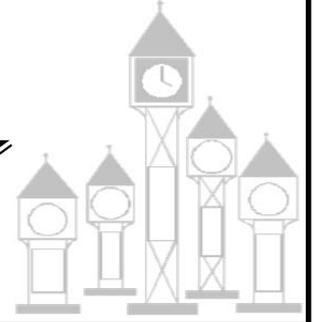


# THE KOO WEE RUP BLACKFISH



MAY 2019

## Anzac Day 2019



I'm not great at crowd numbers but by counting the people I could see and multiplying by the number of rows at least 500 people roused themselves before dawn to attend this year's Anzac Day commemoration. With the population of the town of Koo Wee Rup in the most recent census counted at less than 3,000, this is a significant proportion of our local population.

*Photo right courtesy of Linny Jenkins*



## The Township Committee Meeting Minutes

*The Township held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, 3 April. Township Meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 1 May at 7:30 pm at the Community Centre. Everyone is welcome to attend.*

Cr Brown advised that line marking at the Bayles tennis courts is the tennis club's responsibility. Council will contact the club to advise. The missing BBQ Cover at Bayles has been reported and will be replaced

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## What's on in Koo Wee Rup and District

| <b>May</b>    |      |  |                         |         |
|---------------|------|--|-------------------------|---------|
| Weds          | 1st  | Koo Wee Rup Coffee Club                      | Royal Hotel             | 10am    |
| Weds          | 1st  | Koo Wee Rup Township Committee Meeting       | Community Centre        | 7.30pm  |
| Fri           | 3rd  | KWR Regional Health Service Ladies Auxiliary | Education Rm, Hospital  | 9.30am  |
| Mon           | 6th  | Pilates                                      | Eco House at hospital   | 6pm     |
| Mon           | 6th  | Dog Walking Group                            | Bus interchange carpark | 5pm     |
| Mon           | 6th  | Bayles Fauna Park Meeting                    | Bayles Hall             | 7.30pm  |
| Mon           | 6th  | CWA Meeting                                  | Senior Citizens Club    | 7.30pm  |
| Tues          | 7th  | Winter Triples                               | Bowls Club              | 10.30am |
| Tues          | 7th  | Bingo  | Senior Citizens Club    | 7.30pm  |
| Weds          | 8th  | Community Centre Committee Meeting           | Community Centre        | 7.30pm  |
| Mon           | 13th | Pilates                                      | Eco House at hospital   | 6pm     |
| Mon           | 13th | Dog Walking Group                            | Bus interchange carpark | 5pm     |
| Mon           | 13th | CWA Craft Night                              | Senior Citizens Club    | 7.30pm  |
| Tues          | 14th | Bingo  | Senior Citizens Club    | 7.30pm  |
| Weds          | 15th | Koo Wee Rup Coffee Club                      | Chandelier Café         | 10am    |
| Sun           | 19th | Bayles Fauna Park Working Bee                | Bayles Fauna Park       | 9am     |
| Mon           | 20th | Pilates                                      | Eco House at hospital   | 6pm     |
| Mon           | 20th | Dog Walking Group                            | Bus interchange carpark | 5pm     |
| Tues          | 21st | Winter Triples                               | Bowls Club              | 10.30am |
| Tues          | 21st | Bingo  | Senior Citizens Club    | 7.30pm  |
| Thurs         | 23rd | South West Gippsland                         | Bowls Club              | 11am    |
| Fri           | 24th | Pakenham Art Show                            | Pakenham Hall           | 7pm     |
| Sat           | 25th | Pakenham Art Show                            | Pakenham Hall           | 10am    |
| Sun           | 26th | Pakenham Art Show                            | Pakenham Hall           | 10am    |
| Sun           | 26th | KWR Swamp Historical Society Annual Luncheon | Community Centre        | 12noon  |
| Mon           | 27th | Pilates                                      | Eco House at hospital   | 6pm     |
| Mon           | 27th | Dog Walking Group                            | Bus interchange carpark | 5pm     |
| Tues          | 28th | Bingo  | Senior Citizens Club    | 7.30pm  |
| <b>June</b>   |      |  |                         |         |
| Sat           | 1st  | Pilates                                      | Eco House at hospital   | 9am     |
| Mon           | 3rd  | Pilates                                      | Eco House at hospital   | 6pm     |
| Mon           | 3rd  | CWA Meeting                                  | Senior Citizens Club    | 7.30pm  |
| Mon           | 3rd  | Bayles Fauna Park Meeting                    | Bayles Hall             | 7.30pm  |
| Tues          | 4th  | Bingo  | Senior Citizens Club    | 7.30pm  |
| Weds          | 5th  | Koo Wee Rup Coffee Club                      | Royal Hotel             | 10am    |
| Weds          | 5th  | Koo Wee Rup Township Committee Meeting       | Community Centre        | 7.30pm  |
| Fri           | 7th  | KWR Regional Health Service Ladies Auxiliary | Education Rm, Hospital  | 9.30am  |
| Sat           | 8th  | Pilates                                      | Eco House at hospital   | 9am     |
| Sun           | 9th  | Bayles Fauna Park Working Bee                | Bayles Fauna Park       | 9am     |
| Mon           | 10th | Pilates                                      | Eco House at hospital   | 6pm     |
| Mon           | 10th | Dog Walking Group                            | Bus interchange carpark | 5pm     |
| Tues          | 11th | Bingo  | Senior Citizens Club    | 7.30pm  |
| Weds          | 12th | Community Centre Committee Meeting           | Community Centre        | 7.30pm  |
| Sat           | 15th | Pilates                                      | Eco House at hospital   | 9am     |
| Mon           | 17th | Pilates                                      | Eco House at hospital   | 6pm     |
| Mon           | 17th | Dog Walking Group                            | Bus interchange carpark | 5pm     |
| <b>August</b> |      |  |                         |         |
| Fri           | 9th  | Neighbours and Newcomers Dinner              | Community Centre        | 7pm     |

### 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](mailto: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.

## Meeting the Governor

Last month, Claudia Barker visited Government House in Melbourne where she was presented with her OAM by the Governor, the Honourable Linda Dessau AC.

Claudia received her Australia Day honour for service to the community through a range of musical organisations.

### *Kooweerup Secondary College*

Teaches and manages a range of bands, ensembles and choirs

- Teacher, since 1965.
- Leading Teacher, since 2002.
- Director of Music, since 1976.
- Founder, College Marching Band, since 1998.
- 'Claudia Barker Performing Arts Centre', named in her honour, 2002.

- Performances with the College Senior Band include St Margaret's Westminster; The International School of Paris, Fromelles in 2012

### *39th Battalion Association*

- Drum Major, leading the 39th Battalion Association Marching Band in the annual Melbourne ANZAC March, since 1998.

### *Other*

- Founding Member, Westernport Light Opera Society, (now known as Windmill, Pakenham), circa 1972.
- Conductor, Pakenham Brass Band, (now called Cardinia Civic Concert Band), 1970s.
- Secretary, Lang Lang Rodeo, late 1960s-1970s.
- Past Compere, Kooweerup Potato Festival Float Parade.

### *Awards and recognition includes:*

- Founding Member, Victorian Branch, Australian Band and Orchestra Directors Association, 1986; Certificate of Excellence, 2002; Life Membership, 2017.
- Kooweerup and District Australia Day Citizen of the Year, 2004.
- Recognition of Service to Victorian Education, 2017.



## Heart Foundation Dog Walking

The Koo Wee Rup K9 Heart Foundation Walking Group now meet at 5pm every Monday evening. As we head into winter our walks shorten to 30 minutes or less and our group is often smaller than usual so if you are apprehensive about introducing a new dog to strangers this is a good time to do it. We meet at the rear of the bus interchange carpark, doing our best to avoid the current construction work! New members are most welcome, with or without a canine companion. Enquiries to Lyn on 0439 519 859.

## Lang Lang & District Historical Society

Welcome visitors to our Heritage Centre situated in Kester Kitchin Park, Lang Lang

We open each Wednesday, 11am-3pm  
or by appointment

Secretary Peter Hayden 0417 593 719



*The Collective ran a competition before Easter with customers asked to guess the number of Easter eggs in a vintage glass bowl. Congratulations to Linda, winner with the closest guess of 203, taking home 226 eggs and one bunny!*

## Township Committee Meeting Minutes *(from page 1)*

Mural on Rossiter Rd Toilet Block. Tim Cooper from council has been involved in Fire Recovery, but reported that the Arts Team has been briefed and Maintenance Report for the block has been requested.

Town Square suggestion for Station St: Cr Brown and Tim Cooper are yet to catch up to discuss next steps. But all agree is an excellent idea for Koo Wee Rup

Lou, Rob and Gavin attended Strategic Agricultural Land consultation workshop. The workshop focussed on identifying important agricultural land in the Melbourne region, and the criteria that was used to identify the land. The next step was to investigate the ways this important agricultural land could be protected.

After concerns were raised by Ken Barker proprietor of the Koo Wee Rup Bakery regarding the drainage and flooding at the intersection of Rossiter road and Station St council investigated and discovered that the storm water pipes had been damaged, most likely when the traffic lights were installed. Council's investigation has identified a solution which is being scoped so that the works can be included in the next council budget.

There are 863kms of unsealed roads in the shire. Council is embarking on a road development program over the next two financial years to improve 42.8kms of roads. Roads to be part of this program will be chosen based on use, safety and cost of ongoing maintenance. Ray hopes that the roads to be included in this program will be announced shortly.

The Tennis Courts in Koo Wee Rup are nearing completion with the surface currently being laid. There is \$200,000 budgeted to improve the old Swimming Club rooms for the Tennis Club, including toilets, kitchen area, carpeting etc. The rooms will be available for other groups to use, eg schools during swimming sports.

Russell Broadbent has announced \$1.2Million towards the upgrade of the Koo Wee Rup Recreation Reserve Pavilion, this will benefit the Football, Netball and Cricket Clubs.

Council is developing a Public Toilet Strategy, community input will be sought in the near future.

The Koo Wee Rup Township Strategy will have its status in the planning scheme altered from an incorporated document to a reference document. This will put the document up front in any development processes and may give the provisions within the Township Strategy greater influence when permit applications are being considered.

A question was asked regarding the establishment of a dump point for caravans and campervans. The President explained that this had been pursued with council some time ago but it was not something council was interested in supporting due to concerns about the capacity of the local sewerage treatment plant. Rotary is working on establishing a local dump point.

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Peter Cleghorn raised some issues with the open drains along Moody St between the bus depot and the primary school. This is in the area where the school crossing is located and as well as being a safety hazard for young students walking to school, it is also an unsafe workplace for the crossing supervisor. This has been reported to council but no response has been received. Ray will follow up and report back next month.

Frank Cramer commented on the project to upgrade sealed roads in the shire saying that Boundary Drain Road should be included. Cr Brown replied that it had been put forward to be assessed according to the criteria outlined.

Caroline Roff enquired whether there was any further news on up grading the bus service. Cr Brown replied that the current contract was restricting the opportunities to alter the service but the current contractor, council and PTV were in discussions about options to alter the current services.

Rob Muré enquired about the status of the audit of trees overhanging footpaths in town, as there are still many instances of trees over footpaths. Ray responded that the audit had been completed but that pruning was still to occur. Rob had a follow up question about street sweeping in Koo Wee Rup, how often does the street sweeper visit Koo Wee Rup. Ray will confirm street sweeping program for Koo Wee Rup.

Has the 4Cs review been completed? 4Cs haven't responded to council after Cardinia Shire offered assistance with developing a business plan and budget in addition to the financial support to cover the organisations rent. 4Cs is a highly valued service in the Shire. Support for the organisation is definitely on council's agenda, and State and Federal governments are involved as well.

Peter Cleghorn commented on the confusing speed signs at the entrance to Koo Wee Rup, especially Rossiter Road where it is 60 (except school times when it is 40) then 50 then 60 again.

Sgt Kevin Iles from KWR Police reported that speed cameras have been in use in Rossiter Road at the South Gippsland Highway end. This is always under review based on reports from the public.

Koo Wee Rup has five officers and one car, policy requires officers to be two-up so while out on the road the station is closed. There are no set station opening hours.

Koo Wee Rup station is part of the Southern Metro Region (Greater Dandenong, Casey and Cardinia Shires). The Cardinia police zone includes Emerald, Pakenham, Bunyip and Koo Wee Rup. Officers based at Koo Wee Rup police this area but often required across the zone but could be sent anywhere. Area of patrol is the whole Shire of Cardinia but can be sent to Casey.

Sgt Iles advised that the Woolies, Subway and Pizza shop burglaries have been linked and there is a suspect, who is believed to be responsible for a series of similar burglaries. Most of this type of crime is committed by out of towners.

Sgt Iles urged locals to report all incidents and crimes to police or they will not be counted in statistics and cannot be used to pressure for increased police numbers. You can report crime direct to the KWR Police Station on 5997 1404; this number is diverted to the police vehicle if they are on patrol locally, or to Pakenham Police Station. Or you can just call 000 to make sure all crime goes into the police database. Sgt Iles says it is frustrating for the local police to only hear about crime in the area through facebook posts.

Sgt Iles advised that theft of trailers was an increasing problem in the district and advised tradies not to leave trailers attached to vehicles in driveways or on the street where the connecting chains can be simply cut and the trailer towed away.

Although not yet a problem in Koo Wee Rup, in other parts of the Region there are thieves who walk in through an unlocked front door and help themselves to keys and garage remotes left on hall tables in plain view, they return later, when people are asleep or out of the house to take cars, etc. Keep your doors locked and don't leave keys in obvious places.

Jordan Crugnale, MP Bass said that works commencing soon on safety upgrades to main entrance to towns. There will be new signs and pavement markings to increase awareness that you are entering a township.

Ms Crugnale has had discussions with the Public Transport Minister regarding the Koo Wee Rup – Pakenham and Koo Wee Rup to Southern Cross bus services including putting them on the Myki system. They have also talked about the need to improve the service.

She attended the Koo Wee Rup Primary School for the Zen Garden opening.

Eight new schools are to open in the Bass Electorate during this term of government.

Koo Wee Rup – Pakenham Road upgrade is dependent on promises from both Labor and LNP federally if elected.

It was suggested that the committee apply for a Bendigo Bank Grant for a lighted sign for the entrance to Cochrane Park and the Community Centre.



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## Koo Wee Rup CWA

It has been a busy month for the Koo Wee Rup CWA branch. The "Associated Country Women of the World" (ACWW) held their triennial conference in Melbourne this month and as the largest international organization for both rural and urban women, with a membership of nine million in over 70 countries, it was an honour for our junior members of the KWR CWA to receive invitations to act as flag bearers at the opening ceremony. Three of the four junior members from our branch managed to attend the event with their guardians. This rare privilege allowed our younger members to view the affect organisations like the CWA and ACWW can have on local and international communities. The ACWW currently have 5 projects running: Education for women in PNG, Agricultural projects in India and Kenya, a water improvement project in India and a sanitary facilities project for schools in Uganda.



*KWR CWA Junior branch members at ACWW*

Closer to home, our own branch has been assisting Blazeaid in rebuilding the community after the Bunyip state forest fire. Blazeaid is a volunteer-based organisation that works with families and individuals in rural Australia after natural disasters such as fires and floods. Working alongside the rural families, volunteers help to rebuild fences and other structures that have been damaged or destroyed. Whilst the KWR CWA assisted during the Bunyip state fire providing and preparing snack packs for the CFA with an amazing volunteer team at the Nar Nar Goon Reserve, it is now important to help people rebuild their lives and indirectly we have been providing support by feeding the volunteers in Bunyip.

The KWR CWA are also focusing on bringing back the traditional skills to our younger generation. Traditional skills, such as weaving, knitting, sewing, gardening, woodwork etc are at a risk of dying out, due to the digital age and the instant gratification of global commercialisation. As we have numerous ladies with varying craft skills, we are opening up our craft nights each month to the public, so you can learn a skill and potentially create something from rubbish you may have chucked away.

Our April craft event was 'learn to machine sew'. We had over 15 people attend the event. Kaye Chaplin, our Koo Wee Rup craft leader, ran a 2 hour session on how to thread the needle on the machine, types of needles for different material, basic stitch and sewing techniques and after graduating from stitching a straight line and spirals on A4 paper; branch members and guests had the ability to try their hand at making hair scrunchies. Not only did attendees learn the basics of a sewing machine, but also walked away with something that they had created.

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May, the Koo Wee Rup branch will be holding a mosaic creation evening. If you are interested in attending, please feel free to contact us on our Facebook page or via email at [kwrcwa@outlook.com](mailto:kwrcwa@outlook.com)



*CWA Members and guests practicing stitching techniques*





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Thanks to A Mills Electrical for the awesome job.

*Koo Wee Rup Cricket Club*



## The Consumer Advisory Committee and Consumer Participation.

At the beginning of April 2019 an in-house workshop was held for the members of the Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC). This workshop considered and studied all aspects of Consumer Participation within and around the Koo-Wee-Rup Regional Health Services (KRHS) strategic plan.

The workshop was organised and run by Aileen Thoms, who is the KRHS Manager for Community Health Promotion and Innovation. With her know-how and expertise the Committee learned and understood that consumers play a vital role in helping KRHS to avoid making the same mistakes repeatedly. Hindsight shows that in nearly every instance of avoidable harm, consumer letters, emails and phone calls have attempted to warn Government Health Services about system failures that contributed to that harm.

The Committee had a virtual hands-on session and came away with the sure knowledge that participation occurs when consumers, carers and community members are meaningfully involved in decision making. This means decision making about health policy and planning, care and treatment, and the well-being of themselves and the community. During the workshop the Committee learned that participation was all about consumers having their say, thinking about why they believe in their views, and listening to the views and ideas of others. Better health outcomes are achieved when health professionals and services work in partnership with consumers, patients, carers, and communities.

Just in case you are a new resident of Koo-Wee-Rup or you find you have a problem with KRHS, remember that the aim of the Community Advisory Committee is to provide KRHS with feedback and advice to improve and strengthen their services, their information, their forward planning, and the future policy development of the KRHS. The Committee will furnish advice to the KRHS Board of Management taken from a Patient, a Resident or a Carer's point of view, and also from an individual resident or, indeed, the Community's point of view.

The Community Advisory Committee will listen closely to these consumers and acknowledge their concerns and aspirations so that these alternatives that they may offer are consistently understood and seriously considered. This advice, and the recommendations developed, will be broadened into balanced information to assist the complete understanding of a particular topic by the KRHS Board of Management.

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on the 30th of April 2019 so ... if you have a suggestion or some nagging thoughts about your difficulties, or your dependants comforts or problems with any aspect of the KRHS, then get in touch with the CAC Committee. Simply phone KRHS on 5997 9679 or Geoff Stokes on 0435 085 002. Or you can email: [geoffrestokes@geoffstokes.com](mailto:geoffrestokes@geoffstokes.com) Your email will be acknowledged.

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**They promise to find you the best real estate agent in your suburb, but do they?**

Basically, here's how it works. You go to a referral site and ask them to find you an agent to sell your property. They come back to you with a short list of the 'best agents' in the area, but what they don't tell you is that the first three or four agents they contacted may have refused their referral. So, did they find the best agent for the job or the best agent for them? The one that benefits them, the one that's willing to pay the hefty referral fee to get your contact details?



Sellers need to ask themselves do these sites actually benefit them? Since referral sites need referral fees to survive it stands to reason that they will only give leads to agents willing to pay. It makes sense that the more an agent uses a particular referral site, the more business they will send that agent's way. And although they claim to offer a "Free Service", the agent may pass on the cost to you, through their commission structure.

A referral site simply adds a middleman to the sales process without adding any real value for the seller. The right agent for you may not be willing to pay their fee, therefore you will be paired with an agent by default, not necessarily the best agent for your needs.

The sites don't provide any assurances about the accuracy of their information, about the agent's competence or an agent's sales performance. They in fact, encourage consumers to exercise care and independently verify the details they are provided with but isn't this what the service is supposed to be doing for you? Wasn't this the reason why you contacted them in the first place? You could end up with the least experienced agent selling one of your most valuable assets.

Let's also think about this for a minute... Why would a top real estate agent need to engage these referral sites? The answer is they wouldn't. Good agents generate plenty of work to keep themselves busy. They don't need to pay for 'leads' or pay a hefty fee to get your contact information.

So don't rely on real estate agent referral sites to find the agent who will meet your needs, they could end up doing the exact opposite. The best way to find an agent right for you, is to go out and find them yourself. Ask your family, friends and neighbours, check out their website and social media presence. Interview 3-4 agents to see who is the best fit for you.

And finally a warning about commission – you often get what you pay for! So trust your gut, don't go with the agent just because they have the lowest commission, but with the one you feel most comfortable with and the one you feel will work hardest for you.



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## St John the Baptist Primary School

We held our Foundation/Prep Open Morning for all prospective students and their parents. Our student leaders took families on tours of the school informing them of the facilities and programs we offer.

If you were unable to make it on that day and are interested in enrolling your child/ren at St John's for 2020, please contact us on (03) 5997 1653 to arrange an appointment.

Scott (Green) House took out this year's School Cross-country. Student from Foundation through to Year 6 competed. It was wonderful to see so many parents and grandparent come along to support the children.

Throughout the term during the season of Lent, the children focused on the charitable works of the Caritas Australia. As part of this focus and lead by our Social Justice Student Leaders, a fund raising project ran across the school. The theme being "Give LENT 100%" Children were encouraged to help raise money for Caritas by trying to fill water bottles, in their classrooms, with coins. This money will go a long way to help those less fortunate.

We finished the term with a Stations of the Cross service. The children re-enacted the events of Holy Week starting with prep & 1 acting out Palm Sunday, the grade 2's focused on events leading up to the last supper, and the grades 3&4 reflecting on Holy Thursday with the Last Supper then moving into the Stations of the Cross lead by the Grade 5&6's.

Term 2:  
 Mothers Day Breakfast  
 Sacrament of Confirmation  
 Catholic Education Week  
 Science Works excursions  
 Pie Drive



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## Koo Wee Rup Longwarry Flood Protection District Advisory Committee

**NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN!**

Interested in joining the Koo Wee Rup Longwarry Flood Protection District Advisory Committee?

The three year term for existing members has finished and we are seeking Expressions of Interest from new candidates.

Candidates will be required to submit a nomination form outlining their suitability for membership on the Advisory Committee, including contact details for two personal referees.

A selection panel including the independent chairperson will review all nominations. Candidates may also be invited to participate in an interview with the selection panel.

Candidates must address selection criteria as detailed in the nomination form.

The nomination form can be found on our website:

[www.melbournewater.com.au/aboutus/customersandprices/pages/koo-wee-rup-longwarry.aspx](http://www.melbournewater.com.au/aboutus/customersandprices/pages/koo-wee-rup-longwarry.aspx)

Nominations close on Friday 17 May 2019 at 5pm.

## Koo Wee Rup Craft and Quilt Show

The Lions Club of Koo Wee Rup & District Inc. are having their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Craft and Quilt Show on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2019. This event will be held at the Community Centre, Rossiter Road, Koo Wee Rup (Cochrane Park) from 9.30am to 4.00pm.

The event has raised over \$5,000 all of which went back into the community. For example, KWR Secondary College, student excursions and Music Department, KWR Scouts and Venturers Groups, The Hub KWR Youth Group and the start up seed funding for the Leo's Club at the KWR Secondary College.

The Club's aim is to showcase the talented people of Koo Wee Rup and surrounding communities and invites anyone to submit article/s. There is no charge for those who wish to display their Craft or Quilt/s. Entrants need to complete an Entry Form available from local craft shows and via email: [KWRCraftandQuiltShow@gmail.com](mailto:KWRCraftandQuiltShow@gmail.com).

A café will be operating with homemade mixed sandwiches, scones jam & cream, slices, tea, coffee, soup, soft drinks and water which can be purchased at very reasonable prices.

All monies raised from this show will continue to go directly into community projects.





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# KOO WEE RUP Primary School

A big thank you to all our parents who supported our Easter raffle drawn during our Easter Parade on the last day of Term 1. We hope everyone has had a lovely Easter break, we look forward to another exciting and productive Term 2.



## 'Footsteps into Foundation 2020' Parent Information Night 6-7pm Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2019

Please join us on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May from 6 pm for a brief overview of the wonderful programs in place at our school and take a tour of our facilities.

Our 'Footsteps Into Foundation' program has been established for new Foundation enrolments.

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More information and dates will be available on the night.

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Fluoride is not an artificial compound or some sort of medication, it is a naturally occurring mineral found in rocks and soil, vegetables and grains, and both fresh and salt water. Unfortunately the fluoride found in the environment is not sufficient on its own to protect our teeth.

Tooth decay occurs when acid corrodes the outer surface of the tooth. Mouth bacteria produces this acid from sugary food and drinks. Fluoride helps to strengthen the tooth's mineral structure, acting like a repair kit. It repairs the early stages of tooth decay before it becomes permanent.

Studies have found that children aged 5 to 6 years of age, whom have lived more than half their lives with fluoridated water have 50 per cent less tooth decay in their baby teeth, compared to children not living in fluoridated areas.

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Since the mid 1990's tooth decay figures have been rising. By the age of 6 years old, more than half of Australian children have already suffered from tooth decay. Most probably due to modern diet, high levels of sugar, and drinking soft drinks, sports drinks and other heavily sugared drinks.

Lastly to dispell a few common misconception:

- 1. Infant formula is safe for consumption when using fluoridated water.**
- 2. There is no credible evidence linking water fluoridation to thyroid disease, cancer or kidney health.**

Just remember that a healthy diet, good oral hygiene, brushing with fluoride toothpaste and regular dental check ups will help ensure teeth and gums stay healthy. Add to this equation fluoridated drinking water and you offer teeth further protection.

Good dental health has a direct impact on your overall health !





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**<https://1stkwrsoutgroup.org.au/>**

Just like that, it's Term 2!

After a two week break, 1<sup>st</sup> Koo Wee Rup Scout Group is raring to go for another exciting term, with all sorts of adventures planned across all five Sections.

The term began on the night of April 24<sup>th</sup> with the inaugural ANZAC Eve dinner, and the investiture of three new Joey Scouts. Over forty youth members and leaders shared a delicious three-course meal at the Scout Hall with special guests Ron and Lynette Ingram. Ron spoke to everyone about the meaning and importance of ANZAC Day, and why it is still commemorated in perpetuity.

After dinner, the Joey Scouts went home to sleep, the Cub Scouts camped at the Scout Hall, and the Scouts walked to the Masonic Lodge to stay there. The Venturers stood vigil at the Cenotaph.

At 5am, everyone met back at the Scout Hall and walked to the Clock Towers, marching to the Cenotaph with the RSL, CFA and hundreds of residents of Koo Wee Rup and surrounds for the Dawn Service.



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The Scout Troop spent a day at the Australian International Airshow at Avalon Airport on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was a very long day, but there was so much to see and do! The Airshow itself was incredible, but there was also the Australian International Aerospace and Defence Exposition 2019 to visit as well.

The following week, a new Scout was invested in front of the deli at Woolworths, before the Troop gathered supplies to make dessert pizzas!

The Jiggai Joey Mob haven't been idle either. They enjoyed a visit to Gumbuya World, where they met a shingleback lizard and a python, and got to walk around the park and see the wallabies, a variety of native birds, dingoes, and some sleepy Tasmanian Devils.

Science and fantasy united with a Harry Potter themed night, in which the Joeys prepared some potions, painted their own wands, and tried their hands at broomless Quidditch!



The Joeys also invested a new member (the first of many in the coming weeks – and there's always room for more!) and made a vertical garden with a repurposed pallet. The carrots, radishes, lettuces, broccoli, parsley and sugar snap peas will be used to make some yummy food late in term 2!

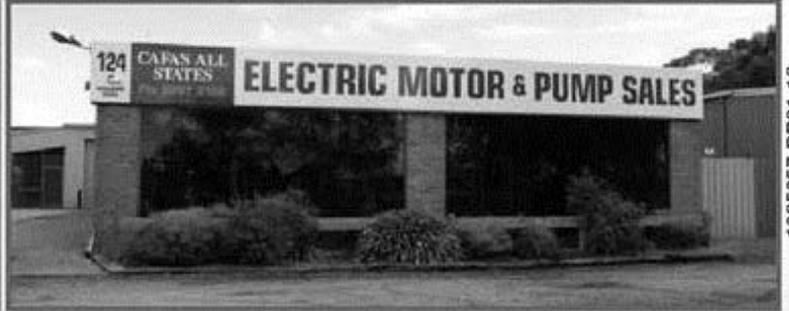


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It was great to see so many members from different Sections at the Clean Up Koo Wee Rup event on March 17<sup>th</sup>! Three groups set out to clean up different sections of the town, including the rail trail, Cochrane Park, the area adjacent to Woolworths and the streets in some of the estates close to the Hall. A full trailer-load of rubbish was taken to the tip, and everyone revived from a hard morning's work with a barbecue at the Scout Hall.





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## Lions Club Report

Have readers ever heard of a project called Need for Feed?

You may recall the bushfires of 2006-2007 that began as a result of lightning strikes around Bright in the east of Victoria. These fires merged into one massive fire as it crossed the Great Dividing Range and bore down on farms and small towns in Gippsland.

Graham Cockerell, a member of the Pakenham Lions Club watched this unfold on the nightly news and decided he had to do something to help. So, he headed off towards Cowwarr - Toongabbie in Gippsland with bales of hay from his hobby farm loaded onto a tilt tray tow truck for distribution to the farmers affected by the fires in that area.

The problem was, this only equated to five small bales of hay per farmer in that one small town.

After seeing first-hand the devastation caused by the fires and the hardship the farmers were experiencing, Graham returned home, determined to do more.

Some of Graham's friends organised a fund raiser, that realised \$23,000 and a neighbour donated the first semi-trailer load of hay, all of which was reported in the Pakenham Gazette under the heading of Need for Feed, which was thereafter adopted as the name for the project.

Originally, Need for Feed was formed by the Pakenham Lions Club to provide disaster relief from fire, flood and drought in the local area. However, as similar disasters occurred further afield in Victoria, Need for Feed provided assistance in these areas as well.

For example, In 2009 Need for Feed was heavily involved in the recovery from the Black Saturday Bushfires. In 2011

there were the Kerang Floods, in 2012 the Nathalia Floods and in 2013 the Heyfield-Glenmaggie bushfires. In 2015 there were fires at Moyston near the Grampians, Creightons Creek near Eurora and Stewarton near Benalla and in 2016 fires broke out at Scotsburn, Mt. Bolton, Dereel near Ballarat, plus the Barnawartha-Indigo Valley fire, near Wodonga.

Need for Feed provided disaster relief after all of these events.

In the last 10 or so years millions of dollars-worth of fodder has been by donated by farmers and by purchasing feed using money donated for the purpose.

A network of more than 100 volunteers has been established across Victoria, with more coming on board from both Victoria and interstate as people see the value of the Need for Feed project. Indeed, for many of these volunteers it is their first taste of community service. When they experience what it's all about, they come back again and again.

For some of these volunteers they know what it's like to be on the receiving end of others generosity, it's their chance to give back. For others who have been touched by the loss of someone close to them, it is their chance to make a difference and maybe stop someone else from going through the same thing.

*(Continued next page)*



### Koo Wee Rup & District Lions Newcomers & Neighbours Dinner

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2019 - 7pm**

Welcome to Koo Wee Rup, a town on the move!

Koo Wee Rup is a friendly community and a great place to live, play, raise your family and do business. One of the greatest things about Koo Wee Rup is the people with their unique ideas and experiences. They work together to create shared values and the vision for this wonderful place, the place they call home.

You've made an excellent choice of where to put down your roots and we are sure that you and your family will love this closely-knit neighbourhood. Great people, good schools, lots of parkland, and a very active community are what make this one of the most desirable communities to live. Koo Wee Rup has an exceptional group of small merchants and service companies ready to serve you with competitive prices and a focus on customer care.

We are delighted to invite you to participate and share in the 3rd annual 'Newcomers & Neighbours Dinner' hosted by the Lions Club of Koo Wee Rup & District, who are committed to raising the quality of life for community members.

As you explore your new home and neighbourhood there is so much to learn! This dinner is designed to enlighten new residents about the many services and activities Koo Wee Rup and district have to offer. We are very fortunate to have many caring citizens within our community which makes Koo Wee Rup a "one of a kind" within the Cardinia Shire.

Attending a "Newcomers and Neighbours Dinner" is an excellent way to meet other recent arrivals and more established residents and look to participating in social, educational and community activities. This is your opportunity to become part of an active and vibrant community where you can develop new relationships. We hope you will strive to support the local community and possibly become involved with volunteer groups.

This is our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual dinner and previous events have been extremely successful. Another fun night is anticipated this year, with entertainment, lucky door and lucky seat prizes, a raffle and a brief overview of some of the activities within the Koo Wee Rup community. We hope you will take this opportunity to meet like-minded community residents and be welcomed into this community that we are so proud of.

Tickets are just \$20 each, which includes an excellent two course hot buffet. The evening starts at 7pm in Koo Wee Rup Community Hall.

*Looking forward to meeting you,*

*The Lions of Koo Wee Rup and  
District*

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## Lions Club Report *(from previous page)*

A few years ago when the Dairy Crisis hit Victoria, many farmers were not only experiencing drought conditions, but they also had to contend with the milk price war between the big supermarkets and the \$200 million claw back by Murray Goulburn and Fronterra. For some farmers this meant selling their stock just to get by, or walking off the land, or, most tragically, some farmers, not being able to face losing all that they had worked for their whole lives took the final irreversible step and committed suicide.

Since the birth of Need for Feed dairy farmers have donated vast quantities of feed to its cause. So, now was the time for Need for Feed to give back.

The IGA State Board through its Community Chest Funds, together with Michaels IGA and Fairley's IGA and Need for Feed, plus donations from a host of Lions Clubs, other community groups and retailers sufficient money was raised to fund grocery vouchers and fuel cards for distribution to dairy farmers seeking help.

The feedback was that these vouchers had successfully put food on farming families' tables while they waited to access the Farm Household Allowance, equivalent to the dole.

To date more than \$500,000 has been raised since the start of the Dairy Crisis, with almost that much again in the way of food hampers, fodder and transport.

But has it really helped? The answer is an overwhelming YES.

Letting people know that someone really cares is often just as important as the delivery of hay, a hamper, a care pack, or even dog food. Providing timely relief has saved lives and we must remember that it is as much about the mental health of the affected farmers and their families as it is about providing aid.

Need for Feed continues to grow, not only in stature, but also the distances it will travel to provide relief. The drought-stricken farmers of New South Wales and Queensland have received many hundred semi-trailer and B-double trailer loads of fodder, together with care packs and hampers over the last few years – all donated by those who care and transported and distributed by unpaid volunteers.

Early in May Australian Lions will come together in

Geelong for the Lions National Convention. At that convention a motion will be moved that Need for Feed become a Lions National Project. This means, if the motion is adopted, that Need for Feed will become a nation-wide project. It would be supported by Lions Clubs across the country and what Need for Feed is currently doing in Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland would happen in all Australian States and Territories.

It shows how the passion and belief of a single Lion in a single Lions Club can make a difference. It truly lives up to the Lions' catch cry of "WHERE THERE'S A NEED, THERE'S A LION"

This is only part of a wonderful story. If you would like to learn more, just put Need for Feed in your computer's browser and follow the prompts.



*Ready to Roll!*



*We've got a Convoy!*

## Koo Wee Rup Bowls Club News

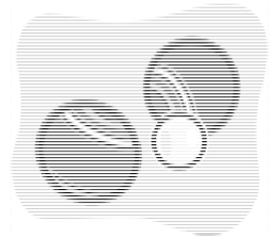
Fourteen teams representing Blue Hills, City of Frankston, Cardinia Waters, Hampton Park, Karingal, Lang Lang, Mount Martha, Murrumbena, Pakenham, Somerville, Yamala Park & Yarrawonga took part in the Ladies Gala day on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March. With weather conditions not good it was decided to play only 2 games. Winning team was from Hampton Park on 33 pts. The Runner Up team was from Pakenham with 31 pts. Best 1<sup>st</sup> game went to the Cardinia Waters team with 17 pts. & best 2<sup>nd</sup> game to City of Frankston with 19 pts. The Club would like to thank the sponsor for the day LePine Funeral Services [Pakenham] and to all members who assisted both off the Green and on.

Our Twilight Bowls season has now finished and was reasonably successful with 77 non Club members trying their hand at the game, albeit some for only 1 or 2 nights, but all enjoyed the nights just the same. Thank you to our Club members who assisted during the season.

The final day of Friday Triples was played on 5<sup>th</sup> April with results being the Winning rink for the day with 36 pts. was John Van Vugt, Graeme Wilde & Simon Koning [Cardinia Waters]. Runner up rink with 35 pts. was Garry Salomons [Cardinia Waters], Maureen & Bob Lamport [Garfield].

Best 1<sup>st</sup> game went to Rex Alexander [KWR], Luis Aguilar & Ken Clifton [Pakenham] & best 2<sup>nd</sup> game was won by Ian Warren, Ken Mynard & Ray Wilson [Lang Lang] with 20 pts. The Club wish to thank all players, especially from neighbouring Clubs, for the season, to Club organizers and other members who assisted "behind the scene" and our sponsors David Bull Funeral Director [Pakenham] & One Agency Real Estate [KWR] for their continuing support. Hopefully will see everybody is September for the next season of competition.

Popular Club member Ken Hammond had a couple of falls at home which resulted in some fractured vertebrae in his neck. We wish Ken the best in his recovery and look forward to see him play again.



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*Artwork by Laurel Foenander*

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*By Sarah Romp*

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## What was that Siren?

March/April 2019

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Our calls since the last report were:

28/2/19 – Shed Fire – South Gippsland Hwy Koo Wee Rup

28/2/19 – Tree Fire – Tresize Ct Lang Lang

1/3/19 – Grass Fire – Sawmill Lane Tynong North

1/3/19 – Grass Fire – Chambers Rd Modella

2/3/19 – Smoke sighting – South Gippsland Hwy Koo Wee Rup

3/3/19 – Bush fire – Wright Rd Tynong

Various dates in March – Ongoing support every day at Bunyip State Forest fire

3/3/19 – Motor Vehicle – Koo Wee Rup Rd Koo Wee Rup

3/3/19 – Bush Fire – Lyons Rd Heath Hill

3/3/19 – Car Fire – Caldermeade Rd Heath Hill

28/3/19 – Shed Fire – Bunyip River Rd Nar Nar Goon

30/3/19 – Powerlines sparking – Denhams Rd Koo Wee Rup

6/4/19 – Burnoff during fire danger period – McDonalds Track Lang Lang

7/4/19 – Car fire/trapped – Koo Wee Rup Rd Koo Wee Rup

13/4/19 – Burnoff during fire danger period – Mnks Rd Koo Wee Rup

16/4/19 – Grass Fire – Ballarto Rd Bayles

## 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](http://cfa.vic.gov.au)

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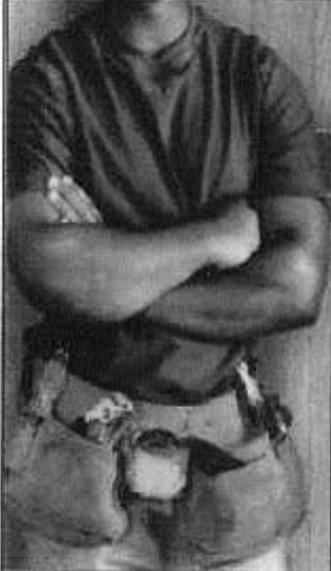
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**Rotary Club of  
Koo wee cup -Lang Lang**



The Rotary Club of Koo wee rup - Lang Lang have had a quiet month. We had a joint meeting with the Lions Club of Koo wee rup at The Chandelier, wow what a noisy bunch we were, lots of mateship/fellowship was enjoyed with much vigour. The Lions Club were fabulous hosts, we will have to put our caps on to provide such an entertaining evening as was provided to us. We had pass the parcel, who would have thought that adults would be so competitive to end up with the prize at the last turn of the page, and as it was Easter a couple of Easter egg prize. Thank you also to The Chandelier for providing us with the venue and the fabulous dinner. We look forward to our next joint meeting.

The month saw a number of members man the gate at the Rodeo and cooked up a storm at a recent Clearing Sale. We were honoured to once again cook egg and bacon sandwiches and sausages for the many that attended the ANZAC Day Dawn Service at Lang Lang. After the march with Keith 'bomber' Brown in the hummer everyone enjoyed a gunfire breakfast of coffee and rum, not sure about that one and the barbecued goodies. With a nickname like 'bomber' one would think that Keith was in the Airforce, no Keith was in the Navy, the nickname came from a boxing match between the Navy and Army, not sure who won but who cares, the tale is certainly enough.

We were delighted to attend the 100th Anniversary of the Lang Lang RSL at the Lang Lang Hall on the 26th of April at which Keith 'bomber' Brown was honoured for his years dedicated to the Lang Lang RSL as a member and then as a long running President. A wonderful array of dignitaries from locals, families from near and far to remember family members that served, shire, numerous RSLs and the Commander from HMAS Cerebus. A wonderful night honouring our Brownie who was very emotional from all the fuss that was rightly deserved. The forces do speak a language all their own, I certainly didn't understand a lot of the 'speak' but if someone laughed so did I as it was clear we were all there for Brownie. Our Rotary Club honoured Keith with a Paul Harris Fellowship a couple of years ago. I think my next article for The Blackfish will be on what a Paul Harris Fellow is.

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. Meetings are held 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 compulsory. 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 of Koo wee rup - Lang Lang, may you all be happy and safe with you and yours till my next report, Regards Judy Wright. 0417 582 252.

## Men's Shed news for May '19

Easter has come and gone for the members of the Men's Shed. A great time was had by all at the Easter big barbecue and the Easter egg hunt. This happy event had a great turnout of members, their families and friends, and, of course, lots of new visitors to the 'Shed. The kids especially loved the massive search for the hidden eggs. This really joyful event was held in partnership with the Koo-Wee-Rup Turning Point Church.

The Men's Shed's new workshop, to be used for metalwork and mechanics, is coming on very well and the concrete slab will be poured any day now. From then on it will be go, go, go with the framework, roof and fittings, all going up as fast as possible. A dedicated workshop for metalwork will mean a much better woodworking area in the main building.

After a bit of a cyber hiccup, the computers are all on line again and a computer class for beginners and for those with an intermediate knowledge of IT will commence on Friday the 3rd of May 2019. The beginners class will commence at 9:00 am and the intermediate class at 10:15 am. If you are interested in coming along and becoming computer savvy give Brian Harlow a call on 5997 9687 or Geoff Stokes on 0435085002.

The community garden is a little dormant this time of year but there is excellent Rhubarb, potatoes, and mouth stinging chillies to be bought at the 'Shed. All at reasonable prices. Do come and have a look around the garden and whilst you are there do order a coffee from the Men's Shed café, relax and enjoy the company. Coffee at the 'Shed is proving to be very popular with all types of coffees available so 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. We are not really all male dominated; there are plenty of activities where ladies are very welcome and we always have an excellent turn out for our many ventures during the year.

No Tradies' joke this month but here is a question for you.

*What was the first North American Indian smoke signal?*

*Help! My blanket's on fire!*

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## Thomas Roxburgh – Asparagus pioneer

By Heather Arnold, Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society

Over ninety percent of Australian asparagus is grown on the Koo Wee Rup Swamp and asparagus has been commercially grown in this region for over 100 years, so this is a look at the early history of asparagus growing on the Swamp.

The first mention I can find of asparagus was in *The Australasian* of October 31, 1896. There was a report on James Pincott's farm about three miles from Bunyip, *one of the most interesting and best managed in the settlement. Mr. Pincott carried out some experiments for six months for the Agricultural Department on this plot, when the fertility of the soil was being tested, and the place locally has consequently become known as the "experimental farm."* He grew potatoes, onions, strawberries, and clover, amongst other crops and found that *Asparagus and celery can be raised to wonderful perfection.*

The next reference was in *The Age* of May 10, 1912 when it was reported that *Thomas Roxburgh, had planted asparagus at his farm on the Koo Wee Rup Swamp.*

*Mr. Roxburgh who, although a busy man in Melbourne, pays a good deal of attention to his farm at Iona, and for a considerable time has experimented in the cultivation of asparagus. Some three years ago he put in one acre as a test, adopting the American principle of planting 1 foot in depth and 3 feet between the plants, with rows 10 feet apart, so as to allow of cultivation between, the soil being of a peaty nature. Now he has nine acres under asparagus, and intends extending the area, as the managers of hotels and cafes in Melbourne have advised him that the*

*asparagus is of the finest quality.* This article puts Roxburgh's first planting in 1909; he had imported the seed from California.

Who was Thomas Roxburgh and where was his farm? His farm, *Cheriton Park*, was on the corner of Fallon Road and Simpson Road at Vervale, even though it is also listed in the papers as being at Iona, Garfield or Catani. The farm was locally known as *Roxburgh Park* and was 350 acres.

Thomas Roxburgh was born in Jamaica, West Indies to Adam Roxburgh and Jane Watson. The family arrived in Melbourne on September 28, 1853 when Thomas was two years old. They moved to Ballarat which was where he married Sarah Anne Holthouse on July 2, 1879. She was the daughter of Ballarat's *well known and most esteemed citizen*, Dr Thomas Le Gay Holthouse. Thomas and Sarah had seven children - Edith Jenny (1880), Mabel Stella (1881), Leslie Le Gay (1884), Reginald Owen (1889), Dorothy Alice (1890), Beatrice Leuwin (1895) and Mary Hope Bradgate (1899). The first two children were born in Ballarat and the rest in Hawthorn. According to his obituary, *Thomas became a member of the firm of James Fry and Co., wheat millers and ship charterers. In 1895 Mr. Roxburgh commenced business on his own account as a grain and shipping broker in Collins-street, and this business he personally conducted practically up to the time of his death. He did a large business, with the East, and was agent for steamers trading with Japan.* (*The Age*, December 30, 1931)

Thomas died on December 29, 1931 and he was buried at the Brighton Cemetery. The pall bearers were Sir James Elder, of Goldsbrough. Mort & Co.; Mr T. Hirai, a Japanese merchant; and Messrs. Walter H. Sollas, W. H. Swanton, John Fordyce, Norman Seale, A. C. Matthews, and W. Parbury. His sons carried on the business after his death.

Roxburgh did not personally work on the farm, he employed a farm manager and by 1927 it was reported he had planted 100 acres of asparagus, and his farm *was one of the most lucrative farms on the Kooweerup Swamp area, as a ready sale is found for the product at £1 per box. The rich, peaty soil is particularly adapted for the production of the plant, which grows to perfection.* (*The Age*, September 28, 1927). By 1932, the farm had 120 acres under asparagus *and in the cutting season 20 to*

*25 men are employed every day, and from 10cwt. to 15cwt. of asparagus a day are despatched.* [cwt - hundred weight or 112 pounds or 50 kg]. (*The Argus*, April 2, 1932)

It seems that most of the asparagus was canned by either the Gartside cannery at Dingley or the Rosella Preserving Company or A.J.C. (Australasian Jam Company).

During the Second World War, the Roxburgh farm had the Australian Women's Land Army (AWLA) girls working on the property. The AWLA was established to fill the gap in agricultural workers due to the War. They had training at Mont Park or the Werribee Research Station and were then allocated to farms.

*The Argus* of November 11, 1942 interviewed Mr Roxburgh about the family farm which was growing asparagus for the use of the Army. Mr Roxburgh was quoted as being *"very proud of the girls. He finds them fine workers, though physically they cannot stand up to the same speed of work as the men. He thinks that 5 girls can do the work of 3 men"*. *"They are steady workers,"* Mr Roxburgh said, *"and once I have told them what fields I want done I do not have to worry again."* The report goes on to describe the living conditions - *There are 20 girls, and they live in a camp on the estate, where they sleep in tents and have a small recreation hut. The camp is run on the lines of a Girl Guides' camp, as 2 of the girls first there are Guides, and they helped to establish the camp. The day is a long one.*

## Thomas Roxburgh – Asparagus pioneer *(from previous page)*

By Heather Arnold, Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society

The girls rise at 6.15 and are in the fields at 7.30. They have one hour for lunch, 12 to 1, when they all go to the cookhouse for a generous hot meal, and then spend 20 minutes or so in their tents resting. Work finishes about 5.30, or sometimes earlier if they are able to get through their day's work quicker. In spite of this long day, the reporter said that after work the girls often ride the 6 miles on bicycles to Garfield, to go to the pictures or to a dance. The day I was there several girls were going to walk 2 or 3 miles to a dance!

All the asparagus produced was being sent to the canneries for the American Army, as it had been declared a 'luxury item' by the Commonwealth Government. Mr Gartside was not happy about this and he was interviewed by the *Herald* on June 1, 1943 - Canneries which had processed practically the entire output, were virtually told that tins could not be provided for asparagus designed for civilian consumption. Instead of canning asparagus in long spears, canneries had been ordered to cut it into small soup pieces, which turned good food into pig's food, claimed Mr Gartside. Both civilians and service personnel were prevented from eating asparagus as it should be eaten—long spears dipped in melted butter or iced — and troops would have to eat it in soup or with a fork.



Land Army Girls working on the Roxburgh property from *The Australasian* November 21, 1942. Norma Elliott on the left and Naida Rose and Jenny Shouewille on the right.

Cheriton Park was sold in 1947 to A.J.C and by that time it had 125 acres of asparagus under production. A report in the *Weekly Times* of November 24, 1939 said that the Koo Wee Rup Swamp had 1,300 acres under asparagus. There were two other early growers that I found reports on. The *Weekly Times* of March 22, 1941 reported that Mr Alf Ellett had noticed that after the 1937 flood, asparagus that he had planted in his garden grew well, so he started planting the crop on a commercial basis and by 1941 had nineteen acres sown *with seedlings in hand to sow another 10 acres*. Also, in the *Weekly Times*, this time on September 14, 1944, there was an obituary for Charles William Wadsley, who died in 1944 at the age of 53. The Obituary described him thus - *He was an expert on asparagus growing, and in addition to his own property [Strathellen] supervised an asparagus farm at Geelong.*

**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 May 8 at 7.30pm. New members welcome. Museum re-opening – watch this space! Heather Arnold [harnold@dcsi.net.au](mailto:harnold@dcsi.net.au) 0407 521 637.**

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**LANG LANG UNITED S.C.**

Player registrations are open!

We are looking forward to seeing you soon!  
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# KOO WEE COFFEE CLUB



*Catching up with locals to have a coffee and a chat from 10am onwards on the following days:*

|        |    |                 |
|--------|----|-----------------|
| May    | 1  | Royal Hotel     |
|        | 15 | Chandelier Café |
| June   | 5  | Royal Hotel     |
|        | 19 | Chandelier Café |
| July   | 3  | Royal Hotel     |
|        | 17 | Chandelier Café |
| August | 7  | Royal Hotel     |
|        | 21 | Chandelier Café |



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Koo Wee Coffee Club

Kooweerup Regional Health Service together with Cardinia Shire invites you to a morning tea and chat about becoming a dementia friendly community. Join us in a workshop run by Dementia Australia which will run in late May (date to be confirmed) and learn how you can make a lasting and profound changes to the lives of people living with dementia, their families and carers. For more information, or to register your interest, please contact Angelique on 5997 9792, [jauffreta@krhs.net.au](mailto:jauffreta@krhs.net.au). Come and join us to find out how we can all make a difference.

**HELP US ENRICH OUR COMMUNITY AND EMPOWER THOSE LIVING WITH DEMENTIA IN KOO WEE RUP BY BECOMING A DEMENTIA FRIENDLY PLACE**

