

THE KOO WEE RUP BLACKFISH



MAY 2018

Koo Wee Rup Football Club ANZAC Tribute



Koo Wee Rup players and Demon Juniors show their respect during the ANZAC ceremony (Photo: Jackie Cammarano)

I read somewhere in the media recently that simply, a "Sporting Club is about community" and this statement was on display at the Koo Wee Rup Football Club last Saturday night for the ANZAC Tribute game between Koo Wee Rup and Cora Lynn. The respect shown by the huge crowd during the ceremony was moving, which is an indication that football communities will come together to ensure that occasions such as ANZAC Day is not about the battle on the football field, but more importantly to honor all our service men and women who served in every conflict that Australia has committed too. Thank you one and all for your involvement.

Gary King, Secretary, KWRFC

The Township Committee Meeting Minutes

The Township held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, 4 April. Township Meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 2 May at 7:30 pm at the Community Centre.

Lachie McKay reported that McKays Rd had been graded 3rd April but still has corrugations, and is carrying extra traffic because of Ballarto Road works.

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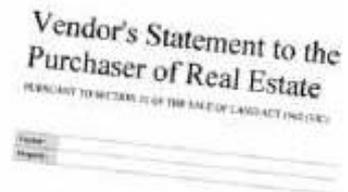
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Koo Wee Rup CWA

The KWR CWA sends our best wishes to all on Mother's day Sunday 13th of May. A Mother sacrifices and fights for her children 24 hours a day, 7 days a week often without thanks for the daily sacrifices that she makes. On the 13th we honour all Mothers on the work that you do to make all of us better people.

Let your Mother know how much she means to you with our never fail 'Queen Victoria' Cake Recipe. This classic cake is, of course, named after Queen Victoria, the only monarch to reign longer than the current Queen. It's relatively easy to make but does have a few quirks: you need to get as much air into it as possible, and be mindful of its sensitivity to variations in heat.

Queen Victoria Cake

INGREDIENTS

225 g unsalted butter (at room temperature),
 225 g white caster sugar
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 4 large free-range eggs
 self-raising flour
 1 teaspoon baking powder
 splash of milk

FILLING

200 ml double cream
 1 vanilla pod
 1½ tablespoon of icing sugar, plus extra for dusting
 250 g fresh strawberries



Preheat the oven to 180°C. Grease and line the bases of 2 round 20cm sandwich tins.

Cube up the butter, then cream together with the sugar in a large mixing bowl until pale and fluffy. Mix in the vanilla extract.

Beat the eggs, then gradually mix into the creamed butter and sugar. Sift, then fold in the flour, baking powder and ¼ of a teaspoon of sea salt with a large metal spoon until just incorporated (don't overmix).

Stir in 1 splash of milk to loosen the batter, then evenly divide it between the 2 cake tins.

Bake the cakes in the oven for 22 to 25 minutes, or until golden and cooked through. To test, insert a skewer into the middle of a cake; it's ready when the skewer comes out clean. Leave to cool in the tins for 5 minutes, then turn onto a wire rack to cool completely.

Once completely cool, pour the cream into a large bowl, scrape in the vanilla seeds and whisk until you have soft peaks.

Sift in icing sugar and gently fold through. Place one of the cakes on your chosen plate or cake stand and spread over the vanilla cream, but not right to the edges or it will spill later.

Hull and roughly slice the strawberries, then scatter on top of the second cake. Dust with icing sugar and decorate with extra strawberries, if you like.

Regardless of how it comes out, your Mother will be absolutely stoked that you tried! Just ensure the kitchen is clean after your creation!

Coming events:

Next Meeting: Monday 7th May, 7.30pm at the Koo Wee Rup Primary School

Next event: CWA Church Service Sunday- 6th May at 10am. St John's Church

Next craft night: Monday 21st of May, 7.30 pm Koo Wee Rup Primary School (bring your own craft)

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Township Committee Meeting Minutes *(from page 1)*

Nicholas Charratt from Cardinia Shire reported in his response to our enquiry that council was unable to follow up the issue with traffic cutting the corner at Nick's Trash to Treasure, as it was private land.

The President suspended the normal order of business to allow Walter Carmignani, Manager Buildings and Facilities, Cardinia Shire to address the meeting regarding the Cleaning Contract for Toilets and BBQs in Cardinia Shire and in particular Koo Wee Rup and Bayles. The review of the cleaning contract also includes all council buildings including the Koo Wee Rup Community Centre.

The cleaning contract was part of the Facility Maintenance Contract delivered by UMS but was separated from that larger contract to get better management oversight, cost management and consistency with the cleaning service delivered. These services have not been tested against the market for value for money for over 5 years. The review of cleaning contract allows for better Health and Safety management including sharps disposal.

The facilities management contract has been combined with Yarra Ranges and Dandenong council services, and the cleaning contract may be combined with other nearby councils in the future to gain savings through volume of work and access to more specialised suppliers.

The cleaning requirements of all facilities in the shire area have been reviewed and Expressions of Interest were called for, with 15 suppliers responding. The applicants have been shortlisted and six companies were asked to tender for the services. The Expressions of Interest were assessed on experience, capability and compatibility with Cardinia Shire practices and principles.

The review of services has created measurable and assessable specifications of the services required.

Some of the Performance indicators include:

- Opening for nominated hours
- Cleaned at appropriate times
- Cleaned in line with usage and nominated frequency (e.g. Rossiter Rd toilets cleaned daily)

The performance will be monitored through electronic self-reporting by the contractors, inspections, audits, and reports from the public.

The new suppliers will be responsible for reporting issues and cleaning works. Signs will be displayed in all areas subject to the cleaning contract to allow members of the public to immediately report issues.

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Township Committee Meeting Minutes *(from previous page)*

The Shire is now requesting feedback on the proposals. The chosen supplier or suppliers may undertake all the cleaning on the contract (Toilets, BBQs, Facilities) or only one part so there may be separate suppliers for toilets and BBQs. Walter is aiming to put the recommended supplier or suppliers to council at the June meeting for approval for a 3-year contract.

The President thanked Walter for his presentation.

Cr Ray Brown advised that there have been lots of complaints regarding unsealed roads. The Shire engineers have explained that the deterioration in these roads is due to the extended dry period.

Cr Brown attended a presentation regarding pest animal management. The discussion focussed around controlling foxes, rabbits and deer. As well as Cardinia Shire, there were six other councils in attendance. While on the pest topic Cr Brown reminded everyone that Cardinia Shire still has Mynah Traps available for residents to trap birds on their property.

Councillor Brown has requested, via the General Manager, that Icke Road be sealed in the next budget.

There were several enquiries from the meeting to Councillor Brown.

Rob Mure commented on the condition of the Koo Wee Rup – Pakenham Road. Although it has recently been repaired in some sections, there are still areas where the surface is dangerous. Cr Brown advised that contact in writing to council would be the most appropriate way to get this issue addressed.

The President asked Councillor Brown for an update on the project to preserve part and remove the remainder of the old station platform. Cr Brown replied that as yet VicTrack had not submitted a project proposal to council, so he could not provide any more information.

Has there been any further work on the proposal to improve the bus service for Koo Wee Rup. Cr Brown responded that there are issues with the current contract to supply the service and these needed to be resolved before any addition to the service could be implemented.

Council is considering a small grant for townships for Christmas Decorations. The proposal is for grants up to \$2,000 to be made available for community groups to decorate their business and other activity areas with decorations over the Christmas period.

Gwen Lengersdorf asked if there was any update on the process to replace the CEO. A recruiting consultant has been appointed and a global search will be undertaken with the aim of making an appointment before Mr McQuillan retires at the end of the year.

A couple of issues were raised with Councillor Brown for follow up:

- the drains outside the primary school need to be piped they are a safety hazard for young students walking to school,
- a suggestion was put forward from a resident in Townley Rd that a small section of concrete path be installed on the bend opposite the pathway to the Kindergarten as many people shortcut on this bend and it's difficult for parents with prams to get across the grassed nature strip. Councillor Brown will look at this week.

Councillor Brown also noted that the factory in Pakenham has closed now that the contract for the concrete sections for the sky rail has been completed; council is seeking a new use for the site.

The numbers of people visiting Koo Wee Rup on weekends to look at the antique and collectables shops and walk along the rail trail and around the park is increasing. There have been several examples of people racially abusing visitors to town. We should all be leaders in this matter and call out people who behave in this way; this is not how we want our town to be portrayed. It was noted that council has signed up to Safe Haven a UN supported initiative for refugees and immigration.

Gwen Lengersdorf noted that the roots from the paperbarks in Moody St were causing issues for the footpath along the street. She was advised that the best solution was to report this to council via the merit system either through the council website or by phone.

A proposal was received from a community member about the possibility of a mural on the South East Water Tower adjacent to the Main Drain on Tower Road. The Water Tower is visible from the bypass and the road in to Koo Wee Rup from Pakenham. At this stage, the community member is seeking support from various community groups in town and investigating with South East Water whether this is a feasible project for the Water Tower.

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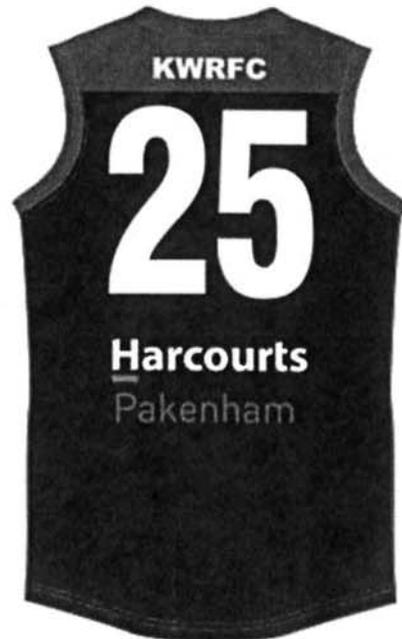
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Koo Wee Rup RSL Sub Branch Report

On behalf of all our members, I wish to express our sincere gratitude to our wonderful community being fully united with us in attending our Anzac Day Dawn Service. I am humbled by all those in attendance and especially by our very young. Thank you to all the parents who encouraged and managed to bring their children along. It was truly heart-warming to everyone who witnessed the commemoration, for it is really about our children as we endeavour to educate our young of the hardships and overwhelming heartbreak our people had to endure by the death of so many of our young men and the self-sacrifice that took place so that we are free to live in the manner in which we do. We cannot be what we cannot see and our young need to witness how we pay honour and express our gratitude to those who have given their all for our sake. And to those of our young who are searching for belonging, meaning of life and values for the world you want - stop searching, it is right here at home.

Words are never enough and words are all I have to offer you, so may I offer a very big thank you to each and every organisation and all the individuals working behind the scenes. It is very evident that you understand what is required of you - you help because you want to and find joy in making others happy and we are overjoyed in having you with us in our common cause in pursuing the good in concrete daily actions in all that we do to honour and remember our fallen.

Also like to thank the KWR Football Club for their invitation to us as this allows us to be present at the game and again as a commemoration for those who were unable to attend our Anzac Day Dawn Service due to work and family commitments.

And how very blessed are we to have our Minister for Health, the Hon. Greg Hunt. I am sure that you are as amazed as I am by his work ethic - Minister Hunt is everywhere, he must be on top of the list of the hardest working Ministers in our political system. A beautiful example of what every human being should be. A very big thank you to you and your family, Minister Hunt.

It is my very sad duty to inform our community of the passing of Mrs Win Pankhurst on April 4th 2018. Win was much loved by all our members and that can be said of everyone who knew her. Win was very much like a wise older sister to me and others, she had an amazing mind - very thoughtful of everyone and mindful of everything, with not much, if anything, escaping her sharp mind, always direct and to the point and had a wonderful way of saying what was bothering her without offending anyone and left no room for anyone to disagree with her - made perfect sense every time. During our shift at the Op Shop, time passed very quickly as Win had much to share and always happy to inform our customers on everything from where the marble for that vase was mined to how to do minor alterations on that near perfect fit garment.

Any of our three defence forces would happily claim Win as one of their own, but too late, I am claiming Win for our navy and so I have the honour of giving our dearest win a sailor's farewell: "Fair Winds and Safe Harbours" and may you rest peacefully in the arms of our Lord and Saviour. A wonderful life well lived by a truly beautiful human being and a contributor to the end. On behalf of all of us, our very loving sympathy to all of Win's family in your great sadness and loss of your dear Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother.

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Over the term break, the new carpark/netball court area was completed. We now have additional parking for 32 cars, a morning drop off zone and new netball and newcomb courts. The parents and children welcomed the extra parking and play area.

Term 2 started with the grades 3 and 4 going to Sovereign Hall for three days. The children learnt about the Eureka Stockade and life in the 1850's. Panning for gold was a wonderful experience, however no fortunes were made.



Many of our Grade 6 students are making their Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 28th April, which will be celebrated at St John's by Bishop Patrick O'Regan. We congratulate these children and their families on this special day and pray that the gifts of the Holy Spirit strengthen them on the faith journey.



On Monday 23rd April, Grade Five and Six students were visited by Mr John Camilleri, member of Koo Wee Rup RSL, in preparation and celebration of ANZAC Day. John shared many stories and facts about Australians in war and the students were very intrigued by what he had to say.

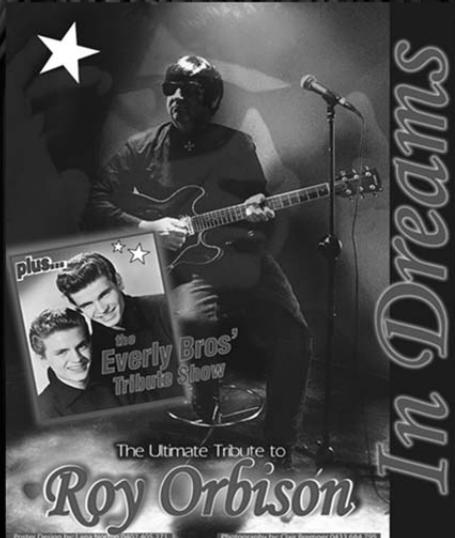


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KOO WEE RUP Primary School

A moving service was held at the school on ANZAC Day eve to recognize past and current serving members who so valiantly protect our country. A special thank you to Kyanne Kerr, a past student of Koo Wee Rup PS who played the Last Post.

School Leaders, along with Mr Jagoe and other school community members also attended the Koo Wee Rup Dawn Service.



KOO WEE RUP Primary School

'Footsteps into Foundation 2019' Parent Information Night 6-7pm Tuesday 5th June, 2018

Please join us on Tuesday 5th June from 6 pm for a brief overview of the wonderful programs in place at our school and take a tour of our facilities.

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Loose Change Appeal for the RCH Good Friday Appeal



Our school held a Loose Change Appeal at the end of Term One and raised \$402.60 for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. Our friends at the Bendigo Bank Koo Wee Rup very kindly matched this by also donating \$402.60, making the amount \$805.20! To top off this fantastic figure, one of our school families generously donated \$200, making our total donation just over \$1,000. This is a wonderful effort by the Bayles Regional PS community and exemplifies our school spirit!! Two of our School leaders, Mily and Max, presented the cheque at the Good Friday Appeal and their smiling faces proudly represented our school on the Channel 7 broadcast.

WINNERS - Yakkerboo 2018 !!



We had a wonderful day last Sunday at the Yakkerboo Festival, and it's all thanks to the great support we have from the families, friends at staff at Bayles. This year the theme was "The Zoo", and it was decided that the float would be turned into a Butterfly House, complete with lots of flowers, trees and kids dressed as zoo keepers and butterflies.



Many hours were spent designing, painting, planning, organising costumes and coordinating everything, so thank you to everyone who contributed to making our float look so fantastic. Those who took part in the parade looked amazing and we all had a wonderful time on the day!

Given the amount of work that went into the float, I was extremely pleased when we were awarded the first prize as Best School Float 2018! This prize is acknowledgment of the fantastic community spirit we have at Bayles. Our families and staff do everything possible to give the children a great school experience and one they'll remember for the rest of their lives.



ANZAC Day Service at KWR

Every year on ANZAC Day our school captains and I attend the dawn service in Koo Wee Rup. On Wednesday morning, Mily J and Kayla B proudly represented our school by marching along the Avenue of Honour carrying the RSL flag, and then laid a wreath at the cenotaph during the service. It was great to share this experience with both girls and their very proud families.

"It was an honour to be part of the Anzac service and I felt privileged to be there on such a special occasion." Mily

"It was a real honour to wear my Great-Grandad's medals and walk down the Avenue of Honour to lay the wreath." Kayla





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New Members always welcome!

Contact Andrew Butt our Group Leader on 0433 100 342

Congratulations to the RSL for running another fantastic ANZAC Day ceremony. It is an honour for every member of our Scout Group to have a chance to participate in such an important and solemn ceremony. Not only does it teach our youth about an important Australian tradition, it also provides a fantastic insight to how strong a community can be when brought together by a single cause.



“No one can pass through life, any more than he can pass through a bit of country, without leaving tracks behind, and those tracks may often be helpful to those coming after him in finding their way.” – Lord Baden Powell

There is no doubt that in her 40 years of Scouting June Wright (OAM) has made many tracks through this town and through people's lives. She has trained many generations of Cub-Scouts, led the Group and the District and now plans to settle down into a well-deserved retirement from the 1st Koo Wee Rup Scout Group.

Although she has moved on, her tracks will remain, and it is our hope that we can follow them, take them further, and build something great from June's Scouting accomplishments and legacy.

Change is coming, we have a new Group Leader, Andy Butt, we have new Joey Scout, Cub Scout, Scout and Venturer Scout Leaders joining the group, and we have an increasing amount of youth participating in everything that Scouting has to offer.

Jump on board, join in, and become part of the next generation of Scouting in Koo Wee Rup!

Can't find the time to help us out? [There is another way to help!](#)

Our building permits have all been approved we just need to find some cash to help pay for our hall's renovations. Check out our campaign at OzCrowd.com for information on how you could help and the perks we have to offer you for doing so.

Koo Wee Rup Lions Club

In 1925, Helen Keller, the blind American author and social activist spoke at the Lions Clubs International convention and challenged the Lions organisation to become 'knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness'. The challenge was wholeheartedly accepted by the conventioners and today sight related programs remain a cornerstone of Lions' altruistic works.



Many hands make light work and it's certainly the case with this band of willing helpers

Hence, the concept of an annual 'Ride for Sight' struck a resonant chord with the Lions attending the 1993 District Convention that has not only seen the event being held every year since, but has also seen it grow from strength to strength with over \$50,000 being donated to Centre for Eye Research Australia (CERA) last year alone.

Each year the riders, which numbered almost 60 this year, plus support staff, are hosted by Lions Clubs along the route. These Clubs provide meals and accommodation each day.

On Friday 13th April the Koo Wee Rup Lions Club had the pleasure of providing morning tea for the riders and support staff, not in Koo Wee Rup, but in the community hall in Archie's Creek and a great success it was too.

Special thanks are extended to the Club's 1st Vice President Frank Grant and his wife Jen, who almost single handedly organised the event and a big thank you to those members, including the President of the Endeavour Hills Lions Club who gave of their time on the day.



Good to see the riders tucking in to re-stoke their boilers

HAVE YOU GOT SOMETHING TO SAY?

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Koo Wee Rup Lions Club

The next big event on the Club's calendar and certainly one of the most popular was the provision of the Gunfire Breakfast on behalf of the Koo Wee Rup RSL as part of the ANZAC Day celebrations.

This year the hard work started on the afternoon of 24th April with the BBQs and gazebos being set up in readiness for the 4.00 a.m. start on the following day.

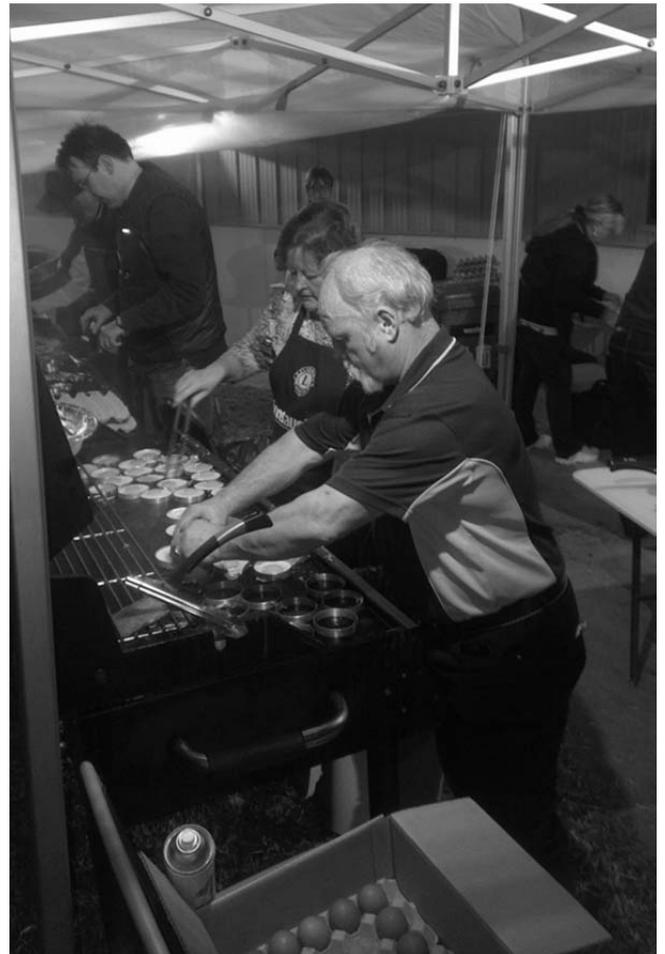
Sincere thanks to the Koo Wee Rup Scouts for providing the overnight security to ensure the BBQs etc. remained safe.

With an excellent turn out of Club members and other willing helpers some 50kg of bacon and approximately 900 eggs were cooked and placed in rolls ready for the 7.00 a.m. breakfast.

This event continues to be so popular with the Club not only because it is great fun for the members who attend, but also it gives the Club an excellent opportunity to support our outstanding RSL and the fantastic Koo Wee Rup community as well as doing our bit to recognise the selfless contribution the ANZACs made.



Jill Bruin and President Sheryl showing their expertise with the BBQ tongs



Geoff Gee, Dr. Ferghal Armstrong, Lind and Rex Sanders with Jacqui Armstrong and Shirelle Lean behind

Looking ahead the next major event the Club is organising is its second 'Newcomers and Neighbours Dinner'. This will be held on Friday 25th May at the Community Hall in Rossiter Road with a 6.30 p.m. for 7.00 p.m. start.

For an outlay of \$20 per person you will enjoy nibbles, a two course dinner and have an opportunity to win lucky door and seat prizes. Drinks will also be available.

Most newcomers to the town would have little idea what it has to offer in the way of businesses and community organisations. This is where the 'Newcomers and Neighbours Dinner' is so valuable, because it gives a fantastic opportunity for those who come along to hear from and learn about these

businesses and organisations, while at the same time meeting new people, some of whom could become your newest friends.

There will be a considerable amount of advertising happening around the town in the coming weeks, so if you are a newcomer or someone who has been in the town for a while and would like to find out what Koo Wee Rup has to offer, why not come along – you have nothing to lose and everything to gain!

Please call Ron Payne on 5997 1916 for more information.

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We had a most enjoyable day at Healesville RACV Club last week. Next month we are off to Morning Melodies at Pakenham.

Our most sincere sympathy to the families of our member Peter Baugham and our life member Win Pankhurst both of whom died early this month. They will be missed by all.

We welcome you to become a member of our club for an annual fee of \$10. Enquiries to:

Dianne D - 0419 405 404

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Weekly Activities

Monday	Bowls	1pm	members
Tuesday	Bingo	7.30 eyes down	all welcome
Friday	Lunch	11.45am	members
	Hoy	1pm	all welcome

The latest news from the Men's Shed.

The Annual general meeting of the Men's Shed was held in early April '18. George Fittock advised the meeting that after 10 years of service as president, he would be standing down today from this duty. A warm thank you to George was raised for all the tremendous amount of work he has done for the Men's Shed and its members over the years. For his dedication to mentoring the youth of the Town and organizing and leading the many physical changes to the Shed, and the excellent relationship he cultivated with members of the Shire Council and the state government. George, it was said, was always available if you wanted to talk about personal problems or difficulties.

George thanked everyone for their fantastic support and help in achieving such success for the Men's Shed over his 10 years of service. He also added his grateful thanks to all the Koo Wee Rup community organizations that had helped him over the years with this accomplishment. George finalized his speech by thanking his family and especially his dear wife Kath for their patience and help over all the years; without it, he said, he would not have achieved anything at all. He added that it is now time for 'new blood' to take over the Shed activities and to keep going forward.

The following members were voted in as the executive committee for 2018 to 2019:

President: Jeff Warren.

Vice-president: Alan MacKenzie.

Secretary: Brian Harlow.

Treasurer: Andrew Mortimer.

Events coordinator: George Fittock.

A lot of work has been done outside the Shed for improving the outdoor area. Sliding glass doors and a roof have been installed around and above the barbecue space to continue the ongoing design of a café style front section to the Shed.

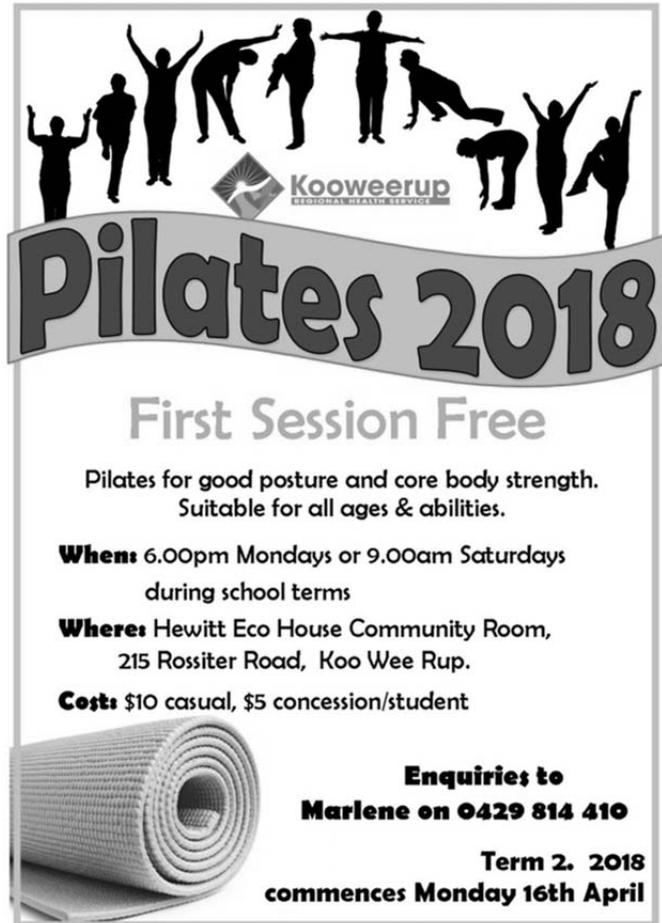
The planned Art in the Garden exhibition in the community gardens was hit hard by winds and heavy rains and was moved indoors to the Eco House. It was a sad time for all because the bad weather kept people away from what was a very interesting exhibition put on by the Cardinia Art Society together with our own Koo Wee Rup Art Group.

Brian Harlow is also the KRHS Youth Coordinator, and from his organized youth activities the Men's Shed now sees over 40 students a week coming along to take part in these varied undertakings. The Men's Shed members mentor some of these youth activities and the young people soon learn to relate and talk with their older new friends. Brian's work is to analyse youth requirements, develop programs and identify resources for same. He coordinates with the various community organisations to meet all youth requirements.

Here is the latest Men's Shed 'Tradies' story:

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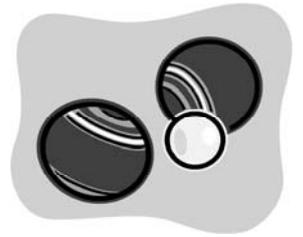
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Koo Wee Rup Bowls Club News

Our Club recently held our Mixed Pairs competition with 14 pairs playing in very windy but fine conditions. Some of our new members managed to be in the prize money on offer. Results were the Winning team was Bill Files & Helen Ralph with 34 pts. Runner Up team with 32 pts. was Rex Alexander & Pauline Gray with 3rd place going to Wayne Stevens & Mary Masters on 31 pts. Best 1st game was won by Laurie Bell & Gillian Harper with 21 pts. & Best 2nd game was won by Peter Butera & Jacqui Mason [1st game] with 22 pts. The Club would like to thank the sponsors for the day, Pakenham Isuzu for their generous support & everyone who assisted.



Club members were saddened to hear of the passing of Win Pankhurst in mid April. Win was involved in a number of organisations in KooWeeRup and was a tireless “behind the scenes” worker for all of them. Although she had not played bowls for a few years she was still involved in Club activities. Complying with Win’s wishes there was no funeral as such but a gathering of friends. The KooWeeRup community will be a little worse off with her passing.

The penultimate day of Friday Triples was played on 6th April with the Winners with 37 pts. being Jim Smith, Garry Salomons (Cardinia Waters) & Bob Lamport (Garfield). The Runner up rink with 36 pts. was Pauline Gray, Mary Masters & Lindsay Wealands (KWR). Best 1st game was won by Peter Bott (Pakenham), Noel Speight & Margaret Scullin (KWR) with 19 pts. and Best 2nd game was won by Trevor Kitchen, Luke Monckton & Trevor Butcher (KWR) with 21 pts. Our final day of the Triples competition has been played with the Winning rink for the day being Wendy Pownall, Trevor Kitchen & Luke Monckton (KWR) with 40 pts. & 33 shots up. The Runner up rink was Pauline Gray, Mary Masters & Lindsay Wealands (KWR) with 40 pts. & 32 shots up. Best 1st game was won by Ken Taylor, Edna Adams & Fred Forde (Warragul) with 20 pts & also with a score of 20 pts. was Peter Bott (Pakenham), Margaret Scullin & Noel Speight (KWR) to win best 2nd game. The Aggregate results for the season are – Winning team with 17 wins & 164 ends was Ken Taylor, Edna Adams & Fred Forde (Warragul). The Runner up team was Pauline Gray, Mary Masters & Lindsay Wealands (KWR) with 16.5 wins & 174 ends with 3rd place going to Jim Smith, Garry Salomons (Cardinia Waters) & Bob Lamport (Garfield) with 16.5 wins & 160 ends. The Club would like to thank the sponsors of this competition One Agency Real Estate (KWR) & David Bull Funeral Director (Pakenham) for their support in conducting this event.

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Opening Night highlights include the Wearable Art Parade and announcement of winners. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$15.

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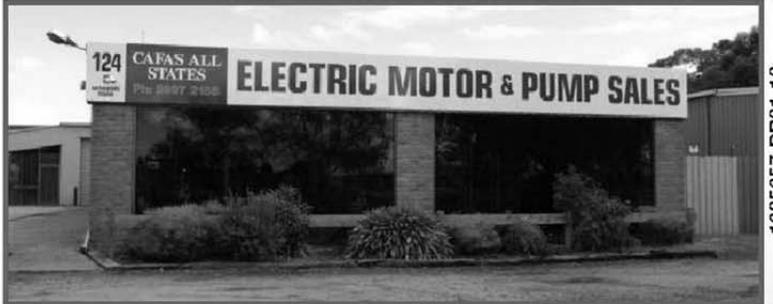
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Anzac Day Service

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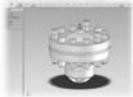


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Early Swamp Schools

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

The first school on the Koo Wee Rup Swamp was School No. 2629 which had opened on November 1, 1884 on the corner of Bethunes Road and the Koo Wee Rup to Bayles Road. It was originally known as Yallock School and changed its name to Koo Wee Rup on July 24, 1903. The building was shifted into Rossiter Road (where the Secondary College is) in September 1910. A new building was opened in February 1915 which burnt down in May 1950. The replacement school opened as a Higher Elementary School (both primary and some secondary classes) in mid 1952. The Primary school eventually moved to its Moody Street location and was officially opened there on November 25, 1960.

For many years this was the only school on the Swamp. After four years of work the newly drained Swamp was considered ready for settlement in 1893 and families began to arrive, however it wasn't until July 1894 that the schools at Five Mile and Iona opened.

It must have been a great occasion for the swamp settlers at the eastern end of the swamp to have schools that their children could attend, however apparently some children were less than excited as they had been roaming free and not attending school for 12 months and a newspaper report at the time said that the Iona Head Teacher, Arthur Jamieson, 'found the that the children were in a deplorable condition of ignorance and barbaric wildness.'

The first of these schools to open was No. 3198, just down from Five Mile Road on the Main Drain, and it opened on July 7, 1894. This School was originally called Koo Wee Rup South and changed its name to Koo Wee Rup North (and unofficially called Five Mile School). When the Iona School, No, 3201, opened two days later on July 9, 1894, on the corner of Thirteen Mile Road and Bunyip River Road, it was called Koo Wee Rup North; in 1899 it changed its name to Bunyip South and then in 1905 to Iona.

Five Mile School had Peter Norris as the first Head Teacher. At one time the school population was over 100 but in July 1954 when the School celebrated its 60th anniversary there were only 20 children enrolled. However, the anniversary celebrations were a great success with over 700 people attending, including three original scholars - W. Gilchrist, W.G. De Vries and Tilly Freeman (nee O'Shea). The school parents voted for the school to close in November 1959 and the children were sent to Pakenham Consolidated School. Five Mile was the last school to join or 'consolidate' with the Consolidated School which had officially opened in May 1951.



Koo Wee Rup North School 1927

When the Iona school opened on July 9, 1894 it had 83 pupils, which by 1895 had grown to 120 pupils. When the new Head Teacher Joseph Lyons arrived in April 1895 he had three assistants - Mr Colquhoun, Miss Alston and Mrs Lyons. Joseph Lyons remained at the school until 1907. The Teachers Residence was built in 1908; previous to this the Head Teacher had to live in Garfield. The original school building burnt down on July 6, 1913 and the new building opened on April 28, 1914 with 164 pupils.

In 1942, electricity was supplied to the school and the telephone was connected in 1964. Celebrations took place in 1964 to mark the 50th anniversary of the new building with between 500 and 600 people attending. Another celebration took place in 1989 to mark the 75th anniversary the 1914 building. Sadly, the school community could not celebrate one hundred years of education as the school was closed on December 17, 1993, seven months short of its centenary. The building is now at Nar Nar Goon and used as a Scout Hall.



Iona School New Building Opening 1914

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, May 9 at 7.30pm.

Museum update: the Museum is still closed until further notice. We have replaced the floors but we are now repairing some of the plaster walls and repainting. Check our Facebook page or contact me for an update. Heather Arnold harnold@dcsi.net.au ☎0407 521 637.

Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society Annual luncheon

**Guest Speakers are
John and Jo Spencer: Around Europe by Motorbike.**

When - Sunday, May 27 2018 at 12 noon.
Where - Community Centre, Rossiter Road, Koo-Wee-Rup.
Cost - \$25.00 per head. BYO Drinks and glasses.

RSVP, including any special dietary requirements,
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