing surfaces and surrounding works cost \$ 6.1 million dollars excluding the land.

This was funded by \$4.1 million dollars of Council money and the \$2 million dollars from the Bendigo Community Bank.

In addition to the ground development, plans are currently being drawn up for an amenities/change room's pavilion, together with social rooms on an upper level.

The budget for this facility is \$7.5 million dollars, funded by a Federal Government grant of \$1.5 million dollars and Council cash of \$6 million dollars.

A draft plan of the structure has been presented to the Lang Lang sporting clubs and feedback of the plans invited.

In Kooweerup I am pleased to announce that the Kooweerup Recreation Reserve has gained funding from the State Government of \$800,00.00 and \$400,000.00 of Council money making a grand total of \$1.2 million dollars.

From my recollection this is the biggest single amount of money gained towards community sporting facilities in Kooweerup, and I promise it will not end there.

The cash is to be used towards adding a module to the football/Cricket pavilion to make it female friendly and will comprise showers and unisex toilet facilities.

In addition to this the Netball Club rooms will also have a module added comprising showers, unisex toilets and the social space renovated, this is well overdue and will be welcomed by the club.

Council Officers have made a brief presentation of the concept and facility users will have every opportunity to be involved in the process

Further good news is that Council have called for tenders as a result of a grant from the Education Department of \$1.6 million dollars to upgrade the oval at the Secondary Collage, council officers will be managing this project.

The project will consist of a reconstruction of the oval, floodlighting, irrigation and drainage, also included is a change pavilion, this will take pressure off the overused oval at the recreation Reserve.

It has been reported to police that another Freedom (Bird nest) swing has been stolen from Cochrane Park playground; this makes it a total of 4 that have been taken, they cost around \$2,500.00 each.

This swing was chained and padlocked at the top.

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Koo Wee Rup Football Club

The Koo Wee Rup Football Club held its Annual Past Players and Administrators luncheon on June 16th and a great day was had by all. Close to 100 attended the function and many friendships were renewed as players and administrators swapped stories on past seasons as far back as 1969 when the Demons won a legendary game against Longwarry to take the premiership. Similar memories were also discussed on the premiership success in 1979 and 1981, however the most pleasing aspect of the day was stories of many players who have passed through the club over the past years who still keep track of what is happening at Demon Land.



Neville Esler, Marty O'Hehir, Leon McAlphine, Robert Hobson and Gary O'Hehir

Special thanks go out too Danny Pirota, Ross Morgan and Robert Dennis who helped organise the function and also to the hard working subcommittee who arranged the catering.

The committee is now starting to organise next seasons reunion for the 50th anniversary of the 1969 premiership and the 40th anniversary of the 1979 premiership. Keep your eye on Koo Wee Rup Football Club Facebook page for an update on these function dates in 2019.

Number One Ticket

During the Past Players Function, the club presented its Number One Ticket to Bass MP Brian Paynter.

On receiving his award Brian spoke of his playing days at Pakenham and the many clashes against the Demons, with some of these games becoming part of local football folk law. Names such as the Youngs and Atkins for the Lions and the O'Hehirs and Ingrams for the Demons still follow local grassroots football and support their clubs with the same passion as past years.



Gary King, Secretary, Brian Paynter MP, and Daniel Crowley, President

Brian Paynter is most conscious of the importance of Country Football throughout his electorate of Bass and regularly attends games to keep abreast of the concerns of supporters and in particular to support the hard working volunteers who work tirelessly for their respective clubs in an endeavor that the youth of the district both male and female play the game of football.

Customer Advisory Committee.

The report of the meeting of the Koo-Wee-Rup Advisory Committee has missed the input time for the publication date of the July 2018 Blackfish newsletter.

However, just a reminder for you that the aim of this Customer Advisory Committee is to provide the Koo-Wee-Rup Regional Health Service (KRHS) with feedback and advice from patients and users and thus to improve and strengthen KRHS services, improve information, and future KRHS policy development.

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The latest happenings at the KWR Men's Shed.

The coming of winter and its accompanying colder weather has seen the Men's Shed members' activity in the community garden subside somewhat. However the garden is still looking really great, and there are plenty of vegetables for anyone to take home with them for a gold coin donation.

The Men's Shed also proudly supplies vegetables for the 'Community Grocer' in Pakenham. There are several Community Grocers in Victoria and their mission is to improve access to fresh, affordable and nutritious produce by running weekly fruit and vegetable markets to cultivate healthy connected Victorian communities. Their produce is 70% cheaper than surrounding commercial outlets. Affordability and accessibility means that market goers can purchase more fruit and vegetables every week, increasing health and well-being for themselves and their families. The market is open every Thursday 9:00 am until 1:00 pm at 6B, Henry Street, Pakenham.

Our members have now completed the restoration of some motorised garden tools; namely a blower to move garden rubbish and debris, a couple of whipper snippers, and a lawn mower; they are all for sale. Come along, have a look, make a reasonable offer, and the machine is yours.

Members and their wives/partners have arranged three outings to Bunjil Place, Narre Warren, between now and Christmas. They will enjoy a 'Morning Melodies' type of program in the magnificent Bunjil theatre. This is where the magic happens. With a full fly tower, orchestra pit, and generous stage dimensions, this theatre brings the greatest stories to Melbourne's south east. Alongside rock-god royalty to comedy gold, the theatre is home to local productions rivalling those at the big end of town. In the theatre, dreams are realised and one's memory bank gets its regular deposit. So ... the Men's Shed members will experience a great day three times over during the next six months of the year.

Computer lessons at the Shed have finished for the season with, once more, great results. Again we have seniors who thought the computer age had passed them by and they are now fully accessing the web, having secured their own email address and they are able to talk to people around the world if they wish. A real success, we are sure. The next sessions for beginners and the 'I know a bit about computers folk' will commence in early August. Details later or phone Geoff on 59971974.

To finish, here is the latest Men's Shed Tradies' joke - a construction engineer's comment:

I watched a documentary about how they fix steelwork together last night. Riveting!

Geoff Stokes

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A good day was had by all 80s and over member at our annual Birthday Party. Our next outing is by bus to Wonthaggi Workmen's Club for our Christmas in July.

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Koo Wee Rup Bowls Club News

Our Club recently entertained Ladies involved in the Red Hat organization for an afternoon of bowls & afternoon tea. The Ladies thoroughly enjoyed themselves and there was some promise shown by some Ladies. Thanks to everyone from the Club who assisted on the day.

Our Tuesday Winter Triples competition has begun with 16 teams playing on the 1st day in good



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conditions with players from Berwick, Cardinia Waters, Corinella, Cranbourne, Garfield, KooWeeRup, Lang Lang & Pakenham Clubs participating. The winning team for the day was Brian Byrnes [Cardinia Waters] with 35 pts. Peter Stevens [KooWeeRup] finished as the Runner Up team with 34 pts. Best 1st game was won by Sandy Holmes [Lang Lang] 17 pts. & Best 2nd game was won by Graham Wilde [Pakenham] with 20 pts. The second day of competition was on 15th May with the Winning team being Graham Wilde [Pakenham] with 38 pts. The Runner Up team with 35 pts. was Gillian Harper [KWR]. Best 1st game with 18 pts. was Lois Mahomed [KWR] & Best 2nd game also with 18 pts. was Peter Stevens [KWR]. In fine but cool conditions on 5th June the next games in the Winter Triples were played. Winning team for the day was the team led by Maureen Lamport [Garfield] on 35 pts, Runner Up team was led by Ken Clifton [Pakenham] with 34 pts, Best 1st game went to Graham Wilde [Pakenham] on 17 pts & best 2nd game was won by Lois Mahomed [KWR] with 18 pts. A crisp morning greeted our Triples competition players on 19th June but the day turned out reasonably well. Winning team for the day was Graham Wilde [Pakenham] with 36 pts. The team led by Mick Knight [Cardinia Waters] were Runner up with 35 pts.

Best 1st game was the team led by Maureen Lamport [Garfield] with 17 pts. & best 2nd game went to Brian Byrne's [Pakenham] with 19 pts.

We have signed new members in Jim Jenkins who is transferring from Murrumbeena BC. Jim is an experienced player & administrator and will be an asset to the Club. Patrick Leonard previously had played at Cranbourne many years ago for a couple of seasons and is now looking forward to playing

again. Deb & Neale Randall who have moved from Bribie Island to KWR but have not played for some years they have also signed with our Club. Welcome to all these members we hope that you enjoy your time with us.

The trip to Yarram was again enjoyed by 16 members & friends recently with a good weekend had by everyone. A meal followed by a game on the "Pokies" for those who were interested in a "flutter" on Friday night followed by Bowls & Lunch on Saturday and return home on Sunday was the order of the weekend. Thanks to George Crynes for arranging the trip in conjunction with Pat Kiely from Yarram BC. This weekend has become an annual event over the past 3 years.

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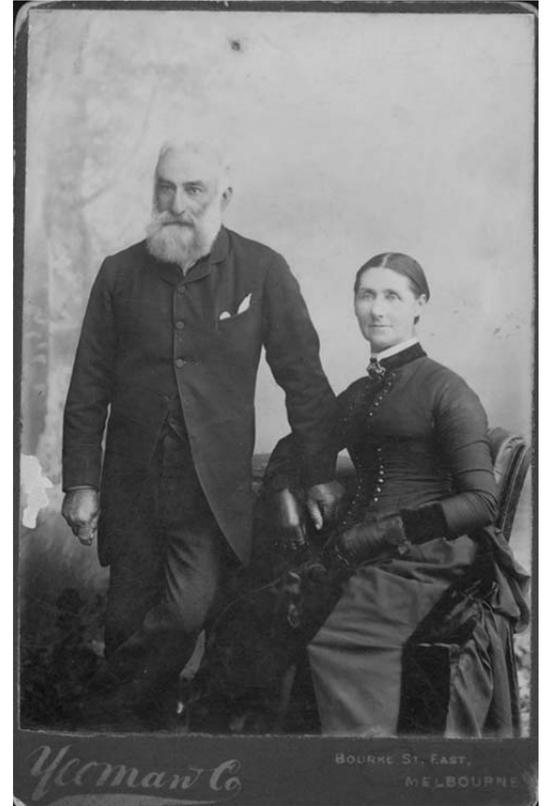
Charles and Ellen Rossiter

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

Rossiter Road is named after Charles Rossiter. Charles and Ellen Rossiter took up 317 acres of land at Yallock in 1873 and called the property *Hawkesdale*. It was located at Lot 10b, Parish of Yallock and situated between Koo Wee Rup and Bayles, near Bethune's Road. Previous to this Charles and Ellen lived at *Ravenhurst* (later called *Tulliellan*) on Clyde Road, south of Grice's Road in Cranbourne North. Grice's Road was the border of the Shire of Cranbourne and Shire of Berwick.

Ravenhurst was part of the *Garem Gam* Run of 3,200 acres (1300 hectares) taken up by James Bathe and T.J Perry in 1837. In 1845, *Garem Gam* was subdivided and the eastern part was called *Ravenhurst*. *Ravenhurst* was taken up by Benjamin Rossiter (Charles' father) and Maurice Feehan in 1850. In 1851 it appears that the property (*Garem Gam*) was leased as a whole again by Benjamin Rossiter, Maurice Feehan and Sarah O'Shea. Sarah had been leasing the other section of the *Garem Gam* property with John Crewe. By 1854, Benjamin Rossiter had the entire property.

Benjamin Rossiter (1786 - 1858) and his wife Zillah Baynton (1789 - 1871) had arrived in the Western Port area in 1842, having come out from Somersetshire in 1841. Benjamin Rossiter died in 1858 and his sons Charles and Thomas, took over the property. As well as the two boys I believe Benjamin and Zillah had two daughters - Ann who died as a teenager and Mercy who married Henry Wedge. Henry Wedge and his brothers, Charles and John, had the *Bangam* and *Ballymarang* Stations.



Charles and Ellen Rossiter early 1890s

Bangam was located between the Dandenong Creek and Eumemmerring Creeks (so modern day Doveton) and *Ballamarang* was around modern day Carrum Downs and across to Seaford and Port Phillip Bay. Wedge Road in Carrum Downs is named for the family. Mercy Wedge died in 1903 aged 80. Thomas James Rossiter died Parkes in New South Wales. He married Mary Ann O'Shea in 1854, the same year his brother Charles married Ellen O'Shea -

one source on the internet says that Mary Ann and Ellen were sisters. Ellen's father was John O'Shea (died 1852 aged 51), I can confirm that but I am guessing that Sarah O'Shea is the wife of John and the mother of Mary Ann and Ellen. O'Shea Road in Berwick is named for the family.

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Charles and Ellen Rossiter *(from previous page)*

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Charles and Ellen O'Shea had eight children - Edwin Augustus (1856 - 1939, married Ellen Louisa Craig in 1890), Emily Baynton (1857 - 1883), Helena Ellen Teresa (1859 - 1902), Charles Benjamin (1865 - 1942, married his first cousin Zillah Rossiter in 1899), Hubert (1869 - 1870), Ellen Teresa (known as Nellie, 1871-1926 married William Brierley in 1906), Norton Baynton (c. 1875 - 1947, married Hilda Hodgson in 1906) and Claude Cecil (c. 1878 - 1947, married Stella Mary Paragreen in 1907). Charles died in 1895 aged 74 and Ellen died in 1909 aged 73. They are both buried at the Cranbourne Cemetery

What do we know about their life in Koo Wee Rup? Niel Gunson in his book *Good Country: Cranbourne Shire* says that Rossiter's property Hawkesdale was regarded as a show place in the district and the homestead was set off by a profusion of flowers - geraniums, dahlias, rhododendrons, roses, broom and cactus. Besides bloodstock and a shorthorn dairy herd, Rossiter applied intense cultivation - in a paddock on the east side of the homestead seventeen successive crops have been grown and for the last fourteen years without manure - the present crop will yield 2 ½ tons of hay to the acre.

Charles was an original Committee member of the Mornington Farmers Society from 1856, a Cranbourne Shire Councillor from 1869 to 1884 and Shire President on four occasions. As he had many children, Charles was interested in having a school established in the area and was one of the local land owners to sign a petition for its establishment. Subsequently, Yallock State School No. 2629 (later called Koo Wee Rup State School) opened on November 1, 1884 at Bethunes Road.



Hawkesdale early 1890s

The *Hawkesdale* property was put up for auction in November 1898, by Charles' executors. It was described at the time as being only two miles from the Koo Wee Rup Railway Station. There was a good four roomed brick house, kitchen and kitchen bedroom, 2 pantries, a large building comprising a dairy, meat room and 2 buggy rooms; 10 stalled cow shed, refrigeration room, good orchard. There was a State School and creamery adjoining the property and it was one of the finest farms in the district.

After the farm was sold, Ellen went to live with her son, Norton, in Hedley (near Welshpool)

We are lucky that a member of the Rossiter family donated some family photos to the State Library, so we can get a snap shot of their life at *Hawkesdale* and other properties. The photos were given by Mrs Leila Trickey (1908 - 1985) the daughter of Claude Rossiter.

All photos in this article are reproduced from the State Library of Victoria collection

The Koo-Wee-Rup Swamp Historical Society meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm at Mallow house in Rossiter Road, corner of Henry Street. Our next meeting is Wednesday, July 11. New members welcome. The Museum will hopefully re-open in July. Check our Facebook page or contact me for an update. Heather Arnold harnold@dcsi.net.au ☎ 0407 521 637.



Claude, Nellie & Norton O'Shea early 1880s

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Vicki Charlton and harmony.