

THE KOO WEE RUP BLACKFISH



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The benefits of looking up:

A celebration of the Art Deco chimneys of Koo Wee Rup

With the tightening of COVID-19 restrictions, the main out of home entertainment for many of us is to walk around town. I thought this might be a time to share one of my personal favourite things about Koo Wee Rup: the profusion of rather beautiful Art Deco chimneys.

Art Deco is a style of visual arts, architecture and design which flourished between the two World Wars. This period coincided with an early population boom in Koo Wee Rup.

Homes during this period were generally simpler in form, but embraced Art Deco motifs in the brickwork, balcony and chimney designs. Later Art Deco examples exhibited curved forms and nautical elements, including curved walls and porthole windows.

In Rossiter Road, you can see a couple of examples of Art Deco architecture in the curving entrance to G&J Light's garage and the curved top behind the facade of the old Post Office (now Station St Vets). Walking the older residential streets of town, you can see the occasional porthole window or curved front steps. But it is the chimneys that remain in greater numbers because you can clad a house, or replace the roof, or add a modern extension, but the chimney remains.

Famous examples of Art Deco architecture include the Empire State Building and the Chrysler Building in New York. The chimney top right echoes the Chrysler building in its humble way. I like that the early settlers of Koo Wee Rup took that extra bit of pride in their new homes that they added these small architectural gems.

Caroline Roff, Editor



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What's on in Koo Wee Rup?

Township Committee Meetings Hoping to meet via Zoom in August

Bowls Contact club for details

Lang Lang Soccer Club Check our facebook page for activities to do at home.

Lions Lions are meeting online.

Coffee Club Will not be meeting until cafés reopen.

Koo Wee Rup Senior Citizens Club Hello to all members. Once again, we are unable to resume activities. Our Annual General Meeting has been postponed. The committee will remain unchanged until such time as AGM can be held.

Stay safe and warm. All enquiries to: Dianne D - 0419 405 404 Diane K - 0408 663 655

Heart Foundation Walking Groups Due to the Corona Virus the Heart Foundation has suspended all walks. We'll be visible again in October when the summer season starts again with the restart of daylight saving. In the meantime please be active and say hello as we walk the streets on our own.

Historical Society Our meetings have been cancelled until further notice due to the restrictions put in place by the Government to combat the Corona virus outbreak. Our Museum is also closed until further notice.

Bayles Fauna Park Public working bees and meetings cancelled until further notice. Any maintenance work will be carried out by committee members, as needed.

CWA All meetings and activities cancelled until further notice. CWA members are working on craft and other projects during isolation.

Scouts All face to face activities cancelled until further notice. Online Scouting programs are available.

Mens' Shed Closed. For personal assistance during the closure please contact Brian Harlow on 5997 9687.

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Caroline Roff, Editor

June Margrethe Wright OAM 1939 - 2020

June's early years were spent in Foster where her father was Secretary for South Gippsland Shire. Her parents were very community minded and thus June spent her early years learning about volunteering. This was something she never forgot.

June met Geoff after moving to Pakenham with her mother on the death of her father. She was working at her uncle's shop when Geoff came in to buy a torch. Fortunately the torch never worked properly which meant visits to buy replacement batteries and globes while Geoff worked up the courage to ask June out. They married and settled Geoff, in Koo Wee Rup and where they had three sons Quenten, Brett and Ashley. June soon commenced duties as a volunteer at schools attended by her children. She became President at both the Primary School and Secondary School Mothers Clubs and was on various fundraising committees over many years.

Geoff was a Scout Leader and when Koo Wee Rup Cubs were short of a leader June took on the role on a temporary basis. 40 years later she retired from Scouting; although she continued to be involved with the group, offering advice to the new leaders, selling raffle tickets and attending special events. June became the Western Port District Cub Leader and later Cardinia District Cub Leader as well as running the weekly Koo Wee Rup cub pack. In 2011 she became Group Leader of the Koo Wee Rup Scout Group.

June inspired many to join the scouting movement, she mentored young leaders from across the district from Lang Lang to Upper Beaconsfield. She inspired many to join the scouting movement and sent them out into the community as excellent citizens. June encouraged parents to get involved, believing that the whole family joins scouts, not just the children.

Among the many scouting awards June received were Medal of Merit in 1990, Silver Acorn in 1997, Silver Emu in 2005 and Silver Kangaroo in 2013. In 2018 June received her 40 Year service award. A remarkable achievement when most leaders stay with the movement for 2 or 3 years.

On 2nd February 1973 June's late husband Geoffrey (passed away 23 April, 2009), became a Charter Member of the Lions Club of Koo Wee Rup & District Inc. During subsequent years, along with other activities, June and Geoff committed themselves to the Lions International Youth Exchange Program and hosted exchange students from Japan, New Zealand, Italy and Malaysia. These other activities included Sunday monthly Tooradin Market and Koo Wee Rup Potato Festival catering.

In June 1992, although at this time not being an actual Lions member, June came up with the idea of the establishment of the Lions Koo Wee Rup & District Opportunity Shop and along with Geoff and with assistance of like-minded service providers and community orientated individuals this eventuated. Since that time this shop has provided funding to various community groups :- The Koo Wee Rup – Lions, Hospital, Uniting Church, Presbyterian Church, Anglican Church, Senior Citizens, Historical Society, Returned & Services League of Australia, Football Club, Men's Shed, Scout Group and Lang Lang Uniting Church as well as Bayles Regional Primary School. Since inception this shop has assisted in putting over \$650,000.00 into the community

June's involvement with this Op Shop since before day one has been immense. She has been "manager" of this shop since it opened to the public and attended, as she has for years, at least two days a week to sort, price and sell goods. June had gathered around her a group of volunteers as assistants which indicates the leadership qualities required to inspire others by setting a great example with a positive approach to all tasks.

After Geoff's passing June became a member of the Lions Club in her own right on 1st May 2009. Since that time June had continued her community involvement at a very high degree. These activities included managing the Op Shop, street sales of raffle tickets, sausage sizzles, servicing various outlets for the sale of Lions Mints and the collection of used spectacles for use by needy persons.

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June Margrethe Wright OAM

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June still attended at the Op Shop at least two days a week and was also involved in one of her favourite programs "Lions Recycle for Sight" a project of Lions Clubs International. June collected donated spectacles and forwards these to an Australian Lions Centre, located in Queensland, where they are quality tested, washed, dried, graded in lensometer machines, sorted, packed and forwarded to Lions Clubs, church missions and humanitarian groups in third world countries to be given to people in need.

In 1997 Cardinia Shire awarded June and Geoff jointly the "Citizens of the Year" and on Australia Day 2008 the Koo Wee Rup Township Committee awarded June and Geoff jointly the "Citizens of the Year Award". In June 2017 June was honoured with the Medal of the Order of Australia recognising her extraordinary contribution to her community. In 2019 June was nominated to receive the honour of "Victorian Senior of the Year". June had just commenced her second term as President of the Lions Club of Koo Wee Rup & District Inc.

June epitomized what is stipulated in the Lions Code of Ethics. The Lions Motto of "We Serve" is particularly known to June for she did give freely of her time, labour and means and did so in a quite unassuming way. It was June's commitment, passion, empathy, honesty and integrity along with good communication skills and decision-making capabilities that made her such a success as a leader. An important trait shown with the commencement of the Op Shop was her innovation and creative thinking, as well as the futuristic vision made June a stand- out leader.



Township Committee Meeting Minutes

Cr. Brown advised that Council had passed this year's budget. Although Council have approved a 2% rate rise they are aware that, in the current climate, there may be ratepayers within the community who will find paying their rates difficult. Council will review all cases of hardship and treat them with consideration.

Two key items in the budget for Koo Wee Rup is \$30,000 for the redesign of the skate park in Cochrane Park and \$50,000 to develop plans for the extension of the Community Centre with the provision of a permanent stage area at the Rossiter Road end of the building. Council is committed to the rebuilding of the skate park, and wants a 'shovel-ready' plan in place for the Community Centre to take advantage of any state or federal grants to build the extension.

Change from Section 86 Committee to Incorporated Association

Following advice from the Council that it can no longer support Section 86 Township Committees, the meeting discussed how the committee could be constituted in the future. The key functions of the Township Committee at present are to advocate on behalf of the community to Council and to State and Federal Government; production of The Koo Wee Rup Blackfish newsletter; and organising Koo Wee Rup Australia Day celebrations. To continue with these functions Township Committee will need to incorporate.

The Township Committee has enough funds in the bank to be in a position to operate as we do at present for some time. Changes to the operating model can be made gradually to meet new challenges over time.

Kym Ockerby advised that Council will pay the costs of insurance and incorporation for the first three years of the new incorporated association. We have a quote of around \$1,200 per annum for insurance, which will need to be met by the committee after the first three years.

Cr. Brown asked whether we would consider changing the name of the group when setting up the incorporated association to, for example, Koo Wee Rup Progress Association. It was agreed that the current name was well known in the community and keeping it would signal 'business as usual' rather than a change of direction.

The meeting agreed that an incorporated association should be set up to carry on the business of the township committee. The committee and executive will continue as they are now in the new incorporated association until such time as a meeting can be held to elect a new executive and committee. Gavin Brown, as current Secretary, will be the first Public Officer of the Incorporated Association. It was agreed that the model rules for an incorporated association would be adopted with a stated purpose for the committee of 'to promote the interests of the township of Koo Wee Rup'.

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Parish Life during the Corona Virus Pandemic

Just as our everyday lives have been turned upside down, unfortunately parish life is no different. This is brought home to me very strongly every weekend. Parishioners are not able to come to Mass as the churches in both the Koo Wee Rup and Iona-Maryknoll parishes are locked. The only people who can come to Mass each weekend are the small handful of people who are required to upload the Saturday evening Mass on to YouTube. All parishioners need to do is to go to the link, https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL-fMRNQrn1OY_VRgO0u0DQ, or on to the parish webpage, <https://www.cdsale.org.au/koo-wee-rup>, click on 'VIEW YOUTUBE CHANNEL' and then click the image. It may be watched any time during the week from Sunday morning onwards. Many other parishes have similar type of arrangements. This scenario would have been unthinkable prior to the current Corona virus pandemic.

Funerals are also celebrated very differently. People who would like to pay their respects to the deceased person and offer their support to the family are no longer able to do so. Families now invite people to attend the funeral and wake, if this is possible. In the Netherlands this has always been the custom though people who were not invited could still go to the funeral service. With the current limitation of only ten mourners it is usually only selected immediate family members who can attend. Because of travel restrictions it has even meant that sons or daughters, living either interstate or overseas, have not been able to attend - a very painful situation indeed!

Young couples have postponed their marriages because of the restrictions of the current pandemic. Parish meetings and functions have been suspended. My way of being parish priest has been radically changed because of the present isolation and social distancing requirements.

What can we learn from all this? One thing which this pandemic has reinforced for me is that modern science, good as it is, does not have all the answers. It is God who is in control though we may not necessarily understand why God acts the way he has. All we can do and need to do is to make sure that we continue to foster a strong personal relationship with God and make sure that we continue to look out for, help and support in practical ways those around us, especially those most vulnerable at this time.

Fr. Peter Kooloos, Parish Priest - St John the Baptist, Koo Wee Rup, and St Joseph's, Iona-Maryknoll.

Koo Wee Rup & District Lions *By Linda Sanders*

June Wright OAM

All our members are very sad with the passing of our President June Wright OAM. June will be truly missed by all the members of the Lions club, the op shop and the wider community. Please see separate article about June.

July Meeting

The Lions club had our regular meeting at the RSL Rooms on Wednesday 1st July 2020. Rex Sanders was acting President as June Wright was unable to attend. Rex was thankfully helped by Secretary Ken Blay to run the meeting.

Although there is not much to discuss at present



because of COVID-19 interrupting our activities, it was great to get together and catch up with other members. Social distancing was maintained and we decided to have a dinner meeting instead of supper so that we wouldn't risk cross contamination.

An extremely delicious roast was catered by The Chandelier Cafe.

Unfortunately our next meeting on Wednesday 17th July was cancelled because of the new COVID-19 restrictions, so we decided to have a ZOOM meeting online. This was new to many of us but everything went smoothly. Thanks to Liz Wade for organising the meeting on ZOOM. It was a quick meeting too which is always a bonus.

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Welcome to Term 3

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the Koo Wee Rup community. My name is Ben Zimmerle and I am the Acting Principal here at Koo Wee Rup Primary School for Term 3. I've made the move from Narre Warren North Primary School where I was the Assistant Principal for the last 3 years.

It has certainly been an interesting start to the term however the staff here have embraced the challenge and I am really proud of the way everyone has supported each other to develop and begin implementing a high-quality educational program via the remote learning format.

During this period, we've supported the onsite supervision of a number of students, in addition to those students working from home, and it has been great seeing the mature way our students have managed their learning with high levels of independence.

A reminder to families in the local community to enrol children for Prep in 2021. Whilst we cannot run onsite parent tours, we are currently taking bookings for virtual tours. A Prep 2021 'online' information session is currently being planned for August.





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 Scouts - 7:00 to 9:00pm Wednesday
 Venturers 7:00 to 9:00pm Friday
 Rovers 8:00 till late Friday

The Koo Wee Rup Scout group is getting back on Zoom. Lots of replanning has happened to get term 3 back online. During the school holidays when we could see each other the group held a working bee. We achieved a lot with cleaning and getting the hall ready for returning to face to face scouting. We also moved our chair shed, tidied out the back and in the shed. Thank you to everyone that came along and helped, also a big thank you to Gwenda for cooking and feeding everyone on the day.



Our Joeys have started term 3 with baking chocolate chip cookies. Some of the cubs took advantage of the small break in lock down and went for a 6km hike at the Royal Botanic Gardens in Cranbourne. It was great to see each other and the weather was fantastic.

Our scout section had a blanket fort night and have learnt how to do some pixel art on Minecraft. Venturers started the term with a regressive formal dinner on zoom. Everyone cooked a 3-course meal and started with dessert. They also joined

in on a district trivia night and came 2nd. Rovers have made blanket forts, had a movie night, and completed Wikipedia trivia.

Do you have a child that would like to try scouting? Or have you thought about joining as a leader to assist the local youth? Do you have some time once a month to join our committee to help our group grow? To help families through these tough times we are not charging any fees until next year. This is for new members as well as those already in scouting. No Joining fee and No term fees so it is the perfect time to try scouting.

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Your Health during COVID 19

Most Victorians have taken the responsibility to stay at home very seriously during the pandemic. But sadly, many are avoiding vital medical care with their GP. People must still look after their health by seeing their GP. RACGP President Dr Harry Nespolon said it is vitally important that people still take care of their health and wellbeing during these difficult times.

“Patients may be tempted to leave it until after this is over – but we have no idea how long this will go on for. We may not return to normal for many months. There are so many symptoms that just should not be ignored”

It is very concerning that some people have been neglecting their health during this pandemic. For example, childhood immunisation rates are down by 30%. The last thing we want is a tsunami of serious health issues and worsening chronic conditions coming after this virus, simply because people have stopped taking care of themselves or continued to consult with their GP.

Talking to your GP is the first port of call for people when it comes to their health. GPs play a unique role in treating patients with chronic conditions, in addition to treating a range of other conditions and providing preventive medical advice for the whole person.

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If a GP thinks they need to be seen in-person we will schedule a face-to-face appointment on the same day. If you need to come into the clinic strict hygiene protocols are in place. There is no-one in the waiting room, you will be asked to wear a mask, sanitize your hands and your temperature will be taken.

Lots of patients think they need to delay because of COVID-19. Some think they will be a burden and should not come in because they're not sick enough. That is very much not the case. Dealing with emergency situations has never been the role of your GP. GPs are available and ready to take care of our patients as always.

Separate Respiratory clinics have also been set up across the country separate from local general practice clinics – but staffed by GPs – for those experiencing symptoms of COVID-19. Your GP can give you information about these and also about locations for being tested got COVID-19.

Your mental health has never been more important and of course your GP is the key to help you or your loved ones in coping. Please talk to your GP who can also refer you to excellent counsellors who also offer appointments vis telephone or video in the comfort of your own home, many services now also being bulk billed by Medicare so no cost to the patient.

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Men's Shed activities update and news.

Another month has passed and the dreaded Corona-19 virus is still with us and today the State government lock-down restrictions are even more severe than ever before. However, the Men's Shed door is still open for men who have problems, physical or mental. Indeed two of our members who live alone and have no other social contacts whatsoever, come along to talk to anyone who's about (social distancing of course) and to potter around in the community garden – they're now wearing masks and today, who isn't? This does wonders for their well-being during this stressful time. In fact anyone who is not a resident must wear a face covering when within the KRHS boundary and also inside the building. Having said all that, the 'Shed will remain open for anyone with any sort of problem; loneliness, sadness, a physical problem or whatever. There is always someone who will listen to you and give advice. Just contact our secretary, Brian Harlow on 59979687.

With the Covid-19 virus restrictions, our weekly computer classes for seniors will have to remain off limits for now. However during this inoperative time, we are hoping to upgrade our computers to the latest desk top designs and to an all Windows 10 operating system. We shall certainly celebrate that day when we re-commence our lessons because with nil distancing necessary for learning computer skills it means we will all be back to normal. And ... we will get back to normal - we certainly will.

Despite the current situation, the Koo-Wee-Rup Men's Shed continues to grow in stature and it is now recognized as one of the very best in the State if not in Australia. This amazing achievement has been won by the untiring work of the president, the committee, and of course the steadfast work of all the members and our esteemed retired members. If you live in Koo-Wee-Rup and District, take note that all of our very friendly members will give you a real warm welcome as you come through the door. You don't have to be old either; we have a membership spanning all ages from youth to - well you know – somewhat older. Indeed there is always a genuine open invitation 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. Come on, call in, try us.

Here is a question for you! *Did you hear about the outback Aussie barman who thought the word – Apéritif – was a set of French dentures?*
Geoff Stokes.

Beautification Grant Program 2020/21 now open!

Cardinia Shire Council's Beautification Grant Program 2020/21 is now open for project submissions.

The program offers community groups and individuals the opportunity to apply for funding to support landscape enhancement projects on areas of public open space. Funding may be used to purchase plant and garden material such as plants, stakes, tree guards, mulch, and more.

Council's Beautification Grant Program is the perfect opportunity for community groups to get started on that project they've been wanting to tick off their list but may not have had the funds to do. The program assists residents to enhance open space areas for the community to enjoy and encourages the development of community input into delivering township strategies and landscape master plans.

The program offers funding on a dollar-for-dollar basis and/or in-kind volunteer labour up to \$2,000 Priority is given to projects that:

- are driven and/or supported by local community groups
- are located on Cardinia Shire Council owned or managed land
- are in areas used frequently by the community, including town centres, Council buildings (halls, community centres, etc.) parks and reserves.
- will enhance and green public open space, improving the overall amenity of the area
- can be completed within the allocated timeframe; and
- align with priorities identified in township strategies, landscape master plans and other Council strategic documents.

Projects must be located on Cardinia Shire Council owned and/or managed land and completed by 30 June 2021.

Applications close for Cardinia Shire Council's Beautification Grant Program 2020/21 at 5pm, Monday 7 September 2020.

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Koo Wee Rup RSL Sub Branch Report

We mourn the passing of our dear friend, Mrs June Wright, OAM. On behalf of all at the KWR RSL, I wish to express our very loving sympathy to June's family in your/our great sadness and loss of your dear mother and grandmother. There was always a gentle cheerfulness about June, the warm smile that suggested that she understood what was of real importance as only a mother of her calibre could. Now in the loving embrace of our Lord and Saviour, free from pain and struggle, rejoice in love's full vision and reunited with all her loved ones who have gone before. At the scout hall in the midst of many children, at the Op Shop with the hard working ladies and at every function KWR, June's warm and calming presence will be greatly missed.

May she rest in peace.

A very late congratulation to our loyal and much treasured member, Mrs Joyce Mills OAM. It was intended to restart our monthly meeting on July 14th when we could collectively congratulate Joyce on her award, but it was not to be. Reading in the July publication of the KWR Blackfish, Joyce's long list of achievements and involvement in the KWR community is truly amazing; though one would never know as Joyce goes about her work in a very quiet manner with very little to say and lets her good work speak for her. Excellent work Joyce, congratulations once more and well done - it is an honour and a privilege having you in our Sub Branch and working alongside you. We are all very happy for you so again you brighten our days.

The 70th anniversary of the start of the Korean War. June 25th 1950 armed forces from communist North Korea smashed their way into South Korea, setting off the Korean War. The United States, acting under the auspices of the United Nations, quickly sprang to the defence of South Korea and fought a bloody and frustrating war for the next three years.

The Korean War was the first 'hot' of the Cold War and it was also the first 'limited war', one in which the US aim was not the complete defeat of the enemy, but rather the 'limited' goal of protecting South Korea. For the US government, such an approach was the only rational option in order to avoid a third world war and to keep from stretching finite American resources too thinly around the globe. The people in the free world were used to the kind of total victory that had been achieved in WWII and found the concept of limited war difficult to support.

How did the war start? With the Allied victory in 1945, Korea was liberated from 35 years of oppression under Japanese colonial rule. But elation did not last long as the conflict between communism and democracy intensified. At the same time, interim occupation governments were established on both sides of the 38th parallel, effectively dividing the 'Land of the Morning Calm'. The Soviet Union controlled affairs in the North and the US oversaw affairs in the South and in 1948 each side established their own government.

In the communist North, its leader, Kim Il-Sung, began to build up his military apparatus with the goal of 'liberating the South' with support from Joseph Stalin of the Soviet Union and the tacit approval of China's Mao Zedong, Kim Il-Sung launched an all out attack on the South on June 25th 1950. The ill prepared South Korean army was no match for the well equipped, well rehearsed North Korean forces and the South Korean army was forced to retreat to the southern-most province. The United Nations came to the rescue and the South Korean military together with the UN forces under the command of General Douglas MacArthur began to successfully repel the invaders. As the UN troops advanced deep into North Korean territory, China despatched hundreds of thousands of men in support of its North Korean allies. Chinese participation in the war turned the tide again and the war lasted until the summer of 1953.

Defending democracy in Korea came at a tragic cost to the US and 15 other countries despatched troops to the War while fourteen other countries sent either medical units or neutral supervisors to monitor compliance with the 1953 Armistice Agreement. 17,000 Australian men and women served in the war of which 340 were killed, 1,216 were wounded and 30 taken prisoner. 55,000 Americans were killed in the conflict and, in total, 150,000 UN troops were killed, missing or wounded in the fighting. South Korean casualties were estimated at 270,000 and another 2 million civilians on both sides were killed or missing. North Korean and Chinese military casualties were reported to be 1.4 million.

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Up to date Community Advisory Committee news

The next meeting of the Community Advisory Committee will be held as soon as the COVID-19 virus restrictions are eased; allowing the members to get together. However, if you do have any personal problems or fears about the lock-down situation then please ring either of the telephone numbers shown below. You will get all the understanding and help you need. All of the members of the Committee have been informed about the lock-down circumstances and rules within KRHS. One thing is very clear; if you personally show any of the symptoms of the virus then the advice from everywhere and, it is also a strong Public Health message, contact your doctor, **Get Tested** and isolate yourself immediately. A test can be done very quickly at the new pop-up site at the Community Centre in Koo-Wee-Rup. It is open from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The facility will be manned by nurses from KRHS.

For those of you who are not quite sure, or maybe you are a newcomer to the town, the aim of the Community Advisory Committee is to provide the 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 give advice to the KRHS Board of Management about problems that could be upsetting a Patient, a Resident or a Carer, and also, maybe, from an individual Koo-Wee-Rup resident or, indeed, from the whole 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 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.

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 5997 9679 or Geoff Stokes on 0435 085 002. Or you can email: geoffreystokes@geoffstokes.com Your email will be acknowledged.

Geoff Stokes.

Support for people feeling isolated during COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic and the need to slow the virus' spread mean many people are struggling with having little to no face-to-face contact with others. But for Cardinia Shire community members experiencing loneliness or social disconnection during this difficult time, help is at hand via the new Community Activation and Social Isolation (CASI) initiative. CASI offers social, emotional and practical support for people who are isolated during COVID-19.

Council has received funding from the Victorian Government to deliver the program to the Cardinia Shire community, in partnership with the Red Cross, DHHS and our local providers.

Cardinia Shire residents needing support can call the COVID-19 hotline on 1800 675 398 then choose option 3. They will then speak to a Red Cross volunteer who has been specially trained to support people who might be distressed or anxious. The Red Cross volunteer will connect callers with the right support or refer them to Council to connect them with local services and organisations. Alternatively, those wanting support can call Council directly on 1300 787 624 to speak with our CASI support officer.

Support might include wellbeing check-ins, assistance with video chatting to stay connected with family, linking people with online social and community activities, or providing help to run errands, collect items from the shops or with online applications.

If you know of someone who may benefit from this support, you can also contact the COVID-19 hotline and get some assistance on how to encourage others to seek support.

Council is currently working on a local support network directory of organisations able to offer support and relief services during COVID-19. This will be available soon on Council's website at www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/casi

To access CASI: For emotional support Call the COVID-19 hotline on 1800 675 398 and choose option 3.

To be connected with local support networks and groups: Call Cardinia Shire Council on 1300 787 624 and ask to speak to the CASI support officer, or complete the online form on Council's website at www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/casi

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The Pen Pal initiative which commenced at KRHS to support our aged care residents during visiting restrictions was gratefully supported by many within the community of Koo Wee Rup and surrounds.

We received over 100 letters, drawings and even some wonderful bookmarks handmade by Paityn from Rosebud!

The residents took the time to look and read and listen to the kind well wishes and they were very interested to hear all about the stories behind the authors of the letters. Some were able to send letters back to thank them and tell their pen pals a little about themselves also.

The joy on the faces of the residents each time they opened a letter told us just how appreciative they were and how worthwhile the contact was to each and every one of them.

As we find ourselves back in complete lockdown with the visiting restrictions back in place to protect all who work and reside here at the facility, we would again appreciate our very kind and giving community to write a few lines in a letter or email to one of the addresses below. A few minutes of your time will be guaranteed to make someone's day! Please email or post to:

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During this time at home I thought I would update an article I wrote some years ago when we lived in the UK. It was 1960 when Olive and I moved to a village in Gloucestershire named Hartpury. It wasn't long before we found out that our house, new at the time, was built on the site of the old Manor House that was destroyed by fire in 1741. The old moat was still there and led into a duck pond! When we started constructing our cottage garden and lawns we unearthed lots of old and ancient artefacts. Coins, pottery shards that enabled us to date the stone foundations that we had uncovered, bones and – believe it or not bear claws! I was so fascinated with it all and what life was like in the earlier days there I wrote the attached article.

Historical Facts with Strange Words and Sayings

Next time you are washing your hands and complain because the water temperature is not just how you like it, think about how things used to be... Here are some facts about life in England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland in the 1500s:

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May and still smelled pretty good by June. However, they were starting to smell so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odour. Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married. Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children - last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it - hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water." This was so up to the 1930s and 1940s

Houses had thatched roofs - thick straw piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the dogs, cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof? hence the saying "It's raining cats and dogs." There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could really mess up your nice clean bed - hence, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That's how canopy beds came into existence.

The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt, hence the saying "dirt poor." The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on the floor to help keep their

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footing. As the winter wore on, they kept adding more thresh until when you opened the door it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entrance-way hence, a "threshold."

In those long ago days, they cooked in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly vegetables and did not get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving the leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over again the next day. Sometimes the stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while - hence the rhyme, "Peas porridge hot,

peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old!" Sometimes they could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man "could bring home the bacon." They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and "chew the fat." Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food with high acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food, causing lead poisoning and sometimes death. This happened most often with tomatoes, so for the next 400 years or so, tomatoes were considered poisonous. This was still so when I was a young boy. *Continued next page*



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Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf; the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or "upper crust."

Lead cups were used to drink ale or whisky. The combination would sometimes knock them out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up? Hence the custom of holding a "wake."

The UK is old and small and the local folks started running out of places to bury people. So they would dig up coffins and would take the bones to a "bone-house" and re-use the grave. When re-opening these coffins, 1 out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside and they realised they had been burying people alive. So they thought they would tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell. Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night (*the "graveyard shift"*) to listen for the bell; thus, someone could be "saved by the bell" or was considered truly a "dead ringer." And that is the truth ... Who said that History was boring?

Finally here are just a few strange British place names and what the names mean.

Crackpot, North Yorkshire.

This one comes from the Old English "kraka" (crow) and Viking "pot" (hole in the ground) – perhaps inspired by the nearby stalactite cave. Not so crazy as it sounds.

Great Snoring, Norfolk.

There are three potential meanings behind this sleepy name: it's linked to the Danish goddess Snora; it comes from Saxon invaders – by whom it was known as Snear ("swift" or "bright"); or it's a corruption of De Snoryng, a family of long-ago landowners in this part of the world.

Land of Nod, East Yorkshire.

This quiet hamlet near Holme-on-Spalding-Moor takes its name from the Bible. In Genesis 4:16-18 it says: "So Cain went out from the Lord's presence and lived in the land of Nod, east of Eden" – otherwise known as York.

Piddletrenthide, Dorset.

First mentioned in the 10th century, this is an estate on the River Piddle, with a value of 30 hides.

Pity Me, County Durham.

Legend relates that St Cuthbert cried out "Pity me!" when monks dropped his coffin here on the way to his burial in Durham.

Plucks Gutter, Kent.

Named after Ploeg – a 16th-century Dutch engineer – involved in draining the Kent marshes by means of a ditch system. (Could have been Koo-Wee-Rup if the Dutch had arrived in Australia first!)

Shitterton Dorset.

"The unusual name of the hamlet dates back at least 1,000 years to Anglo-Saxon times. It was recorded in the Domesday Book of 1086 as Scatera or Scetra, a Norman-French rendering of an Old English name derived from the word scite, meaning dung. This word became schitte in Middle English and shit in modern English. The name alludes to the stream that bisects the hamlet, which appears to have been called the Shiter or Shitter, or "brook used as a privy". The place-name therefore means something along the lines of "farmstead on the stream used as an open sewer"."



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The following account of the history of Yallock was written by Henry John Boxshall (1880 - 1968) a pioneer Yallock resident. The history was written in March 1957 for the pupils at the Yallock School and was published in the Koo Wee Rup Sun of June 26, 1968. This is part 2; part 1 was in the July Blackfish and part 3 will be next month.

The history of Yallock - Part 2 - by H.J. Boxshall

Mr H.J. Boxshall continues his early history of the Yallock area. He mentions some of the landowners and some of the troubles they encountered. At the end of the last article, Mr. Boxshall was talking about some of the churches in early history.

A short while after the building of St. Saviour's church at Yallock, a Methodist church was erected on Mr. Bateson's property, and this was done by voluntary labour. Mr. T. Pretty did almost all the work on both churches, refusing, any payment for his labour.

Methodist Church Built at Yallock

The Methodist church was well attended in the years prior to the outbreak of World War One. After the war many of the supporters of the church left the district and the church was later moved into Kooweerup.

Methodists to preach at Yallock were Mr. Upton, Mr. Sherlock, Mr. G. Shinkfield, Mr. Val Trigg and Mr. C. C. McPhee, the latter was a very popular minister and was a prominent member of both the cricket and football teams. He enlisted in the war and on his return had to resign from the Ministry due to some throat affliction. There were others who preached there whose names I cannot recall.

The first Church of England organist was Miss Alice Cox who later married Mr. Fred Simmel. Mrs. Simmel was present at the service held at St. Saviour's in November 1955 to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of the church. She died the following year in her 82nd year.

Early Sunday School Teachers

Early Sunday school teachers whose names I recall were Mrs. J. Jones, Miss Ridgway and Miss Collyer. Miss E. Games was superintendent of St Saviour's Sunday School for many years, assisted by Miss B. Boxshall who succeeded Miss Games when she left the district to live in Melbourne. Miss Games was also the organist at the church for many years, one of my sons Mr. O. Boxshall now holds the position.

I would like to pay a tribute to the memory of Mrs. Jones, whose name is mentioned above. Mrs. Jones was the wife of one of our earliest arrivals at Yallock. She was a qualified midwife and was always ready and willing to go to the help of anyone who was ill or in trouble, any hour of the night, wet or fine - she was truly a Christian woman. After leaving Yallock, she conducted a private hospital at Wonthaggi, where she passed away, when well over 80 years of age.

Gates Blocked the Roads

When the early settlers arrived here they found all roads leading to this area blocked by gates. To get on to the Monomeith Road, three gates had to be opened. There was a gate near the No. 5 drain bank leading into "Quamby" Andrew Lyall's property; another into Monomeith Park and then another had to be opened to get on to the road at Bourke's stockyards. A gate across the No. 5 bank or Creamery Road, as it is sometimes called, blocked the road to Kooweerup and the way out to Yannathan was also blocked. It was sometime before the landowners responsible, fenced their land to give the settlers free access to their blocks.

There was no bridge over the Yallock Creek, where the present one is located and the settlers filled the creek bed with ti-tree so as to make a ford to enable them to get across to Kooweerup. The river could only be crossed when the Creek was low and when the river rose too high, Kooweerup could only be reached via Monomeith and the highway.

An old creek bed in "Quamby" had to have about five chains of corduroy laid to enable traffic to get to the Monomeith Road. The work was done by the settlers, who organised working bees. Works of this sort had to be done by the settlers themselves as it was useless to ask for assistance from the Government and this area was called "No man's land" as far as adjoining Shires were concerned. It was some time in the late nineties that the Cranbourne Shire took over and valued the area. Mr. A. Facey, the Shire Engineer was the valuator.

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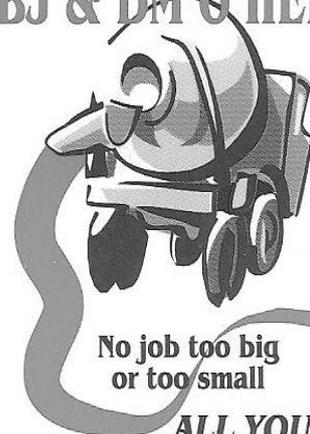


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They Lost a Day's Pay to Get Their Wages

I would like to record here another inconvenience men on the drain work had to contend with. No matter where they were working they had to travel to Kooweerup to pick up their fortnightly pay. The pay office was at W. Stuart's store, situated by the canal bridges. (The house still stands there and must be one of the oldest, if not the oldest building in Kooweerup township).

The Paymaster was Mr. Clowser, assisted by Mr. J. O'Brien, (one of the overseers of the drain work and who at one time became one of the largest land owners at Yallock). Picking up your pay nearly always meant losing a day's pay, because as the work advanced it took the men further away from Kooweerup, where the drain work was started. Long tramps over very rough tracks, that a horse could not travel had to be undertaken.

On entering the office to receive your pay you would find alongside the Paymaster the local butcher, baker, storekeeper etc. with their fortnightly accounts and after these accounts were settled the wage-earner had what was left, which was at times very little.

The story is told of one hardy old pioneer who was walking slowly away over the canal bridge and was hailed by one of his work-mates. "What is the matter Tom? You don't look too happy this morning". "Happy", said Tom, "and what do I have to be happy about? I just picked up my pay and look what I have left". He disclosed a few coppers in the palm of his hand and with that, tossed them into the waters of the canal and dejectedly walked on.

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The Early Settlers

The following are the names of the first comers to Yallock—

Starting at the corner of Finck's Road - the No. 5 Road, corner block was occupied by W. Donaldson, bricklayer then A. Renfrew, furniture salesman; H. Treeby, labourer; then my father T. Boxshall, landscape gardener. Mr. Boxshall was for a period of 14 years foreman of the Exhibition Gardens, Carlton and had laid out a large area of those particular gardens.

An elder brother of mine, A. Boxshall, engine driver, Victorian Railways was next. Then followed H. Scharf, carpenter. He had left Germany to escape militarism. His two sons later enlisted in World War 1 and were both killed in France. W. Chance was next followed by O. W. Reitchel, bricklayer and on the corner block at the hall road was M. O. Donald, mail contractor and stud master. The last four allotments mentioned are now occupied by Mr. George Peck.

The block now owned by Mr. Deppeler was occupied by E. Rossiter; the 60 acres now owned by Mr. Still belongs to the Lyall family; on the corner block, now F. Stephens, was Mr. Simmil, blacksmith; Mr J. Jones was first on the block now owned by Mr F. Ashby. Then followed Mr Arthur Orford, labourer, and his house was burnt down during the 1898 bushfires. The owner left the district shortly after.

The first on the block opposite the hall and now belonging to the Bailey family were Mr. Kroschell, Mr. Glowasky, whose son was later a very well known member of the Victorian Police Force. Mr. Chas Woodman owned these allotments for some years.

One of the earliest settlers was Mr. F. P. Stephens, farmer, who donated the land for the Church of England. His son now resides on the property and next to him, Mr. Priestly snr. Mr. E. Batson followed him and lived on the property some years. Mr. Batson was a member of the first School Committee, he donated the land for Methodist Church. The Ashby family now own the farm. Mr. Geo. Wright, builder lived on the corner block, later owned by Mr. C. Brazil.

Names I recall further east and on McKay's Road are G. Richardson, Geo. Casey, J. McKay, J. Orchard, B. Lineham, W. Cadee, L. Coates, J. Leckleson, T. O'Shea and W. Cameron. The land for the hall was given by Mr. Fred Simmill.

Next on O'Briens Road was T. Harker, now owned by Stephens and Thompson; Mr J. McGee was next and this property is now occupied by Mr. F. Lineham. Mr. W. Harker owned the block at the corner of O'Briens Road and No. 6 Road. Also on the same road lived Mr. J. T. O'Brien, a local Cranbourne Shire Councillor for many years. He was a former overseer on the drain works. Mr. James Stevens, a sailor, was next. This farm was later owned by Mr. A. Dalrymple, a member of the school committee for a number of years. After his departure it was taken over by Mr. Horace Barr (A.I.F.). Mr. W. Fechner now owns it.

The first to live on the block now owned by Mr. W. Thomas was Mr. A. T. (Dick) Priestley, son of Mr. Priestly mentioned previously in this article. Mr. Priestly later had a store in Lang Lang and a farm at Yannathan. Next to Priestly's was Mr. E. Powis who kept a boarding house at Dandenong. His son H. Powis lived on the block. He was a well known footballer with Dandenong and had previously played with Essendon in the League. He was also a member of the local football and cricket clubs.

Early comers who did not stay long were Chas. Williams and a man named Rogers. The latter was the first on to the block lived on by the Gudgin family for years. Mr. Gudgin senior was followed by his son William and then his grandson Harold. The property is now owned by Mr. Geo. Light. On the school road and close to the school was Mr. C. J. Izzard, saddler, who donated the ground to the school. Mr. Izzard was the first Yallock Progress Association secretary.

Robert Fountain was the original settler on the block now owned by Mr. Light, next was Mr. D. Ware, Mr. E. Collyer, one of the school's earliest committeemen.

Others associated with this road were W. Hatty, Senior; Mr. Savage, D. Cahill and S. Flewin, Mr. W. Hatty Junior, Mrs. W. Brown. Mr. D. Abel now owns a number of these blocks. Mr. W. A. Cox lived for a while on one of the blocks now owned by Mr. A. M. Bethune.

The first to live on the block now occupied by Mr. T. Light was Charles Ware, a former road contractor. On the next block was Thomas Kirwin, farm labourer and next Mr. A. J. Cox, bootmaker, Mr. J. C. Hatty was first on the block now occupied by Mrs. Humphrey. Mr. Wise (late A.I.F.) also lived there for some years.

Early settlers on the No. 6 or Catani Road were Mr. F. O'Neill, E. Giggins, W. R. Donaldson, V. Blythe. The latter was an ex-serviceman and was for some years president of the local branch of the V.D.A.

On Finck's Road adjoining Donaldson's were J. Yeaman, engine driver; next B. J. Cox, father of George who now lives there. H. Reid was next, and he left his house when it was destroyed by fire. On the Finck's Road and No. 6 Road where Mr Kane lives was W. Nichol and later Chas. Woodman. The block over the road was first owned by W. Scanlon. Mr. L. W. Finck senior was next. He was secretary of school committee for any many years and also secretary of the hall committee.

The Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society meets on the second Wednesday of each month. We are currently closed due to Covid 19. Heather Arnold harnold@dcsi.net.au 0407 521 637.



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