

THE KOO WEE RUP BLACKFISH



FEBRUARY 2020

Australia Day 2020

Koo Wee Rup celebrated Australia Day with our annual breakfast and award ceremony. Awards were presented to adults and children who had contributed strongly to their community (*awards details on pages 3-7*). This year our Australia Day ambassador was Richard Rozen OAM, who shared with us stories of his time as a Jewish child hiding from the Nazis in occupied Poland. He told his harrowing story with great humour and grace.

The Township Committee would like to acknowledge all our partners in running the Australia Day event: CWA who ran the kitchen, Lions manning the barbeque, Scouts and RSL for flag raising and national anthem and all our local schools for their support of the awards.

Photos clockwise from right: Richard Rozen OAM, ably assisted by Chase representing young Richard, our award winners, some of our local veterans



The Township Committee Meeting Minutes

The Township held its AGM and monthly meeting on Wednesday, 4 December. Township Meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 5 February at 7:30 pm at the Community Centre. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Meeting opened with a presentation from Michael Casey, Cardinia Shire on the upgraded Tennis Courts and the progress with the new clubrooms. They are finishing works to the clubrooms, hopefully completed by Christmas to start using them in the New Year. The Booking system for the courts has been set up for the eastern two courts. The Tennis Club is using the other two courts. There is currently no charge for the courts, but there is a \$5 fee if the courts are used in the evening when lights are required.

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What's on in Koo Wee Rup and District

February

Tues	1st	Practice Match Vs Somerville	Bowls Club	10am
Sat	1st	Pennant	Bowls Club	1pm
Mon	3rd	Pilates	Eco House at hospital	6pm
Mon	3rd	Dog Walking Group	Bus interchange carpark	6.30pm
Mon	3rd	CWA Meeting	Senior Citizens Club	7.30pm
Tues	4th	Pennant	Bowls Club	10.15am
Tues	4th	Bingo	Senior Citizens Club	7.30pm
Weds	5th	Koo Wee Rup Coffee Club	Royal Hotel	10am
Weds	5th	Koo Wee Rup Township Committee Meeting	Community Centre	7.30pm
Thurs	6th	Heart Foundation Walking Group	Clock Towers	7pm
Fri	7th	KWR Regional Health Service Ladies Auxiliary	Education Room, Hospital	9.30am
Fri	7th	Triples	Bowls Club	10.30am
Fri	7th	Barefoot Bowls	Bowls Club	5.45pm
Sat	8th	Pilates	Eco House at hospital	9am
Sat	8th	Pennant	Bowls Club	1pm
Sun	9th	Bayles Fauna Park Working Bee	Bayles Fauna Park	9am
Mon	10th	Pilates	Eco House at hospital	6pm
Mon	10th	Dog Walking Group	Bus interchange carpark	6.30pm
Tues	11th	Pennant	Bowls Club	10.15am
Tues	11th	Bingo	Senior Citizens Club	7.30pm
Weds	12th	Community Centre Committee Meeting	Community Centre	7.30pm
Thurs	13th	Heart Foundation Walking Group	Clock Towers	7pm
Fri	14th	Barefoot Bowls	Bowls Club	5.45pm
Sat	15th	Pilates	Eco House at hospital	9am
Sat	15th	Pennant	Bowls Club	1pm
Mon	17th	Pilates	Eco House at hospital	6pm
Mon	17th	Dog Walking Group	Bus interchange carpark	6.30pm
Mon	17th	CWA Craft Night	KWR Senior Citizens	7.30pm
Tues	18th	Pennant	Bowls Club	10.15am
Tues	18th	Bingo	Senior Citizens Club	7.30pm
Weds	19th	Koo Wee Rup Coffee Club	Chandelier Café	10am
Thurs	20th	South West Gippsland	Bowls Club	11am
Thurs	20th	Heart Foundation Walking Group	Clock Towers	7pm
Fri	21st	Triples	Bowls Club	10.30am
Fri	21st	Barefoot Bowls	Bowls Club	5.45pm
Sat	22nd	Pennant	Bowls Club	1pm
Sat	22nd	Pilates	Eco House at hospital	9am
Mon	24th	Pilates	Eco House at hospital	6pm
Mon	24th	Dog Walking Group	Bus interchange carpark	6.30pm
Tues	25th	Pennant	Bowls Club	1.015am
Tues	25th	Bingo	Senior Citizens Club	7.30pm
Thurs	17th	Heart Foundation Walking Group	Clock Towers	7pm
Fri	28th	Barefoot Bowls	Bowls Club	5.45pm
Sat	29th	Pilates	Eco House at hospital	9am
Sat	29th	Pennant	Bowls Club	1pm

March

Mon	2nd	Pilates	Eco House at hospital	6pm
Mon	2nd	Dog Walking Group	Bus interchange carpark	6.30pm

HAVE YOU GOT SOMETHING TO SAY?

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

Caroline Roff, Editor

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

Australia Day Award Winners

Grahame Cameron

Every week for many years, Grahame has volunteered his time at the local nursing home. He runs bingo sessions, he accompanies residents on excursions, he cooks his legendary pancakes. Beyond the organised activities, Grahame spends time with the residents, he listens to them, and talks with them.

When asked about Grahame, the responses are universally positive:

'He gives all residents his time'

'He is always happy and upbeat'

'All the residents really like him'

'Nothing is ever too much for him'

Grahame has been a member of the Koo Wee Rup Masonic Lodge for over 30 years. He is the one who quietly calls at the lodge and vacuums the lodge room and foyer and who makes sure he is available to lay a wreath on Anzac Day in memory of lodge members who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Grahame is the sort of person every community needs. Without fuss, or fanfare and without seeking thanks or recognition, Grahame does those things that make life better for other people.

Jocelyn Pohl

Joss is perhaps best known for her role in restarting the Country Women's Association in Koo Wee Rup. In mid 2015 Joss decided that the town needed a CWA, the local branch had closed down in the late 60s. She floated the idea on social media and organised a public meeting to see if there was enough interest to set up a local branch. Over 40 women attended the meeting and the Koo Wee Rup CWA was reborn.

Joss was the inaugural President and is the current secretary and has been the driving force behind much of what the local branch has done. Since reconvening, the branch has, among other things:

- established a scholarship for local students
- worked with the Hospital Ladies Auxiliary on the Scots on the Swamp open days at Harewood House
- been active participants at Music on the Grass each year
- organised a Christmas tree each year at Woolworths decorated by local children
- planted trees each year on National tree day
- Cooked for Blazeaid volunteers after the Bunyip bushfires
- taken on organisation of the Koo Wee Rup market
- catering for events at the Holden Proving ground
- and taken on the organisation of the kitchen on Australia Day

In 2016, Joss organised a high tea which raised over \$1,000 for cancer research and last year raised funds for the heart foundation.

She gives everything her best effort even though her lettuce chopping skills require refinement and her hockey puck scones are legendary.

Joss has the kind of personality that attracts people, she focuses on the good in everyone and gives everyone a go. She inspires, encourages and supports everyone around her to reach for the moon.



Can you help?

I live in Wales UK, in 1979/1980 3 people from Koo wee rup stayed with me while shooting off into Europe.

Their names are Peter Jill and Jenny, I don't have surnames I'm sorry.

At that time I was employed as a Firefighter for 32 years, I would love to find out if they are ok.

I cannot think of any other links to go on.

Can you help please.

Thank you,

John Griffiths

johngriffiths747@googlemail.com

Australia Day Award Winners

Koo Wee Rup Primary School

Charlotte Cameron

Charlotte is a well-respected and devoted member of our school community. She is an excellent role model for other students in the class, showing great respect for staff, her peers and independence towards her learning. Charlotte is a great asset in the classroom as well as community and enjoys sharing her learning, giving instructions to the class and helping her peers. To her credit Charlotte is a self-motivated and eager learner, listening to instructions, applying herself to all tasks and completing her work to a high standard. She demonstrates empathy and understanding towards all students and is a kind friend to all. Charlotte should be extremely proud of the effort she puts in each and every day and the wonderful outcomes she has achieved.



Hannah Grange

Hannah is a remarkable young person from our school community. Early in 2019, she took the initiative to raise much needed funds for the Royal Children's Hospital through a small business venture making hair scrunchies, with her younger sister, and selling them in the community.

She has a great sense of family pride, as illustrated through her desire to become a House Captain, following in the footsteps of her admired father and her brother. In 2020, Hannah has indeed been appointed as House Captain, owing to her ability to lead others through her positive choices and focus on making fantastic decisions in the best interest of all in our school community.

A committed learner, Hannah also seeks to improve and to excel in all areas of learning. She is incredibly focused and fiercely determined to improve in all she pursues. A gifted writer, Hannah willingly shares her expertise and assumes a mentor role to her peers. Hannah is a keen participant in Tae Kwon Do in the local community, setting herself the goal to achieve her black belt and mapping out the steps to success.

Hannah is a popular, admired and determined member of our school community who we are extremely proud to see acknowledged today. Congratulations to this wonderful ambassador of our school, whose future is incredibly bright.



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Australia Day Award Winners

Bayles Regional Primary School

Tiger Murray

Tiger demonstrates the utmost respect and care towards her teachers and peers. She is a lovely student who strives to do her best at all times. She persists with difficult tasks and is developing independence and confidence. The other students in our class have stated that Tiger is a genuinely kind friend and a wonderful role model to others. She is heavily involved in the local CFA and is a great leader in this organisation. She is the perfect recipient for this reward and we are proud that you are a student at Bayles Regional Primary School.



Oscar Fisher

Oscar demonstrates consistently excellent manners and empathy for others. He cares for his teachers and peers and encourages others to reach their personal best. He is a creative student who enjoys working collaboratively with his peers. He is heavily involved in the local scouts and is a great leader in this organisation. Oscar is a leader amongst his peers and always holds himself and his friends to a high standard of respectful behaviour. He has a strong sense of fairness, and right from wrong. We couldn't be more proud of you Oscar.



St John the Baptist Primary School

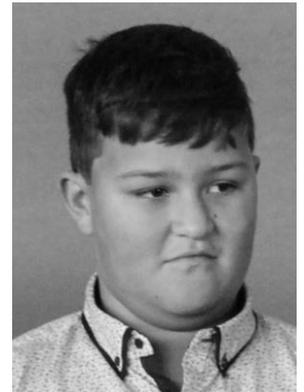
Patrick Noble

Patrick's caring demeanour makes him a friend to all. He is an exceptional student in every way –actively participating in all class and extra-curricula activities. Patrick is thoughtful, kind and considerate. Patrick displays drive and ambition to improve his knowledge. He is a credit to himself, his family and the St John's School Community, and as such, he is undoubtedly a worthy recipient of a Koo Wee Rup Junior Citizen Award.



Erica Condron

Erica is dedicated to her school and schooling. She supports the ethos of the school at every opportunity. Erica is an all-round positive person. She shows a sincere concern for others in the school community, happily assisting those in need. On a community level, Erica is involved in local clubs, including dancing. She can be very proud of her participation, attitude and effort. Erica is a worthy recipient of a Koo Wee Rup Junior Citizen Award.



Cardinia Primary School

Cooper Glover

Cooper is a local Cardinia Student. Cooper and his family help out at School Working Bees. He is a very hard worker, always trying to put in his very best effort. He is always enthusiastic to participate in all sporting events and is a great sport. Cooper was elected as the 2020 School Captain at Cardinia Primary School.



Emily Harris

Emily is a cheerful and happy member of the school. Emily has an extremely positive attitude towards her learning and thoroughly enjoys learning new concepts. She strives to do her best; her work is always presented to a very high standard. Emily participates actively during sports sessions and proudly represents the school in Inter School Sports. Emily was elected as the 2020 School Captain at Cardinia Primary School.





MEET YOUR MATCH! TIPS FOR FINDING 'THE ONE' – A REAL ESTATE AGENT YOU'LL LOVE!

Are you looking for "the one" this Valentine's Day? You know, someone who will be attentive to your wants and needs, always communicating openly with you and being there for you whenever you call? Yes? Well, then you've come to the right place!

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1. **Go prospecting.** When it comes to Real Estate Agents, you may not always find love at first sight. Talk with 3-4 Agents before you decide that you've found the perfect person to work with.
2. **Ask about their past.** Question prospective Agents about their experience, their familiarity of the area and their knowledge of the market. This may give you a good indication of their skills and capabilities.
3. **Take advice from your friends and family members.** To help 'set you up' with the right Agent, get referrals from friends, family members or even co-workers.
4. **Embrace the online scene.** To help you find "the one", scan an Agent's professional social media sites. It is a great way to get a feel for their professionalism, reputation and current client experiences.
5. **Meet their "friends".** The right Agent should be able to put you in touch with trusted service providers like conveyancers, lenders or valuers who can help you through the sale's process.
6. **Trust your instincts.** Whoever makes you feel the most comfortable and motivated about your future home sale or purchase may be the one that's right for you. The bottom line for falling in love with an Agent that will help you with all your real estate needs? Trust your instincts!
7. **Open communication.** This is true for all types of relationships! For a successful partnership with your Agent, they need to keep the communication lines open and return your calls promptly.

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Australia Day Award Winners

Koo Wee Rup Secondary College

Madisson Brzezowski

Madisson is an outstanding student who consistently strives for her Personal Best.

Academically she was the top student in Year 9 last year. She is part of the SEAL program for gifted students and within this program consistently performs at the highest level and has won several academic prizes and scholarships. Her teachers enjoy having her in the class because she genuinely wants to learn as much as possible, thrives on being extended and is fully involved in her studies. She demonstrates a very responsible attitude by always being prepared and organised for class. She always shows respect towards staff and other students and she consistently maintains a positive attitude to all tasks and asks questions to enhance her learning. Madisson is also prepared to undertake programs outside of her comfort zone and worked very well with other students and the staff in the alternative program last year. In the future she would like to study law. In her spare time she loves dancing and performing in dance concerts, she sings, she works at a newsagent and she enjoys helping run parties. It is wonderful to see a young student 'seize the day' and take advantage of as many opportunities as possible. She is a great credit to the school, her family and herself.



Samantha Turner

Samantha was noted by her coordinators as a very worthy recipient of this award because of her personal values and her great willingness to support and help others.

She gives everything her absolute best and always tries her heart out. She is prepared to go out of her comfort zone and last year willingly threw herself into the circus skills and martial arts programs in Year 9. She is really supportive and encouraging of her classmates and peers, is very respectful to everyone and has developed excellent communication skills with people of various ages. She has shown considerable initiative when interacting with others and consistently striven to be a resilient and positive person. She readily seeks help when needed and has worked exceptionally well. The Year 9 team leaders loved working with her and watching her have a great year. She is a great credit to the school, her family and herself.



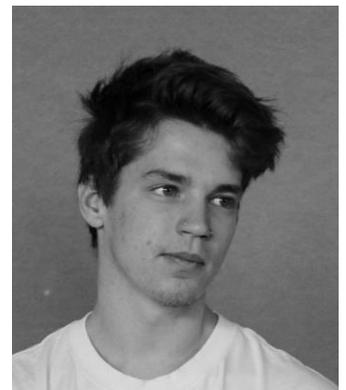
Lexey Klaster

Lexey Klaster has been an outstanding contributor to the College, particularly in Year 12. She received the following commendations: Sportsperson of the Year, Flinders House Achievement Award, Flinders Invest In Your Best Award Term 2 and held the following leadership roles - Flinders House Captain & a SRC member. She achieved honours in Physical Education & received recognition of endeavour in English and Physical Education. She was involved in many extra-curricular activities including making it to State Athletics in Hurdles, Southern Metropolitan Region Australian Rules Football, Southern Metropolitan Region Cross Country, Division Hockey, Netball, Swimming, Volleyball & a driving force for her house in the Music Festival. Lexey is a mature and independent young lady who possesses all the skills needed to be successful in the field of nursing.



Edward Harrison

Ned Harrison has been a fantastic part of the College community, particularly in Year 12. He received the following commendations: Senior Learning Community Coordinator award, Sturt House Achievement Award, Sturt Invest In Your Best Award Term 1 & 2 and held the following leadership roles - Sturt House Captain, Bus Captain & a SRC member. He achieved honours in Physical Education & was dux of 2 subjects (VET: Music Performance Dux in 2018 and Physical Education) & received recognition of endeavour in Further Mathematics and Physical Education. He was involved in many extracurricular activities including making it to State Athletics in the 200m event, Southern Metropolitan Region Australian Rules Football & Baseball, Southern Metropolitan Region Cricket Quarter Final, Division Cross Country, House Swimming Sports Participation & House Music Festival. Ned is hoping to get into the exercise and sport science field which he is passionate about.



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The Book-a-Court online booking system requires you to register the first time you register but then each time after that it will remember your details, you are issued with a code that allows you access to the courts for the period you have booked.

Once the courts are handed over to the Tennis club, it will be up to them to set any usage fees.

Opening day on Saturday 7 December when the courts will be handed over to the Tennis Club. A formal opening of the courts and clubhouse will be held once the clubrooms are completed.

The Tennis club is looking for new members and will be promoting the club at the opening day.

Cr Ray Brown reported that

- 4Cs had held a BBQ to thank the people who had helped them over the years. The Salvation Army is filling the void and council officers are helping with the transfer.

- Off leash areas have been approved for works to commence in 2019/20 and completed in 2020/21. Koo Wee Rup has been designated as a Regional Park and will include fencing, seating, water and agility equipment. The Township Committee will be asked for input before the plans are finalised.



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- Road maintenance has been improved with the addition of two more graders. Council is also developing a new source of crushed rock that includes granite and basalt. The process will remove the existing surface, which will be combined with the new surface and then reapplied.

- Jeff Springfield has been elected by councillors as the New Mayor of Cardinia Shire.

- The Main Street accommodation to assist women escaping domestic violence has been opened.

- The Cardinia Life basketball courts have been very hot and fans are to be installed to assist with ventilation.

- Lang Lang is proposing a rearing horse statue for the town to commemorate the town's associations with the Rodeo. A location is yet to be selected.

- Cardinia Shire is reviewing the Burning Off Policy

Some of the questions being asked as part of the review include:

Is there enough information for residents to burn off safely?

In your opinion how are we as residents prepared for bush fires?

Is everybody aware of other services offered by council regarding disposing of green waste?

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The Township Committee Meeting Minutes *(from previous page)*

Questions for Councillor Brown

The shelter over the BBQ at Bayles has still not been replaced. Ray will follow up

The Skip from the circus is still in Cochrane Park. Report directly to council via web page or customer phone number.

Are the roundabouts on Rossiter Road due to be mown? They are on the mowing program.

There is a car in the drain at Manks Road roundabout.

Helena Moloney from the Shire's Community Strengthening Team reported that:

- The HaveYourSay page on the Council webpage is to be replaced by a new Creating Cardinia webpage. This new web portal will assist council to manage input from community consultation.
- The Township committee elected at the AGM in November will be formally endorsed by council at the next council meeting. (Secretary's note: We received confirmation from Helena that the endorsement was approved on Monday 9Th December 2019)

The Men's Shed Committee has been reviewing the Music on the Grass event. One item of feedback received was regarding the continual queue for food, and how cheap the food was, prices may be increased a little next year.

The Shed is still seeking more members. Membership is open to all men in the community.

Dragline Sign:

The sign has been updated with a map of the Koo Wee Rup Swamp area and information reviewed and updated. Rob and Frank are following up quotes for making and installing the sign.

Police Report to Township Committee

Burglaries: There were a total of 4 Burglaries.

2 of these occurred on business premises in Station Street. On both occasions entry was forced overnight and a quantity of cash was taken.

A third burglary occurred on Koo Wee Rup Stock Feed. A large quantity of various farm products to the value of \$23000.00 were stolen.

The 4th burglary occurred on an unoccupied farm property on Dalmore Road.

Thefts (Shopsteal):

There were 2 incidents of theft of alcohol which were most likely related. One occurred at BWS and one at the Royal Hotel. Both offences were captured on CCTV and police are following up a number of leads. On both occasions the offenders walked into the shop, selected a quantity before walking out to a waiting car described as a blue coloured commodore.

Theft from Motor vehicles:

There were two counts of thefts where number plates were stolen from vehicles parked in the street. The thefts occurred on the same night and may be related.

It is a good time to remind people that one way screws are available at no charge from most police stations and can be easily fitted to most cars.

If anyone has information in relation to any of these offences they can contact the Koo Wee Rup Police on 5997 1404 or Crime Stoppers on: 1800 333 000.

Family Violence Incidents: Police also respondent to 11 reported incidents of Family Violence.

DOCUMENT SIGNING: We are endeavouring to have some- one at the station at least one day per week to assist with document signing and any non urgent matters that people want to report personally. I would encourage the community to call the station: 5997 1404 to see if anyone is in attendance. If the matter can't wait then there are JP's available at both Pakenham and Cranbourne Police Stations to assist. Hours of JP's being available vary so it will pay to call ahead to see if one is available: Phone Number" Pakenham: 5945 2500. Cranbourne: 5991 0600.

NON URGENT ENQUIRIES:

A reminder that to seek non urgent Police assistance members of the public can now call the Police Assistance Line rather than calling the local police at Koo Wee Rup. 000 is still to be utilised for matters requiring urgent police assistance.

In closing I hope everyone has a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

Kevin ILES | Sergeant 27809, Station Commander | Koo Wee Rup Police



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Maria (Mary) Bucello Born 18-2-1961 Entered Eternal Life 29-12-2019

St John the Baptist Church at Koo wee rup was packed to capacity with over 500 mourners attending the funeral and burial of Maria (Mary) Bucello on Friday the 10th of January, 2020. The church was adorned beautifully with flowers which Mary loved and was decorated with her favourite colours and variety.

Mary was born on the 18th of February, 1961 in Koo wee rup. She was one of four children born to Nunzia and Giuseppe Bucello. Mary was dearly loved by her brothers



Vince, Lou and Roberto, sister- in-law Lucy, niece Christine, nephews Joseph and Steven, her aunties, uncles, cousins and everyone who knew her.

Mary attended St. John's Primary School and then Koo wee rup High School. Whilst at St. John's, Mary became close friends with the O'Hehir girls, Therese, Julie and Sandra. They played junior netball together and participated in the Girl Guides. Edna, the girls' mother was like a second mother to Mary and the family would often take her with them to San Remo for holidays.

There is a television show named Everybody Loves Raymond ... he needs to step aside as proven by the number of people who filled the church "Everybody Loves Mary"..

In 1986 Mary set sail on a Pacific Cruise with her friend Anna Lo Giusto. The girls thoroughly enjoyed themselves, so much so that in 1989 Mary set off on a Contiki trip courageously on her own to Europe. Her travels took her to many interesting places and she then enjoyed 6 weeks with relatives in Sortino and Carlentini.

Mary lived in Koo wee rup until 1997 when Lou purchased an asparagus farm and they moved to Dalmore.

Mary had a great faith in God and was deeply religious. She was a much loved parishioner at St. John's and attended Sunday Mass every weekend where she was always up for a chat to parishioners. After Mass, Mary and Roberto would always plant, water and tend to the flowers at the garden beds at the St. Sofia Shrine

Mary began a career with Medicare in January 1979 in the processing centre in Dandenong. This job eventually took her to the Melbourne office which resulted in early train trips to the city every day. At Bourke Street, Mary was part of the claims team until her boss suggested that she would be great on the phones as she had much empathy. He was right, she received a State and National Award for Service Excellence. In January 2019, Mary completed 40 years' service and a presentation was made to commemorate this milestone. Fifty of her current and former colleagues attended the funeral including heads of department.

Her work colleagues said of her: "Mary grew up in the absence of technology. Her eagerness to adapt and learn was to be admired. She is sweet and bubbly and helps around the workplace whenever she can. She is very, very patient and we love her calm personality." Whilst in hospital, Mary was presented with a book of get-well messages by her work colleagues in particular: "When I think of all the people that brighten up my day, your face comes to mind in such a positive way. Your smile so sincere, and always full of love, You must have been sent, as an earth angel from above."

When Mary was in hospital, she would tell her visitors that she wanted a big welcome home party. When Lou asked her where she wanted the party and who was paying for it, she quickly replied, "You're not doing asparagus, clean out the packing shed and you can pay for it." The welcome home party was not to be, but the family asked the mourners join the family for refreshments at the Springvale Cemetery after the funeral. Mary would have insisted.

In 1984, Mary developed Hodgkin's lymphoma, and this was treated with radiotherapy. In 1991, the cancer returned and she required chemotherapy. She remained under the care of the Peter MacCullum Cancer Centre for 35 years for regular checks and was cancer free.

In July 2019, Mary made an appointment with her local doctor as she had been complaining of shortness of breath. Test results indicated issues with her platelet count and an angiogram revealed the need for a triple bypass. She developed complications and remained in hospital for almost 6 months.

Mary displayed incredible courage and strength during the period that she was in hospital. Even in the face of adversity, when asked how she felt, she always replied 'good' or 'very good'. A few weeks before she passed away, she said to Nellie, her cousin who had read the Eulogy.. "I'm so happy today, I had 11 visitors and my cousins came to visit."

The family would like to thank each and everyone who made Mary "so happy". Please know that your visits, phone calls, cards, gifts, messages, kind words and best wishes all made a difference. It was so important that we gave back to Mary the kindness, love and support that she showed us throughout her life.

Mary will be missed by everyone who knew her. May she now rest in peace in Gods' care.



TURNINGPOINT CHURCH KOO WEE RUP PRESENTS

KOO WEE 4 KIDZ

Term Dates:

7th Feb
21st Feb
6th March
20th March



Come & join us for games, craft, music & lots of fun!



KIDS PROGRAM

Every fortnightly Friday (School Term)
6-8pm \$3 a child
KWR Secondary College Gym
345-357 Rossiter Rd
Koo Wee Rup VIC 3981



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT PATRINA ON 0478 030 094

Ladies Connect Group

Chat & Chew

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Tuesday 10am
(during the school term)

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January 2020

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

Our calls since the last report were:

- 28/11/2019 – Car Fire – Five Mile Rd Koo Wee Rup
- 28/11/2019 – Car Fire – Dalmore Rd Tooradin
- 6/12/2019 – Possible house Fire Harkers Rd Caldermeade
- 7/12/2019 – Grass and Scrub Fire Harkers Rd Caldermeade
- 11/12/2019 – Driving Santa around town to give out lollies 😊
- 17/12/2019 – Burnoff smouldering – Rossiter Rd Koo Wee Rup
- 17/12/2019 – Flare fire – Lang Lang
- 20/12/2019 – Automatic fire alarm – Rossiter Rd Koo Wee Rup
- 20/12/2019 – Air conditioner fire – Gardiner St Koo Wee Rup
- 21/12/2019 – Motor Vehicle Collision – Manks Rd Dalmore
- 23/12/2019 - Automatic fire alarm – Rossiter Rd Koo Wee Rup
- 23/12/2019 – Car Fire – Koo Wee Rup
- 27/12/2019 – Grass and Scrub Fire – Seven Mile Rd Nar Nar Goon
- 30/12/2019 – Structure Fire – Mintern Rd Tynong
- 7/1/2020 – Car Fire – Caldermeade Rd Caldermeade
- 12/1/2020 - Motor Vehicle Collision - Koo Wee Rup Rd Koo Wee Rup
- 12/1/2020 – Car Fire – Five Mile Rd Nar Nar Goon
- 16/1/2020 - Motor Vehicle Collision - Ballarto Rd Koo Wee Rup
- 16/1/2020 - Motor Vehicle Collision - Ballarto Rd Koo Wee Rup
- 22/1/2020 – Caravan/Shed Fire – Daleys Rd Koo Wee Rup
- 23/1/2020 - Motor Vehicle Collision - Koo Wee Rup Rd Koo Wee Rup
- 26/1/2020 – Column of Smoke – Rossiter Rd Koo Wee Rup

Various dates – Many of our members have been doing shifts in NSW and VIC Gippsland fires in December and January

Fire Danger Period is here now

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- Monday 3 February 2020 at 7.30 pm at the Bayles CFA Hall
- Monday 4 May 2020 at 7.30 pm at the Lang Lang Community Centre
- Monday 3 August 2020 at 7.30 pm at the Bayles CFA Hall
- Monday 9 November 2020 at 5.00 pm farm visit & 6.30 pm dinner.

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Rotary Club of Koo Wee Rup -Lang Lang



Hello to you all as I embark on my second half of my Presidency year in 2020. Such tragedy with the ongoing drought, now topped off with the devastating fires that have affected so many in various ways. The outpouring of assistance from everyone to whoever you feel comfortable in donating your \$s or items too has been truly remarkable, we Aussies just keep getting stronger and better in caring for those that are affected by a tragedy.

The Rotary Club of Koo Wee Rup - Lang Lang's Annual Show'n'Shine Car Show on Sunday the 8th of February at the Lang Lang Showgrounds will be donating all profits to the Bushfire Appeal. It is a concern to know where your donation \$s go, please be reassured that 100% of all money profited from an event or donated to a particular cause does in fact go to the nominated cause, not just this bushfire appeal. If you feel that you would like to assist in any way at the show, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

It is with great sadness that the club recognises the passing of Douglas Hugh Hamilton on Saturday the 25th of January. He has experienced poor health in the past few years. Doug is an extremely esteemed member of our club, a Charter Member, a Past President and a Paul Harris Fellow. Our deepest condolences go to the wife Pam, children Scott, Julianne, sister Betty, and the Hamilton Family and friends.

Christmas Carols were successfully held in December, so long ago now, at the Lang Lang Showgrounds. Thank you to all that attended and to all that assisted in any way, thank you. At our Christmas Dinner held in the Lang Lang Memorial Hall we recognised Rosemary Kruizinga and Sam Loughridge. Rosemary was presented with a Paul Harris Fellow and Sam was presented with a Paul Harris Fellow Sapphire Pin in recognition of their commitment to Rotary, the club and the community. Congratulations to you both, two truly worthwhile awards that reflect all you do in the name of Rotary.



Rudy de Jong represented the club at the Koo Wee Rup Secondary College Presentation Evening in December to present 3 scholarships to 3 very worthy recipients. Thank you to our Secondary College for allowing us to assist and participate in presenting these scholarships to those to further their education.

The Rotary Club of Koo Wee Rup Lang Lang are seeking those interested in participating in a Debutante Ball for girls and boys, 16 plus, in May 2020 at the Lang Lang Hall. Cost for girls is \$60.00 which includes a corsage, gloves and dance lessons, dress and all other expenses are up to the Debutante, or should I say parent. Boys are also \$60.00 for dance lessons plus the suit hire. Numbers are limited to an intimate affair so get in early for your place in our very friendly family affair Debutante Ball. For any further inquiries please call Wendy on 0457 345 369.

In November last year a number of members attended a prostate cancer information evening at Bunyip, yes I attended. I did attend as I felt as President of KWR-LL I needed to support our fellow Rotary Club of Bunyip-Garfield and President John Legione. Alan White was the guest speaker, no holds barred open and honest presentation on the in's and out's of prostate cancer. I felt, and my fellow members of KWR-LL, felt that we need to bring this presentation to members of our community. We have secured Alan White for Wednesday April the 15th. No venue or other arrangements have been made at this stage so please mark this on your calendar of 'MUST DO's' for April. Further information will be posted on our Facebook page, various other mediums and of course here in the Blackfish.

We are hoping to secure a grant from the shire to place a rearing horse and cowboy sculpture in Dick Jones Park in Lang Lang to reflect the rich 75 year history of the Lang Lang Rodeo.

We are in need of new members, enquiries are most welcome, either by attending one of our meetings or write to 'Rotary Club of Koo Wee Rup - Lang Lang, P.O. Box 18, Lang Lang, Vic, 3984. We have moved our meetings to the Lang Lang Bowling Club in Nellie Street, Lang Lang. We meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, 6.30pm arrival for 7.00pm start. Our meetings are now supper meetings at a cost of \$10 per meeting for the use of the Bowling Club and to cover costs of supper. The bar will be open for those wishing to have a cold drink. If you are interested and you think that you may fit with assisting the communities of Lang Lang and Koo Wee Rup etc through Rotary, please keep us in mind. Come on, come and give us out.

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Koo wee rup - Lang Lang, may 2020 be filled with many success and healthy outcomes

President of the Rotary Club of Koo wee rup - Lang Lang, Judy Wright. 0417 582 252

Thanks Koo Wee Rup

Hundreds of performers ... singers and musicians, made the most of their rare opportunity to perform for thousands of people at Carols By Candlelight on Saturday the 14th of December.

The weather threatened rain but, on the night we were lucky to have an uninterrupted program that featured songs and carols celebrating Christmas.



The Koo Wee Rup Secondary College orchestra under the direction of Claudia Barker, with choirs from all the local schools as well as guest artists who donated their time, did us proud.

Thank you to our residents for their continuing to support, creating that unique community spirit we are so proud exists in Koo Wee Rup.

The Koo Wee Rup Lions Club with the support of the RSL, 1st Koo Wee Rup Scouts, KWR Secondary College, KWR Men's Shed, Turning Point Church and the KWR Township Committee were pleased to stage the event encouraged by your local support.

Financial support from the Cardinia Shire Council, the Bendigo Bank, the Township Committee and the Lions Club together with donations from patrons allow us to stage the event each year. This year a trailer raffle provided the balance of funding and was drawn at the event by Councillor Graeme Moore. Kate Membrey from Koo Wee Rup won the trailer/contents and her reaction when the winning ticket was drawn was one of the highlights of the night.

Father Christmas distributed sweets to the children and a spectacular fire works display rounded out a great event.

Thank you to all the volunteers who made the night such a success. It is certainly a great celebration in a unique community.

Photos by Suzanne DePelsenaire. Story: Ron Payne



Men's Shed news at the start of 2020

A Guide to Computers and how they work – a new course for beginners.

Have you ever heard someone say, "I'm too old to learn about computers", or "Computers are too complicated; computers scare me"? Well you are never too old and handling computers can be real fun. Computers also do exactly what they are told to do ... by you!

Our computer course for real beginners at the Men's Shed in Koo-Wee-Rup will introduce you to a great new world, a world of fun and education. We start at 9:00 am with a look at what's inside that black box and you'll discover it's not frightening at all. You will learn how to use a 'mouse', and a keyboard, to write a letter, a text, or an email to someone and how to create a colourful poster or even an advert. About three weeks into your course then the real fun begins. You will learn about that other world, the Internet, and how to connect with other people, anywhere in the world. You will have your own email address and at the end of the course, you will be sending photos, jokes, and messages to your friends. But most of all you will have real fun.

Following on from what you learned in the beginners' computer class is the Intermediate Course and it's just as friendly and this course starts at 10:15 am. There is no pressure put on you to become an IT expert, just some more things to do with the computer skills you have picked up along the way from your completed beginners' course.

You will be able to email easily with all sorts of attachments, offer presentations, balance your banking accounts, do your taxes, download movies and download music. You will learn all about Facebook, MySpace, Instagram and Twitter and ... wait for it ... how to go shopping on the 'net. The list goes on. All we ask is that you bring along a notebook to keep notes about what we do and to write down those passwords and user names that we do not want you to forget. The cost to you is just a gold coin donation for every lesson. That is a bargain you will not find anywhere else. And, finally, remember that you do not have to be a member of the Men's Shed to take part nor do you have to be a male. Everyone is welcome. Just let Geoff Stokes know you are interested by giving him a call on 043 508 5002 or Brian Harlow on 5997 9687 and off we go from there.

The other exciting news is that the new metalwork and mechanics shed is now complete and ready. It's construction has been a long haul for the Men's Shed members, most of whom have been intimately involved with its construction. However, special and grateful thanks must go to those people and businesses who gave their help over the Christmas period to make it easier for the actual building of our new workshop.

Jack and Matt for the use of their 1.5 tonne Excavator.

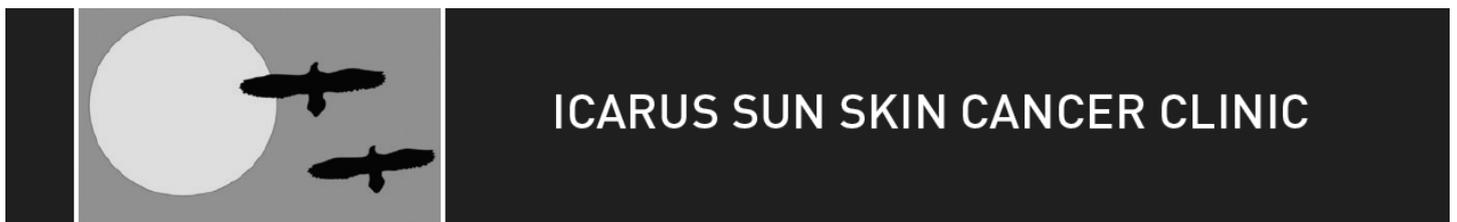
Beau for the use of the Skid Steer (Bobcat).

Barry for the supply of 10mm steel plate for work benches in the welding section.

Finally to tell you that our members helped out with the food preparation and cooking at the recent Tooradin Tractor Pull and Truck Show. Again, there was a donation paid into the Men's Shed accounts for their all day efforts. Well done lads.

The last words today are from the writer: *"I once ate a dictionary, it gave me thesaurus throat I've ever had"*.

Geoff Stokes



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Koo Wee Rup & District Lions

Christmas Dinner

On Friday 6th of December the members of Koo Wee Rup Lions and associated groups and guests had their Christmas dinner at the Castello's in Pakenham.

Everyone had a really good night, enjoying the food and company.

Ian did a great job of being father Christmas but was a bit tight on the giving out of the chocolates.

President June made a speech welcoming everyone and also thanking everyone for their valuable help during the year.

It was a great way to finish off a very productive year.



Akoohah Market

Koo Wee Rup Lions and Koo Wee Rup Scouts members helped to sell raffle tickets at the Akoonah Park Market during December. We sold lots of raffle tickets for the trailer full of goodies. We also had an enjoyable day meeting lots of nice and very generous people.

Carols by Candlelight

Koo Wee Rup Lions were busy helping with the Carols by Candlelight again this year. Our members helped with setup, manning the gates, selling candles, mints and raffle tickets for the trailer raffle. We also helped on the bbq cooking up a storm.

There was a very good turnout and everyone had a really good night.

The entertainment and fireworks were outstanding.

Christmas Trailer Raffle

Koo Wee Rup Lions joined with the Koo Wee Rup Scouts to sell raffle tickets for a trailer stuffed full with lots of items eg bbq, table and chairs, umbrella, esky, household items and toys etc.

The raffle was drawn at the Carols by Candlelight and the winner was Kate Membrey from Koo Wee Rup. The ticket number was 2640. Kate and her family were at the Carols and were very excited to be drawn as the winner.

Congratulations Kate and family, we hope you had a great time unwrapping all the fantastic presents.



Koo Wee Rup & District Lions

Youth of the Year

Koo Wee Rup Lions held Youth of the Year on 1st December 2019 at the Senior Citizens rooms.

Four outstanding young ladies participated in the competition, Caitlyn Clark, Hannah Edwards, Stephanie Lee and Chloe Wells. In the first round, each girl was asked two questions which they had to answer. The second round they spoke on a topic of their own choice. Each of the speakers gave terrific performances. All the girls attend Koo Wee Rup Secondary College.

The winner was Hannah Edwards. Congratulations Hannah and the other girls who did a remarkable job.

The judges were Brian Harlow, Chris Wood and Sue Rutten.

Lions Sheryl Blay coordinated the day and Assistant Principle Leonie McGinley gave a speech. Ken Blay was the official time keeper.

Lions provided a barbeque lunch for all those who attended. Thanks for everyone who helped.



Australia Day 2020

On Sunday 26th January, Koo Wee Rup Lions helped with cooking bacon and eggs for the Australia Day breakfast this year. This was held at the Koo Wee Rup Community Centre where free bacon and egg rolls were served to the people attending the celebrations.

Koo Wee Rup CWA helped with the other food, drinks, assembling and serving the bacon and egg rolls.



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Updates on the KWR CWA:

Perhaps it is because we are all getting older, but these years seem to be getting shorter- or perhaps (which I am sure most of us prefer), we are just busy!

In early December we were delighted to award Amelia Chapple the Win Pankhurst Memorial Scholarship (pictured with CWA Scholarship committee member Dianne Divola). We had twelve very strong applicants in 2019 and it was a difficult task picking just one. Thank you to all who applied, and we wish you the greatest success in your first year at secondary school.

Thank you to all local students and towns people in contributing to the Christmas decorations for the annual CWA Christmas tree. Reluctantly we made the choice to go artificial as the upkeep of a real tree during the summer months in the Woolworths lobby is quite a challenge! The CWA understands that not all the children in Koo Wee Rup go to local schools and it is a community tree for all, so we welcome people to add to the tree throughout the month. There is nothing quite like the excitement of seeing the little ones faces when they come in and show you their creation!



After some much-needed rest the branch over the Christmas period the branch have kicked into gear again working with the township committee and the Lions to provide the breakfast and morning tea for the Australia Day ceremony. The morning is always full of laughs with the group and has become a highlight on the CWA calendar.

Monday February 3rd is our official first meeting of the year. This is held at the KWR Senior Citizens (1 Icke Road) at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome and it is your chance to join a team of amazing, energetic



women. As our various fundraisers, meetings and exhibitions run during different hours (weekends, work hours, evenings etc), not everyone is expected to attend everything!

Our next craft night is Monday February 10th at the senior citizens, where we will be learning how to make cards. This is an excellent time to hone skills on creating Birthday, Mothers day, Fathers day, Christmas and other special event cards. We request a gold coin donation to help cover material costs.

We are lucky to have received a group discount for 50 tickets for the opening night of Mamma Mia held at the Cardinia Cultural Centre on the 22nd of February. Thanks for all who have booked through us. We expect to receive the tickets in the next couple of weeks to disperse.

After Mamma Mia, the CWA will be walking throughout the Melbourne CBD on a photography walk fundraiser (more information to follow) and assisting the KRHS ladies auxiliary on Scots on the swamp (March 22nd).

And lastly, the next Cardinia Community Kitchens event will be held on Monday February 17th at the Pakenham Library at 6pm. This coming month it is all about the current seasonal produce- Tomatoes. The event is free, but spots are limited. If interested in attending, the event can be found on trybooking.com under Cardinia community kitchens.

Wishing the Koo Wee Rup community an amazing 2020 and we look forward to a wonderful year!

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KOO WEE RUP Primary School

We hope that our families have had a wonderful Christmas and start to 2020. We look forward to another fantastic year of learning here at Koo Wee Rup Primary School.

On January 26th we celebrated Australia Day at the Koo Wee Rup Community Centre. Our congratulations to Charlotte and Hannah who were the recipients of our Australia Day Award.

Charlotte is a well-respected and devoted member of our school community. She is an excellent role model for other students in the class, showing great respect for staff, her peers and independence towards her learning. Charlotte is a great asset in the classroom as well as community and enjoys sharing her learning, giving instructions to the class and helping her peers. To her credit Charlotte is a self-motivated and eager learner, listening to instructions, applying herself to all tasks and completing her work to a high standard. She demonstrates empathy and understanding towards all students and is a kind friend to all. Charlotte should be extremely proud of the effort she puts in each and every day and the wonderful outcomes she has achieved.

Hannah is a remarkable young person from our school community. Early in 2019, she took the initiative to raise much needed funds for the Royal Children's Hospital through a small business venture making hair scrunchies, with her younger sister, and selling them in the community. She has a great sense of family pride, as illustrated through her desire to become a House Captain, following in the footsteps of her admired father and her brother. In 2020, Hannah has indeed been appointed as House Captain, owing to her ability to lead others through her positive choices and focus on making fantastic decisions in the best interest of all in our school community.

A committed learner, Hannah also seeks to improve and to excel in all areas of learning. She is incredibly focused and fiercely determined to improve in all she pursues. A gifted writer, Hannah willingly shares her expertise and assumes a mentor role to her peers. Hannah is a keen participant in Tae Kwon Do in the local community, setting herself the goal to achieve her black belt and mapping out the steps to success.

Hannah is a popular, admired and determined member of our school community who we are extremely proud to see acknowledged. Congratulations to this wonderful ambassador of our school, whose future is incredibly bright.

February 2020

Wednesday 5th February

School starts for Foundation Students. They will be dismissed at 1pm for the rest of this week.

Monday 10th February

Foundation students start school full-time.

Tuesday 11th February

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Monday 17th February

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Another exciting year is upon us! 1st Koo Wee Rup have once again begun the year by flag-bearing and singing the national anthem at the Australia Day Awards, and were delighted to see one of our Scouts, Oscar Fisher, receive one.

2020 is going to be an eventful year for two of our Sections in particular, with both Kangaree and Cuboree to look forward to for the Joey Scouts and Cub Scouts respectively. There will also be the usual camps, fun nights and making friends, as always!

If you've ever thought about coming along to see what Scouting is all about, please contact our Group Leader, Shane Worthington, or message us on Facebook

(<https://www.facebook.com/1stKooWeeRupScoutGroup/>).



We'd love to see some new faces! There's a Section for everyone, from five years old (must be at school – so new preps are most welcome!) right through to early twenties. Join in, learn some new skills, and make some lifelong friends!

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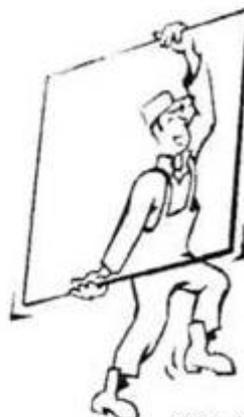


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All welcome

Harold Bould Memorial Award 10th Anniversary Celebration

The 2019 Harold Bould Memorial Award 10th Birthday Celebration was held at the newly renovated Drake Tavern (formerly the Pakenham Hotel), in Main Street, Pakenham on Friday evening, 6th December.

A competition is held annually and is available to all Year 10 students who reside and attend school in the Shire of Cardinia. The two winners of the award receive a fully funded escorted trip to walk the Kokoda Track in the June/July school holidays of the following year.

The award honours the memories and sacrifices of all those who served in New Guinea during those dark days of 1942. Harold Bould was killed in action and has no known grave. He was one of five brothers from Cardinia to serve in WWII and his brother Keith was also lost with no known grave after being taken prisoner in Singapore.

The anniversary celebration was organised by Alan Jameson, former President of the 39th Battalion Association and winner of this year's Shrine of Remembrance Medal. Member for Eastern Victoria, Hon Edward O'Donohue attended the event and thanked the organisers of the Harold Bould Memorial Award and the ongoing support of the Shire and Cardinia, Pakenham Racing Club, Pakenham and Koo Wee Rup RSLs, Pakenham and Koo Wee Rup/Lang Lang Rotary Clubs, Pakenham CWA and the many personal donors who contribute to ensuring the success of the award.

The recipients of the 2019 award were announced and introduced - Ayanna Mehta (Pakenham Secondary College) and Holly-Jane Jamieson (Lakeside College). Both recipients were congratulated by David Howell, Director of trekking company Kokoda Historical who was accompanied by his track leader "Kila", a descendant of the very famous Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels, who is currently visiting Australia.

The Bould-Young Awards

Alan Jameson also announced that as from 2020 the Award is to be known as the *Bould-Young Memorial Awards* thereby recognising another of Cardinia Shire's heroes.

Wilma Young, AM (nee Oram) was an Army nurse in Singapore escaping by boat to Banka Island when it was sunk by the Japanese and she became a POW for the next four years. On her return to Australia she met another surviving POW, Alan Young, whom she married. Wilma and Alan worked a dairy farm in Cardinia and had four children. However, she never forgot her fellow veterans and joined Pakenham RSL serving for many years on the Committee and was their first female President.

She fought for better recognition for Vietnam veterans and lobbied for a memorial in Canberra honouring her lost mates – the 92 nurses who paid the supreme sacrifice. The memorial was opened in 1999.

Her son, former Cr David Young, attended the 10th Anniversary Celebration and thanked the 39th Battalion Association for its work in continuing to remember and honour past veterans. He said the family were very grateful and proud to see their mother recognised in this way.

The evening was deemed a great success by all in attendance including many past recipients, organisers, sponsors and guests.

Back row l - r (past Awardees): Mehdi Armadi, Adele Clydesdale, Ayanna Mehta, Natalie Templar, Emily Bloxidge, Izaiah Roache, Brianna Sherry, Liam Trigg, Holly-Jane Jamieson, Chloe Melbourne.

Front row l - r: David Howell, Jack Melbourne (past recipient) and Kila.

Past Awardees also present were: Indy Byrne, Lauren Williams (nee Harrison)



Alan Jameson announcing 2020 Bould-Young Award
Left to right: Ayanna Mehta (2019 Awardee), Alan Jameson (holding pictures of Wilma Young), Holly-Jane Jamieson (2019 Awardee)



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KOO WEE RUP BOWLS CLUB NEWS



Rd. 4 of Saturday Pennant saw Div. 3 lose 52-73 to Mt. Eliza away and Div. 5 at home to Karingal won 64-57. Rd. 5 and Div. 3 had a good win at Mornington 70-43. Div. 5 were beaten by Mornington 57-63. Rd. 6 saw a good result for the Club with Div. 3 defeating top team Blue Hills 76-43. Also playing Blue Hills Div. 5 came home with a 58-44 win. Rd. 7 saw a 48-74 loss for Div. 3 at Yamala Park & a 72-50 win for Div. 5 against Belvedere. At the halfway stage of the season Div. 3 are in 4th place & Div. 5 in 5th position. The Pennant competition resumed with Rd. 8. Div. 3 had a disappointing loss to Karingal 41-64 and to complete a poor day for the Club Div. 5 lost to Somerville 58-77. A trip to Hastings to play on their new needle punch Green was in store for Div. 3 and they were defeated 55-72 against the top team. A better result for Div. 5 playing Mt. Eliza and scoring a 66-42 win to keep their finals hopes alive.

Tues. Pennant Rd. 4 Div. 2 lost narrowly to Somerville 65-70, Div. 5 defeated Karingal 53-38 a strong result. Rd. 5 both teams suffered losses Div. 3 were beaten 45-63 against Karingal & Div. 5 lost 32-39 at Mt. Eliza. Both teams "bounced" back in Rd. 6 with Div. 2 defeating Blue Hills 61-53 & Div. 5 won against Somerville 57-28.

A couple of losses in Rd. 7 with Div. 3 losing to Rosebud CC & Div. 5 to City of Frankston 36-45. As with Saturday Pennant we are at the halfway mark of the season with Div. 2 in 6th position & Div. 5 in 4th place. The resumption round after the Christmas break was cancelled by the MPBD Match Committee due to the smoke haze conditions from the bushfires around Victoria this resulted in all games being declared a draw. Both teams played at home in Rd. 9 with 1 win & 1 loss. Div. 2 defeated Belvedere 61-52 whilst Div. 5 were beaten by top team West Rosebud 25-47,

Congratulations to our Club Champions for 2019-20 Wayne Stevens & Pauline Gray. It was Wayne's 1st win at the Club although he had won at Seaford previously. Pauline claimed her 5th win including the last 3 in a row. Another Club Champion in our midst is Joy Jenkins who won her 6th Club Championship at Murrumbena BC

The last Friday Triples before Christmas was played on 6th Dec. & John Thwaites (Lang Lang), Malcolm Newman (Garfield) & Allen Thomas (Lang Lang) won the day with 36 pts. The consistent team of John Van Vugt, Graeme Wilde & Simon Koning (Cardinia Waters) was Runner Up on 35 pts. Best 1st game went to Rex Alexander, John Durrant & Wayne Stevens (KWR) on 19 pts. & best 2nd game was won by Geoff Barber (Korumburra), Tom & Trevor Loughridge (Loch) on 21 pts.

The Christmas break over this competition resumed on 17th Jan. with the Winning rink being Peter Bott [Pakenham], Garry Salomons [Garfield] & John Moore [Drouin] with 39 pts. The consistent rink of John Williams, Neville Kitchen & Dieter Beilharz [Lang Lang] took the Runner Up rink with 37 pts. Best 1st game with 19 pts. & 10 shots up was won by David Smith, John Emmett & Ray Wilson [Lang Lang] & best 2nd game went to Mary Masters [KWR], Philip Howard [Narre Warren] & Lindsay Wealands [KWR] with 19 pts. & 21 shots up.

Our Mixed Pairs Annual tournament was been played with teams from Blue Hills, Cardinia Waters, Corinella, KWR, Lang Lang & Yamala Park Clubs. The winning combination for the day was Bryan & Julie Walker [KWR] with 49 pts. Runner Up team with 46 pts. was Steve Wyatt & Renae Bresnan [Yamala Park], Third place went to Peter & Jacqui Butera with 45 pts. The best winning game was won by Jim Jenkins & Jill Roissetter [KWR] on 19 pts. Thanks to our sponsors for the day C & D Trophies [Langwarrin], Stockdale & Leggo [KWR] & Nielsen Funerals [Drouin & Warragul] for their support and to everyone from the Club who assisted in conducting the event.

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The team of artists will be mentored by Creative Recovery Network's Amanda Gibson. Amanda was the project lead on *The Tree Project*, a nine-metre steel and copper gum tree in Strathewen that was created to commemorate the Black Saturday bushfires. Amanda will support the artists to engage with residents from the bushfire area to develop one or more creative projects that reflect on the Bunyip Complex fires.

Prior to the community consultation, the artists will be mentored in working with trauma impacted communities. They will receive recognised training in mental health support, emergency management and facilitating community meetings to upskill them to become community recovery artists. In the event of a future disaster, they will be called upon to work with residents on creative recovery projects.

Cardinia Shire Mayor Councillor Jeff Springfield encouraged artists from all mediums to apply for the Creative Recovery Artist Facilitator roles.

"This project will provide an opportunity for local artists to bring the community together to creatively tell their stories and create a platform for reflection and commemoration of the Bunyip Complex fires," Cr Springfield said.

Applications close at **12pm, Friday 14 February 2020.**

For more information, visit the Creative Recovery Network website at www.creativerecovery.net.au

If you are in need of urgent support, please contact Lifeline on 13 11 14.

The KWR Community Advisory Committee in 2020

The first meeting of the year for the Koo-Wee-Rup Community Advisory Committee will be held too late to meet the deadline of the February 2020 edition of Blackfish. However, we can tell you now that the meeting will discuss any adverse events that have been reported, if any, and the committee will also look at an inter-generational program utilising the reactions between parents with children, and aged care residents with all its advantages. They will also discuss emergency preparations, health and safety, and listen with great interest to our guest speaker, Naomi Rendall, District nursing Unit Manager, whose subject is "Preparing for Hot Weather".

For those of you who are not quite sure, the aim of the Community Advisory Committee is to provide the Koo-Wee-Rup Regional Health (KRHS) Service with feedback and advice to improve and strengthen their services, their information, their forward planning, and the future policy development of the KRHS. The Committee will furnish advice to the KRHS Board of Management taken from a Patient, a Resident or a Carer's point of view, and also, 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.

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Koo Wee Rup RSL Sub Branch Report

I would like to begin by wishing everyone a happy new year, but with what must be on everyone's mind and that is the hardships and catastrophic conditions many of our people are having to endure, that would sound very meaningless, we assist in every way we can and let us also pray that those who have lost loved ones and all those who lost all they possessed will be given the strength to see them through this severe disaster/ordeal.

Our highest commendation, gratitude and admiration to our brave fire-fighters, our ADF personnel and those of other countries and everyone who is involved in any way in battling those fires in a supportive role including the families and friends of the above, waiting patiently at home for the safe return of their loved ones.

Our RSL meeting March 10th will begin with our AGM followed by a general meeting. As a small Sub-branch, we would like to invite as many members as possible to attend. It can't be done without members.

I would like to briefly share with you the event of our last meeting. Ron and Lyn Ingram had invited a most delightful lady as our guest speaker. I felt very connected with what Margaret talked about because I felt that there is a very good chance that her dear Father and I have served together in Borneo and she spoke with much love of her family giving 3 generations to 20th century wars. No intentions of offending anyone, but only children of veterans would really know how difficult life can be after any war, also like to add that our womenfolk are not exempt from the terrible effect of war and, in order to survive through very difficult times, become strict disciplinarians. I cannot remember everything Margaret spoke of but the climax of the evening was when she showed and explained to us the very beautiful quilt Margaret had made to commemorate the 8,709 Australians and New Zealanders who were lost at Gallipoli. The quilt 'Lost 1915' is made up of 8,709 coloured squares and takes the form of a maze. It is not only beautiful, it is also very clever; it is full of symbolism, with the maze representing both trenches and the journey of each man, which starts at the bottom left hand corner where there is a house. The maze winds its way from the green pastures of home, through the muddy battlefields and the horror of war until he passes through the red poppies of remembrance to the place where his name is immortalised in bronze on our roll of honour at the Australian War Memorial. There are 100 bends in the pathway representing 100 years since the Gallipoli campaign and the 70 dead-end paths represents the 70 men taken prisoners there. Included among the coloured squares are the colour patches of all the battalions that fought at Gallipoli. I can only try to imagine the neck and shoulder pain as Margaret worked very near nonstop 10 hours a day for 49 days.

The manner of giving is worth more than the price. As Margaret continued to speak with much compassion, I could feel the emotions coming to the surface - all the above was done out of love and gratitude for her Father, Grandfather, uncles and all those who fought at Gallipoli and all that was to follow throughout the 20th century. We all know and we all need to be reminded that peace was incredibly hard won. So what do we need to take forward? We are not here to enjoy the labours of others, but to give what we can, in our own ways, and isn't that what we all have witnessed in times of hardship especially during recent times where the south east corner of our nation is ablaze.

*Yours aye, John Camilleri,
KWR Sub Branch, 5629 4242*

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What happened in Koo Wee Rup in 1920

By Heather Arnold, Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society

As is traditional at this time of year, we will look back 100 years at what happened in Koo Wee Rup and surrounds in 1920.

Mickle Memories of Koo Wee Rup by David Mickle, is a chronological look at the history of Koo Wee Rup. David starts the 1920 entry with the following about hay stacks. David's brother, Fred's diary entry for January 1 recorded that *our big hay shed was filled with close to 100 tons. We had to hire a stack builder as we couldn't manage to build stacks. The leading stack builder, Jack Kelly, was a real hard case, made us drop the sheaves right where he wanted them. Good stacking is a sort of expanding circular procedure lapping the sheaves as you go. In five days we had two stacks with about fifty-five tons up. When Jack received his cheque on Friday or Saturday he rarely had much left Monday morning. He earned £1 a day, well above the rate for other hands.* David also wrote that *Fred says we killed twenty snakes during harvest.*

David wrote that there was a navvies camp in Koo Wee Rup - a navvie was a labourer employed to construct roads and railways - and they were working on the new line that went from Koo Wee Rup to Strzelecki. Fred found 160 beer bottles near the camp. The going rate for the bottles was 6 pence a dozen, which amounted to eight shillings, which was good money as at the time they were getting only 2 shillings and six pence per day picking spuds.

In February, the *Koo Wee Rup Sun* had this report, with the headline *Phone Facilities. It is a surprising oversight on the part of some business people of Koo Wee Rup and Cranbourne who still muddle on without installing a telephone, thus placing themselves and customers at great disadvantage and inconvenience...[they should] keep abreast of the times and not live as in the days of ancient runners that the telephone service has pushed out of work.* (*Koo Wee Rup Sun* February 19, 1920)

In March, this interesting feat was reported *Flight to land sale - a crowded three hours - Flying from Melbourne to Koo-wee-rup, a distance of nearly 50 miles, in 25 minutes, completing a land sale, attending races at Koo-wee-rup, and returning to Melbourne, in a little more than three hours, was the achievement yesterday afternoon of Mr A. F. Witham and Mr B. Kavanagh, of Messrs Witham, Woodman and Kavanagh, land salesmen.* (*The Herald* March 19, 1920) David Mickle also wrote about this in his book - the flight took place on St Patrick's Day, they flew at 96 miles per hour and landed in what was then a paddock opposite the Secondary College. The pilot, *Captain King gave a demonstration for the excited crowd.*

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What happened in Koo Wee Rup in 1920 *continued from previous page*

By Heather Arnold, Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society

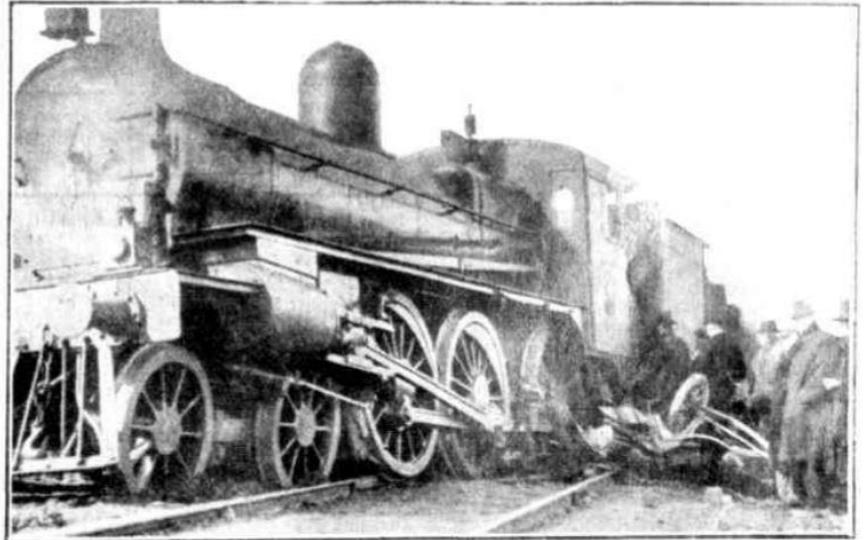
In the April, David's uncle, John Mickle subdivided some of his *Lauriston Park* property. The subdivision started from the Rossiter Road/Station Street intersection, down towards what is now the Secondary College. In 1926 further subdivision took place with the creation of John, Alexander and Mickle Streets.

Also in April the *Koo Wee Rup Sun* raised this issue - *It would be interesting to find out how much money is thrown away by the various Government Departments in the getting of reports. In Koo Wee Rup we have had a large number of reports in connection with railway matters, while last week officials of the Police department went over the same old routine of several months ago in connection with the establishment of a permanent police station here. This repetition of reports.....is a testimony to money and labour being wasted.*

So, no change here 100 years later. (*Koo Wee Rup Sun* April 22, 1920)

1920 saw the opening of two local State Schools - Dalmore School was on August 6. The first teacher was Emilie Pitt. According to a report in the *South Bourke & Mornington Journal*, the school was *on a splendid site, had a nice appearance inside and out and had excellent lighting and ventilation.* The other school was at Monomeith, which first occupied a room in a house. The actual school building was occupied in July 1924. It was a very short-lived school as it closed in May 1933.

On August 18, a tragic accident happened at the Rossiter Road railway crossing when a car collided with the express train from Nyora. Two State Rivers & Water Supply Commission men were killed, William Thomson and Allan Deal. The Coroner in his report had a verdict of misadventure. The evidence of the men from the Railways said it was a good level crossing, but evidence presented by the motor car driver, Jack Dalley, and the owner of the car, Andrew Colvin and others said it was a dangerous crossing.



Also in August the *Koo Wee Rup Sun* reported on the visit of another aeroplane to Koo Wee Rup, this was in conjunction with 2nd Peace Loan. The plane toured the country and people subscribed to the loan (i.e. lent the Government money and they received interest). The money was for the repatriation of the soldiers. The plane landed behind the Royal Hotel on Monday August 23 and appeals were made and in the four hours the plane was in the town the people of Koo Wee Rup signed up for £4,900. The plane had been at Lang Lang on the same day and it raised £1,850. As David Mickle wrote, *aeroplanes were No.1 drawcards in those days.*

This is a bit out of Koo Wee Rup, but in August 1920 James Lecky of *Cardinia Park* in Officer South sold their property. *Cardinia Park*, previously called *Gin Gin Bean*, had been in the Lecky family since 1846. Perhaps the decision to sell was prompted by the fact that James lost two sons in the First World War - James (the younger) died of wounds on November 14, 1918 and William was killed in action on September 1, 1918.

We will finish this post with another pioneer, Christopher Moody (*pictured right*), who passed away November 17, 1920. Moody purchased 1,686 acres of the Great Swamp run in 1875. He sub-divided land in the 1890s in the Koo Wee Rup township - what became Moody, Gardner, Henry and Salmon Streets. In 1902 he moved to *Shepton* in Rossiter Road. He is also the source of the name of Moody's Inlet.



The Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society meets on the second Wednesday of each month. Our first meeting for the year is on February 12, 2020 at Mallow house in Rossiter Road, corner of Henry Street. All welcome. Museum - we have done a lot of work over the past two years and we will be re-opening soon! Thank you for your patience!

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Koo Wee Coffee Club

Thank you

I would like to offer a very heartfelt THANKS to all those family, friends and neighbours who helped me set up and run the Christmas display last year and to all those who visited and gave such affirming comments.

The vast majority of decorations were sold and with thanks to people who bid and those who so generously gave donations, I have now received \$2,620 to share equally between the heart foundation and cancer research, with only a couple of items still to be collected and paid for.

The people of kooweerup have been amazing and I can see that it was a real blessing that we chose to move here 5 years ago.

I look forward to viewing some of my late husband's decorations this year as I, hopefully, get the opportunity to look at others displays.

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