

# THE KOO WEE RUP BLACKFISH



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

### December

Weds	2nd	Township Committee Meeting (page 5)	via Zoom or in Cochrane Park	7.30pm
Thurs	3rd	Heart Foundation Walking (page 15)	Clocktowers	7pm
Mon	7th	Pilates (page 23)	Eco House - Hospital	6pm
Weds	9th	Koo Wee Rup Santa Run (page 5)	All over town	from 4pm
Thurs	10th	Heart Foundation Walking	Clocktowers	7pm
Sat	12th	Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	9am
Sun	13th	Bayles Fauna Park Working Bee	Bayles Fauna Park	9am
Mon	14th	Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	6pm
Thurs	17th	Heart Foundation Walking	Clocktowers	7pm
Sat	19th	Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	9am
Mon	21st	Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	6pm
Thurs	24th	Heart Foundation Walking	Clocktowers	7pm
Thurs	24th	Christmas Eve Mass	St John the Baptist	7.30pm
Fri	25th	Christmas Mass	St Mary's, Lang Lang	9am
Thurs	31st	Heart Foundation Walking	Clocktowers	7pm

### January

Thurs	7th	Heart Foundation Walking	Clocktowers	7pm
Sun	10th	Bayles Fauna Park Working Bee	Bayles Fauna Park	9am
Mon	11th	Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	6pm
Thurs	14th	Heart Foundation Walking	Clocktowers	7pm
Sat	16th	Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	9am
Mon	18th	Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	6pm
Thurs	21st	Heart Foundation Walking	Clocktowers	7pm
Sat	12th	Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	9am
Mon	23rd	Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	6pm
Thurs	28th	Heart Foundation Walking	Clocktowers	7pm
Sat	30th	Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	9am

### February

Mon	1st	Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	6pm
Weds	3rd	Township Committee Meeting	???	7.30pm
Thurs	4th	Heart Foundation Walking	Clocktowers	7pm
Sat	6th	Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	9am
Mon	8th	Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	6pm
Thurs	11th	Heart Foundation Walking	Clocktowers	7pm
Sat	13th	Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	9am
Mon	15th	Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	6pm
Thurs	18th	Heart Foundation Walking	Clocktowers	7pm
Sat	20th	Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	9am
Mon	22nd	Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	6pm
Thurs	25th	Heart Foundation Walking	Clocktowers	7pm
Sat	27th	Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	9am

### March

Sun	14th	Koo Wee Rup Swamp Festival (page 11)	Cochrane Park	All day
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## 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*

## Good News for Koo Wee Rup

Just in time for summer, the Koo Wee Rup Fire Brigade have taken delivery of an additional 4WD Tanker. The members at Koo Wee Rup completed a small extension to their station which created a new engine bay to house their smaller Ultra-Light vehicle, which in turn created room in their existing engine bay to house an additional fire truck. CFA worked together and found a spare vehicle that was hiding at the CFA Mechanics in Cranbourne and it was quickly allocated to Koo Wee Rup Fire Brigade.

Koo Wee Rup Fire Brigade Captain, Michael Huxtable says "this new Tanker will be a great asset to the local community, neighbouring brigades and will also be able to be allocated to attend Strike Teams across the State this coming summer, which still allows for our current Pumper Tanker vehicle to stay and respond locally. Being a 4WD Tanker, we are able to carry 3,000 litres of water, as well as additional fire-fighting equipment which means that we can now respond to more types of incidents in the area. With Fire Restrictions yet to be announced in the Cardinia Shire, this is a reminder to start preparing and clearing your properties in preparations for this coming fire season".

*Raelene Gard – Brigade  
Administrative Support Officer (BASO)*



*Top: New tanker, washed and labelled  
Below: Koo Wee Rup Fire Brigade's four vehicles*

## Christmas Mass Times

### St John the Baptist Parish, Koo Wee Rup

#### **Christmas Eve (Thursday 24 December)**

St John the Baptist, Koo Wee Rup  
Church doors open at 6.45 pm Mass 7.30 pm

#### **Christmas Day (Friday 25 December)**

St Mary's, Lang Lang Mass 9.00 am

**Please note:** Because of the present Covid-19 restrictions it is important to register your intention to come for one of these Masses by email.

Email address: Koo Wee Rup parish -  
[kooweerup@cdsale.org.au](mailto:kooweerup@cdsale.org.au)

**Mass Online:** Our Christmas Mass from our parish will be available on demand from 6.00 pm on Thursdays, 24 December until the following Saturday evening from our parish website, <https://www.cdsale.org.au/koo-wee-rup> and then clicking 'VIEW YOUTUBE CHANNEL'.

### St Joseph's Parish, Iona-Maryknoll

#### **Christmas Eve (Thursday 24 December)**

St James, Nar Nar Goon  
Church doors open at 5.00 pm Mass 5.30 pm  
St Joseph's, Iona  
Church doors open at 8.15 pm Mass 9.00 pm

**Please note:** Because of the present Covid-19 restrictions it is important to register your intention to come for one of these Masses by email.

Email address: Iona-Maryknoll parish -  
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## Koo Wee Rup Township Committee Meeting

The Township held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, 4 November via Zoom. Township Meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 2 December at 7:30 pm. This month we are hoping to meet face to face in Cochrane Park, behind the community centre, weather permitting. Otherwise it will be zoom again.

The President has been attending meetings with Lions Club and other Community Groups about the Swamp Festival in March 2021. It is planned to have rides, food trucks and opportunities for community organisations to promote their activities.

A new project – BeConnect - has commenced at the Men's Shed to give seniors access to loan iPads and the assistance of a mentor to help them keep in touch with family and friends. The Men's Shed is open by appointment, contact Brian Harlow at KRHS. BeConnect is an initiative of the Australian Government and coordinated by The Good Things Foundation Australia and is run in Koo Wee Rup by the Health service with the support of the Men's Shed.

Australia Day Ceremony may need to be moved to a new venue if COVID Testing is still happening at the Community Centre. The format of the event will be dependent on the COVID-19 restrictions in place at the time. A call for nominations will be made via Facebook.

Christmas Events: the Koo Wee Rup Christmas Carols have been cancelled for 2020 due to the uncertainty over what would be allowed. The House Christmas Lights competition will still be held.

## Koo Wee Rup Santa Run



Koo Wee Rup Fire brigade is having a **Santa lolly run.**

Listen out for the fire truck sirens and Christmas Carols on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020 starting at 4pm**

**Where:** Starts at 4pm in Tesoro estate then heads around the rest of Koo Wee Rup area.

Boundary drain road will not be visited due to time constraints. Santa cannot stop on Rossiter Rd, Station St, Sybella Ave due to traffic hazards.

**Santa will be giving out lollies** and in return would love **some canned food/non-perishables to give to a local charity.** We will be towing a trailer where you can drop the donations contact free.

Santa has a lot of people to visit so if you live in a court, **Santa won't drive into that court** but Santa's helpers will drive into your court and alert you with a siren and speaker so you can **meet Santa at the start of your court.** Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, there will be no actual contact with Santa and photo opportunities will be very limited.

### Approximate times:

Milla Way area then Tesoro Estate 4-5pm  
Lauriston Estate (Townley Rd) 4:30-5:30pm  
Vicinity John St, Alexander Ave 5-6pm  
Walker Estate (Bailey Boulevard) 5:30-6:30pm  
Shelton Park Estate & Charles St 6-7pm  
Koo Wee Rup Town Centre 6:30-7:30pm

We will update our Santa facebook page as we are leaving one area and heading to the next. Like our page to get updates:

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## KOO WEE RUP COUNTRY WOMENS ASSOCIATION

Written by Linda Sanders

### **CHRISTMAS GRAZING BOXES:**

We had such an overwhelming success with the sale of the CWA Grazing Boxes in October, that we have decided to make special Christmas Grazing boxes. They are on sale now and include fruit mince pies, gingerbread, shortbread, white christmas, truffles, chocolate pudding bites, chocolate bark and sugar cookies.

They are priced at \$30.

Order by 12<sup>th</sup> December by ringing Cathy on 0403 593 513

Delivery will be on 20<sup>th</sup> December in Koo Wee Rup, Pakenham and surrounding areas.

### **CHRISTMAS TREE AT WOOLWORTHS:**

On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November members of Koo Wee Rup CWA will install the community decorated Christmas tree at the entrance of Woolworths supermarket.

We love being able to bring a smile to the faces of our community as they pass the tree and admire the decorations all handmade by the local schools and daycare.

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020:**

COVID19 has caused a disruption to our monthly meetings and craft meetings this year. Although we have been keeping in touch via our facebook page, emails, texts and Zoom meetings, it's not the same as physically being in the same room with friends and members.

Our Annual General Meeting was no exception this year and it was conducted via Zoom. Zoom really has been a godsend and we are thankful that we have had the technology to keep in contact through it. We had planned to meet at the Senior Citizens rooms for the AGM but unfortunately the rooms will not reopen until next year.

Our new office bearers are as follows:

**PRESIDENT:** Cathy Stephens

**SECRETARY:** Joss Pohl

**TREASURER:** Kershell Elliott

**INTERNATIONAL OFFICER:** Linda Sanders

Thank you ladies for stepping up and filling the positions. We look forward to a much better hands on year in 2021.

### **DINNER MEETING IN DECEMBER:**

Our last meeting for 2020 will be held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December at the Drake Hotel in Pakenham. We look forward to getting together and celebrating Christmas and also getting back in contact with each other.

## How To Avoid The Grinch Burglar From Stealing Your Festive Cheer!



We're heading into the Christmas holiday season, which may have many of us feeling very jolly, especially after the year we all have had! However, the upcoming holidays may seem like the perfect opportunity for would-be-burglars to get their "Grinchy" ways into gear. After all, homes are typically filled with many more gifts and goodies during this festive time.

**If you are not planning to be ho-ho-home during the upcoming holiday period, and don't want your tinsel in a tangle, it is a good idea to take special precautions to protect your property and your valuable baubles.**

Here are some tips to help stop the Scrooges from stealing your merry mood:

### 1. Invest in technological stocking fillers.

There's no shortage of retail DIY home security systems and you don't need any kind of networking expertise to rig it up to help keep an eye on your home from anywhere in the world, provided you have a good internet connection. Security Cameras quickly ping your smartphone, tablet and email when they detect movement, you can even use cameras to have a conversation with the person poking around your home, as some systems include a speaker and support for a smartphone mic. Look around for one that will meet your needs and price bracket.

### 2. Twinkle those lights.

It is a good idea to leave a few lights on in your absence. Set some timers on different lights in varying locations around your home. That way it will be harder for anyone to recognise a pattern and realise that no one is home.

### 3. Ask a friendly elf to check on your house and pick up your mail.

If you have a trustworthy neighbour or friend who will be home for the holidays, have them check in on your house and bring in your mail and any packages that have been delivered. Seeing someone regularly go in and out of your home can deter any suspicious individuals from lurking nearby.

### 4. Don't be a fruitcake about your holiday travel plans.

Posting about your travel plans or putting your holiday photos on social media can basically be the same as putting up a sign in your front yard advertising you are away. Never assume that only your friends see your posts. Want to tell someone you'll be away for the holidays? Go the old-fashioned route and call them!

Don't let a Grinch steal your holiday cheer - or gold, frankincense and myrrh - this season.

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## The best news for months about the Men's Shed

Here's the news we have all been waiting for and it's been months coming. It's really good news too and it is to say that the Men's Shed is finally open again to everyone. All members and, indeed, all men of Koo-Wee-Rup and District can now come along and enjoy all the action and the camaraderie the 'Shed offers. There are still a few rules to follow though; masks must be worn at all times, even in the surrounding garden because the 'Shed is in the same area as the Aged Care building and comes under DHHS rules covering an Aged Care facility. Social distancing is still required, good hand hygiene and, of course, there will be room number limits. One must also sign in at the main reception building where your body temperature will be quickly checked and then ... in you come! On the downside no group lunches will be held yet, such as the Wednesday group lunch; we are not quite to that stage yet but we will be – soon. Now – check this date in your diary. There will be a general meeting in the 'Shed for everyone who can make it on Wednesday December 2nd at 3:00 pm.

I wrote about the Econnect program in last month's Blackfish and it's worth reminding you about it again. Econnect is an initiative of the Australian Government, Be Connected, Good Things Foundation Australia, and the KRHS. This free program gives you the opportunity to build new skills and help you connect to the world using digital technology with the use of an iPad on loan to you for a few weeks and it is also completely free for you to use. This Econnect program can help you to learn the basics of using an iPad and to going online into the Internet world. It teaches you to be safe and secure and you will be able to learn how to shop online and keep up to date with your community. Best of all you will be able to see and talk to your family and friends. Please call Angelique on 5997 9792 if you would like to take part in this wonderful Econnect program.

As the restrictions have eased substantially the community garden is now open for the sale of fruit and vegetables. We have previously made up vegetable packs for sale at \$10 or \$20 for drive in and collect. Keep an eye out for the sign in the community garden, as it will say, the 'Men's Shed Garden Shop is open for business'. You can purchase fresh organic fruit and vegetables along with preserves and sauces. We can seriously recommend Charlie's special 'Black Sauce' with its secret ingredients, it's delicious! Vegetables available now are silverbeet, lettuce, rhubarb, spring onions, parsley and celery. Also watch the kronos machine at the hospital entrance for more weekly specials.

Despite the current situation, the Koo-Wee-Rup Men's Shed continues to grow in stature and for people who are new to the township, 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 executive 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 some real good mates and maybe get a boost to your own health and well-being at the same time. Don't forget then, when you can and the time is ripe, call in, try us. We can make you happy. Here is a little story for you: -

*'Her husband purchased a world map and then gave her a dart and said, "Throw this and wherever it lands—that's where I'm taking you when this covid pandemic ends." Turns out, they're spending two weeks behind the fridge!'*

Geoff Stokes



### Koo Wee Rup CWA CHRISTMAS TREAT BOXES

Our Assortment Box includes:

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- Gingerbread
- Shortbread
- Peppermint truffles
- White Christmas
- Truffles
- Christmas pudding bites
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## St John's Primary School

We started November with an Athletics Day. It began with our traditional Grandparents Day liturgy which was held virtually over Zoom. It was wonderful to see so many grandparents join us to keep some of the tradition alive. The sport results were close all day and at the end it was a tie between Cremin (Red) and Scott (Green) house. The students should be commended for the outstanding effort they put into the day.

Our Grade 5 and 6 students lead our Remembrance Day liturgy with respect and reverence, providing an opportunity for us, as a school, to reflect. Congratulations to Charli Kruizinga for being awarded the RSL 'Junior Citizen Award'. The Grade 6 students also participated in a series of Zoom sessions with Caritas, where they discovered some of the similarities and differences between students who go to school in the Solomon Islands.



We celebrated 'Book Week' during November as well. It was wonderful to see the students dressing up as their favourite book characters. Throughout the week there was a trivia quiz in the senior grades, a Teddy Bear Picnic for the juniors and a whole school story. Our Grade 6 leaders chose a story to read to the whole school throughout the week. It was wonderful hearing the excitement and enthusiasm throughout the week.

Over the past couple of weeks, we have held our Foundation Orientation sessions. We have 34 students enrolled and due to COVID restrictions, we split them into 4 smaller groups. This week, groups were combined into 2 groups of 17. It has been wonderful to meet these very excited and enthusiastic children.

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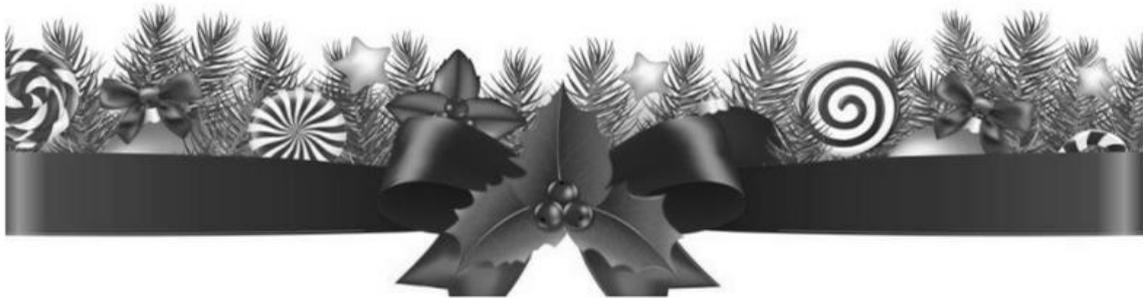
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Joeys – 6:30 to 7:30pm Thursday  
 Cubs – 7:00 to 8:30pm Tuesday  
 Scouts – 7:00 to 9:00pm Wednesday  
 Venturers 7:00 to 9:00pm Friday  
 Rovers 8:00 till late Friday

Wow what a great month it has been. We are thankful that the restrictions have been easing so that we have been able to get outside and see our youth members in person. And oh boy we have been busy. Joeys scouts have made cupcakes, whilst both our Joeys and our Cubs have made Christmas Cards. Cubs scouts have been walking and riding around town. Our Venturers have been out and about in the town and have even invested some new members into their section whilst navigating Koo Wee Rup.



**“Look wide,  
 and even  
 when you  
 think you are  
 looking wide  
 – look wider  
 still.”**

— Robert Baden-Powell

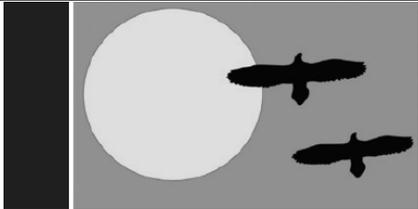
*We would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas  
 and a Happy New Year.*

*We look forward to seeing you all in 2021!*

**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 March 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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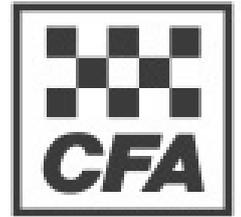
## What was that siren?

### November 2020

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

#### Our calls since the last report were:

6/10/20 – Motor Vehicle Collision – Ballarto Rd Bayles  
 6/10/20 – Car Fire – Osborn Rd Bayles  
 18/10/20 – Structure Fire – 3440 Sth Gippsland Hwy Koo Wee Rup  
 22/10/20 – Car leaking gas – Sth Gippsland Hwy Koo Wee Rup  
 23/10/20 – Investigate burnoff – Diamond Drive Koo Wee Rup  
 4/11/20 – Machinery fire – Harkers Rd Caldermeade  
 8/11/20 – Grass Fire – Kettles Rd Lang Lang  
 10/11/20 – Trench Rescue – Manks Rd Koo Wee Rup  
 10/11/20 – Hay Bale Fire – Dalmore Rd Dalmore  
 11/11/20 – Assist with entry – Moody St Koo Wee Rup  
 12/11/20 – Car Leaking Gas – Station St Koo Wee Rup  
 13/11/20 – Motor Vehicle Collision – Sth Gippsland Hy Caldermeade  
 13/11/20 – Automatic Alarm – Rossiter Rd Koo Wee Rup  
 15/11/20 – Investigate burnoff – Rossiter Rd Koo Wee Rup  
 19/11/20 – Stump Fire – Dalmore Rd Dalmore



## Register Your Burn-Off

Before you carry out and notify your planned burn, make sure you check and follow local regulations or laws set down by CFA or your local council.

Please also give us a call to register your burn so we don't have to drop everything and check out your burnoff for no reason.

**Phone 1800 668 511** to register your burn.

### Heart Foundation Walking Evening Group

This group recommenced as soon as restrictions started to lift and has been going for a weekly Thursday evening walk starting at 7 pm at the Rossiter Rd Clock Towers. Towards the end of November, on a very warm evening we had our first excursion to the Cardinia Lakes Walking trail in Pakenham, followed by a take away tea at a nearby park. Social distancing and group size restrictions are in place, and now we are happy to be able to discard the face mask, which made it difficult to walk, but was a COVID recovery requirement. We have our end of year break up on Thu 17<sup>th</sup> December but will be walking right through January if anyone new would like to join us. Please call Marlene for details on 0429 814410



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**What: Thursday Evening Walkers.**

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**Where: Koo Wee Rup Clock Towers Rossiter Rd KWR**

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## Koo Wee Rup and Districts Lions

Written by Linda Sanders

### Our first meeting get together

After a long year of Zoom meetings during the COVID19 lockdown, we had our first meeting back at the RSL rooms on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November. It was great to see all those smiling faces and good to catch up with members who we haven't seen for some time.

Tail Twister Shirelle Lean presented winner with prizes from an entertaining year of quizzes, trivia, dress up and competitions. President Rex Sanders was overall winner (much to the annoyance to his wife, Linda who had been in the lead for most of the year and pipped her at the post by 6 points).

### Our final meeting for the year

Lions will be having a dinner meeting on Friday December 18<sup>th</sup> at the Tooradin Sports Club.



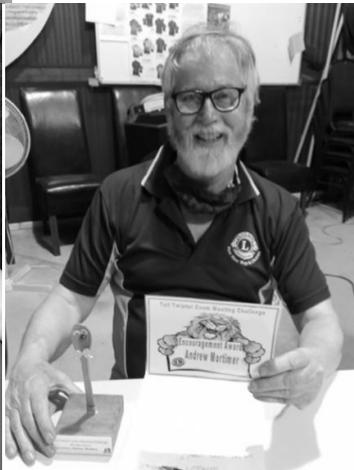
### Tail twister during zoom meetings

A **HUGE** thank you to "Tail Twister" Shirelle Lean for her stupendous effort with entertaining the "troops" during COVID lockdown. Shirelle put so much effort into the quizzes, awards etc and we really appreciate her time and dedication. Following is the final results:

Top Row R to L: President Rex - overall winner, Liz - winner of movie pictures and one liners, Jacqui - winner of music trophy, Ian - joint winner of baby show

Middle Row: Tail Twister Shirelle handing out prizes

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## Rotary Club of Koo Wee Rup -Lang Lang



Hi all, our club has been a bit quiet on the reporting front. Not much has been happening activity wise but we are endeavouring to assist the community in whatever way we can and zoom meet every fortnight. It certainly is refreshing to be able to get out and about, visit our family and friends or maybe plan a holiday and upcoming Christmas that I'm sure we are all going to enjoy.

For over 40 years we have been having an Annual Charity Golf Day at the Lang Lang Golf Club to raise funds to assist many Rotary and community projects and requests for assistance throughout any given year. At a recent zoom board meeting we had to make a decision to cancel the event. In its place, we decided to run a Special Appeal whereby we sent a letter to all our previous supporters and sponsors and ask those that were able and still viable to consider a contribution in either cash or goods to this Special Appeal which enables us to commit to assisting those in need in our community and many of the Rotary projects to those less fortunate than us to get the likes of basic health needs and clean drinking water being just the tip of the iceberg. Any contribution is gratefully appreciated with 100% of proceeds going to where it is needed most. We understand completely if they couldn't. We also offered if there was anything our club can do to assist you, please contact the club. We gratefully acknowledge Duffy and Simon, Lawyers in Pakenham for being a major supporter. We also gratefully appreciate and thank Briemar Nominees Koo Wee Rup, Lindsay Brown Associates & Accountants, David Bull Funeral Directors in Pakenham, Alex Scott and Co and Browns Fertilisers, Koo Wee Rup, your commitment to assisting us is very much appreciated. If you feel you'd like to contribute please contact our President Michael Boraston whose number appears below.

Wednesday the 25th of November we held our Annual General Meeting. All positions held from 2020/2021 Rotary Year will remain in their seats for 2021/2022. In other words the current president will become president elect and vice president all in one year, yes very confusing.

One exciting organisation skill processed tonight, we arranged on the 25th, our first FACE TO FACE meeting which will be held at the Lang Lang Bowling Club on the 20th of January. Seems a long way away but many are looking forward to a new year of working together to assist our community. We will have outside social events between now and then.

**With much regret due to the current restrictions with COVID 19 regarding recording, reporting, cleaning and other issues**

**SHOW'n'SHINE HAS BEEN CANCELLED FOR 2021.**

Planning is under way for Sunday February 13th 2022.

New members always welcome, enquiries are most appreciated, either by writing to 'Rotary Club of Koo Wee Rup - Lang Lang, P.O. Box 18, Lang Lang. Vic, 3984 or email [rckooweeruplanglang@gmail.com](mailto:rckooweeruplanglang@gmail.com) or phone the secretary Graham Warry on 0499 101 953. You can also contact the President, Michael Boraston on 0422 824 485 for any further information.

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Koo Wee Rup - Lang Lang, we thank you for the continued support. We trust that you are all cherishing the time with family and friends now that we are able to, and perhaps enjoy meal out.

We also wish to acknowledge and thank most graciously those that have assisted us in any way throughout this trying year.

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***We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year***



### **PLEASE NOTE:**

**WE ARE STILL PROPOSING TO HAVE OUR VITAL INFORMATION NIGHT ON PROSTATE CANCER once we are able to have indoor mass gatherings. It is such an important issue for men and women.**

## 1959 - A holiday of a lifetime (Part 2)

by Geoff Stokes

*Continuing Geoff's reminiscence from the November Blackfish*

*Geoff remembers the holiday which he and Olive voted their best ever touring Europe on a Lambretta 150cc scooter.*

One morning as I was driving along, I realised that my speedometer was not working. No problem there we thought, we will just take it along to the Lambretta dealer in downtown Lugano and get it fixed. The dealer was very nice to us but pointed out that all his stock European speedometers were calibrated in kilometres; for our British scooter, the instrument needed to be in miles per hour. That was a blow and something we hadn't realised when the instrument failed. "All is not lost," he said. "The factory and the headquarters of Lambretta are in Milano, in the suburb of Innocenti, just 74 kilometres from here, over the border into Italy. If you go there, they will make such a fuss of you coming all the way from England that I am sure you will get a new speedo for nothing": or words to that effect! We thought that his suggestion would be a good idea and, not only that, it would be an experience for us to visit yet another European country.



Early the next morning we set off on our trip and it wasn't long before we came to the town of Como where we noticed that crowds were gathering in the street and lining the footpaths as we drove through. This was even more noticeable across the Italian border in the smaller towns and, as we made our way towards Milano, everyone seemed to want to come out and greet us. In fact, as we passed through, on some lined pavements the people would clap and applaud as we rode by! Finally we arrived in Innocenti and at the front gates of the Lambretta factory. The gates were decidedly locked shut! The security guard on the main gate was sympathetic after we managed to explain to him our plight. 'If you come back tomorrow,' he said in excellent English, "We will fix everything for you. However, today is a public holiday; it's St. Peter's and St. Paul's day, the most important of our Saints' days". No wonder the crowds had been out in the street as we passed through. They were waiting for their own religious procession with all its music and its accompanying religious icons, to pass by. And we were so naïve as to think that it was because we had a UK number plate!

Well, there was no way that we could return to Innocenti the next day, because it was that day we were to start on our return journey, and we had a rendezvous with an aircraft at Le Touquet that we couldn't postpone. We decided to see something of Milano whilst we were so near, and off we rode to the city centre. We parked outside of the magnificent cathedral – the Duomo - in what was called the Piazza del Duomo. This is a huge Gothic structure made entirely of marble and ornamented with pinnacles, spires, and crests and more than three thousand statues adorn the interior and the exterior. The topmost spire at 108.5 metres (356 feet) bears a magnificent gilded statue of the Madonna. Building began in 1386 and was still unfinished when we were there. It was actually completed in 1965! Twenty years after our visit, I returned to Milano on business and I went again to see the Duomo. This time the crowds were dense and there was no parking anywhere for anyone anywhere near the cathedral. It was hard to imagine then, that Olive and I had once parked our scooter in the gutter outside this magnificent building and again we had left our crash hats on the seats whilst we strolled around the area - we really did!

From the cathedral, with our scooter still parked at the kerbside, we wandered down the glass-roofed galleria of Vittorio Emanuele. This leads to the Piazza della Scala, site of the world's most famous opera house called the Teatro alla Scala, The La Scala Theatre. We couldn't believe we were actually here; it was quite overwhelming to us. Finally it was time for us to try and find our way out of Milano and make our way back to Lugano. We decided to go back via the freeway and off we went. It wasn't long before the heavens opened and torrential rain began to fall. We decided to stop (on the freeway) and shelter under a bridge. Soon there were a lot of other motorists doing the same thing, quite a crowd in fact. Suddenly with a bright flash and a loud bang, lightning struck the bridge. Immediately everyone, us included, took to their vehicles and made their escape as quickly as they could. One minute underneath the bridge was crowded with people sheltering from the rain, the next second there was no one there!

Once more we were on our way and leaving beautiful Lugano was hard, very hard. We had had a wonderful time, the superb mountain scenery forever etched in our minds. Our destination was Montreux on the eastern end of Lake Geneva; quite a big job for a 150cc scooter, us two and all our luggage (including the stove, kettle and teapot!). The most direct route was via the ferry across Lake Maggiore and enter Italy, then a climb up and over the Simplon Pass and then, once more, cross the Swiss border and on to Montreux. I still have a small pennant flag that we bought on the ferry and I now read that the name of the vessel was S. (steamship) Gottard and we travelled from Laveno to Traghetto.

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## 1959 - A holiday of a lifetime (Part 2) *from previous page*

*by Geoff Stokes*

The Simplon climb was an experience we will never forget, mainly because of the magnificent scenery and at the summit we paused to take in the views amid the snow. The height of the pass is 2009 m (6590 ft.) and we cruised over with ease. Our worst experience was the descent because for many kilometres the road surface had been removed for some future repair of the road, making our trip quite hazardous over very slippery gravel. We were descending the mountain when we were overtaken by our first British car of the holiday. The occupants wound down their window and shouted raucous greetings together with real cheers to us in our attempt to cross the pass by scooter (with a UK number plate, of course!!). It was raining when we reached Montreux but the hotel staff took us under their wing and our Lambretta was housed in the manager's garage. We always caused a stir when we came down for dinner at these hotels because most of the guests had seen us arrive in our weather-worn riding jackets and crash hats. When we visited the restaurant in the evening however, we always dressed immaculately, Olive in a dinner dress and I always wore a jacket and tie. This dressing up never failed to get us the best attention that one could have. No more so than in Montreux and a story for you that will be the last of the trip anecdotes.

That first evening in Montreux was very romantic; the view from the restaurant was of the summit of Mount Blanc. As the sun went down the snow on top of the mountain took on a golden glow whilst the rest of the world around us changed into a dusky blue and finally into darkness. The summit stayed dusky pink for quite a while and we admired the ever changing colours; a wonderful experience for us. "Wunderbar", our waitress commented with much aplomb. Dinner must have been a set meal because I remember I suddenly realised the main course was veal and I did not like veal. I don't know why, I think it was because my Mom didn't like it and so we never ate it at home, therefore my flawed logic said I would not like it. Well, we didn't like leaving it and Olive said the veal was absolutely superb and she tried to eat as much of mine as she could and I finished off the huge over-supply of vegetables that came with it to make up for the loss of meat. When the waitress came along to clear the plates she was shocked to see that on my plate I had left (in her eyes) a substantial amount of veal. I tried to explain to her that I was not too fond of veal but she was more than upset at me not getting enough meat. "Man must eat meat," she said, "Man must eat meat," she repeated and off she rushed back to the kitchen. In a few minutes she came back to us with a fresh meal – for both of us. "Man must eat meat," she repeated! The 'new' meal was two huge steaks accompanied by the same over-supply of vegetables as before. We were already full, especially Olive, who had eaten most of my veal dinner in order that the waitress would not think badly of me for leaving most of mine. We struggled to eat all this food for the same reason and nearing the end it was a painful exercise and to this day dear Olly has never forgiven me for putting her on a painful gastronomic spot. A public one at that!

Montreux was very much the resort lakeside town that it professed to be and whilst we were there we did all the things that we could, albeit that the weather was rainy. Soon we were off again and via a short stay in Lausanne, we crossed into France and arrived at the southern French town of Besançon. Here, whilst we were parked, probably we were on our way to get a cup of coffee, a man walking by, pinched Olive's bum! It was such a shock to her when she realised with horror that it wasn't me. By that time the culprit had disappeared into the crowd, delighted with himself I am sure!

Over the next two or three days we travelled north westwards through to Reims and on to Amiens on the Somme. It was here that we saw how all the thousands of war graves in the area were so beautifully kept. Somewhere near and, at that time we really didn't know where, would have been the grave of Olive's uncle Albert, her father's brother, killed in France at the age of eighteen years in the First World War. It would be another thirty odd years onward when, with the advent of computers, the technology allowed us to easily find Albert's details and resting place.

At one evening meal we had fresh asparagus as an entrée before the main meal: it was presented alone with a large knob of butter and, we were told, it should be eaten with the fingers – delicious. Little did we know then, that one day we would live in a town that was called 'Australia's Asparagus Country', that is Koo-Wee-Rup, the town in which we have our present home. Another memory was eating breakfast somewhere, on a balcony in the warm sunshine and a later memory was when we were in Le Touquet, eating beautiful French cooked fresh langoustines with hollandaise sauce for dinner.

Soon we were on the airplane and in no time at all we were landing at Lydd. Within five or six hours we chugged into Beachcroft Road in Wall Heath and into our drive at Kynance, number 46. Ray and Jean were the first to greet us and, together with our parents, relatives and later our workmates, they all said how brave we were and that they were so glad to see us back safe and sound; especially my Mom! Remember there were no instant phones, Skype, Zoom or social media in those innocent days of 1959.

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## Pilates at Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service (KRHS)

### First session is FREE

We are finally starting back with group sizes limited to 7 participants in the Hewitt ECO House at KRHS. Access is from Rossiter Rd on the western side of the community garden. **Classes start at 6 pm on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December followed by 9 am on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December.** We will break for 2 weeks over Christmas returning again on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January for a summer program if there is sufficient interest.

Pilates is great in this COVID Recovery period, as it allows each individual to work at their own pace, as we have progression of exercises which is really important after not doing much for many months. Injury prevention is important. We want to progress as our own body allows concentrating on strength, balance and core engagement.

A **free first session**, allows you to decide if this type of exercise suits you. Bring your own mat, if you have one, and it's better for hygiene, or a towel, plus a water bottle and wear comfortable clothes.

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The poster features silhouettes of people in various Pilates poses at the top. Below them is the Kooweerup Regional Health Service logo. The main text reads 'Pilates Summer 2020' in large, bold letters, with 'First Class Free' underneath. A photograph of a rolled-up white mat is shown in the bottom left corner. The text on the right side provides details about the program, including timing, location, and cost.

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12 Days of online Christmas in Cardinia starts on Monday 7 December and runs through to Friday 18 December with a festive event taking place each day. Each event will be posted as a video on [Cardinia Shire Council's Facebook Page](#) where it can be viewed and re-watched at any time.

The program includes:

- Monday 7 December: Gingerbread Workshop (Part 1)
- Tuesday 8 December: Christmas Sing-along Workshop (Part 1)
- Wednesday 9 December: Kids Christmas Virtual Show: The Best Christmas Ever!
- Thursday 10 December: An Evening with Young Musos
- Friday 11 December: Friday Night Sounds
- Saturday 12 December: Christmas Community Carols
- Sunday 13 December: Gingerbread House Workshop (Part 2)
- Monday 14 December: Christmas Cooking Stories
- Tuesday 15 December: Christmas Sing-along Workshop (Part 2)
- Wednesday 16 December: Kids Christmas Virtual Show: We're all Superheroes!
- Thursday 17 December: An Evening with Young Musos
- Friday 18 December: Friday Night Sounds

To wrap up Christmas in Cardinia, from Friday 18 to Sunday 20 December, the Cardinia Cultural Centre will come alive with a fun and interactive digital projection to celebrate the Christmas spirit! Residents can drive or wander by between 8.30pm and 10.30pm each night to take in the spectacular display across the front of the building.

*Please note that our Christmas Art Projection events will be run in-line with Victorian Government COVID-19 restrictions. Residents must not attend if they are unwell and must comply with all instructions as directed by staff.*

For more information about the current restrictions, visit [www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au](http://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au)

For more information about Christmas in Cardinia or to download the full program, visit Council's website at [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/christmasincardinia](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/christmasincardinia) or call Council's Customer Service Team on 1300 787 624.

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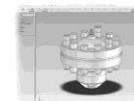
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## The latest info from the Community Advisory Committee

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 {CAC} is to provide the Koo-Wee-Rup Regional Health Service (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.

But this does not stop the committee members from being available to the public to help with any problems they may have with KRHS or its services. The CAC will listen closely to these community During this time of the Covid pandemic the CAC has been unable to meet for its regular meetings members 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.

All of the members of the Committee have been informed about the current Covid-19 lock-down circumstances and rules within KRHS. One thing is very clear; if you personally show any of the symptoms of the Covid-19 virus then the advice from everywhere and it is also a strong Public Health message, is to contact your doctor, **Get Tested** and isolate yourself immediately. A test can be done very quickly at the pop-up testing site at the Community Centre in Koo-Wee-Rup. The open hours are from 12:30 pm to 2:30pm Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The facility will be manned by nurses from the Koo-Wee-Rup Regional Health Service.

It will now be the New Year of 2021 when the committee can once again meet face to face. Hopefully, by then all things will be almost back to normal. The KRHS will have a new CEO as well because, as you surely know, Frank Megans our current CEO has resigned his position to lead him into his retirement. We will all miss Frank very much. He has been a magnificent leader for our committee, together with all his other successful important work throughout the whole aspect of KRHS involvement with the public. Frank has also woven a warm friendship into his interactions with many others over the years and we shall all miss him very much. Thank you Frank.

The Committee has also been very much involved with the "Get Active Koo Wee!" project created by the KRHS. The object of this program is to put personal physical activity into every day of life and this can improve our mental health, help us to stay well in our older years and increase the levels of our happiness. By moving more and sitting less we can seriously reduce the risk of ill health. A very interesting and useful guide has been produced to help you make the most of the walk-ability of Koo-Wee-Rup and to make a few more friends when you are out and about along the way. This guide will help you make the most of the walking and cycling tracks and public space as well as information about recreational physical activity, sports and even community gardening within and around Koo-Wee-Rup. The guide is available at the KWR Post Office, most of our local cafés, the Bendigo Bank and the Community Centre.

Now ... Remember - 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 reception on 5997 9679 or Geoff Stokes on 0435 085 002. Or you can email: [geoffreystokes@geoffstokes.com](mailto:geoffreystokes@geoffstokes.com) Your email will be acknowledged.

*Geoff Stokes*



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- [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/floods](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/floods)
- <https://www.redcross.org.au/getprepared>
- [www.understandinsurance.com.au](http://www.understandinsurance.com.au)

### Cardinia Shire Council

Phone: 1300 787 624

Email: [mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au](mailto:mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au)

Web: [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au)

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131 450 (ask for 1300 787 624)



## Koo Wee Rup RSL Sub Branch Report

With RSL Victoria not encouraging RSL sub Branches to carry out any form of Remembrance Day Services due to the uncertainties of the rules governing such public gatherings, however I felt that even if we did as much as was done on this year's Anzac Day, it would be far better than nothing. The feedback I was receiving is that there was more than enough confusion on the Covid 19 website to deter some of the primary schools from sending a representative. The feeling of wishing to have done more and should have done better will not leave me, on the other hand to have done more would have involved more people and thereby putting them at risk.

I have much gratitude to all those who were present to pay their respects and to all those who were with us in spirit.

The Koo Wee Rup RSL Remembrance Day Community Spirit Awards were presented to the following:

KWR Secondary College - Lilly Howes

KWR Primary School - Charlie Sheen

St John the Baptist Primary School - Charli Kruizinga

Tooradin Primary School - Taya Johnson and Hayden Veness

Bayles Regional Primary School - Hailey Huntingford

Cardinia Primary School - Angus Barrett

Excellent work and congratulations to all the above students, please keep up the good work and we are mindful of those who just missed out on the award.

As I will not have another opportunity may I, on behalf of all our members, wish everyone a safe, joyful and holy Christmas as we look forward to celebrating the birth of our Lord and Saviour. May God's richest blessing, His truest joys and His most tender guidance be yours at Christmas and always.

We Will Remember Them

*Yours Aye, John Camilleri, 5629 4242*

## Koo Wee Rup Senior Citizens Club

*Icke Road, Koo Wee Rup*

Hello to all members.

The club will not be reopening until the new year. No time has been set as we wait on instructions from the Cardinia Shire council. It has been a long haul and we have missed your company. We will let you know when we are reopening.

I would personally like to thank Dianne I for our wonderful gardens at the club, a great effort, also everyone who helps run the club throughout the year.

Wishing you a healthy and peaceful Christmas time.

Best wishes from the Committee.

Dianne D

### All enquiries

Dianne D 0419 405 404

Diane K 0408 663 655

Cardinia Shire Council

## Is your property or business in an area prone to flooding?

Council is working with Victorian State Emergency Service (VICSES) to raise awareness about the dangers of flooding. Residential and business properties can be impacted in severe storms or floods. Find out if your property is at risk – go to [www.ses.vic.gov.au](http://www.ses.vic.gov.au) and click on 'Local Flood guides'.



### Prepare for potential flooding

- ✓ Create a *written plan* – download a plan template from [www.ses.vic.gov.au](http://www.ses.vic.gov.au)
- ✓ *Connect* with your neighbours – being connected to members of your community will help you and your neighbours get through emergencies with more resilience.
- ✓ Check your *insurance* is adequate – reduce stress by ensuring you have enough insurance to recover after a flood or other natural disaster.
- ✓ Pack an *evacuation kit* – in a severe flood, your home may be damaged and access may be restricted; pack a kit of essentials, including clothing and medication.

*Be ready to deal with possible flooding – have a plan, know what to do, and know where to find information in any emergency.*



It's time to get out and about and enjoy time with others. Outlook Community Centre's friendly and welcoming walking groups are a great way to enjoy the sites and make new friends while getting some exercise. If you have never been part of a walking group you don't know what you're missing, so why not give it a go? All groups are free so all you need is some time. To book you can go onto our website to enrol online, phone us or drop into the Centre. We look forward to seeing you soon!

**HOW TO ENROL IN A PROGRAMME:** - **In Person:** 24 Toomuc Valley Road, Pakenham, **Online:** [www.outlookvic.org.au](http://www.outlookvic.org.au), **Telephone:** 5940 4728, **Email:** [communitycentre@outlookvic.org.au](mailto:communitycentre@outlookvic.org.au)

#### **Toomuc Valley Walkers**

Walk your way through local parklands to improve fitness. Group caters for walkers of all levels.

**Every Tuesday. Meet at gazebo on Princes Highway opposite Toomuc Valley Road. 9.30am - 10.30am. Cost FREE**

#### **Cardinia Wanderers**

A walk that is a bit more challenging and longer in distance. Get some exercise whilst exploring different places each week. Look after your health and wellbeing whilst making new friends along the way. These walks are over 5km.

**Every Wednesday. Meet at Outlook at 9.30am. Cost FREE. (Bring or buy own lunch)**

#### **Marketplace Walkers**

Pakenham Central Marketplace is a great place to walk because it is a sheltered indoor space, free from traffic and bad weather. Suitable for all ages and abilities.

**Every Friday. Meet at Pakenham Central Marketplace. 8.00am - 9.00am. Cost FREE**

#### **Saturday Walking Group for Seniors**

This is a local walk which includes a stop at the coffee shop for a free cuppa and a chat with your fellow walkers.

**Every Saturday. Meet at Lakeside Lake by Cultural Centre at 9.30am. Cost FREE**



## Acting against gender-based violence

Cardinia Shire Council is encouraging community members to continue to work together to call out gender inequality, sexism and violence against women this November and December.

25 November is International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women - it's also the first day of the United Nation's 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence. Coinciding with this campaign is Respect Victoria's 'Respect Women: Call it out' initiative, which also runs from 25 November to 10 December. The initiative, which Council supports, encourages Victorians to call out sexism, sexual harassment and disrespect towards women.

As part of the campaign, Council received funding from the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) to assist in promoting gender equality. Using the funds, Council, in partnership Together We Can – Family Violence Action Team with Respect Victoria, have developed 300 A3 stickers which will be temporarily placed on Council rubbish bins around the Shire. The stickers encourage community members to 'treat everyone as an equal' and provide the contact details of family violence support services.

Violence against women affects women's well-being and prevents them from fully participating in society. It impacts on families, the community and the nation. On average one woman a week in Australia is killed by an intimate partner. Locally, 1,303 incidents per 100,000 population were reported to police between June 2019-20, which is an almost 11% increase when compared to the previous year.

Cardinia Shire Council Mayor Cr Brett Owen said Council was committed to preventing violence against women through raising awareness and working with the community and service providers to implement prevention strategies.

"Violence against women is a preventable problem, and its impact can be reduced by changing the factors that contribute to violence, whether they are attitudes, behaviours, institutions or social structures," Cr Owen said. "Violence against women happens everywhere in Australia, including in Cardinia Shire. We need the whole community to be involved to prevent family violence and support those impacted. It is everyone's business to do something about this issue. We acknowledge that domestic violence can affect all family members including women, men, non-binary and trans people, as well as children. We encourage people to reach out if they need help."

- For more information about Respect Victoria's 16 Days of Activism campaign, visit [www.respectvictoria.vic.gov.au](http://www.respectvictoria.vic.gov.au)
- For more information about Together We Can, visit Council's website at [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/familyviolence](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/familyviolence) or call 1300 787 624.

*If you are currently experiencing family violence, and it is an emergency, dial 000 and ask to speak to the police.*

*For support services and family violence information, visit the Family Violence section in our Coronavirus Online Help Hub [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/coronavirus](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/coronavirus)*

## Koo Wee Rup Bowls Club

Club members are saddened to learn of the passing of Margaret Scullin on 26.10.20. Margaret's health had not been too good for a few years which restricted the amount of bowls she played. A popular member who will be missed. Condolences to her family. Former member Kon Kormas recently lost his "battle" with pancreatic cancer. Kon was a very popular member who supported our Club both as a member at Pakenham BC before transferring to KooWeeRup BC a number of years ago. Always laughing and rapidly talking to you he was very hard to understand once he "got going". Kon did not play much bowls over the past 2-3 years due to his health problems. Yet another death of one of our members when Brian Potter passed away suddenly but peacefully on 4<sup>th</sup> Nov. A member for only 3 years, Brian was an extremely popular Club member but due to health problems was restricted to the amount of bowls he had played recently. He was looking forward to playing again this season. Deepest sympathy to his family.



It appears that we are "up and running" again although some restrictions are still enforced. The Pennant competitions will commence on 1/12/20 [Tuesday] & 5/12/20 [Saturday]. There is a copy of playing dates in the Club rooms. With the situation of lockdown, practice matches were impossible to arrange so if you can go to the Club and have some practice. We are looking for new members to join and possibly play pennant as we have entered 2 Saturday teams {24 players} and 2 Tuesday teams {20 players}. If you are interested in trying the game either competitively or just learning please contact the Club on 5997.1266 or call in generally there is at least some of our members in attendance.

You may have played elsewhere and would like to take the game up again you will be most welcome. The Club hopes to conduct a membership drive shortly, but don't wait until then contact us as soon as possible.

Rex Alexander 5997 1266

## Cardinia Cultural Centre Gallery reopened

Cardinia Shire Council has reopened the Cardinia Cultural Centre Gallery to the public, in line with the Victorian Government's COVID-19 restrictions being eased.

Cardinia Cultural Centre's art gallery will have slightly reduced opening hours from 10am until 3pm Tuesday to Sunday. The customer service desk and Box Office remains closed, however a gallery attendant will be on site during opening hours.

The current exhibition titled *Looking Back, Looking Forward: The Art of Cardinia Shire* is a collection of visual artworks that are ordinarily housed in various buildings throughout Cardinia Shire and are rarely seen together on public display in an exhibition.

Artworks depict a range of local Cardinia Shire landscapes, architecture, flora and fauna, as well as some impressive abstract and still life pieces.

*Looking Back, Looking Forward: The Art of Cardinia Shire* is on display to the public at Cardinia Cultural Centre, Lakeside Boulevard, Pakenham. This exhibition is jointly curated by Cardinia Arts Society, Emerald Arts Society and Cardinia Shire Council. Entry is free.



The Cardinia Cultural Centre Café is open Monday to Wednesday, 9am-4pm (kitchen closes at 3pm) and Thursday to Sunday 9am-3pm (breakfast and lunch menu) and from 5pm for dinner (kitchen closes at 8.30pm).

Lunch pick-ups and takeaway is available 7 days a week with dinner pickup and deliveries Thursday to Sunday 5pm-8.30pm.

Meeting and event enquiries can be made via the Cardinia Cultural Centre website [www.cardiniaculturalcentre.com.au](http://www.cardiniaculturalcentre.com.au) or by phoning 1300 887 624.

In line with the Victorian Chief Health Officer's guidance, the Cardinia Cultural Centre has implemented a range of public health and physical distancing measures, including the collection of visitor contact information to help keep our community safe. We will continue to monitor operations and follow the advice of the Victorian Chief Health Officer. For more information, visit the Cardinia Cultural Centre website [www.cardiniaculturalcentre.com.au](http://www.cardiniaculturalcentre.com.au)

### Council services

For up-to-date information about Council facilities, services, meetings and events in Cardinia Shire, visit our website at [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/coronavirus](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/coronavirus)

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## Imagine Cardinia! Have your say on the future of your shire

You're invited to share your ideas and priorities to help shape the future of our shire and its communities.

We are working towards developing a number of plans to help guide council's strategic direction over the coming years and this is your chance to get involved, have your say and make a difference.

Cardinia Shire Council is developing the following plans and seeks your input so they can reflect community expectations:

- Council Plan 2021-25
- Community Vision 2040
- Financial Plan 2021-31
- Council Budget 2021-25

If you want to learn more you can attend one of our online information sessions (Monday 7 December 11am, Wednesday 16 December 7:30pm).

You can provide input in a number of ways, including:

- Online @ <http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/imaginecardinia>
- Hardcopy survey in the December edition of Connect magazine or print off the attached
- Postcard survey (postcards have been distributed throughout the community)
- 2021 People's Panel

**The current round of consultation closes on 23 December 2020.** Further opportunities for community input and feedback will be available throughout the plans' development, and it is expected the plans will be considered for adoption by council in June 2021.

### Get Involved in the People's Panel

Council is also calling for expressions of interest for community members to join the 'Imagine Cardinia' People's Panel. We are calling upon everyday community members to imagine a Cardinia that meets the growing and changing needs of our community while addressing our future financial challenges.

The Imagine Cardinia People's Panel will meet online for collaborative workshops and online webinars to further help guide the development of the four strategic plans.

For more information please visit: [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/imaginecardinia](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/imaginecardinia)

If you have any feedback or questions regarding the development of these draft plans, please contact us on 1300 787 624 or [mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au](mailto:mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au).

## Tell us how you Imagine Cardinia!

Share your thoughts and ideas to help us develop the *Community Vision, Council Plan, Financial Plan* and *Council Budget*.

Help create the future of your shire.

**Have your say online at:**  
[www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/imaginecardinia](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/imaginecardinia)

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Round 1 feedback closes 5pm 23 December 2020.



## Cardinia Shire's youth centre reopens

Young people once again have a space to call their own, with My Place, Cardinia Shire's youth centre reopening on Monday 23 November.

Cardinia Shire Council is pleased to announce that My Place will resume operations from next week after it was closed due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The centre will open with new operating hours – from 1.30pm-5pm from Monday to Thursday.

Services available at My Place include:

- information and support
- referrals to external support services as required
- a program room with activities for young people
- an internet café (availability is limited due to COVID-19 restrictions)

My Place is a free service for young people aged 12-24 years in Cardinia Shire.

The centre will be open until 17 December when it closes for the festive season. Watch the [Cardinia Youth Services Facebook page](#) for an announcement about 2021 opening dates.

Victorian Government COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines will be in place and must be adhered to at the centre.

Young people can also get support from our Youth Services team over the phone. Contact the team during business hours (9am to 5pm, Monday-Friday) on 1800 496 884 or by email [myplace@cardinia.vic.gov.au](mailto:myplace@cardinia.vic.gov.au).



## Koo Wee Rup Football Club Juniors

Denhams Road Koo Wee Rup Vic. 3981.

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Email: kwrjfc@gmail.com



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Age groups for season 2021 are:

U8/9's depending on numbers 1/1/2012-30/4/2014 must turn 7 by 30th April to be able to play U8's

U10's Born 1/1/2011-31/12/2011

U12's Born 1/1/2009- 31/12/2010

U14's Born 1/1/2007-31/12/2009

After Junior AGM on 1/11/20 the 2021 committee as follows

President Dwayne Lester.

Vice President Daniel Pirotta

Secretary Amanda Drury.

Treasurer Michelle Perry

Registrar Tamara Kellett

General Committee: Daniel Mullen, Chris Laing, Mick Monckton and Matt Brown

I would like to thank everyone that was involved this season even through we didn't get to any games there was still behind the scenes involvement with league meetings and the like. I would like to thank everyone that has put their hand u to help in season 2021 with out everyone's help the kids would not be able to play for this great family club. If there is anyone else that would like to join committee or just be able to help out please contact me.

Coaching positions for all teams are open for anyone interested.

Any enquires please contact: President Dwayne Lester - 0410 556 581

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## Get Active Koo Wee!

As we come out of lock-down and return to our new normal, this is a great time to get out and about in Koo Wee Rup. Get Active Koo Wee! is a guide to help you make the most of the natural and built environments, plus clubs and groups in this area. You can pick up a free guide at the Bendigo Bank, the Newsagents, the Chandelier Café, Degani's, Lynny's and KRHS reception.

Please visit our website for the latest information on KRHS and COVID-19 restrictions

## Circle of Friends Cookbook

We are creating a community cookbook and need your help! Using stories and photographs to inspire and capture healthy simple recipes from our community, this book will connect to where our food comes from and the local farmers who grow it. If you have a favourite recipe that the family love or that has been in your family for generations we would love to hear about it, including the memories you have relating to your recipe.

Please submit your recipe and story to Jenny, email: [baylissj@krhs.net.au](mailto:baylissj@krhs.net.au) or drop into the Chandelier Café or KRHS Reception.

Any type of recipe or story about food is welcome!



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## Stormy Weather

By Heather Arnold Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society

Here are some reports, from one hundred or so years ago, of fierce storms in the area

### Pakenham & Koo Wee Rup - February 1905

Last night a heavy storm passed over here. The wind blew furiously, and 106 points of rain fell. At Koo-wee-rup South a regular cyclone passed over the place. At the state school two outhouses were blown over and smashed to pieces, and a bedroom window was blown from the head-master's house into the school yard. Some of the weatherboards were also torn off. The school is in an exposed position.

(*The Argus*, February 13, 1905).

### Yannathan - February 1915

On Saturday afternoon last a storm of unprecedented violence swept across the district, and was particularly severe at Yannathan. All day the weather had been threatening, and thunder showers which visited other parts of the district left this locality untouched. But at about 4 o'clock, while about 30 ladies and gentlemen were witnessing a cricket match in Mr Stewart's paddock between the Lang Lang and Yannathan teams, a densely black cloud, lit up constantly by vivid flashes of lightning, was seen approaching from the south-west. When the first drops of rain fell players and spectators left the field for the shelter of the Mechanics' Hall, and while there the storm burst, and for about ten minutes the elements were in almost indescribable tumult. A hurricane blew jinkers about the hall yard, and everything in the shape of boxes and loose timber was lifted by its violence. Then something in the nature of a cloud-burst descended, and rain and pieces of ice fell in such density that looking across towards the Union Church, only a shadowy outline of the building could be seen, and the hall yard was soon under water. Deafening peals of thunder and constant flames of lightning combined with the downpour, and twice the crash of a falling tree was heard. The door of the church being opened, all made a dash from the hall and entered, but were drenched in doing so. As suddenly as it broke, the storm abated, and very little rain fell during the remainder of the afternoon.

At Yallock the storm was also very severe. Mr Bourke, of Monomeith Park, registered 68 points of rain. But, strange to state, practically no rain fell at Lang Lang, while along the coast the storm was of exceptional severity. Near Mr Pearson's it did some damage by washing away the road formation. The hurricane appears to have divided itself into two channels, one sweeping across Cranbourne, Clyde and the Swamp, and culminating at Yannathan in the severest storm ever known there, while the other portion followed a track along the coast.

During the afternoon we regret to state that a young man named Dan Cameron, 17 years of age, employed by Mr W. H. Gardiner, of Yannathan, was struck by lightning and killed instantly. He had been employed off and on by Mr Gardiner for some years past and for the past eight or nine months had been at work constantly at his place. He was out in the paddock, and between 4 and 5 p.m. he was evidently caught in the storm, and found shelter under a tree - a very dangerous situation during the occurrence of lightning. While there he was struck by a lightning flash, and it is thought that death must have been instantaneous, because his hand was found placed behind his back, a favorite attitude of the deceased. The tree under which he had been standing was shattered to pieces and deceased's clothing was torn to shreds, down his breast being a distinct impress of the tree beneath which he was standing. The parents of the deceased, who reside at Beaconsfield, were communicated with, and the interment took place in the Berwick cemetery.

The same afternoon four sheep belonging to Le Roux Bros, at the Red Bluff were struck by lightning and killed.

(*Lang Lang Guardian*, February 24, 1915)

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Who can we help?  
How can you help us?

For more information  
facebook page (Rotary Club of Koo Wee Rup-Lang Lang)  
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## Stormy Weather *from previous page*

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### Yallock - October 1917

During a violent thunder-storm on Sunday afternoon, Mr J. Orchard, of Yallock, had the misfortune to have a horse struck with lightning, and the animal was killed instantly.

*(Lang Lang Guardian, October 17, 1917)*

### Clyde - June 1919

Squally, stormy weather was experienced here during the weekend. On Sunday at about 7.30, the strong N E wind which had been blowing all day increased to a hurricane, and travelling in a south westerly direction, and for a width of about 3 chains carried everything before it. Limbs of trees were seen lying in all directions, and the iron roof of Mr Hunter's barn was lifted bodily, and some of the iron sheets was carried for a distance of 100 yards.

*(South Bourke & Mornington Journal, June 19, 1919)*

### Bayles - May 1928

At 12.30 p.m. today some men working in a butter and cheese factory owned by Sage and Co. Pty. Ltd, Melbourne, heard an extraordinary noise, which appeared to be caused by a sudden roar of wind, ending in a thunderclap. They rushed out of the factory, and as they did so the roof seemed to be lifted bodily and was swept away at a terrific speed. Later on, the greater portion of the tin roof, measuring 60 feet by 20 feet, was found half a mile away. The cyclone was awe inspiring, and struck terror into the hearts of those who witnessed it. The men working in the factory were not injured, and after finding out where the rest of the roof had landed, they returned to work. The machinery was not damaged. The weather had been fine up to the time of the cyclone, but after that it ruined heavily.

*(The Age, May 12, 1928)*

### Bayles and Cora Lynn - May 1928

Shortly after midday on Friday a cyclone, travelling from the coast, passed through Bayles in the direction of Cora Lynn, a few miles from Koo-wee-rup, leaving wreckage in its trail. The roof of Sage and Co.'s butter factory lifted off, and portion carried in the air for half a mile. Stables, in, which horses were feeding, were swept away, haystacks and telegraph poles blown down. The horses in the stable were not harmed.

*(Weekly Times, May 19, 1928)*

We will finish up with not only a storm but an earth tremor - the town of Cardinia is spelt as Kardinia in this report.

### Tooradin - August 1935

About 8 p.m. on Saturday a violent electrical storm at Tooradin was heralded by two distinct earth tremors. During the earlier part of the evening what is described by local residents as an eerie light was visible in the sky to the southward, extending over Bass Strait. At 8 p.m. Mr. J. Conroy, farmer, of Kardinia, seven miles from Tooradin, was sitting at home with one foot on the chimney ledge when he felt the chimney distinctly sway. Doors and windows throughout the house rattled, and about ten minutes after the tremor had subsided the thunderstorm broke. Heavy peals of thunder shook the house, and heavy rain set in, which continued throughout the night.

At Tooradin the earth tremor was also reported by Mr. D. M. Henderson and Mr. McFarlane, the local station master. It was followed almost immediately by the breaking of the thunderstorm. The storm was the most severe experienced in the district for a number of years. The thunder was particularly violent and the lightning of an unusual type. It appeared in the form of a centre of fire, gradually widening laterally until the whole vicinity was illuminated.

Torrential rain fell for about twenty minutes, and then steadied to a downpour, which continued through the night. The storm worked southward, and appeared to lose its intensity over Bass Strait. Rain fell intermittently throughout yesterday, and it was still raining at 6 p.m. Should this continue throughout to-night flood conditions will be imminent. The "canal" and local main drains are already running bankers and cannot accommodate any further falls.

No damage is reported from the earth tremor, which was felt over a wide area. Some settlers in outlying portions report two distinct shocks.

*(The Age, August 5, 1935)*

**The Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society meets on the second Wednesday of each month. At the time of going to press we have not been able to discuss whether we will be holding a meeting on December 9 or whether we will be opening the Museum in December/January. We will put updates on our Facebook page. Heather Arnold [harnold@dcsi.net.au](mailto:harnold@dcsi.net.au) 0407 521 637**

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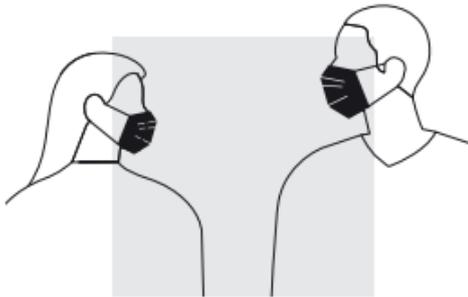
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