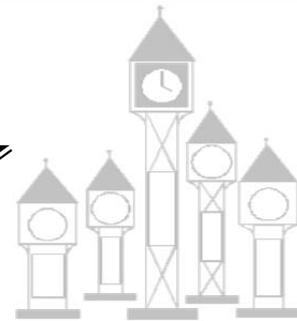


THE KOO WEE RUP BLACKFISH



SEPTEMBER 2018

Junior Footballers celebrate a successful year

The 2018 season has come to a very successful end!

The U12s finished off with the Premiership flag and a well deserved medal around their neck! The boys had an amazing year finishing on top of the ladder and celebrated their dedication and mateship after yesterday's win. They also were awarded Best Conducted Team at the League Presentation and Zak Banks finished 4th in the League best and fairest. Luke Briganti finished off with Leading Goalkicker. Well done to the



coaches, Matt Brown and Aaron Craven, as well as all the parents and supporters.

Our U10s had an exciting year and developed some great new skills under their coach Matt Medforth. Strong new friendships were made and a lot of fun was had. They celebrated their amazing efforts with a Jump Crazy party. Lots of great talent coming through in this bunch.

The U14s were undefeated for most of the season and made it to finals after a great year with coaching team of Riley O'Hehir and Matt Medforth. James Voss was awarded League best and fairest at last week's SEJ presentation.



Overall a very successful year for our junior club. Thanks to president Dwayne Lester for all his hard work and everyone who volunteered and supported the teams. Our Presentation Day will be held at the club rooms on Sunday 9th September.

Our AGM will be held later in the year and all positions will be open so we encourage everyone who wants to see the junior club continue to grow to come along. Details TBA.

The Township Committee Meeting Minutes *(report page 5)*

The Township held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, 1 August. Township Meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 5 September at 7:30 pm at the Community Centre.

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Drought Relief

Last month's raffle organised by The Royal Hotel Social Golf Club raised \$1,665 for drought relief with enthusiastic support from the town. This is an amazing effort and The Royal Hotel thanked everyone for their donations and support.

Until the end of September the hotel will be donating \$2 from every Parma sold and all the staff will be donating their tips. By 21 August, \$525 had been collected already.



Koo Wee Rup Country Women's Association.

Next meeting

The KWR CWA have also moved its meeting location. The next CWA meeting is **Monday 3rd of August** at 7.00pm at the **Koo Wee Rup Senior Citizens Club on 1 Icke Road**. All welcome to attend.

KWR CWA Trivia Night

A big thank you to all who have booked tables for the KWR CWA Halloween trivia night, we are now fully booked!

Drought relief

Working with the NSW CWA Head office, the KWR CWA has donated funds for drought-stricken farmers in the region. The NSW CWA are providing direct financial assistance for stockfeed, utilities etc. Affected Farmers request assistance directly to the NSW CWA Head office, all funds raised go directly to the farmers (no administration fees, etc.)

If you are interested in donating to the NSW CWA drought relief fund, please contact us at kwrcwa@outlook.com

National Tree Planting day

We would like to thank the 30 local volunteers, including the KWR Joeys and Cubs for attending the KWRCWA Tree Planting day on the 29th of July. With so many volunteers, short work was made of the 250 trees that needed to be planted!

The trees were planted on private land as part of a revegetation project for local wildlife.

We were lucky to have the weather hold off during the event (after a serious downpour and terrible wind an hour prior to the meet up time) and a nice warm lunch was provided afterwards to ensure everyone was warm prior to heading back home.



The volunteers planting some of the 250 trees (left) and the well-deserved tractor ride back to the farm house (right).

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Township Committee Meeting Minutes *(from page 1)*

Cr Ray Brown advised that Council has approved the sale of 335 McGregor Road for the Motor Sport Facility. A large gallery attended the council meeting at which a petition of 4,500 signatures was presented supporting the proposal and a petition against signed by 300-400. The development will bring investment and jobs to the area. The land sale for \$3m will result in \$1.5m for Pakenham Auto club and the same for Koo Wee Rup Motorcycle Club. Council has commenced discussions with Ausnet to amend restrictions on building under the power lines across the site.

The Windermere Youth mental health report gave a snapshot across the shire, although it could have more detail. Concerns mentioned in the Port Ward include Transport, Safety and Happy Family life.

The new CEO of Cardinia Shire has been announced. Carol Jeffs is currently at Port Phillip Council but has experience at Latrobe Shire and West Gippsland CMA in our region. She is a graduate of the JFK School of Government and a resident of Cardinia Shire.

The contract for the upgrade of the Koo Wee Rup Tennis Courts has been awarded to the preferred contractor.

Council has received a petition for a walking track between Lang Lang and the new sports precinct at Caldermeade. Hard copy petition has approximately 300 signatures with a further 400 signatures on the online version.

The upgrade of off-leash dog parks was to be rolled out over 7 years but is now one large project. Cochrane Park is to be upgraded to a regional dog park; this means that extra facilities will be installed at the park including a fenced exercise area and agility equipment.

A Transitional Women's Housing Development is being built in Pakenham to assist women and children made homeless because of domestic violence and will not be able to accommodate people with other issues. The project is supported by WAYSS and the Peter and Lyndy White Foundation. The development will consist of 10 units, a mix of 2, 3 and 4 bedroom units. Residents will be able to remain in the units for up to 2 years.

Railway Avenue at Racecourse road in Pakenham is to be closed once the extension of Henry Street is complete and the new traffic lights are operational.

Pickwick Group has been awarded the contract to clean council buildings, public toilets, BBQs and picnic areas. They were chosen from a field of 17 initial applications that was reduced to a shortlist of six.

The extra rubbish bin has been installed at the skate park, however was not placed as close to the skate park as requested.

The incorrect infill trees in the Avenue of Honour are to be replaced by the correct species.

Asset Services have inspected the drains on Stations St between William St and Salmon St and along Moody St from Denhams Rd to the High School, these will be added to the works program.

Cardinia Shire was included on the 2018 Financial Review list of innovative companies; it was the only local government to make the list. Cardinia was awarded this recognition for its work in artificial intelligence use in reporting.

Lou Bucello asked about the removal of the cypress trees at Cardinia Recreation Reserve, and whether there were plans to replace them.

Ray replied that the trees were suffering from cypress canker and were a danger so had to be removed. They will be replaced but a choice for replacement trees has not yet been made.

There was a comment regarding spending on new walking tracks when roads were not being maintained adequately. Ray responded that he receives 3 or 4 calls a day regarding condition of roads in the area. This was raised with council officers but often they cannot attend site meetings and will refer to maintenance guidelines for the roads, if they are, being met then there will not usually be any further action.

Trees in Rossiter Road are damaging the footpath. It is thought that trees will be removed and replaced. But unsure if footpath will be replaced.

Ray received a quote to replace the fence around the dragline with chain mesh fence of \$3,400. Still investigating other options.

Daniel Mulino has been pre-selected for a lower house seat and will be replaced by Jane Garrett as our local upper house representative.

The Christmas on the Swamp Committee met during the month. Councillor Brown is assisting with coordinating the group. There have been many ideas and the next step is to consolidate these ideas. Meetings have been very positive.

Garry Oates suggested that attendees wear name badges at the township meetings, to make participation easier for new attendees.

After some conversation regarding the upcoming state election the Secretary was asked to write to local members of parliament and candidates inviting them to provide information to the committee on their election platforms or attend a meeting to inform the committee of their position.

The Koo Wee Rup Township Committee is especially keen to hear from candidates regarding their support for the extension of the Koo Wee Rup Community Centre and improvements to public transport for Koo Wee Rup.

Buyer Beware!

There is a lot more to Due Diligence than getting a Building and Pest Inspection performed. Careful and thorough checking of anything that could affect you and the desired property takes time and effort. It is very important you take the necessary steps to identify any obligation and restriction issues regarding the property you are looking at to purchase and judging whether these will be a deal breaker for you. The *Vendor's Statement (Section 32)* and *Title* do outline important information however, there are some additional things you are encouraged to check out for yourself.



The Local Council is a good place to start. They can give you advice on:

- ◆ Zoning Types and their regulations – for example Green Wedge, Farming, Residential
- ◆ Overlays - these relate to specific aspects of the land, including vegetation, erosion or bushfire risk
- ◆ Planning Schemes – check how the land can be used, altered, developed
- ◆ Construction of new dwellings – the land may need to be over a certain size before you are able to build on it
- ◆ Proposed or issued planning permits in the area – building permits issued for recent building works on the property
- ◆ Growth Areas – you may need to pay a fee to contribute to infrastructure in growth areas
- ◆ Flood and Fire Risk Areas – due to the properties location, it may be subject to risk of fires and/or floods which may increase the building and land insurance premiums
- ◆ Restrictions and regulations on clearing of native vegetation
- ◆ Your obligations when it comes to controlling pests and management of weeds

Your Lifestyle expectations will also need to be considered such as the driving distance to amenities, what is the land surrounding the property used for, the amount of traffic, noise, dust or odour.

It is also recommended you physically check the land boundaries against the measurements shown on the property title document and contact your lawyer or conveyancer if there are any discrepancies.

Checking the cost of connecting utilities and essential services such as water, sewerage, electricity, gas, telephone and internet should also be undertaken as in some rural areas these may not be available.

One Agency Robert Mure hopes you can use this information as a starting point to helping you make a more informed decision and, of course, you should always seek legal advice. The old saying, "Caveat emptor" or "Let the Buyer Beware" is always relevant when considering purchasing a property.

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Here's the latest gossip from the Men's Shed.

This time of the year it is always a quiet time for activities in the Men's Shed, although outside the vegetable and flower beds are now showing a bit of new life that will accelerate when the real warm weather arrives. Don't forget there are still fresh vegetables available for you to buy for a gold coin donation and we know you will really taste the difference.

As I write today representatives from Bunnings Warehouse are visiting the 'Shed and meeting residents from the hospital for an activity day. One of these therapy activities to be held will be the assembly of tool boxes. There will also be a sausage sizzle for all participants to indulge their hunger!

A reminder also that on the 1st of September 2018, the Men's Shed, in collaboration with the Koo-Wee-Rup Turning Point Church, are having a Car Boot Sale in the grounds of the Koo-Wee-Rup Regional Health Service (KRHS) in Rossiter Road. All sellers are very welcome and should contact Geoff Warren or George Fittock via the KRHS phone number 5997 9679. At the same time on this day, there will be a super display of old and ancient motor bikes and ... some newer ones we are sure! So come along between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm, have a look round and remember; one person's trash is another person's treasure.

Some members of the Men's Shed have been working with students of the KWR Secondary College in the College grounds where they have planted fruit trees and the students have also installed two timber picnic tables. These tables were designed, constructed and put together at the Men's Shed by the students under the member's guidance using the resident machines and tools.

As mentioned at the beginning of this report, it's a cool time of the year so why not come along on any Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 11:00 am and 2:00 pm and enjoy yourself with a coffee of your choice a warm fire, a nice soft chair and the friendly company. Our members will give you a real warm welcome. There is always an open invitation to the men of Koo-Wee-Rup and District to come along, meet us, and enjoy the company of real good blokes and maybe get a boost to your own health and wellbeing at the same time.

The pool (billiards) competition on the last Friday of each month continues to be well attended and really enjoyed by the members and visitors. Come along and see if you can beat the champion!

Time for the Men's Shed tradies' joke:

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Geoff Stokes





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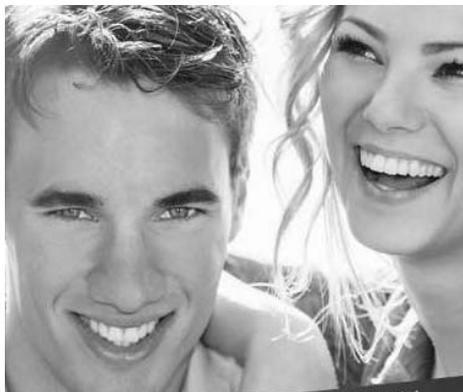
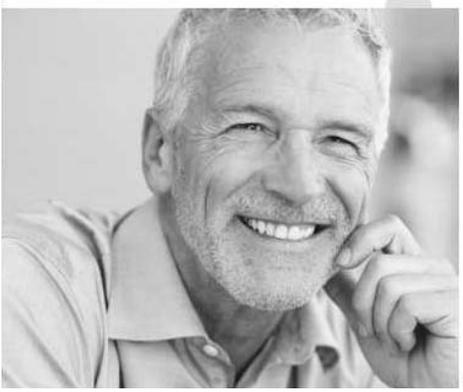
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 won the final match easily
 came third overall
 Narre Sth won overall
 everyone had at least one W

BOYS

had some great wins
 defeats were well fought
 lost only to Narre Sth
 came second in their pool
 earned a place in the B final
 won the final match easily
 came third overall
 Narre Sth won overall
 everyone had at least one W



How's that for gender equality?!!!

Great day.

Great kids.

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Thank you

The students of the KWRSC Knitting Club would like to say a huge thank you to the members of the community who came through with donations of knitting needles and patterns. We have roughly 20 students who meet up twice a week to learn and practice this timeless craft and because of our wonderfully generous community we have enough supplies to keep us clicking for years to come.



Many thanks again, Mrs. Katrina Brown and the KWRSC Knitting Club



One of our school grandparents brought in a basket with needles in it. We have the basket for you at the office if you would like to come back to collect it.

State cross country

On Thursday 19th July, Steph Geyer and Jaymee Bayliss represented the College in State Cross Country. We travelled to Bundoora Park for the event. Thankfully the stormy weather held off until our drive home and the girls competed with blue skies, but quite a strong wind.

There were around 80 runners in the race. Steph managed to crack the top 20 finishing in 19th place with a time of 12:38, improving on her 2017 result of 28th. Jaymee in her first appearance at state level finished in 44th with a time of 13:34.

Congratulations!

Claire Notman

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Winter Sport

Throughout the term, the senior students have been competing the winter sports of netball, newcomb and football. A special thank you to the KooWeeRup football club for allowing us to use their goal post pads for our home matches.



Athletics

On Wednesday 15th August, students from grades three to six competed in the District Athletics at Casey Fields. Students took part in discuss, high jump, triple jump, long jump and shot putt as well as track events. Congratulations to the students who have made it through to the Division round on the 19th Sept. We wish you all the best!

First Communion

14 children from our parish made the first communion on the 19th August. This Sacrament is the third of seven Sacraments in the Catholic Church.



We congratulate them on this very special occasion when they are able to participate fully in the Eucharist for the first time.



Literacy and Numeracy Week

As part of our Literacy and Numeracy Week celebrations during the last week of August, students participate in a range of activities including a Mathematics incursion for all students, Book Character Dress-up Day, and Reading Line. Friday 31st will finish off a very busy week with an early start for Father's Day Breakfast, an open morning with multi-age learning activities and then winter sports against St James Nar Nar Goon. It is always great to see many parents and local community getting involved in these activities.

Social Justice

During June and July we collected non-perishable food and clothing items for our winter appeal.

We filled 7 boxes of food and 3 large bags of clothing which have been passed onto St Vinnies. This then, is distributed to those in need within our local communities.

Our Social Justice Leaders have introduced our next outreach incentive. We would like to do something to help the farmer's effected by the drought. Therefore, for the last half of this term, we are asking our school community, to save their loose change and send into school to fill our watering cans.



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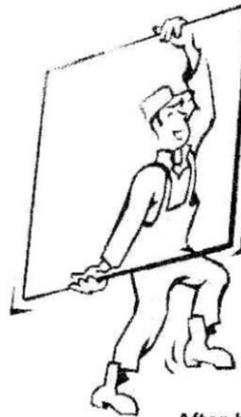


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When: Monday 3rd September

Where: The Art Room

Time: From 3.30pm until 5.00pm



A huge congratulations to Mrs Ward and our performers and backstage crew who represented our school at Australia's largest performing arts event for schools, Wakakirri. The event, held on August 8th at the Frankston Arts Centre, was the culmination of many weeks of hard work and we are so proud of them all.

Bring on Wakakirri 2019!

'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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2:15-3:15pm
Wednesday 1st August
Wednesday 15th August
Wednesday 29th August
Wednesday 12th September



Term 4 Transition
1:45-3:15pm
Wednesday 17th October
Wednesday 31st October
Wednesday 14th November
Wednesday 28th November
9am - 1pm
Tuesday 11th December

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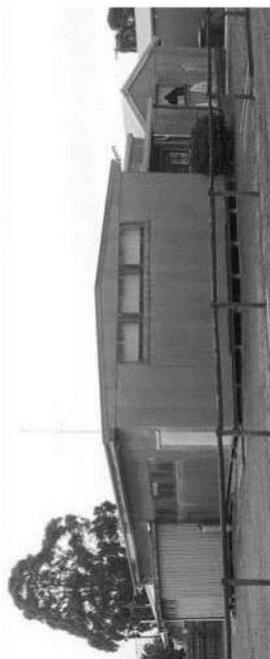
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Much Needed Hall Renovations for the 1st Koo Wee Rup Scout Hall

The 1st Koo Wee Rup Scout Group has been serving the community since 1929. A lot has changed in scouting since then: girls were allowed to join, the uniform has changed, the law and promise has changed and, in the not too distant future, big exciting changes are coming to scouting.

Over the same period of time our group has grown and thrived. We now host all 5 sections catering to youth aged 5-25 and are looking to be able to provide Scouting for even more members of our rapidly growing community.

Our hall, however, has not kept up with this progress and requires some much-needed renovations. We have approved plans to expand the hall a little to provide additional meeting rooms, updated facilities that cater for access for the mobility impaired and generally give the 'old tin shed' a whole new makeover.

We have planning permission to do \$150k worth of work to the hall and need your help to fund it. So, if you are, or ever have been part of the 1st Koo Wee Rup Scout Group (or know someone that was), please donate generously to this campaign.

No donation is too small! Scouting delivers far reaching benefits to a small community such as Koo Wee Rup. Every dollar donated will help provide us with a facility to help train our youth of today to become our leaders of tomorrow AND will provide a brand new modern space that can be used by the local community of Koo Wee Rup.

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1st Koo Wee Rup Scout Group



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A lasting memorial - thanks

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Advertising your generosity

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1st Koo Wee Rup Scout Group

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Cub Scout Pack (8 – 10 yrs)

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New Members always welcome!

Contact Andrew Butt our Group Leader on 0433 100 342

Another busy month for the 1st Koo Wee Rup Scout Group. Thank you to everybody that attended our Annual Reports and Presentations Night – I think you will agree that our kids had an awesome year and did a great job running the night.



But it wasn't all about reports and rewards this month. The Joey Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts, Leaders Parents and associated siblings helped out the CWA on National Tree Planting Day. We all had a lot of fun and got a lot of trees planted in a phenomenally short period of time. Thank you for inviting us and we are looking forward to doing it all again next year!

The Cub Pack (Pictured Right – chilling out during a quiet moment) had an exciting weekend down at Phillip Island and surrounds. They visited Churchill Island, the Koala Park, the Penguin Parade, the Chocolate Factory and even got to see the pelicans after eating fish and chips at San Remo. Although the weather was not ideal everyone seemed to have a fantastic time and two cubs learned valuable lessons about dressing for the conditions.



PICK MY PROJECT

If you haven't already, please log into Pick My Project <https://pickmyproject.vic.gov.au/> and use one of your three votes to vote for our hall renovations. Every vote counts so it would be great if you could throw one of them our way!



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A Workshop session for the Community Advisory Committee.

At the end of July the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) to the Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service (KRHS) met to take part in a workshop to discuss the subject of 'Co-production'.

The guest speaker and facilitator of the workshop was Dr. Tere Dawson PhD., from the Health Issues Centre in Melbourne. Dr. Tere has over ten years of experience in community engagement, participation practice, and research. She has an extensive research and academic background, a Masters of Public Health, a Masters and PhD in sociology and anthropology and has published widely. Dr. Tere also manages consultancy, research, and tailored training for the health sector and community groups across Australia; hence our important workshop on this day.

Health Issues Centre believes that each individual and community voice and each community view is unique and that in Australia there will be as many voices and views as there are communities. Diversity of voices, for example in the health sector, include 'children, women and men, people living with a disability, people from diverse cultural and religious experiences, socioeconomic status and social circumstances, sexual orientations, and health and illness conditions and, of course, their families who care for them.

Dr. Tere led the Co-Production workshop with great aplomb and explained that Co-production starts from the idea that no one group or person is more important than any other group or person. So everyone is equal and everyone has assets to bring to the process. Assets refer to skills, abilities, time and other qualities that people have. The working group debated the following relevant questions of Co-production in practice.

- How do we increase patient and families' satisfaction and improve their experience of care within KRHS? What really matters to our patients and families?
- What mechanisms can we use for obtaining feedback from patients and their families and create stories about them from all areas of the service?
- Introduction of the Patient Advocate Liaison Service (PALS) which aims bridge the gap between patients and care providers to enhance both the client and staff experience. How can we take this idea into practice?

The outcome of this, at times, quite lively debate was the establishment of a goal to involve people and the community as active participants in their own health, to achieve better decisions, experience of care and positive healthy outcomes. Also the addition of staff education to enable staff to have a greater understanding of and respect for all clients wishes of what matters to them and increase client participation in their care process.

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

If you have a suggestion or some nagging thoughts about your difficulties, or your dependants comforts or problems with KHRS then get in touch with the CAC Committee. Simply phone 5997 9679 or Geoff Stokes on 0435 085 002. Or you can email: geoffreystokes@geoffstokes.com Your email will be acknowledged. Geoff Stokes.



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At the AGM the executive was returned unchanged - President Dianne Divola, Vice President Kevin Cook, Secretary Leonie Smith, Treasurer Diane King.

We all enjoyed our day with the Year 12 students at KWR Secondary College. Good entertainment, company and great food. Thank you to all the students. We are off to the movies for our next outing.

We welcome all seniors to become a member at a cost of \$10 annually to enjoy our activities.

Weekly Activities

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Lions Club of Koo Wee Rup

When this article goes to press, the excitement will be growing around the Club, since there will only be a few days before the Club final of the Junior Public Speaking Competition – full details about this important event in next month's article.

Readers may recall that on several occasions over the last two or three years this Lions Club has used its articles in Blackfish to invite members of our community to donate both used and unused postage stamps and unwanted reading glasses to the Lions Op Shop in Rossiter Road, but only gave brief details about what happens to these items.

So, in this article we'll take a look at what happens to all those stamps and in next month we'll find out what happens to the many pairs of reading glasses you have so kindly donated.

In 1997 the Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation (ALCMF) was established with the aim of empowering children who cannot walk unassisted to reach their full potential. To do this the Foundation funds specialised walking devices that get kids out of their wheel chairs and onto their feet, so they are able to walk, explore, play, work and socialise. Having this freedom makes them stronger and healthier physically, emotionally and mentally.

It is almost impossible to comprehend what it would be like from a very early age, as a result of, say, cerebral palsy, to be confined to a wheel chair without the ability to stand up, never mind the ability to walk or run or to do all those other things we tend to take for granted. Imagine how stressful this must be not only for the children themselves, but also for their parents and other family members.



Australian Lion, Past International President Barry Palmer gets a hug and a peck on the forehead from a happy Hart Walker recipient

In the late 1980s – early 1990s Lions became aware of a specially designed device called the Hart Walker, developed by British inventor, David Hart, which enables children, particularly those with cerebral palsy, to experience the adventure of walking by themselves – can you imagine the delight these children must experience when they walk for the first time, how their parents must feel and the hope such devices bring?

It is from this background that Lions in Australia saw a need to provide a walker for every child in this country who needs one and resulted in the establishment of ALCMF. To date, nearly 2,200 children have been fitted with a walker and the Foundation has provided nearly \$13million to fund these devices.

The majority of funding has been raised by ordinary Lions seeing a need and doing something about it and it is here that your used and unused stamps come into play.

As with our Op Shop, there are collection points right across Australia where these stamps can be dropped off. They are then forwarded to the Australian branch of the Lions International Stamp Club (LISC), which packages them in wholesale lots. They are then sold by the kilo at auction in Sydney to philatelic dealers. Each year LISC handles in excess of 300 kilos of stamps and that

quantity is slowly increasing as more and more Clubs and individuals join in.

Since 2005 this process has raised well in excess of \$50,000, every cent of which has found its way to ALCMF to help fund those much needed walkers.

The Club wishes to thank all those who have donated these much needed stamps; each of you has played an important part in making a young child's life so much better. We would urge everyone in our community to continue to bring your stamps into the Op Shop, so, together, we can make a difference in many more young lives.



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Dr. Collin Wong graduated from Guys Medical School, London in 1988. He has been a GP for over 25 years. His experience include 10+ years working in inner city GP clinic and several Emergency Departments in London. For the past 16 years he has worked in General Practices both rural and regional Victoria. He enjoys the variety of challenges General Practice offers and has a special interest in Cardiovascular and Respiratory medicine.



Hug-a-Mug Coffee Club project

Bringing people together to prevent loneliness and social isolation is becoming more important than ever. Koo-Wee-Rup is a small rural town which is experiencing new housing developments on all sides of the township. Lots of young families and single older adults come to this area to enjoy affordable housing. We do not want them to always feel like strangers in the area.

Older people who have lived on farms come into town as they age and sometimes their partners die or are admitted to the local aged care leaving them all alone. Building social support through supportive relationships protects and enables positive mental health. Being able to participate in your community strengthens social bonds and builds individual and community resilience.

Pick My Project is a Community Grant's initiative with a possible share of \$30 million available from the Victorian Government to fund local projects. Koo-Wee-Rup Regional Health Service (KRHS) has named the Koo-Wee-Rup project the Hug-a-Mug Coffee Club. Hug-a-Mug Coffee Club will be a club for anyone who needs a chat, a bite to eat, a cuppa of course, or just some time out of the house. Bringing people together in Koo-Wee-Rup to prevent loneliness and isolation is now more important than ever. The Hug-a-Mug Coffee Club hopes that over coffee or tea, people will make new friends, share ideas and skills and just have a nice time together.

Hug a Mug Coffee Club will invite community members and residents from all walks of life to meet weekly at a local cafe for a chat, learn about each other, share skills and make friends. Sharing of skills and local knowledge will be fundamental to the group. For example: a young mum with a hole in her child's jumper may learn about darning from the older lady and the man who recently retired may meet a member of the local Men's Shed thus expanding his networks and interests. Building connections with each other will boost the local business economy and create a vibrant, fun place to be.

Please vote at <pickmyproject.vic.gov.au> so that we can get this Coffee Club started. For more information or help with your voting please contact Jo Algie on 0428557411. By voting, you are making our wonderful community an even better place to live. Now don't delay because voting closes 5:00 pm Monday September 17th 2018.

Geoff Stokes

Join in the fun of Seniors Festival time this October !

These great events will be held in Cardinia Shire...If you would like full details of the 2018 Seniors Festival events in Cardinia Shire visit: www.cardinia.vic.gov.au and search for Seniors Festival. You can also contact these venues;

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Kurth Kiln offering Guided bushwalks and Health Talk, 9 October, Bookings Call 5997 9681

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Rather than update you on what we have done since our last report, I'd like to inform you on what we have coming up. While our first few months of the Rotary year, which is the same as the financial year, doesn't seem busy we are in the throws of arranging our Charity Golf Day on October 11th at the Lang Lang Golf Club. We have had wonderful supporters, sponsors and players over the many years we have been raising funds for exchange students, epilepsy and aged care and many other local, national and international projects. For those of you that do support us, our members will be in contact with you shortly.

Christmas Carol's will be our next community event which we aim to have outdoors at the Lang Lang Showgrounds with a picnic. More details will be published closer to December. The next two events on our radar will be Show'n'Shine and Speech Night for Primary Schools in 2019. We will continue to support Ride to Conference, which raises funds for local communities within District 9820, nationally and internationally, local Primary and Secondary Schools, Scouts, The 39th Battalion Kokoda Project to name just a few and supporting those within our community that require assistance.

Our new meeting dates are the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at the venue and time mentioned above, you would be most welcomed if you would like to join us. For further information please contact our Secretary, Graham Warry on 0499 101 953.

Koo Wee Rup Business Association Report

Christmas in Koo Wee Rup will be special this year with many of our not for profit groups planning promotions and our Carols By Candlelight happening in Cochranes Park on the 8th of December.

COLOURING COMPETITION

The Business Association is planning a colouring competition where Koo Wee Rup Primary School, St Johns and Bayles Primary Schools will be invited to compete for three prizes from the Bendigo Bank. These will be savings accounts that have the added benefit of teaching money management to students from an early age. Bendigo Bank is such a great supporter of Koo Wee Rup we are lucky to have such a business in our area.

Local business will be encouraged to display the best of the entries so our artists can see their work on display. Depending on school support it should help everyone get into the Christmas spirit.

We are also planning a Christmas decorating competition for retailers. First prize will be a free 3 hour consultancy with an electronic marketing guru to help local traders extend their reach beyond Koo Wee Rup and its immediate area. This competition will not be restricted to members of the Business Association but we encourage all local traders to join the association so we can become a more effective voice for the businesses who serve the local community.

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Suellen Conway. President.

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About Koo Wee Rup Cricket Club:

For season 2018/2019, the Koo Wee Rup Cricket Club are looking to field 4 Senior teams, Junior teams including U/10's, U/12's, U/14's, U/16's and an All Girls team, an Over 60's team and also Mini Demons (our own version of the IN2 Cricket Program).

Our 1st XI competes in the top grade of the WGCA (Premier Grade) and has become the most successful club in recent history winning 4 of the last 5 premierships. Our 2nd XI and 3rd XI also played off in the grand final last season. We have a young, committed and talented playing group who are determined to continue the recent success we have had for the generations to come.

Our coach, Mark Cooper is one of the most respected figures throughout the WGCA. Mark has won several premierships as captain/coach including leading our 1st XI to back to back premierships, several league awards including player of the year and country week player of the year. Mark is a Level 2 accredited coach who also runs our Demons Development Squad to fast track our next batch of 1st XI cricketers (age 14-16).

Off the field, the club is driven by an energetic, forward thinking and passionate committee. This has been recognised by the league with the club winning the best administered club 3 out of the last 5 seasons.

Last season we opened our brand new 4 lane fully synthetic training facility at the Koo Wee Rup Recreation Reserve meaning we have one of the best training facilities in the WGCA.

The club has also recently signed a 3 year partnership with ICON SPORTS for all the clubs apparel at both senior and junior level.

We are a club that prides itself on our inclusivity, our family environment, our mateship and our success.

Do you want to help us drive the Koo Wee Rup Cricket Club into an exciting and successful new era?

If you or if you know anyone who would like to be a part of the Koo Wee Rup Cricket Club or have any questions then feel free to contact either:

Matt Davey (President): 0439611005

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Recently we had a visit from Year 9 students from KWR SC for a session of introductory bowls. After a welcome and briefing the group of 20 were split into rinks of 4. The visit was arranged by Brian Harlow Youth Development Officer at KWR Regional Health services. A lot of fun and a little friendly competition was had by everyone with some promise shown. Thanks to the Club members who assisted also Bill Files & Richard Bricknall for the use of their bowls.

Our current Ladies Club Champion Pauline Gray is home and hobbling around on crutches after her hip operation.

The Club is losing one of our top players with Kim & Liz McMahon moving to warmer climes at Buderim Qld. Since transferring from Edithvale BC in 2011, Kim has been an important member of the Club and "skipped" in 2 winning Premiership Pennant teams. We wish Kim & Liz the best for the future.



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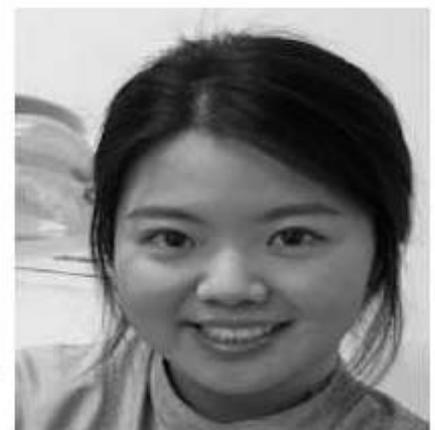
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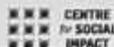
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Sarah Fagan - Hotel keeper

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

This month we will look at Sarah Fagan, who operated a hotel in Lyndhurst in the 1850s. Sarah arrived in Victoria in 1853 and after her husband Alexander died in 1857 she opened the hotel in Lyndhurst (this part of Lyndhurst is now called Lynbrook). The hotel was located where the old ABC Lyndhurst Radio Station was. Sarah had come out on the *Earl of Charlemont*, which sunk off Point Henry in June 1853. I first learnt about Mrs Fagan from Niel Gunson's book, *The Good Country: Cranbourne Shire*. This is what he has to say about the Fagan family.

Another buyer [of land in Cranbourne] in 1859 was Colin Crillie Clarke of Beaulieu who had arrived in the late 1840s....a school teacher, experimented with viticulture and made his own wine. In later life regarded as a somewhat eccentric recluse....Margaret Fagan, his wife, was a North of Ireland woman. Her father and brother, John, had arrived several years earlier and they sent for Mrs Fagan at Clonvaraghan to bring out the remaining members of the family. Mrs Fagan came out by the Earl of Charlemont which was wrecked off Point Henry in June 1853. All the passengers were saved and no personal property was retrieved. Alexander Fagan died at Lyndhurst in 1857; the sons farmed Algernon Lindsay's property. The widow occupied the block adjoining, known locally as Fagan's Hill (Lyndhurst Radio Station) Here she is said to have dispensed the 'water of life' to the coach drivers who stopped at her house. A colourful character she was known as Granny Fagan..... Both she and her daughters, Mrs George Hall and Mrs Nelson shared a reputation for two things: generosity and kindness to the deserving stranger and fearlessness in rebuking injustice or cruelty. These women were also marathon walkers, Mrs Hall walking from Narre Warren to Dandenong (at the age of 80) shortly before her death. Part of Beaulieu was leased to George Hall and James Henderson and later bought by the Facey family. Colin Clarke's daughter Jane was a talented artist and her paintings of Western Port and Gippsland scenes were at one time exhibited in Melbourne.

So let's look at the Fagan family tree in more detail. Sarah Fagan was born Sarah Jones in Northern Ireland. On her Death Certificate, her father is listed as Evan Jones, a farmer. She married Alexander Fagan, who died in 1857. He was 65 when he died. Traditionally, hotel keepers are seen as being of Irish and Catholic background, but in the 1850s and 1860s in this area it was not unusual to have Protestants, such as Sarah Fagan, operating hotels. By the 1880s there was a movement towards abstinence from alcohol with the rise of groups such as the Band of Hope, the Independent Order of Rechabites and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Many Protestant Churches promoted abstinence and Gunson writes *The Gooches, Tuckers and Duffs and Mrs Bowman of the Gippsland Hotel were perhaps the last of their kind to combine Evangelical piety with the publican's profession*. Thomas and Eliza Gooch had the Mornington Hotel at Cranbourne, the forerunner of Kelly's Motor Club Hotel; Robert and Margaret Duff had the Cranbourne Hotel, she later operated it with her second husband, Edward Tucker. Bowman's Gippsland Hotel was at Beaconsfield, it was the forerunner of the current Central Hotel.

Sarah died on January 12, 1879 at Eumemmerring and her son, William, also of Eumemmerring was the informant. Her occupation was grazier. She was buried at Dandenong Cemetery and her age was listed as 89, which means she was born around 1790. Her children are listed on the death certificate as Mary Ann, aged 58; Margaret, 56; John 54; William, 52; Sarah 50 and Nancy 48. According to the shipping records on the Public Records Office of Victoria website Sarah was 58 when she arrived in 1853 on the ill fated *Earl of Charlemont*. Also on the ship were three of her children - William, aged 17; Sarah, aged 16 and Ann aged 12. If this age is correct then Sarah was born around 1795.

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As you will see below there are a lot of discrepancies in the birth dates of the Fagan family, depending on what source you use - one of the challenges of family history research! Here are the children of Sarah and Alexander -

- Mary Ann - b. c. 1821. I have no other details at the moment. I wonder if she came to Australia?
- Margaret - born c. 1822, died 1889 aged 67. Margaret was the wife of Colin Crillie Clarke (1807-1880) who as we saw before, had arrived in Victoria in the 'late 1840s'. We can actually narrow this date down to 1849 as their daughter, Mary Ann, was born 'at sea' in 1849. Mary Ann died in 1866 aged 16. They had one other daughter, Jane, who was born in 1868 at Cranbourne and died at the age of 25 in December 30, 1893. She was the 'talented artist' that Gunson refers to in the excerpt, above.
- John - born c. 1826, died 1917 aged 90 at *Bay View*, Lang Lang. Can't find any indication that he married.
- William - born c. 1827 according to his mother's death certificate or 1836 according to the shipping record. I have no other details at the moment.
- Sarah - died 1915 aged 80, which means she was born c. 1835 or 1829 according to her mother's death certificate or 1837 according to the shipping record. Sarah was the one who used to walk from Narre Warren to Dandenong! Sarah married George Hall in 1855. They were the first name on the Cranbourne Presbyterian Church Marriage Register, according to a history of the church published in the *Dandenong Journal* in December, 1935. George Hall was a 'bullockie' and had a team of bullocks and lived at Narre Warren North where many of the children were born. They had Margaret (1856), George (c. 1858), Mary Ann (1863), Susan Emily (c. 1865), Annie (1869), Jane (c. 1870), William John (1871), Alexander (1873), and Herbert Henry (1876). Jane married William Cadd of Clyde in 1887 and they lived on Patterson's Road. Sarah married, firstly, Thomas Williams, and when he died she operated the general store at Clyde. She married for the second time to Thomas Ridgway and they lived at Clyde. Thomas had been born at Clyde in 1860 to Anthony and Sophia (nee Cadd) Ridgway.
- Agnes - died 1914 aged 74, at *Bay View*, Lang Lang. This means she was born c. 1840 or 1831 according to her mother's death certificate (where she was called Nancy) or 1841 according to the shipping record (where she was listed as Ann). Agnes married James Nelson (1831 - 1916) in 1855 when she was just 16 years old, according to Niel Gunson, which makes her birth c. 1840, so as with her sister Sarah I have no idea what her exact year of birth is. James was a blacksmith and had arrived in the area in 1854; his father, also called James, had a property at Eumemmerring. James was a man of Evangelical *religious conviction*, according to Gunson, and had a library which included many theological books. In 1868 James and Agnes and their family moved to *Bay View* at Lang Lang. They had eleven children - Alexander (1856), Sarah (c.1858), James (1860), William (1862), John (1865), David (c. 1866), Elizabeth (1868), Mary (1871), Margaret (1875), Henry (1877) and Agnes (1879). Sarah married Daniel Gunson (1847 - 1915) in 1882. He was a Methodist Minister whose parish went from Yannathan to the Powlett River (Wonthaggi) - it was fortunate for him that he was an experienced bushman. Sarah and Daniel are the grandparents of Niel Gunson, the author of *The Good Country: Cranbourne Shire*, which I have quoted in this article. The *Bay View* property is on the Cardinia Shire Heritage Scheme.

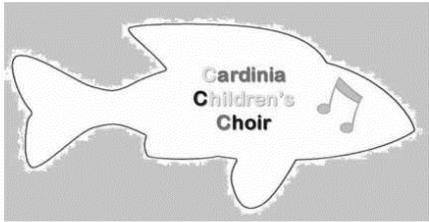


This photo of Mrs Fagan is from the book 'The Good Country: Cranbourne Shire' by Niel Gunson.



This photo of Bay View farm is from the State Library of Victoria - photographer John T. Collins.

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, September 12. New members welcome. The Museum still isn't open - no idea when it will reopen. Check our Facebook page or contact me for an update. Heather Arnold harnold@dcsi.net.au ☎0407 521 637.



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