

THE KOO WEE RUP BLACKFISH



MARCH 2018

Koo Wee Rup 1939



This photo was recently shared on the Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society facebook page. Back then there was a cluster of shops along Station Street and Rossiter Road. Housing was concentrated along Rossiter Road with a solid pocket of houses on Charles Street and a few on Sybella Avenue. The 'established' areas of town along Gardner and Henry Streets and around John St and Alexander Avenue hadn't yet been built. The big housing estates, Tesoro, Lauriston Park, Bailey Boulevard and Waterways were still large farms.

The Township Committee Meeting Minutes

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

Cr Ray Brown advised that the upgrade plans for the tennis courts have been completed. There will be four courts with full lighting and the old Koo Wee Rup Swimming Club rooms are to be improved including the addition of toilet facilities. The two existing courts will be removed and four new ones laid in the same area of Cochrane Park. The project is to be tendered in March.

The Koo wee Rup High School football ground is being upgraded including the construction of a pavilion; this will be available to the Koo Wee Rup football club for use outside school hours.

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Letter to the Editor - The Grange

As the owner of the property at Lot 1 Walker St, I have become aware of a few adverse comments regarding the removal of the large Silky Oak tree at the front of my property. There have been several near misses in recent times of branches and limbs falling without warning. On one occasion late last year, a gardener narrowly avoided having a sizeable branch fall on him and the branch fell on the roof of his new van, causing damage.

It has been worrying that many people, including school children walk under the tree each day. A very large rotten bough had fallen from high up in the tree and lodged itself precariously on a very thin branch, in the general area where people regularly walk.

Recently, on Council's recommendation, I engaged a professional tree expert, to assess the tree. He looked, amongst other things, at a large limb that had fallen from high up in the tree and noticed it had bifurcated and there was less than 50% structural integrity in this and other parts of the tree. He deemed the tree to be in immediate danger, particularly due to the fact that to remove the most dangerous section would severely unbalance the tree, making it more of a safety hazard.

As falling branches are a weekly occurrence, and most of them appear very brittle, we organised to have the situation rendered safe. We can now breathe a lot easier, knowing that a very dangerous and potentially life threatening situation has been rectified.

Name and address supplied

Township Committee Meeting Minutes *(from page 1)*

Signage for the Community Centre has been investigated and a suggestion that a blue reflective sign be located on the other side of Rossiter Road with directional arrows indicating the entrance.

There is a proposal with council regarding funding of Christmas lights. This would involve council paying 50% of the cost if a community groups were to pay the other 50% with a maximum contribution from council of \$1,000.

Ray attended an event at the Amadeus Muslim centre at Langwarrin (part of the old Leisureland complex), it was a very interesting afternoon. Ray was also a guest at the opening of Gumbuya World at Tynong North – in response to queries about ticket prices, a season ticket is now available.

Local outdoor pools in Koo Wee Rup, Pakenham and Garfield are operating and on the weekend of 27 and 28 January over 2000 people attended these excellent council owned venues.

A Solar rebate program is available for pensioners in the shire, the funding is limited and provides funding to install a solar power system that is paid back over 10 years through an extra payment on the home owners council rates.

The Draft Pakenham Parking Plan is open for comment on the Cardinia Shire websites. The Draft Precinct Structure Plan (PSP) is open for public comment. A link to this plan is also on the Cardinia Shire web site.

Dandenong Council have recently voted to support the proposal for a new International Airport southeast of Melbourne.

Wednesday 7 February was the first meeting of the Cardinia Youth Council. The Youth council will meet once a month. This initiative has been championed by Councillor Schilling.

There followed some questions for Councillor Brown:

Will the upgrading of the High School oval affect the proposal for a second community oval for Koo Wee Rup?

Cr Brown advised that the users of the oval need to get involved to get as much support from the community as possible and keep advising council staff and elected representatives of the need for a second ground.

Frank Worcester raised the issue of the steepness and slippery surface of the ramp at the pedestrian crossing at the corner of Rossiter Road and Station Street. Ray advised that this crossing met Australian Standards (as does the crossing point at Woolworths) however a few people have raised problems so he will refer this to the road engineers to investigate again and report back at the next meeting.

Joyce Light raised the issue of cars taking a short cut through the driveway at the second-hand business on the southeast corner of Station St and Rossiter Road. There was a recent incident where a mother pushing her child in pram was almost hit by a car using this shortcut. Numerous examples of similar occurrences were then raised from the floor of the meeting. Councillor Brown will raise this with relevant officers in council and it was also agreed that the Secretary would write to council expressing the Committee's desire for council to find a solution to stop this dangerous practice and to the owner of the business.

The President thanked the council for completing the footpath from Waterways Estate to Charles Street. It is something the Township Committee has long had on its priorities list.

Thank you to everyone involved in Australia Day. Special thanks to those on the sub-committee for all their hard work, and also to those who helped with setup, cleanup and everything involved on the day of the ceremony. Thanks to the Scouts, RSL and CWA for their contribution again this year and to the mayor, Collin Ross, and our wonderful MC, Peter Bottomley.

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Township Committee Meeting Minutes *(from page 3)*

Congratulations to the Lions Club and their partners for the wonderful Carols by Candlelight last December. A wonderful community event and a great use of our fabulous community facility, Cochrane Park, may there be many more.

The issue of burnouts at Rossiter Road and Station Street was raised at the meeting; there have been several occasions over recent months. Everybody should report these incidents when they happen either to 000 or to local police.

Frank Cramer raised the open drain on Denhams Road. The drain has been cleaned out but should be piped as the drain along the rest of the road has been. Ray will follow this up and report back at the next meeting.

Ron Ingram from the Koo Wee Rup sub-branch of the RSL presented on the proposed RSL Museum and Club Rooms for Koo Wee Rup.

In 2002 the Koo Wee Rup RSL almost folded, now there are 70 members. The Koo Wee Rup RSL is involved in the local community in a variety of ways including sponsoring the Australian medal for Scouts; Scholarships at 9 schools in the local area and school ANZAC commemoration ceremonies; talks to students; involved with the Lions Club; Men's Shed; Annual Scots on the Swamp celebrations at Harewood House.

The Military History Museum Proposal is to provide a location to house memorabilia and service history information for over 750 servicemen of the district. The Project will include the construction of a Museum and Sub-branch Club Rooms. It will recognise the 79 servicemen from the area who gave their lives. It will record and preserve memories. The building is designed to be altered in the future if clubrooms are no longer required. The Museum will be a knowledge and research resource for the local area and a tourist attraction. There are 10,000 people in the local catchment area for the museum. The museum will be located in Koo Wee Rup as this is roughly the centre of the district which the museum will represent, the actual location in town of the building has yet to be chosen. The RSL wants the location to be visible and accessible. With access to public transport services and have adequate parking.

The RSL has committed to consulting with the community before a location is chosen. Proposed locations are: Cochrane Park (where the railway house was removed; RSL preference), Lions Park (between bus interchange and police station), Old station site (other works happening there to preserve the railway history of Koo Wee Rup), Tennis Courts site in KWR (it will not be at this location). The proposed building will 40metres by 18metres and the rear section will be approximately 4.2metres high. The RSL is seeking funding from the Bendigo Bank, and has received donations totalling approximately \$15,000 from local businesses. The RSL has also met with Don Tehan Minister for Veteran Affairs who has indicated support, and a promise of funding.

The temporary museum has been set up but has not been granted a permit to allow the building to be opened to the public due to the lack of toilet facilities, and issues with access and fire management. Over December and January a further 35 histories of local servicemen have been donated to the museum.

There was some discussion regarding the proposal, most of which was around the proposed location. There was strong opposition to the museum being located in Cochrane Park. It was felt that a building of this size would block the park from the town, there were also concerns raised about using public land, which is currently available to the whole community, to support a very small proportion of the community. An additional location adjacent to the Koo Wee Rup Historical Society Museum at the corner of Henry St and Rossiter Rd, it was pointed out this would create an "history precinct" in the town.

Lou Bucello questioned the boundary of locations on Dalmore Road; Ray will confirm and report back at the March meeting.

Councillor Brown suggested that as council was currently developing the 5 year plan that the township committee should be advocating for a budget to extend the Koo Wee Rup Community Centre. A letter to the council CEO urging consideration of this

inclusion would be a good starting point. The Secretary of the Koo Wee Rup Township Committee will write to Cardinia Shire Council to request that the extension of the Koo Wee Rup Community Centre be included in the next 5 year plan.

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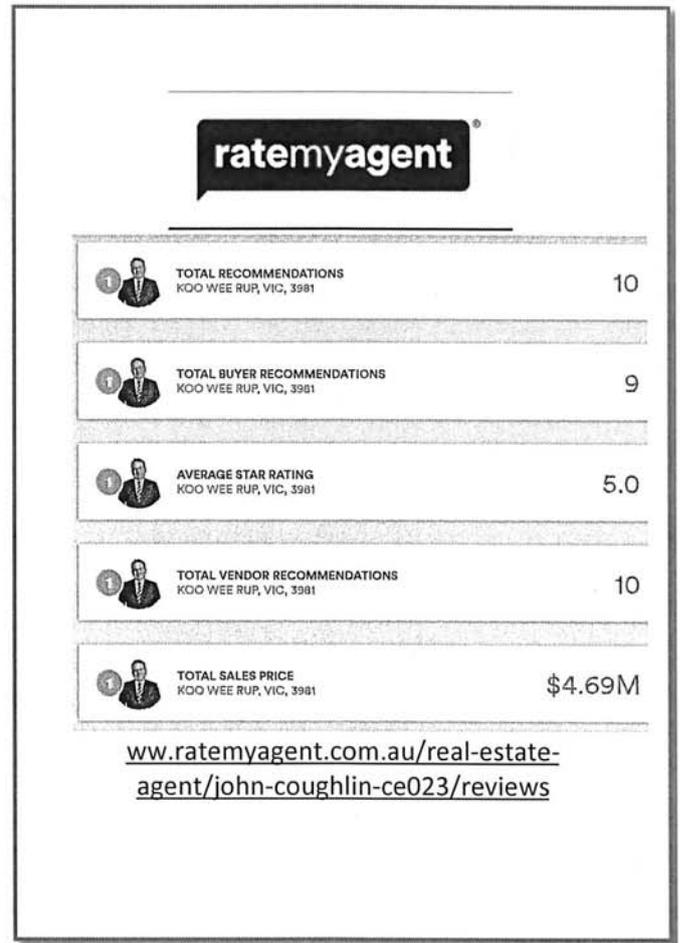
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Koo Wee Rup RSL Sub Branch Report

At dawn, on April 25th, 2018, we will begin the commemoration of the centenary of the end of the First World War. It is the most auspicious military commemoration in the history of both Australia and New Zealand. I invite all serving and former members of the Australian New Zealand and British military forces, relatives and friends, I also invite all members of our community and all those who wish to be with us. Your participation is an honour, very important and much appreciated.

When opportunity arise, I wish to bring to the attention of our readers, especially our very young, some of what I think, are significant events that occurred in both World Wars.

At home - Darwin

At 0958 on February 19th 1942, 242 carrier-borne Japanese war planes attacked the port and the city of Darwin. From a position in the Timor Sea, south-east of the island, the four Japanese aircraft carriers executed the attack in two strikes. 2018 will mark the 76th anniversary of the first attack on Australian mainland - our home. Death came swiftly to many of our people, our mourning lasts through the years.

Lest We Forget

Footnote:

The above mentioned Japanese aircraft carriers were: Akagi, Kaga, Soryu and Hiryu - all had taken part in the Pearl Harbour attack and all four were sunk during the Battle of Midway.

Palestine, Christmas 1917

Palestine in November and December 1917 was also a very important strategic place that had to be captured from the Ottoman armies. Beersheba and Jerusalem had been captured and made safe ... but the seaport of Jaffa was the port of entry for all supplies and was still under Turkish artillery fire. During heavy rain on December 22nd, the British 156th Infantry Brigade made a surprise assault on the Turk positions and pushed their lines back 8km ... NOT ONE SHOT WAS FIRED ... bayonets only were used to complete the action. The battle was such a success, it was mentioned in despatches of General Allenby. Prior to November/December 1917, the holy city of Jerusalem had been in Turkish hands since 1517.

In memory of those men and their loved ones and those now serving on foreign lands and seas.

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*Yours Aye, John Camilleri,
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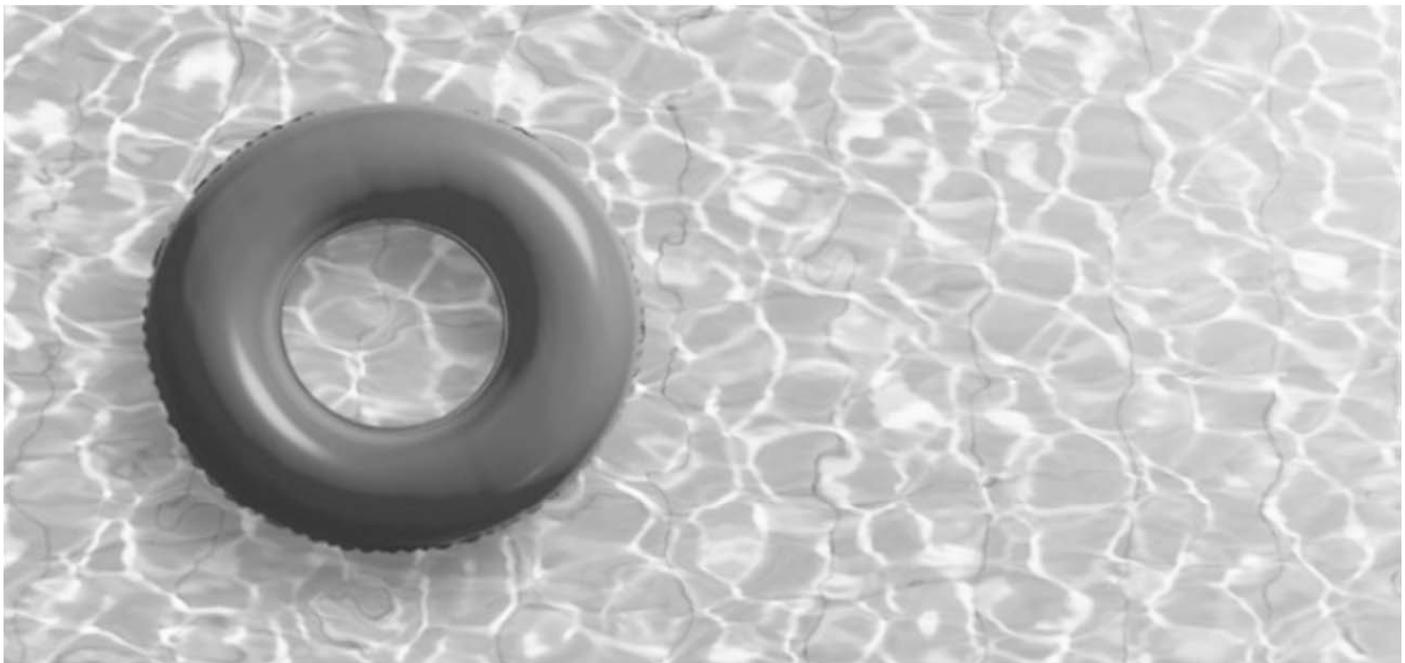
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Welcome to the beginning of the 2018 school year at St John the Baptist Primary School. We welcome many new children and families to our school this year, especially our 31 Foundation/Prep students. We hope that all the children and their families enjoy another wonderful year at St John's.

This year, we also welcome two new staff members to our school. Ms Leah Missen (Yr F/1) and Mr Liam Keily (Yr 5/6).

Australia Day Awards

Congratulations to students Hannah Seuren and Jack Edden on receiving the Junior Citizenship awards at the Koo Wee Rup Australia Day celebrations.

Student Leadership

Our senior students went through the process of selecting School and House Leaders for 2018. A large number of students prepared and delivered fantastic speeches in front of parents, staff and students. The Social Justice Leaders were also chosen after having to write a letter of application to the Principal. The student leaders for 2018 are:

School Captains:

Zak Banks and Matilda Paten

House Captains:

RED: Logan Anderson and Holly Lace

BLUE: Riley Chilver and Grace Mulcahy

YELLOW: Declan McFarlane and Gracie Cuthbertson

GREEN: Rylan Parsons and Hannah Seuren

Social Justice Leaders:

Sebastian Borthwick, Saoirse O'Riordan, Laila Witteveen and Bonnie Sharp

Future Events

- 28/2 Sacramental Information Night
- 2/3 St John's Swimming Carnival
- 4-8/3 Grade Five/Six Camp to Canberra
- Term1 Project Compassion
- 23/3 Foundation Open Morning**
- 27/3 Confirmation Reflection Day
- 28/3 St John's cross-country
- 29/3 Stations of the Cross



Foundation Open Morning

**Friday 23rd March 2018
9:30am—11:00am**

**Meet the Principal
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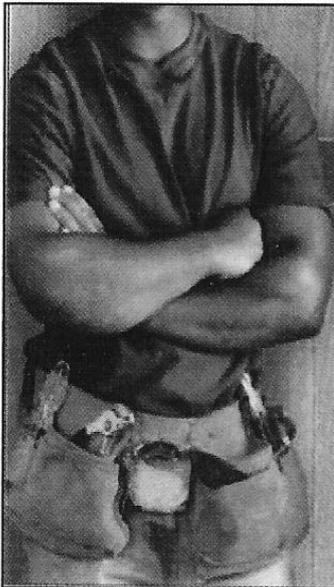
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KOO WEE RUP Primary School

Outdoor Cinema Night Friday 23rd March



On the evening of Friday March 23rd (time tbc) we are holding a whole school community event.....an outdoor cinema night!! The film we are showing on the night is 'Wonder' which we think is the perfect family movie.

To support one of our Junior students fundraising for Cystic Fibrosis, raffle tickets will be sold to win your place in the exclusive "Gold Grass" area. A lucky family will get to watch the movie from the comfort of bean bags and be served drinks and popcorn by a staff member of the school.

Please note the event is strictly a no alcohol event.



Admission to the event is via donation on the night.
Drinks, fairy floss and popcorn will be available to purchase on the night.



We are currently looking for any companies who would like to sponsor this event to assist in covering the costs of the equipment hire and movie license. Sponsors would receive recognition through our promotional material leading up to the event and would also be promoted on the night through our flyers and on the big screen before the film begins. If you know of any businesses that might be interested, please contact the school on 5997 1272.

March 2018

Every Tuesday 2:15pm	Assembly
Monday & Wednesday 8:30am	Yoga
Tuesday & Thursday 8:15am	Breakfast Club. Doors close at 8:30am
Tuesday 10am - 12noon	Playgroup
Tuesday 2:15pm	Assembly
Thursday 8th March 6:30pm	Resilience Project Parent Info
Friday March 9th	Colour Explosion Fundraiser
Friday 23rd March	Movie Night
Saturday 24th March	Bunnings East Pakenham Sausage Sizzle
Thursday 28th March	2:15pm End of term dismissal



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The 1st Koo Wee Rup Scout Group would like to congratulate our members, past and present who received awards this Australia Day. Congratulations to Sienna Roden, Jack Edden and Lara Johnson for their Koo Wee Rup Township Committee Citizen Awards.



Congratulations also to Sally Jensen who was awarded the Cardinia Shire Young Citizen of the Year Award.

Fantastic work and well deserved - well done.

It is youth members like these that make Scouting a rewarding experience for everyone involved but it doesn't mean we can't have fun too. Water nights, fun parks, even an 'under the sea' themed Sleep Over were all a part to a fantastic start to 2018. Join us now as the adventure begins



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Why not join us for the rest of daylight saving 7pm

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KWR Senior Citizens Club

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The Rotary Club of Kooweerup-Lang Lang trust you all had a great Christmas and New Year. We look forward to assisting our community throughout 2018. Please don't hesitate to join us any time you wish to know more about Rotary International.

Carols by Candlelight in the Lang Lang Hall was again well attended. We were well entertained by Brian Candy, the Cardinia Show Band and the Lang Lang Primary School Choir. Thank you all for committing to making our Carols a night to sing along to some wonderful old favourites. A special thank you to Matt Sherer who once again did a number of solo carols, truly inspiring. I myself have never liked a particular carol that Matt sang but he changed my mind. I look forward to this years to see what Matt and the Cardinia Show Band have in store for us.

Lang Lang Show'n'Shine was filled with much anticipation, as it always does. Will the weather be too hot, will it be cold, will it rain, no we had a great weather day which showed in the numbers that came through the gate, cars, swap meet stall holders and spectators were an all time high. By all accounts it was a great day and we thank the many local organisations assisting on the day with various tasks, community groups working together. We thank all our wonderful supporters who donated prizes or cash, together we make a great team for a common goal of assisting in our community. I'm sure here will be updated information on this years event at - www.langlangshowshine.com. Thanks to Rudy, Jan and the Show'n'Shine committee for the many many hours you put in to this event.



Our Debutante Ball was in the throes of being cancelled when a call out on social media was answered by the public. Thank you Susan Bethune for putting it out there, we appreciate your efforts in getting the ball back on track. We wish all our Debutantes, Partners, family and friends a wonderful night. Please contact Val Williams on 5997 5358 for further information. There's still time if you're interested in participating. I believe the date is the 27th of April.

It would be very remiss of me if I did not mention Alan Laughton. Alan has been chair of Donation in Kind for District 9820 for 3 years. Alan has been amazing in not only representing our club to the highest level but also at District level in delivering equipment to those in need, both locally and internationally. Alan's commitment has been outstanding on so many levels, even travelling overseas to assist building projects after devastating national disasters. The club wishes to publicly thank you for your commitment to enriching the lives of so many in need. Donations in Kind basically has equipment that is no longer required or need and passes it onto local or international communities in need of that equipment.

For more information please phone our secretary Graham Warry 0499 101 953. Secretary Graham will be happy to answer any queries you have regarding Rotary and coming along. The club meets at the Lang Lang Sports Club every Wednesday at 6.30pm for 7pm start if you are interested. You do not have a meal. And as once thought, you do not have to attend every week. So if you are someone that is passionate about our community, Koo wee rup or Lang Lang, don't be shy and pop along for a gander. Some of us do bite but only for the betterment of our community. You can also Google 'Rotary International' where you can find more information on our organisation. We keep our Facebook page updated as much as possible and we only publish with the permission of those we feature.



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Whilst there is some change with the ownership, many of the regular faces working in the newsagency and post office will continue to work with John.

Thank you so much for your support during the last 4.5 years, we have developed so many connections and friendships across the community and have really enjoyed your company and laughs along the way.

Having lived in Koo Wee Rup district for over 20 years, it is these last few years working in the community that I have begun to really appreciate what a fabulous community that we have.

I will be continuing live in the district and will be in and around Koo Wee, hopefully now there will be time to become involved in some community groups and of course as most are aware some fishing.

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Koo Wee Rup Bowls Club News



Tuesday Pennant results for 23/1 – Div. 1 lost to 2nd place team Karingal 48-70. Div. 4 lost to top team Hastings 41-82. Results from Rd. 13 were Div. 1 lost to Mornington 53-69. Div. 4 lost a close game to Blue Hills 50-53. Final round of the season results are Div. 1 lost 63-65 against Belvedere. Div. 4 lost to Baxter 45-81.

Saturday Pennant results from Rd. 12 – Div. 2 lost to top team Mt. Eliza 54-119. Div. 5 lost to Blue Hills 43-102. Good results from Rd. 13 with Div. 2 defeating Hastings 90-77 & Div. 5 winning at Dromana 86-58. Final Rd. scores were Div. 2 lost to Karingal 75-104 & Div. 5 won 81-76 against Belvedere to finish the season on a good note.

This season’s Pennant results were disappointing with Tuesday Div. 1 & Saturday Division 2 probably playing in a higher division than they should. Div. 2 were competitive in some games losing 5 games by less than 12 shots. Div. 5 also had a couple of good wins notably beating Dromana at Dromana as none of our players had played there before. The low point was the cancellation of Saturday Div. 7 just before Christmas. This was due to a number of circumstances which impacted on availability each week.

The highlight was the fact that 14 of 18 new members who joined in 2017 played in Pennant sides albeit some could only play 1 or 2 games due to other commitments etc. This may allow the Club to have a Div. 7 team again next season.

The next day of our Friday Triples competition was played on 2nd Feb. The Winning rink was K.Taylor, E.Adams & F.Forde (Warragul) with 41 pts. Runner Up rink with 38 pts. was G.Baumbach, M.Knight & K.Allen (Cardinia Waters). Best 1st game went to W.Pownall, T.Kitchen & L.Monckton (KWR) with 18 pts & best 2nd game was won by G.Barber (Korumburra), T.Loughridge & J.Garnham (Loch & Dist.) 19 pts. Games were played in fine conditions on 16th Feb, with the winning rink being J.Van Vugt, G.Wilde & A.Copley (Cardinia Waters) with 35 pts. Runner up rink for the day was K.Allen, G.Baumbach & T.Gogan (Cardinia Waters) scoring 34 pts. Best 1st game was won by R.Alexander, K.Hammond & A.Greenhill (KWR) with 18 pts. & 10 shots.& best 2nd game went to K.Clifton (Pakenham), I.Caig & B.Potter (KWR) with 19 pts.

Our Community Twilight bowls season has commenced and is played on Friday evenings until end of March. Cost is \$5.00 per person and includes a sausage sizzle and a couple of “fun” games of bowls. Everybody is welcome to come along and try the game.

The January Mixed Triples, postponed from 28th Jan., was played on 11th Feb. with the Winning rink being B.Files, Betty King & P.Stevens [KWR] with 52 pts. Runner Up rink with 36 pts. was M.Reid, M.Bell & C.Murray [Yamala Park] & 3rd place was won by P.Gray, N.Speight & B.Potter [KWR] with 34 pts. Thanks to our sponsors for the day – C & D Trophies [Langwarrin] & Nielsen Funerals [Drouin & Warragul] for their support.



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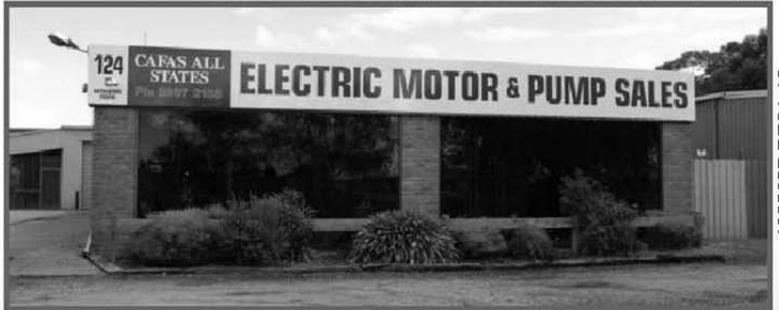
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News from the Men's Shed

The New Year has started well for the members of the Men's Shed and we are pleased to report that the renovations, especially to the kitchen area, have now been completed. The increased benchtop space and the larger cooktop mean that we can now cater more easily for larger groups of people. Not only that, we now have a professional barista coffee machine installed and members have been specially trained to make and present a complete range of coffees from Café Latte to Macchiato. Watch this space for a start-up date and availability. We all thank the members who have helped to finalise this project, especially Jeff Warren who undertook the relining, insulating, and beautifying the inside of the Men's Shed building.

The Community Garden is now looking very attractive again with the return of our volunteers, together with students from the Koo Wee Rup Secondary College returning from their end of year holidays. Please do come along and choose some superb home grown vegetables to take back to your kitchen; there is a lot to select from such as tomatoes, potatoes, silver beet, rhubarb, figs and other magnificent selected veggies. Please remember to make a donation to the Men's Shed as this will smoothly maintain the continuation of the cultivation of the Community Garden.



At the end of February the members are heading to lunch at the Meadowvale Retirement Village in Pakenham, Victoria. Nestled in 20 acres of well-maintained gardens and a convenient distance from Pakenham's shopping centres, social clubs, and restaurants, Meadowvale offers a secure and peaceful hideaway that inspires both relaxation and recreation. Perhaps one or two of our members will be inspired to move there permanently!

Have you ever heard someone say, "I'm too old to learn about computers", or "computers are too complicated; computers scare me"? Well you are never too old and handling computers can be real fun. Computers also do exactly what they are told to do!

On Friday March 8th at 9.00 am we commence our computer course for seniors who are real beginners. The lessons will introduce you to a great new world, a world of fun and education. We start with a look at what's inside that black box and discover it's not frightening at all. You will learn how to use a 'mouse', and a keyboard, to write a letter or send a text to someone, and how to create a colourful poster or even an advert. This course is over approximately five weeks

Then the real fun begins with our intermediate course that starts at 10:15 am. You will learn about that other world, the Internet, and how to connect with other people anywhere in the world. You will have your own email address and at the end of the course, you will be sending photos, jokes, and messages to your friends and making e-purchases of items over the Internet. But most of all you will have fun so, remember to bring along with you a notebook to jot down things that you may forget. If you would like to join us or, for more information, please contact: Geoff Stokes on 59971974 or Brian Harlow on 59979687.

Remember, there is always an open invitation to men of the area to join us at the Men's Shed and enjoy the company; 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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Geoff Stokes

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Customer Advisory Committee

A meeting of the Customer Advisory Committee (CAC) to the Board of Governors of the KRHS took place at the end of January. The committee's guest speaker was Simon Kelly whose subject was 'Elder Abuse'.

Simon, a lawyer, is the Elder Abuse project manager and coordinator for the Casey Cardinia Community Legal Service. He was formerly a senior solicitor at the Victorian Government Solicitors Office with a long history in criminal prosecution and investigation.

The main theme of Simon's wide-ranging talk was: "*... to empower older people through increased awareness of their legal rights and the provision of avenues for advice and support through case work and court representation ...*" His talk zeroed in on the abuse of the elderly by family members, or nominated friends, during the making of Enduring Powers of Attorney documents for that particular elderly person's financial and personal business affairs. He cited several cases, in which he had become involved, where severe hardship and trauma to his client had resulted from despicable acts carried out by unscrupulous friends and family in their misuse of their Power of Attorney duties; clear cases of Elder Abuse. From this he explained how the elderly, whilst they are quite *compos mentis* and physically fit, should secure and safeguard their future rights whilst they are able to understand more clearly what is involved and who is involved in the formulation of the documents. In other words do it now.

Simon explained how elder abuse remains largely undisclosed. The Elder Abuse program goals are: -

- * To empower older people through increased awareness of their legal rights and the provision of avenues for advice and support through case work and court representation.

- * Active partnerships with professionals through increased legal education to respond to elder abuse in the health, community and finance sector and local councils.

- * Law reforms at the societal level that are preventative in outcome and that strengthens the elderly in our community whilst supporting the family in which they live. Legal research conducted on Elder Abuse will be presented to the Local government meetings and Federation of Community Legal Services.

The CAC meeting that followed Simon's talk then debated several topics and plans for the coming year.

- Mental health education and services. End of life care and planning.
- Ready2Go - this is an important program with the threat of bushfires and storms and floods at this time of the year. Ready2Go helps vulnerable and isolated people who require extra support to remain in the community they love with the assistance of a trained volunteer who checks on them to ensure they are safe and hydrated on high heat days, as well as relocating them to an agreed location if they desire. Ready2Go currently operates in Cockatoo and the CAC plans to cover Koo Wee Rup and district in 2018.

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The CAC was also brought up to date on Health Service Planning by the KRHS CEO Frank Megens. The meeting then discussed the pros and cons of a social media presence for the CAC, new signage and labelling of KRHS building areas, and also the nuances of proposed new brochures, folders, and posters for patients that describe clearly and easily, the many wonderful facilities available at KRHS.

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Divorces in Koo Wee Rup

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

The recent flurry of media attention given to the 'activities' of a certain National Party politician reminded me that in the 'olden days' marriage break-ups and divorce were reported in much detail in the papers. The Divorce Court proceedings were reported as they made interesting reading as one party had to prove the other party was 'at fault' so many personal details were revealed and there seemed to be no concern with privacy in those days. In fact, one paper I read headed a divorce report with 'A divorce case of interest to residents of Yannathan and Heath Hill.' It wasn't until 1975 that 'no fault' divorce came in and one partner just had to show the marriage had an irreconcilable breakdown. Here are some interesting local divorces reported in the papers from the past.

In November 1896, there were columns devoted to the case of James Macfarlane Lake of Koo Wee Rup who sought a divorce from his wife, Mary Ann Lake, on the grounds of her adultery with Clement Short of Balaclava. He also asked to be awarded £3000 in damages from Short. The couple had married in 1880 and had 'several children' aged between 15 and 2 and James would not acknowledge the youngest child as his.

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KBA Report

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

Bit later than maybe should be, but welcome to 2018. Everyone all settled back at work after the festive season. Kids back at school and looking forward to the next holiday break.

It's been a great couple of months, seems to have been a steady flow of traffic through the town. All the retail shops being kept busy whether with customers, updating stock or redoing window displays. The cafes and take away food shops also seem to be doing a roaring trade. If you haven't had the time to wander around the streets and see what's happening in town lately, pick a day and make it happen while we're experiencing this beautiful weather.

The association held its first meeting for 2018 on Tuesday 20th February at the Royal hotel, Koo Wee Rup. After a general catch up and review of what's been happening with the Kba to date we stepped straight into a lively discussion regarding the matter of marketing. This is a subject that the association is looking forward to moving on and also to having a number of its members involved in future meetings to discuss this issue and how best to manage it.

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The next meeting is on Tuesday 20th March. If you think that you have something that you can offer the Kba, or we may be able to help you with, please contact the committee on the number below.

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So ends this report,

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Vicki Charlton

President

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Divorces in Koo Wee Rup *(from previous page)*

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

It appears that James had no concerns about his marriage until his sister-in-law fell out with Mary Ann and she then told James that Mary Ann had been having an affair with Clement. Mary Ann admitted to the Court to having 'misconduct' with Short on a number of occasions having been 'led away by his false promises' but Clement denied 'misconduct' with her. Misconduct is a euphemism for sexual relations. Short gave evidence that he had lent Lake £5 to start a greengrocery business at Bunyip and he refused to pay the money back.

After much evidence the Judge directed the jury to decide whether *a poor honest struggling man had his home ruined and his wife's affection alienated from him by a scoundrel who had added to the calamities by perjury and corruption* or, on the other hand, Clement was the victim of attempt to *take money from his pocket* i.e. he was being blackmailed by Lake. In the end the jury found against James and for Clement so the judge denied James his divorce and his damages. It would be interesting to know what happened to the trio after this.

In November 1904, Edward Hunt from Yannathan was granted a divorce from his wife, Mabel Jessie Hunt. They had three children and had married in 1896. Evidence was given that Mabel 'was living an abandoned life' which I presume is a euphemism for an alcoholic or a woman who was indulging in 'misconduct' with other men.

In September 1914, Margaret McKay, 43 years old, from Yannathan was granted a divorce from her husband William. The couple had married in January 1908 and William had left in June 1908 and had not been seen since. There was one child of the marriage. This was the case that the *Bunyip Free Press* had said was 'A divorce case of interest to residents of Yannathan and Heath Hill'

The Argus newspaper headed a report from the Divorce Court in July 1919 as 'Soldiers' Divorce suits' and started the article as 'Another crop of cases in which soldiers sought divorce from wives who had been unfaithful during their absence on active service.' Amongst the cases was this one. Alexander Robb, a returned soldier, petitioned for a divorce from his wife, Susan, on the grounds of her misconduct with Charles Beasley of Koo Wee Rup. The couple had five children and before he went away to War in October 1916, they lived in the same house as Charles. When Alexander returned from the war in January 1919 his wife had a new baby and she admitted Charles was the father. It was believed that Beasley was a married man with a family living at Koo Wee Rup. The divorce was granted.

In March 1921, Richard Thomas Taylor, who worked for the Railways, asked for the dissolution of his marriage to Annie Isabel Taylor on the grounds of her desertion. He alleged Annie sold their house, kept the proceeds and went to live with her daughter at Yannathan. Mrs Taylor gave evidence that the house was in her name and that it was her husband's wish that she should leave him. So in spite of the fact that Richard wanted a divorce and Annie was happy to leave him, the Judge dismissed his petition for a divorce.

In December 1925, Albert Taplin a 48 year old farmer from Catani sought to divorce his wife, Annie, 52 years old of Yarragon on the grounds that she had deserted him. The couple had married in Wales in 1907 and came to Australia in 1911. He served in the War from 1915 to 1919 and, when he returned, he lived at Catani but she refused to leave her farm at Yarragon. Annie claimed that she had to leave him on 'account of his cruelty.' Evidence was given that he had visited her in Yarragon and that 'co-habitation' had taken place on several occasions. In the end the judge decided that Albert could not prove that Annie had deserted him so he would not grant the divorce and Albert had to pay the Court costs.

Our last case comes from July 1950 when Archie Lee Glover, of Koo Wee Rup, was awarded £450.00 in damages against William Mortensen, also of Koo Wee Rup. Glover was suing for a divorce from his wife, Joyce Lilian Glover, on the grounds of her adultery with William. Archie had originally sought £1000 pounds in damages from William and the custody of the three children. The judge granted him the divorce, the reduced damages and reserved his decision about the custody.

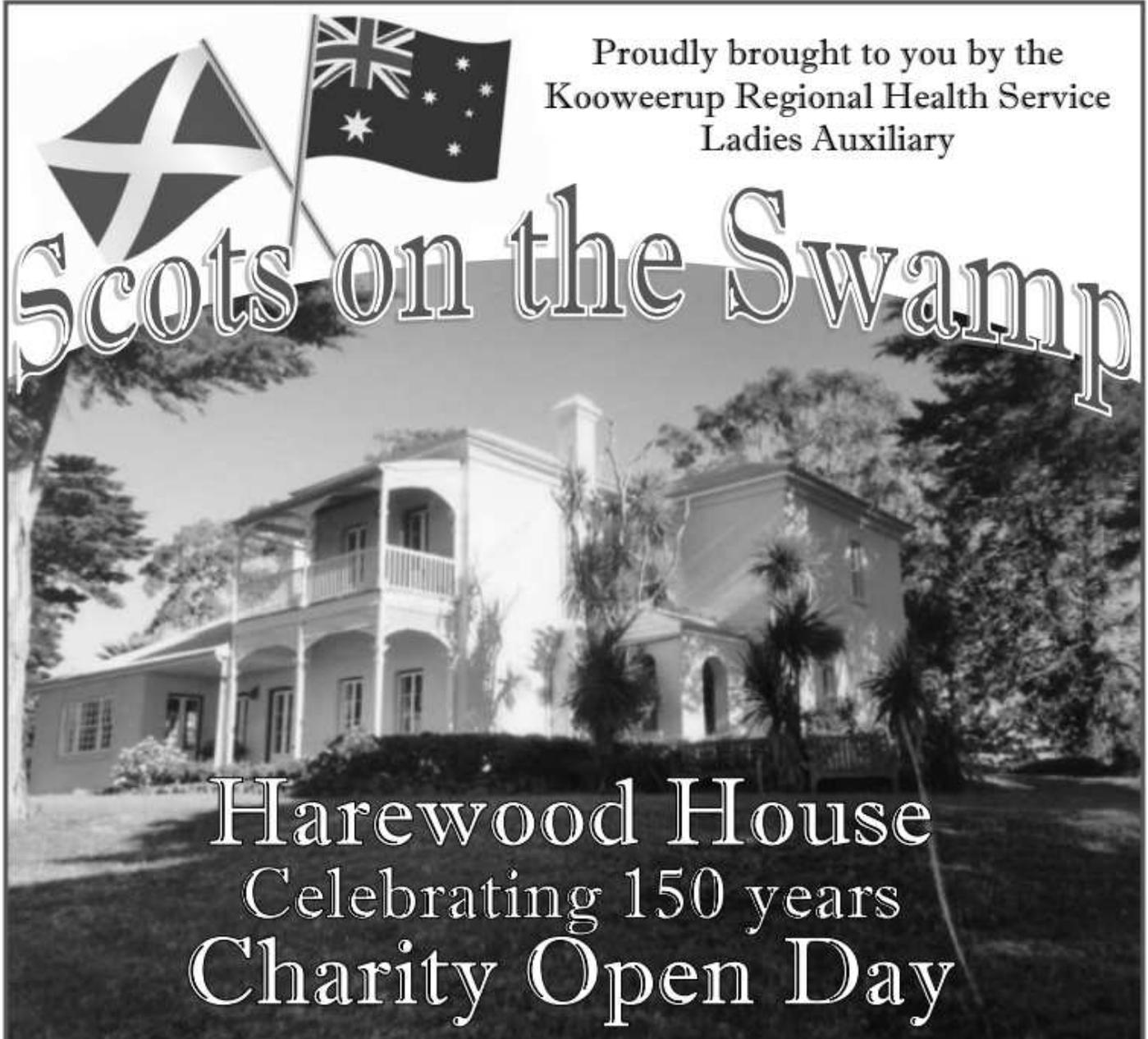
The Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm at Mallow house in Rossiter Road, corner of Henry Street. Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 14 at 7.30pm. New members welcome. Museum update: the Museum is closed until further notice. We have replaced the floors but we are now repainting. Check our Facebook page or contact me for an update. Heather Arnold harnold@dcsi.net.au ☎0407 521 637.

CAN YOU HELP?

On Sunday 27th May, the Koo-wee-rup Swamp Historical Society will be holding its 40th Annual Dinner at 12 noon.

To commemorate the occasion the Society wish to have a display of all the guest speakers who have addressed the Annual Dinner. Two names from early dinners have drawn a blank.

The guest speaker listed for 1983 is Jean Thadfield and the speaker for 1985 is Jean Padfield. Do either of these names ring a bell? Are they, in fact, the same person, and which name is correct? Can you tell us a little about them/her? If you have an answer to any of these questions, please contact Heather Arnold on harnold@dcsi.net.au ☎0407 521 637.



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