

THE KOO WEE RUP BLACKFISH



MARCH 2019

24/7 Defibrillator for Koo Wee Rup

The Koo Wee Rup community now has a 24/7 accessible defibrillator unit located outside the Bendigo Bank branch in Koo Wee Rup.

This unit is stored in an alarmed safety case with 24/7 CCTV monitoring. We trust that the community of Koo Wee Rup will respect this unit and be aware of the benefits of it being available 24/7. The unit will be registered with Ambulance Victoria to enable access at a time of need by emergency services.

Bendigo Bank thank the community for their ongoing support to the local branch in Koo Wee Rup, as projects like this are only achievable by the support provided by the community.

*Julie Palmer, Bendigo Bank CRO,
gives the new defib the thumbs up*



The Township Committee Meeting Minutes

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

The speed limit signs approaching Thirteen Mile Rd show different speeds, left one said 80, right hand one said 100, and visibility from the new intersection over the bridge was not as good as before the works. Cr Brown will investigate with council officers.

Cr Ray Brown advised that

- Sealing of Boundary Drain Rd, and drains on Denhams Rd and Moody St were dependent on the next budget.
- He has followed up on the KWR Pool contract re private functions after the recent weekend function and, although the contract allows for the booking of the pool, the service provider has committed that they will not book out the entire pool on a weekend again.
- Street sweeping is reduced as one machine is broken down; it is conducted on a rotational basis across the shire.
- Cr Brown with Gus Moore inspected the Boundary Drain Rd entrance to town and decided there was not any work to be done there that would meet the conditions for a beautification grant
- A new kindergarten is being planned for Bunyip
- The proposed Aldi store at Pakenham was refused a permit because the façade did not comply with council guidelines. There may be an appeal by the proponent against this decision
- There was a meeting with the project group for the upgrade of the sports grounds at the High School and Primary School. There are issues with access but reiterated that something needs to be done before winter.
- The upgrade of the Tennis Courts is proceeding. Clubs rooms are currently being designed for the old swimming club rooms, but ultimately the plan is to build a new pavilion adjacent to the courts. The courts will have lights. The courts will be available for use by the public, but work still needs to be done on how this access will be managed.

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What's on in Koo Wee Rup and District

March

Fri	1st	Triples	Bowls Club	10.30am
Fri	1st	Twilight Bowls	Bowls Club	5.45pm
Mon	4th	Pilates	Eco House at hospital	6pm
Mon	4th	Dog Walking Group	Bus interchange carpark	6.30pm
Mon	4th	Bayles Fauna Park Meeting	Bayles Hall	7.30pm
Mon	4th	CWA Meeting	Senior Citizens Club	7.30pm
Tues	5th	Bingo	Senior Citizens Club	7.30pm
Weds	6th	Koo Wee Rup Coffee Club	Royal Hotel	10am
Weds	6th	Koo Wee Rup Township Committee Meeting	Community Centre	7.30pm
Thurs	7th	Walking Group	Clock Towers	7pm
Fri	8th	Twilight Bowls	Bowls Club	5.45pm
Sat	9th	Pilates	Eco House at hospital	9am
Sun	10th	Bayles Fauna Park Working Bee	Bayles Fauna Park	9am
Mon	11th	Pilates	Eco House at hospital	6pm
Mon	11th	Dog Walking Group	Bus interchange carpark	6.30pm
Tues	12th	Bingo	Senior Citizens Club	7.30pm
Thurs	14th	South West Gippsland Association	Bowls Club	11am
Thurs	14th	Walking Group	Clock Towers	7pm
Fri	15th	Twilight Bowls	Bowls Club	5.45pm
Sat	16th	Pilates	Eco House at hospital	9am
Sun	17th	Clean up Koo Wee Rup	Scout Hall	9am
Mon	18th	Pilates	Eco House at hospital	6pm
Mon	18th	Dog Walking Group	Bus interchange carpark	6.30pm
Mon	18th	CWA Craft Night	Senior Citizens Club	7.30pm
Tues	19th	Bingo	Senior Citizens Club	7.30pm
Weds	20th	Koo Wee Rup Coffee Club	Chandelier Café	10am
Thurs	21st	Walking Group	Clock Towers	7pm
Fri	22nd	Twilight Bowls	Bowls Club	5.45pm
Sat	23rd	Pilates	Eco House at hospital	9am
Mon	25th	Ladies Gala Day	Bowls Club	10am
Mon	25th	Pilates	Eco House at hospital	6pm
Mon	25th	Dog Walking Group	Bus interchange carpark	6.30pm
Tues	26th	Bingo	Senior Citizens Club	7.30pm
Thurs	28th	Walking Group	Clock Towers	7pm
Fri	29th	Twilight Bowls	Bowls Club	5.45pm

April

Mon	1st	Pilates	Eco House at hospital	6pm
Mon	1st	Dog Walking Group	Bus interchange carpark	6.30pm
Mon	1st	Bayles Fauna Park Meeting	Bayles Hall	7.30pm
Mon	1st	CWA Meeting	Senior Citizens Club	7.30pm
Tues	2nd	Bingo	Senior Citizens Club	7.30pm
Weds	3rd	Koo Wee Rup Coffee Club	Royal Hotel	10am
Weds	3rd	Koo Wee Rup Township Committee Meeting	Community Centre	7.30pm
Fri	5th	Triples	Bowls Club	10.30am
Sun	7th	Bayles Fauna Park Working Bee	Bayles Fauna Park	9am
Thurs	11th	South West Gippsland Bowls Association	Bowls Club	11am
Thurs	11th	Walking Group	Clock Towers	7pm
Fri	12th	Brian Letton Live	Community Centre	7.30pm

HAVE YOU GOT SOMETHING TO SAY?

Have you got some news, a photo, or an opinion you want to share with your community? Why not say it in the Blackfish? Just drop me a line at blackfish@live.com.au post to PO Box 64, KWR or phone 5997 2333

Caroline Roff, Editor

If you want to be included in 'What's on in KWR', please contact me. Details at left.

Lions Club of Koo Wee Rup

The big news for the Club is that our Club Youth of the Year winner, Bryce Font, progressed to the Zone final of the competition, held on 17th February in Dandenong and has progressed to the District final to be held at Trafalgar on 24 March. A full report will appear in the April article.

Well done, Bryce and we wish you well.

Early in the New Year, the Club sponsored a number of children from our local primary schools to attend a Lions Sponsored Children's Camp at Lions Village Licola, also known as Licola Wilderness Village. It was very apparent on their return that all of these children not only thoroughly enjoyed themselves, but gained so much from the experience.

For those readers who may not be aware of Lions Village Licola, its history and what it offers, here's a bit of an insight.

Licola is a town in Victoria, Australia, located on Licola Road, in the Shire of Wellington, 254 kilometres east of Melbourne. At the 2006 census, Licola and the surrounding area had a population of 21. Today that number is 29.



The Licola General Store – it means many things to many people

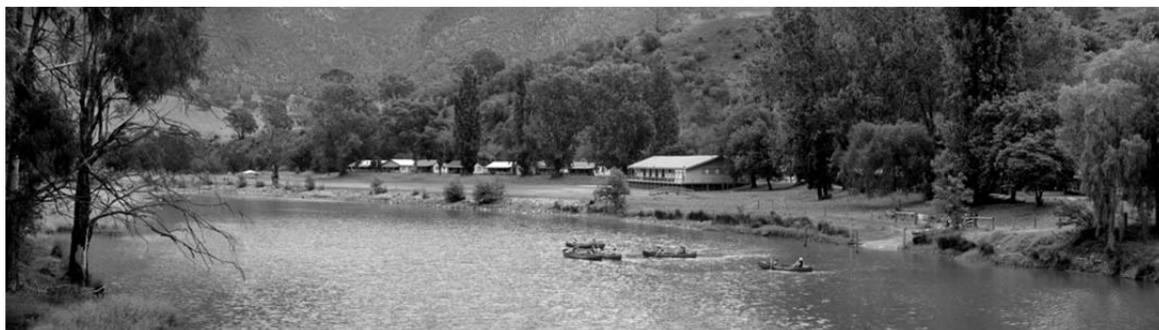
Licola is unique. It is the only privately owned village in Victoria and, apart from some mining "towns" in Queensland and Western Australia, the only privately owned village in Australia.

It was purchased by the Lions Clubs of Victoria and Southern New South Wales in 1965.

It is the only village in Victoria not connected to the state electricity grid. It is a sleepy little village with a general store, a camp ground and a couple of houses, which is located beside the Macalister River.

It is interesting to note that the village generates its own power, treats its own water (from the river) and disposes of its own waste. Licola is also a popular starting point for bushwalking in the Snowy Mountains.

The *raison d'être* of this old logging camp is the Lions Wilderness Village, which provides simple accommodation and a wide range of activities including climbing walls, flying fox, exercise equipment, canoeing, volley ball, and swimming in the river, archery, abseiling, climbing frames, solar heated swimming pool, mini golf, for young people and families, in particular, disadvantaged children and special needs groups.



A view of canoes paddled by happy children on a Sponsored Children's Camp on the Macalister River at Lions Village Licola

These Lions Sponsored Children's Camps are for children who are 8-11 years old, who are able to participate in group instruction, live in a community setting, and who can function with a supervision ratio of 1:6.

The Aims of the Licola Camps are to:

- provide an environment of fun and learning for all participants.
- create a spirit of teamwork and cooperation.
- organise and conduct safe and rewarding activities.
- challenge participants and encourage them to exceed their expectations.
- encourage participants to have respect for themselves and others.
- impart new skills, knowledge and understanding.
- conduct programs containing activities that prize involvement over winning and losing.
- promote the feeling of self-worth in those who believe they have little or none, and encourage them to rise to their full potential.

At all levels of Lions there is a strong focus on the development of our young people to give a little bit of assistance in making them the best they can be. Lions Village Licola is another way that the Lions of Victoria and Southern New South Wales are doing their bit.



What Is My Home Worth?

When it comes to selling property, “How much is my house worth?” can be on par with the “How long is a piece of string?” question.

There are dozens of factors that determine the price of a property, and an astute Vendor needs to weigh up all of them.

Pricing a property incorrectly – too high - could see little buyer interest leading to the property sitting on the market for months at a time. Pricing the property too low could cheat the Vendor out of a decent monetary gain. Discerning a property’s **current** market value in preparation for sale is vital.

One Agency Robert Mure has some tips for those thinking about selling their homes:

1. Don’t move too fast

Try to avoid buying another property before selling your current home. You may feel the need to demand a higher price than what the property is worth simply because you cannot accept any less. With no science behind this desired figure, finding a buyer willing to meet the asking price may be impossible.

2. Keep emotion out of it

Emotional attachment to the property is a very common reason for overpricing. You need to take a logical and analytical approach to the sales process to get the best results.

3. Be knowledgeable

Facts and information are your biggest assets. Research what similar properties have recently sold for. You will then know what you’re up against, what your competition is. This will help you put your property on the market at a suitable and desirable price.

4. Be aware

Be aware of what hasn’t sold. It’s a great way to find out what “overvalued” or “incorrectly priced” looks like. Are they similar properties to yours? If so, you need to adjust your price accordingly.

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Township Committee Meeting Minutes *(from page 1)*

- The upgrade of the Recreation Reserve rooms will be in the next budget, Council is currently undertaking a review of the minimum requirements with all users. The upgrade will include the connection of sewerage to the Recreation Reserve.
- Trees that were brought down in the recent storms have been cleared from Mickle Street.

Questions for Councillor Brown

- Is the connection of the sewerage to the Recreation Reserve linked to the possible road works on Boundary Drain Road? No
- There are currently signs promoting road works in Dalmore Road but no information as to what the roadworks are. Cr Brown will follow up for next meeting.
- When will the new Lang Lang Recreation Reserve be available for use? 2021 was the response.
- There has been an issue with air circulation in the storage shed for the hall that is causing mould on some of the items stored in the shed. Is there anything that council can do to assist? Management of the hall is the responsibility of the Koo Wee Rup Community Centre Committee.

Australia Day was again a successful event, and Pete Smith (Australia Day Ambassador) was very entertaining and generous with his time. It is pleasing that other groups, eg CWA, Scouts, RSL are involved with the Australia Day Ceremony and this is increasing the community involvement in the running of the event.

Christmas on the Swamp Committee report

The committee met to review activities late last month however there were several members of the committee who were not available so a full meeting will be held in February. Matters discussed at the January meeting included:

- The Men's Shed was congratulated for their work making the signs and "gift tags" that decorated the town. The meeting noted that the gift-wrapping of bins around town needs to be improved next year; a heavier quality paper will help.
- The laser lights in the trees at the corner of Rossiter Road and Station Street were not easily visible so next year the Christmas Committee will investigate putting lights elsewhere, possibly at the clock towers.
- A visible Christmas tree was missing from the town display this year, a suggestion was made that the Health Service could allow the cypress in its grounds to be decorated or perhaps The Collective may allow a tree to be displayed out the front of the shop.
- The Koo Wee Rup Tinsel Terror Elf and helpers were congratulated on their efforts around town.
- There was some discussion regarding the prize for the best decorated house, with questions regarding the awarding of a cash prize, although it was pointed out that goes some way to alleviating the expense that those who put lights up for all to enjoy incur. Joyce Light suggested that a sign be placed in the garden of the winning display.
- The Christmas Carols were very well received and numbers increased over the previous year.

It was suggested that more noticeboards were needed around town to promote local events, although the local facebook pages are well used, there are still a lot of people who do not use this medium. There were several suggestions but these focussed on the way facebook and The Blackfish could be used. There was a suggestion that a sub-committee be formed to investigate the promotion of events in town, this will be revisited at the next meeting. Garry will speak to Woolworths about the possibility of a township noticeboard being placed in their entrance way or on the front windows.

It was noted that two local people were given significant awards to recognise their contributions to the community. Claudia Barker was awarded an OAM in the Australia Day Honours and June Wright was award Senior Citizen of the Year by Cardinia Shire. The Secretary was asked to write to both award recipients offering the township committee's congratulations on their achievements.

The Australia Day sign that is erected each year at the entrance to town is getting a bit battered and is in need of replacement. This will be investigated by the Australia Day sub-committee closer to the next event.



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**Rotary Club of
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The Rotary Club of Koo wee rup - Lang Lang thank all those that contributed in any way, large or small for our recent Show'n'Shine held on the 10th of February, either by attending, helping out at the food and drink stalls, participating with your vehicle or at your Swap Meet or any of the other various stalls scattered around the Lang Lang Showgrounds. We had a staggering and vast array of motor vehicles, bikes etc on display, with over 620 cars showing off their owners' pride and joy. Attendance was excellent and the whole day was just incredible. A large proportion of the profits raised will going to drought and flood relief. Thank you all again for supporting our event.

Lang Lang Aged Care Update; At the recent Public meeting in December 2018 of the Lang Lang Aged Care Group Support Group Inc. the committee announced that the group would go into recess for up to 2 years by which time hopefully circumstances will have changed and regulations enacted to a point where Service Providers would commit to new sites and facilities. They need to be able to run profitable, cost effective operations. This decision follows from advice and discussions held with Peter Knuppel, the group's advisor. To date no Provider had been willing to commit fully to a new Aged Care Project for Lang Lang, due to these recent changes of Aged Care legislation by the Federal Government. They are an absolute necessity to have as providers have to obtain Bed Licences either from Government allocations, or purchase them from other Service Providers. The Government believes the 'Ageing in Place Program', where people are serviced in their own homes, is be a better and cheaper operation than building new facilities.

The meeting agreed to a motion that the group relinquish their current lease on the Victrack land at the old railway site in Lang Lang as a large upcoming increase to the lease and holding costs were untenable..They also agreed that current funds held in trust and administered by the Rotary Club of Koo wee rup - Lang Lang be kept there for the next two years, in the separate investment account set up at the Bendigo Bank Lang Lang Community Branch. If in two years hence, nothing has changed in the Aged Care sector, there will be a public meeting to suggest and decide how the held trust money could be distributed.

Pride Of Workmanship Award;

Do you know someone in the workplace or in the community that is great at their job with knowledge, customer service or volunteering? Have you considered nominating them for an award from Rotary? If so please write to us at the address below with a small explanation as to why you feel this person deserves to be rewarded for their efforts to the Community or Pride of Workmanship. The closing date from my last report in the Blackfish has been extended to the 20th of March.

Enquiries are most welcome either by attending one of our meetings or write to 'Rotary Club of Koo wee rup - Lang Lang, P.O. Box 18, Lang Lang. Vic, 3984.' We meet at the Lang Lang Showgrounds the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, 6.30pm arrival for 7.00pm start. We do have a dinner meeting but having a meal is not mandatory.

If you see me around and would like to know more about Rotary, please ask, I may not be able to answer your all of your enquiries, but I should be able to set you in the right direction. So on behalf of the Rotary Club, may you all be happy and safe till my next report, Regards Judy Wright.



LEFT: Rudy & Joy de Jong at the recent Multi District Conference in Melbourne. A great involvement from our club for over 18 years of contributing to Ride to Conference to raise funds for Life Education, Centenary House and other nominated recipients of funds raised.



*ABOVE: the members preparing for Show'n'Shine
BELOW: many of the cars and attendee's at Show'n'Shine*





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Exciting news from the Koo-Wee-Rup Men's Shed.

There has been, and still is, much excitement in the Men's Shed these days. The plans for the new metalworking and woodworking shed have been passed by the relevant authorities and working bees are now underway to disassemble machinery and move out all the rubbish that has accumulated over the years. We are not afraid to confess that there have been quite a few hoarders around the place since we opened and we hope to start really afresh with an uncluttered workshop. All at the 'Shed give their heartfelt thanks to our friend and architect Lenny Dalziel who has worked tirelessly to bring our dreams of a new workshop to fruition. Thank you Lenny.

A good time was had by all on February the 9th when some of our members manned the Op Shop in Rossiter Road and an added note to say they will be doing this twice a month from now on. They were snug and warm whilst some other of their other mates were in the community garden getting soaked from the summer downpour trying to run the monthly Car-Boot Sale. Needless to say the Car-Boot Sale had to be cancelled.

On the 19th of February students from the Secondary College did a huge clean-up around and in the 'Shed. We cannot thank them enough for their help and enthusiasm. It is a wonderful thing to see young people and the elderly getting on so well together. In return our members provided barbecue facilities and services at the recent Pool Party organised by the Cardinia Youth Services. Again, another happy day for all.

Coffee at the 'Shed is proving to be very popular with all types of coffees available 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 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 well-being at the same time.

Computer lessons will be starting again very soon on Friday mornings at 9:00 am in the Men's Shed for true beginners and at 10:15 for the more advanced user. Just a gold coin donation will get you going towards a new and exciting Internet life. Ring Brian Harlow on 59979687 or Geoff on 0435085002 for details.

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

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"Wire you insulate?"

Geoff Stokes

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St John the Baptist Primary School, Koo Wee Rup

Welcome to the beginning of the 2019 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 four new staff members to our school. Mrs Bernadette Hance (Yr3/4), Miss Alycia Hemburrow (Yr4/5), Mrs Belinda Scamporlino (Canteen and Uniform shop) and Mrs Paula Pearce (School Counselor)

Australia Day Awards

Congratulations to students Dean Bailey and Keely Milner on receiving the Junior Citizenship awards at the Koo Wee Rup Australia Day celebrations.



Yr 5/6 Camp

Grade Five/Six students started the year with a Camp at Forest Lodge Farm. They participated in many rewarding and confidence-building group activities, some of which proved to be a challenge for even the most daring.



Student Leadership

Our senior students went through the process of selecting School and House Leaders for 2019. 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 2019 are:



School Captains:

Keely Milner and Luke Briganti

House Captains:

RED: Diesel Bonaddio and Ruby Cartmel

BLUE: Seth Lawler and Montana Hagenmuller

YELLOW: Harry Herbert and Macy Scamporlino

GREEN: Cullen Anderson and Jessica Seuren

Visit from Hawthorn Football Club:

Last week 8 players from the Hawks came to talk to our Yr3-6 students about the attributes that make good leaders and they also explored how these align with our school values. The children then had an opportunity to have a kick with the players.



Future Events

1/3 St John's Swimming Carnival

27/3 Sacrament of First Reconciliation

5/3 Shrove Tuesday

29/3 Foundation Open Morning

5/3 Reconciliation Workshop

3/4 St John's cross-country

6/3 Ash Wednesday

5/4 Stations of the Cross

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KOO WEE RUP Primary School

The Resilience Project

At Koo Wee Rup Primary School we are privileged to be a partnership school with The Resilience Project. The key purpose of the Resilience Project is to develop positive mental health strategies for young people.

In partnership we work with our students, staff and the school community to develop and foster a generation of kids who are 'mentally fit'.



Our Teaching staff and students have already had the opportunity to listen to Martin Heppell from The Resilience Project this term, we look forward to sharing with you details of the Parent information session in the next Blackfish edition.

House Swimming Carnival

Our House Swimming Carnival was held on February 15th. Students in Years 3-6 were encouraged to enter as many races as possible in the lead up to the event. Students participated in Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly and the very popular novelty events.

Students represented their house and received points for each event they participated in. Congratulations to this years winner, Duncan House.

Students in Foundation– Year 2 also got to join in the fun of the day, competing in novelty events in the junior pool.

It was great to see everyone trying their best on the day and encouraging one another throughout the event.

District Swimming

Following on from our House Swimming Carnival, 14 students represented our school at the District Swimming event held on February 22nd.

It was great to see our students swim well, but most importantly showcase great sportsmanship throughout the carnival. As a school we couldn't be prouder of their efforts and we congratulate everyone who participated.



What's Happening in March

Monday & Thursday 8:15am	Breakfast Club
Tuesday & Friday 8:30am	Yoga
Tuesday 2:15pm	Assembly
Friday March 1st	Clean up Australia Day
Friday March 8th	Colour Run
Monday March 11th	Public Holiday
Monday March 18th	Curriculum Day



1st Koo Wee Rup Scout Group

Jiggai Joey Mob (5 – 7 yrs)

Cub Scout Pack (8 – 10 yrs)

Scout Troop (11 – 14 yrs)

Swamp Rats Venturer Unit (15-17 yrs)

Odonata Rover Crew (18-25 yrs)

meet every Thursday 6.30pm – 7.30pm

meet every Tuesday night between 7pm - 8:30pm

meet every Wednesday night between 7pm - 9pm

meet every Friday night between 7pm -9pm

meet on Friday nights from 8pm

New Members always welcome!

Contact Andrew Butt our Group Leader on 0433 100 342

1st Koo Wee Rup have hit the ground running in the first three weeks of term 1!

The first week back saw the Joeys, Cubs and Scouts each have a Water Night, which included a water fight, water pistols and a slip and slide! Lots of fun was had by all, and everyone got very wet!



The following week, the Cub Scouts trekked to the Cranbourne Library for a Harry Potter evening! There were games, quizzes, and a prize for the best costume. Our Cubs went all out to look the part, and they had a great time.





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The Scouts participated in a navigation and hiking exercise in the form of a drop hike from Corinella to Coronet Bay on Wednesday, February 13.

The Joey Scouts had a night dedicated to looking at different types of seeds. They made bird feeders with wild bird mix, gelatine and cookie cutters, and set them in the fridge. Whilst they were waiting for their bird feeders to set, they went for a walk along the side of the rail trail to try and find some seeds from the local plants.



On the weekend of February 15-17, 8 Cub Scouts joined 48 others from various Packs for the Cardinia District Beach Camp at Sorrento.

Saturday the 16th saw the District Beach Day at Sorrento Beach, during which another 31 Cubs joined in for a day of fun at the beach, including two more from 1st Koo Wee Rup, making a total of 87 eight-to-eleven-year olds!



The Cubs enjoyed sailing, canoeing, swimming, beach games such as sandcastles and a relay, and water games (paddleboarding, how many Cubs fit on a paddleboard, stand-up paddleboarding).

The Sunday involved a trip to Point Nepean to the Quarantine Station and a picnic beneath a tree.





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Founder's Day 2019

The 22nd of February has long held a special place in the worldwide Scouting calendar. It is on this day every year that fifty million Scouts throughout the world gather together in order to celebrate Founder's Day, the birthday of Lord Robert Baden-Powell, whose vision of encouraging young people to be their best selves and strive to better the world around them gave rise to the Scouting Movement as we know it today.

Scouting was founded 112 years ago, in 1907, when then-Major-General

Baden-Powell led an experimental camp on Brownsea Island, off the coast of Dorset in England, with around twenty boys. The following year, Baden-Powell's book 'Scouting for Boys' was published in fortnightly magazine instalments, and the first Scout Troops formed here in Victoria. Within the next two decades, Scouting became well established in Australia, and by the late 1950s, the Scout Association of Australia had been created. This phenomenal growth in participation was echoed worldwide.

Scouting offers young people the opportunity to learn new skills, engage in new and exciting experiences and help other people within their own community and further afield, with unique and varied educational programs aimed at growing the whole individual. Scouting encourages youth to look beyond themselves, beyond their limits, and aim ever higher to greater and more incredible possibilities. It offers a sense of community and inspires young people to actively participate in the creation of a better world by making a positive difference in all that they do. In an increasingly challenging world, Scouting helps young people to look to the broader needs of humanity, and rise to the task of making this world a better one for everybody.

We celebrate Founder's Day every year in order to celebrate our achievements, diversity and sense of adventure, but also as a reminder that we are all capable of growing into something remarkable from the most humble and innocuous beginnings. Lord Baden-Powell had no inkling, camping with those two dozen boys back in 1907, that he was lighting the spark of a Movement which would change the world, but change the world he did – and so can we.





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This year, the Cardinia District Founder's Day celebrations were held at the Nar Nar Goon Scout Hall. Dozens of youth and adult members, leaders, helpers and families participated in a variety of activities, such as 'Pin the Hat on Baden-Powell', Tug-of-War, an Obstacle Race and a game involving wet sponges to knock Baden-Powell's hat from the head of a willing volunteer. There was also a jumping castle, which was very well-received by youth members from all sections!

After the activities, a sausage sizzle and an icy pole each filled hungry tummies, before all members and families listened to 'Lord Baden-Powell' (David Brown) relate the story of his life, and the events which led to the beginning of Scouting. Everyone sang Happy Birthday, and had a piece of birthday cake – or two!

It was a fantastic evening. Thank you to all of the leaders and adult helpers involved in planning the games, cooking the barbecue, and organising the event!





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 Kaye 0431 586 581 or Cassie 0419 135 926

Koo Wee Rup Country Women's Association

Great to have everyone back for what looks to become an exciting 2019. This year the CWA "country of interest" is Iceland and every meeting our branch international leader, Linda Sanders, provides us with interesting facts on the country and culture. Did you know that Iceland's 'Silfra fissure' is one of the only places where you can dive between two continents. In some cases the space is so narrow, you can touch North America and Europe at once!

The branch is busy planning for the creative arts state exhibition which will be held on the 2nd of August in Kyabram. Our craft leader, Kaye Chaplin, additionally is planning for the West Gippsland group exhibition that is held later in the year. In 2018 Koo Wee Rup came 2nd overall in the West Gippsland exhibition being pipped at the post by the Noble Park branch, so we hope to take the title this year.

Our Meetings:

Located at Senior Citizens Club,

1 Icke Rd, Koo Wee Rup.

Time: 7.30pm

Dates: Below are the 2019 Meetings

4th March 2019

1st April 2019

6th May 2019

3rd June 2019

1st July 2019

5th August 2019

2nd September 2019

7th October 2019

4th November 2019

2nd December 2019

Craft nights are 7.30pm every third Monday of the month, also at the senior citizens club. Feel free to bring your craft to work on or keep an eye on our Facebook page for organized craft nights.

Upcoming state events for our KWR branch members include:

The State Literature competition: closing 8th March

The entry form and array of topics are published each year in the October edition of the Association's magazine and the entries are judged by the Magazine & Communications Committee Chairman. The first and second prize winners from each topic are then published, with the overall winner being presented with the Emilie Wilson Trophy at the Annual State Conference. Emilie Wilson OAM was a past Editor of the Association's magazine and on her death in 2007 her family and friends requested a trophy be struck in her honour.

The State Photography Competition: closing 3 May

This year there is 7 sections that CWA members can enter.

Entries will be displayed at State Conference in Williamstown, and the winning entries will also be displayed at the State Exhibition in Kyabram. Winning entries will also be published in the State magazine, with the overall winner receiving the Paula Pither-Mills Perpetual Trophy.

If you are interested in writing, crafts, photography, fundraising, making a difference in your local community, and finding friends, come and join us!

Contact us via facebook www.facebook.com/kwrcwa or email: kwrcwa@outlook.com



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Footy Tipping!

1st Koo Wee Rup Scout Group Committee is again running the 1st KWR Scouts AFL tipping competition! We would love to have you all join in the fun and help to raise some much-needed funds for the renovation of our hall. No football knowledge or interest is required, just a good sense of fun!

Congratulations to last year's winners: - Jessica Barnes in 1st place, winning \$100, Sarah Barnes in 2nd place, winning \$50 and Brayden Humphrey in 3rd place, winning \$20!! Congratulations again! You have to be in it to win it, and the more people who join, the higher the prize money and the more funds we raise for our group!

Season Dates: 21st March 2019 (Round 1) - **Payment date:** By Friday the 15th March 28th September 2019 (Grand Final)

Entry Fee: \$20

Prizes: 1st, 2nd, 3rd and the 'Wooden Spoon'. (Prize amounts TBC at a later date, based on a division of total fees paid)

Payment Method: Direct bank deposit to:

1st Kooweerup Group Committee

BSB: 633000

Account: 116691395

Please use your name and Footy Tipping' as a reference

The competition will be run via an online site. To sign up, head to

www.faceyourfears.com/games/1stKWRscoutgroup/join then click on Sign Up.

If you have never used the website before, you will be required to create an account. When signing up, please use your name so that we can identify who has joined. Before each game is played you will need to log in and enter your tips for the round. Each successful tip is worth 1 point. If you don't wish to log in before each game, you can enter your tips as far in advance as you like.

If you have anyone that you know that may like to join too, please pass on the details, the more the merrier!! Please just let me know so I can add anyone to the list. If you have any issues in trying to join, please let me know and I will do my best to assist.

More information about prizes will be provided once the season starts. In the meantime, sign up, pay your entry fee, get your friends and family to join too and let the banter begin! Happy Tipping!!

Regards,

Denise Condron

Fundraising Coordinator at 1st Koo Wee Rup Scout Group Committee

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Koo Wee Rup Bowls Club News



Tuesday Pennant resumed on 22nd Jan. with Div. 2 recording a good 64-53 win over Karingal to remain in contention to play finals. Bryan Walker, Gerry Fuller, Joy Jenkins & Julie Walker won well 31-8. A good 2nd half for Pauline Gray, Mary Masters, Wendy Pownall & Lois Mahomed winning 23-18. Winning only 2 ends in the 2nd half saw Rex Alexander, Noel Speight, Betty King & Jim Jenkins lose 10-27. Div. 4 went to Somerville and were well beaten 35-81 on their "plastic" green. Jill Roissetter, Luke Monckton, Shane Green & Peter Stevens were beaten 13-31. Same score line for both George Crynes, Fay Halligan, David Talbot & T. Van Geeral (sub.) and John Durrant, Stephen Payne, Ken Hammond & Iain Caig both rinks losing 11-25. Rd. 12 scores had Div. 2 continue our late run for the finals with a 72-59 win over Mt. Eliza. Pauline Gray, Mary Masters, Wendy Pownall & Lois Mahomed were defeated 19-27. Another good win for Bryan Walker, Gerry Fuller, Joy Jenkins & Julie Walker scoring 28-12. Third rink of Rex Alexander, Noel Speight, Betty King & Jim Jenkins won 25-20. Div. 4 lost a close game against Karingal 51-55. George Crynes, Fay Halligan, Helen Ralph & John Dale lost 13-21. Jill Roissetter, Luke Monckton, Shane Green & Peter Stevens won 23-14. John Durrant, Stephen Payne, Ken Hammond & Iain Caig lost 15-20.

The 2nd last round of the season had Div. 2 play top team City of Frankston and were well beaten 42-65 to end our chance of playing in the finals. Rex Alexander, Noel Speight, Betty King & Jim Jenkins lost 8-28. A 24-10 win for Gerry Fuller, Jill Roissetter, Joy Jenkins & Julie Walker. Pauline Gray, Mary Masters, Wendy Pownall & Lois Mahomed were beaten 10-27. Div. 4 also played City of Frankston, who were 2nd on the ladder, and lost a narrow game 51-60. John Durrant, Stephen Payne, David Talbot & Iain Caig lost 15-18. An even closer game saw George Crynes, Fay Halligan, Helen Ralph & John Dale lose 17-18. New "skip" Luke Monckton, Peter Stevens, Shane Green & Ken Hammond were beaten 19-24. Tuesday Pennant has finished with Div. 2 losing to Mornington Civic 42-65 to finish in 7th place & Div. 4 being beaten 54-62 against Blue Hills to finish 8th.

Results from the Triples games played on 1st Feb. were the Winning team Tom Cleary [Garfield], George Crynes & Peter Lynch [KWR] with 40 pts. Runner Up rink with 39 pts. was John Williams, Nev. & Kevin Kitchin [Lang Lang]. Best 1st game was won by Jim Smith, Graeme Wilde & Simon Koning [Cardinia Waters] with 19 pts. & best 2nd game went to Ken Taylor, Edna Adams & Fred Forde [Warragul] on 18 pts. The next games of the Triples competition were played on 15th Feb. with the winning team being John Emmett, Ken Mynard & Ray Wilson [Lang Lang] with 38 pts. Runner Up team with 36 pts. was Ned Courtier, Ken Clifton [Pakenham] & Rex Alexander [KWR].

Best 1st game was won by Geoff Barber [Korumburra], Tom Loughnan & Jim Garnham [Loch] on 21 pts. & best 2nd game was won by Pauline Gray, Mary Masters & Shane Green [KWR] also with 21 pts.

Saturday Pennant and Div. 3 played top team Mornington and were beaten 59-89. Bryan Walker, Pauline Gray, Gerry Fuller & Trevor Kitchin won 27-19, Rex Alexander, Bob Mason, Jill Roissetter & Jim Jenkins lost 16-32. Brad King, Peter Butera, Mary Masters & Michael Pors lost 16-38. Despite a 58-80 loss against Hastings, Div. 5 will be playing in the finals. Wayne Stevens, Wendy Pownall, Stephen Payne & Laurie Bell were beaten 11-31. A 29-17 win for John Durrant, George Crynes, Brett Condron & Iain Caig. Peter Stevens, Noel Speight, Betty King & Trevor Butcher lost 18-32. Div. 7 had the heat rule invoked and shared the points with Yamala Park. Next round of Pennant had Div. 3 & Div. 7 games cancelled due to weather. Div. 5 went to play top side Somerville and recorded a great 72-54 win. Peter Stevens, Noel Speight, Trevor Butcher & John Dale won 29-14. A close game for John Durrant, George Crynes, Luke Monckton & Iain Caig winning 24-22. An even closed game for Wayne Stevens, Wendy Pownall, Stephen Payne & Laurie Bell winning 19-18. The final round of Pennant and Div. 3 were unexpectedly beaten at Hastings 61-76. Bryan Walker, Pauline Gray, Gerry Fuller & Trevor Kitchin lost 20-24. Steven Haines, Bob Mason, Rex Alexander & Brett Condron were defeated 21-31. Brad King, Peter Butera, Mary Masters & Michael Pors lost 20-21 but with other results favouring us we managed to finish in 4th place.

Div. 5 had a tough final game against Mornington but scored a 74-59 win to finish in 2nd place. Wayne Stevens, Wendy Pownall, Stephen Payne & Laurie Bell had a 23-23 draw. John Durrant, George Crynes, Luke Monckton & Iain Caig lost 20-21, Peter Stevens, Noel Speight, Ken Walton & John Dale won 31-15. Div. 7 finished their season with a bye. The Club has 2 teams in the finals a good effort from our small Club.

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What Was That Siren?

February 2019

It was the Koo Wee Rup Fire Brigade back up siren to alert all of the volunteers to attend the station for a turn out call. It's also used to let the local community know we are about to be out and about on a call.

Our calls since the last report were:

29/1/19 - Car Accident, possible persons trapped – Bayles/Koo Wee Rup Rd Koo Wee Rup

30/1/19 - Grass Fire – Monomeith Rd Monomeith

30/1/19 - Trees down – Cnr Sth Gippsland Hwy/Bass Hwy Lang Lang

1/2/19 - Possible Structure Fire – Sth Gippsland Hy Tooradin

1/2/19 - Bush Fire – June St Grantville

2/2/19 - Possible Grass Fire – Manks Rd Koo Wee Rup

2/2/19 - Bush Fire – June St Grantville

3/2/19 - Bush Fire – Erica

22/2/19 – Grass fire – Ballarto Rd Koo Wee Rup

23/2/19 – House Fire – Taplins Rd Catani



The Fire Danger Period for our area is still in force

This means you cannot light a fire in the open air unless you have a permit or comply with certain requirements.

You need a permit to burn-off during the Fire Danger Period. You must also notify ESTA of your burn-off as contained in your permit. Otherwise brigades will be called out unnecessarily.

If you don't obtain a permit, you could be breaking the law, police may be called and you may be prosecuted.

Search for 'Can i' at the following link for more information cfa.vic.gov.au

On days of Total Fire Bans, please AVOID using tractors, balers, slashers etc near grass/stubble etc. The heat or a spark can easily start a fire that can spread very quickly. If it is ESSENTIAL you use them, follow the CFA guidelines above which include having at least 9 litre water knapsack or water extinguisher with you.

Emergency

Broadcasters

During significant fires in Victoria, stay tuned to your emergency broadcasters to hear fire updates, community alerts and other important messages.

Emergency broadcasters include [ABC Local Radio](#). Alternatively you can call the VicEmergency Hotline on **1800 226 226** (free call).



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It's Clean Up Australia time!

1st Koo Wee Rup Scout Group intend to do a big clean up of our beautiful town; beside our pathways, in our parks and along our creeks. The Koo Wee Rup Swamp Rats Venturer Scout Unit is organising this event, and will be holding a sausage sizzle afterwards to keep everyone fed.

Members of all Sections will be helping on the day, but we would love to see some locals as well! We all live in this beautiful town, so let's clean it up and make it shine like the hidden gem that it is!

This event will be held on March 17th, which is later than the official Clean Up Australia Day, however, this was to avoid a clash with other events.

Please visit the following link for more information, to sign up to help, or to donate:

<https://www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au/fundraisers/shaneworthingtonworthington/koo-wee-rup>

Clean Up Koo Wee Rup

March 17, 2019, 9am
Meet at Koo Wee Rup Scout Hall




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Tell Your Story Electronically

An introduction to adding animation, GIFs, (computer images that move as an animated clip), and music to slide shows and home videos. BYO laptop recommended. Microsoft PowerPoint experience is a prerequisite.

Fridays commencing 15 March for 2 sessions,

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Men Only - Tuesdays

commencing 12 March for 4 sessions, 7.00pm- 9.00pm

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(FBPFSY1001) Food Processing – Follow work procedures to maintain food safety

(Multiple certificates available at an additional cost).

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Wednesday 27 March, 5.00pm - 9.00pm **Cost: \$95**

Training and assessment provided by CFT International RTO provider No. 21120

(Cardinia Shire Volunteer Discount may apply to these programmes)



Provide First Aid (HLTAID003)

This training will give you the skills and knowledge required to provide a first aid response to a casualty in a range of situations. Includes CPR. Some homework prior to the class is required.

(Also available Provide an Emergency First Aid Response in an Education Setting (HLTAID001))

Saturday 30 March, 9.30am - 4.30pm

Cost: \$175 per session

This training is conducted under the auspice of Asthma Australia RTO provider No. 4987

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Provide Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (HLTAID001)

The first five minutes is crucial in saving a life. This course will provide you with the knowledge and skills necessary to maintain breathing and circulation in an adult, child or infant following a cardiac arrest. Some homework prior to the class is required.

Saturday 30 March, 9.30am - 12.00pm

Cost: \$70 per session

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Responsible Serving of Alcohol (RSA Vic)

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South American Cuisine

Come and have some fun whilst experiencing the flavours of South America. Learn a few traditional dishes such as churros, empanadas, mote con huesillo and sopaipillas.

This is a hands on class. Come along and enjoy these sensational dishes.

Thursdays commencing 14 March for 4 sessions, 6.00pm – 8.30pm

Cost: \$75

Osteoporosis and Fractures

by Dr Neha Parvatreddy, Koo Wee Rup Medical Centre

Osteoporosis is a medical condition in which bones become brittle making them more susceptible to breaking. While aging bones lose density, there are also many medications and illnesses that can weaken bones.

It is a common disease in Australia with over 1 million people affected by it. Usually the first sign of osteoporosis is a fracture since osteoporosis causes no symptoms. Any bone can be affected but the most common sites are the hip, spine and wrist, meaning function of a usually active person can be restricted significantly with a fracture.

It can be diagnosed with a bone density scan done in people at risk of osteoporosis as determined by a doctor. Medicare rebates are available for people over 70 years of age as well as certain people with other medical risks.

Low bone density being picked up sooner means you and your doctor can take early action to keep your bones strong, slow bone loss and reduce fracture risk. Tablets or injections may be prescribed by your doctor for this purpose, in addition to a supervised exercise program.

Osteoporosis can be prevented with regular weight-bearing and resistance exercises, adequate calcium in the diet (three serves of dairy per day) and sufficient vitamin D in body.

Talk to your doctor for further information about osteoporosis and fracture prevention specific to you.

Koo Wee Rup Senior Citizens Club

Icke Road, Koo Wee Rup

We all enjoyed lunch at the Downtowner. We have welcomed more new members this month. Our Friday lunches continue to be well attended.

We welcome new members at an annual fee of \$10.

Weekly Activities

Mon	Bowls	1pm	Members
Tues	Bingo	7.30pm	Eyes Down
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Fri	Lunch	11.45	Members
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Koo Wee Rup RSL Sub Branch Report - The Bombing of Darwin

At this time of year we pay tribute to those we lost in the bombing of Darwin and in the subsequent Battle of the Java Sea.

The defences of Darwin on 19 February 1942 were far from strong in terms of massive aerial onslaught to which it was subjected. A concentration of 47 naval and merchant ships in the port presented a lucrative target to the enemy. But the main purpose of the attack was to contribute to the isolation of the Dutch East Indies. The alarm was not sounded at Darwin until 27 Japanese Kate bombers, flying in impeccable formation at the height of 14,000 feet were in sight, approaching the back of the town from the south-east. Almost until the first bomb began to fall the townspeople thought the raiders were friendly American aircraft.

Zero fighters opened the attack on shipping in the harbour at 9.57am and within minutes the high-level bombers pattern-bombed the target area, then the dive bombers began their deadly work in the harbour - some ships managed to get under way and fought back vigorously. Damage was caused to many ships including the hospital ship *Manunda* and several were sunk. The enemy lost 5 aircraft and another 5 probables in the raid.

In the first raid and the one that followed by 54 enemy land-based aircraft, which attacked about noon, a total of 243 were killed including 191 in ships, 35 civilians and 17 Australian and American service men.

More blows were to fall - on the night of 19/20 February, Timor was invaded and most of the garrison were forced to surrender.

Two large scale enemy invasion forces now moved closer to Java for the final offensive. The defenders of Java had a naval force of 8 cruisers - Australia 2, British 3, Dutch 2, American 1 (ABDA) and 16 destroyers. On the 25th of February a large Japanese convoy approaching from Philippines was sighted 320km to the north-east of Sourabaya. At this point in time, it was all too plain that the best the Allied forces could do was to inflict some damage on the invaders and prolong the action as long as possible, thus gaining precious time for the strengthening of Allied forces elsewhere.

On the 26th February Rear-Admiral Karel Doorman sailed from Sourabaya with 5 cruisers including HMAS *Perth* and 9 destroyers while at the same time 3 cruisers and 7 destroyers (HMAS *Hobart* leading) sailed from *Tanjong Priok* to attempt interception of the enemy convoy heading for western Java.

On 27th February at 4.16pm the battle of the Java Sea began. The engagement with 4 enemy cruisers and 14 destroyers, but the action took place at such a long range that only RN cruiser *Exeter* and USS *Houston* could engage. At 5.15pm the RN destroyer *Electra* and the Dutch destroyer *Kortenaer* were lost in action. At 7.33pm *Perth* and *Houston* engaged the enemy when and where possible. At 9.25 the RN destroyer *Jupiter* blew up, probably as a result of striking a mine. Every move that Adm Doorman made was observed and reported on by shadowing enemy aircraft, making easy the dispositions of Japanese naval forces. Finally at 11.00pm the Dutch cruisers *de Ruyter* and *Java* were struck by enemy torpedoes, both of which blew up and sank. Adm Doorman going down with his flagship, *de Ruyter*.

Allied forces now decimated with the loss of 5 cruisers and 9 destroyers, leaving the commander of *Perth*, Captain Hector Macdonald Laws Waller (proud to report that I was in his namesake division) immediate decision was to take USS *Houston* and withdraw at high speed, reaching *Tanjong Priok* at 1.30pm on 28th February. They were refuelled with only 50% of full fuel capacity being available for *Perth* and no 6" ammunition available.

It was decided to move as many survivors as possible to the south of Java and so *Perth* and *Houston* received their orders to proceed via Sunda Strait and were informed of an enemy convoy of 10 transport escorted by 2 cruisers and 3 destroyers some 80km north east of Batavia at 4pm heading east. *Perth* and *Houston* sailed at 7pm. Waller believed that he would not encounter enemy forces, but to the contrary, the enemy was in strength directly in his path. This was to be the last gallant fight of *Perth* and *Houston* in which both ships were overwhelmed and sunk by a vastly stronger force. The memory of this famous battle is fixed for all time in naval history as a shining example of how Australian, British, Dutch and American sailors fought to the finish against hopeless odds.

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Pilates at Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service:

This program recommenced in early February and is now in its 5th year at the health service. Pilates uses the resistance of your own body to improve core strength, flexibility and balance. It is equally beneficial for those already engaged in sport or other exercise as well as for those who are fairly sedentary and inactive. All fitness levels can be catered for in Pilates as it teaches you to listen to your body and work within your ability. This can vary every session based on how you feel on the day and whether you have any injuries or limitations. **The first session is FREE so you can't lose.** We meet at 6 pm Mondays and 9 am Saturdays at the Hewitt ECO House at Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service, with a fully qualified instructor. Cost is \$10 per session and \$5 for concession holders. Enquiries to Marlene on 0429 814 410.

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News from the Community Advisory Committee

The Community Advisory Committee (CAC) to the Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service (KRHS) met in early February and discussed and took action on a full agenda. Frank Megens, the CEO of KRHS, gave an update on the happenings within the hospital. Frank talked about the new installation of solar panels, the current accreditation procedure, further infrastructure projects, and the serious side of the prevention of violence within and around the hospital.

Tony Rodhouse summarised his work with the Personal Advocate Liaison Service (PALS) which is basically to introduce the PALS service to the hospital and to bridge the gap between the individual and the hospital care providers to enhance both the individual's and the hospital staff's performance. He pointed out that he is not a clinician or councillor but actively involves people as active participants in their own health, to achieve better decisions, experience of care, and positive health outcomes.

Similarly Geoff Stokes (Chair) gave a report to the committee about his involvement with the Cardinia Age Friendly Alliance. He explained that the purpose of this group is to assist the Council with its vision to create an age-friendly shire. The alliance group provides a platform for older residents of Cardinia Shire to have a voice, share insights and advice, based on their long lived experience of life in their own communities. *"An age-friendly shire enables older people to live in security, maintain their health and participate fully in their society"*. That's a quotation from the World Health Organisation 2007. Geoff summed up his talk with these basic aims of the group. They are: to facilitate the inclusion of older persons in all subjects, to create a more age-friendly environment, to protect those who are vulnerable, and to recognise the capabilities of older people and their significant contribution to the community.

Other subjects discussed at the meeting were the Ready2Go project, positive neighbourhoods, social media and marketing, health issues and related fact sheets. Aileen Thoms presented a discourse around the subjects of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Action plan and a development plan and subsequent focus groups for the LGBTQI community.

Remember always that the aim of this Community Advisory Committee is to provide the KRHS with feedback and advice from patients and users and thus to improve and strengthen KRHS services, improve information, and future KRHS policy development and to make everyone happy and comfortable.

If you have a suggestion or some nagging thoughts about your difficulties, or your dependants comforts or problems with KRHS 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.

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Life on the Swamp in the early days - from newspaper reports

By Heather Arnold, Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society

In 1893, the Koo Wee Rup Swamp was opened for settlement and this created some interest in the newspapers. In fact, a report in the *Warragul Guardian* of February 6, 1894 starts off with *So much has been said and written about Koo-wee-rup Swamp, its reclamation works and its people, that it would almost appear that the subject was worn threadbare.*

The settlers were under the Village Settlement Scheme - a scheme where unemployed men from the cities were given a land allocation (usually 20 acres) on the Swamp and they then spent two weeks clearing drains for wages paid by the Public Works Department and two weeks working on their block with the hope of becoming self-sufficient. They also had to erect a dwelling on their block. The first 103 blocks under this scheme were allocated in April 1893. This didn't always work as one of the correspondents pointed out that *The men are mostly raw to cultures of any kind, and inexperienced in the matter of cutting drains, at which they are to be found employment every alternate week, in order to obtain the wherewithal to procure the necessaries of life.* (*Australasian* June 3, 1893)

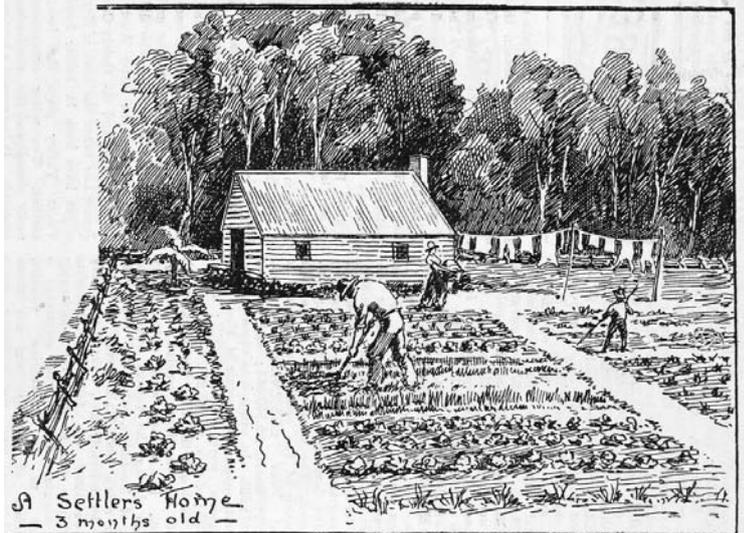
The fact that the settlers had some assured wages was a clearly a benefit to the settlers, many of whom had been unemployed. A reporter from *The Argus* July 11, 1893 interviewed a woman and she had this to say about her new life -

On one of the side drains I met a decent old dame who was busily engaged in stacking driftwood alongside her tent. She explained she was laying in a stock of firewood from what had been brought down by the flood. "Yes," she said, "it's a damp place and a dismal; but what are you to do? My husband is a plumber, and you could count the number of days he was working at his trade last year on one hand. We've been here nine months, and although it's rough enough, we're not going to leave it, especially now when we are getting the chance of a bit of land.

There's my daughter, too, and her husband, who is a house-painter. They are living up at the top end (near Bunyip), and their children that were always sickly in Melbourne are fine and healthy. I didn't like the life, and I don't like it now; but where the fun comes in is on Monday morning, when there's no landlord.

One issue the settlers had to face was the lack of schooling. The *Warragul Guardian* reported on February 6, 1894 - *As yet the Government have not seen fit to provide schools for the children, who are running about in scores, and it is estimated that there are 150 children of school age at the Bunyip end. The neglect to provide school accommodation is a serious reflection on the Education department.* The Iona State School and the Koo Wee Rup North State School were both opened in July 1894.

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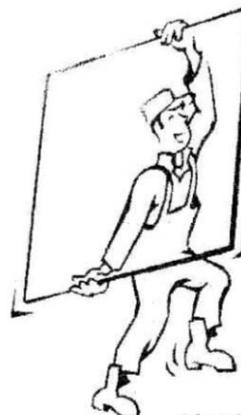


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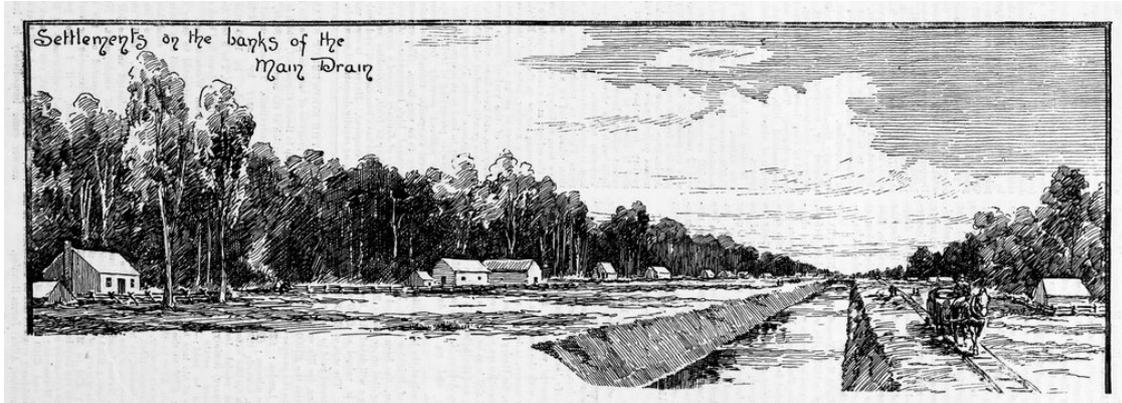
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The Age of Jan 22, 1894 had a glowing report about the fertility of the soil *All down the line of the main drain are settlers' houses of canvas, felt, or weatherboard, and around them are vegetable gardens of luxuriant growth. Nearly every settler is already practically independent of the rest of the world in the matter of food. They would certainly be entirely so if vegetarians.*

They have potatoes in abundance and of most excellent quality, cabbages weighing from 10 to 15 lb. apiece, turnips of prodigious size, and a multitude of other garden products of really superior quality, and when you taste them you have to confess that the



sour land yields very palatable food. [Sour land is a term for acidic soils]

There were a few shops on the Swamp including a store run by the Government, however for the women used to the range of shops available in the City, they had a very limited choice. *Farther on we arrived at a store run by the department in the interests of the settlers. As is known the settlers are allowed to earn certain amounts per month, according to the numbers of their families. The amounts are small and have to be made the most of. It was found that local price for necessaries were beyond their slender means, so this store was opened under the management of the department to supply groceries, clothing, &c., at the lowest possible prices. It is State Socialism without disguise. The goods are retailed at a profit only sufficient to meet the expenses.* (The Age January 22, 1894) Another report said *All the provisions are distributed from the various stores by hand, the storekeepers or their assistants plodding manfully through the heavy mud every afternoon with baskets on their backs, containing from 90lb, to 100lb. weight of provisions.* (The Argus, July 11, 1893) The same report said that *Sly grog-shops and beer shanties are numerous*, so the settlers didn't miss out there.

Public transport was also another benefit of living in the City - however a report in *The Australasian* of September 29, 1894 seemed to think that the horse tramway was a good alternative to the train and tram network in the City *At each end from the railway station along the side of the main channel a horse tramway has been constructed and in this respect few places in the colony, both for railway and postal service, are better served. All these conveniences are appreciated by people who have previously lived in town, and without which some of them would probably not stay at all.*

So, what was the reality— many of the blocks were too wet to make a good living, some were too small – only five acres and even the 20 acre blocks were not necessarily large enough to make a living. The work was hard *The men work up to the knees in slimy mud. The surface roots of ti-tree are very numerous, but a second and far more troublesome layer of roots is met with about three feet down.* As well, many of the settlers did not re-locate voluntarily – *A large proportion of the colonists are artisans from the cities, and the wife of one of these men expressed to us her disgust of her present surroundings, and preference for her old home in one of the suburbs, and there are, doubtless, many others who find the situation trying. Some few have joined the settlement from choice, seeing in it a means of ultimately rendering themselves practically independent.* (Warragul Guardian February 6, 1894) It would appear that the settler's willingness to move in the beginning had an influence in the success of the scheme.

Many of the settlers relied on the wages they received for working on the drains, however this work finished in November 1897, so unless they could find other employment, or their farm was enormously successful this would have been another reason to leave. The Village Settlement Scheme on the Swamp was abandoned in 1899 and the land was opened for selection in the regular way.

The illustrations in this article are from the The Illustrated Australian News, February 1, 1894.

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. The next is on Wednesday, March 13 at 7.30pm. New members welcome. Stay tuned for the gala re-opening of the Museum in March 2019! Heather Arnold harnold@dcsi.net.au 0407 521 637.



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Nominations are now open for the annual Stan Henwood Award, which recognises outstanding individuals in Cardinia Shire who have made significant contributions to our community.

Community members are encouraged to submit a nomination for someone who they think has made a positive difference in their community.

This award honours the late Stan Henwood and his lifetime contribution to Tynong and the municipality. It's a special way for Council and community to remember Stan Henwood and acknowledge similarly motivated individuals in our community today.

This is an opportunity to think about and recognise those members of our community who are continuing this selfless work with their own commitment and contributions to making Cardinia Shire a wonderful place to live, work, learn and play.

Stan was held in high esteem by the Tynong community for his lifelong dedication to strengthening his local community and Cardinia Shire more broadly. His positive influence and contributions over the years not only improved the lives of those around him, but also saw him receive a medal from the Australian Prime Minister for Service to Sport and an Order of Australia for Service to the Community.

Nominations for the 2019 award close at **5pm on Sunday 24 March 2018**.

Nominations must be submitted online via the SmartyGrants portal, which will require the nominator to register an account before they can prepare and submit a nomination form.

For more information about this award, eligibility criteria and how to nominate, visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/StanHenwoodAward

Have your say: Ageing Well in Cardinia Shire Council

Cardinia Shire Council will soon be developing its Ageing Well Strategy 2019–24, and we want to hear from you!

Come along to one of our community engagement sessions and share your experiences and insights to help create an age-friendly shire. An age-friendly shire enables older people to live in security, maintain their health and participate fully in society. For more information contact Cardinia Shire Council's Ageing Well team on 1300 787 624 or email mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au

Koo Wee Rup Bowls Club

245 Rossiter Rd, Koo Wee Rup
Thursday 7 March 3–4:30pm

Bookings: Cardinia Shire Council
(Annmarie) 5943 4488

Lang Lang Community Centre

7 Westernport Rd, Lang Lang
Wednesday 6 March 10–11:30 am

Bookings: Lang Lang Community Centre
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Check www.cclc.vic.gov.au/events for more sessions