

# THE KOO WEE RUP BLACKFISH



JULY 2020

## Joyce Mills OAM

Congratulations to Joyce Mills who was made an OAM in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Joyce's long history of service to the community began in the 1950s when a young Joyce Coleman became a Leader at the Lang Lang Guides. The Guides formed a guard of honour when Joyce married Ken Mills and moved to Koo Wee Rup.

After the birth of her children Joyce joined the new Kooweerup Guide Group. Joyce's love of camping and the outdoors had the girls learning camp cooking and sleeping under the stars. Bus loads of children from Melbourne high rise flats joined in to learn that milk did not come from bottles and that biscuits were made in the camp kitchen. In her 30 years of service to the Guides of Kooweerup District, Joyce's door was always open to any girls who needed support.

Joyce joined the Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service Ladies' Auxiliary in 1983 and has been either President or Vice-President since 2003, involved in all the committee activities including Harewood House open days and 30 years of service to the Potato Festival.

Joyce washed the Kooweerup Football Club jumpers each week when her husband Ken was Property Officer at the Club and was an active committee member at the local kindergarten and primary and high schools.

In 1981, Joyce was part of a five woman local team who broke the world record for potato peeling. They set up a float



outside Myer in Bourke Street, Melbourne and peeled 266.5kg of spuds (to an institutional cookery standard!) in 45 minutes, smashing the previous world record of 189.14kg. The world record attempt was planned as publicity for the KWR Potato Festival. That year The Kooweerup Sun reported a crowd of over 10,000 attended the festival.

*World champion potato peelers: from left Eleanor Gardiner, Joyce Mills, Phyliss Jennings, Margaret McDonald, Val McNulty with Mary Dillon, Secretary of the KWR Potato Festival*



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## What's on in Koo Wee Rup?

**Township Committee Meetings** Hope to resume on Wednesday, 1 July. Members, or by invitation only, due to social distancing requirements

**Bowls** Contact club for details

**Soccer** Lang Lang Soccer Club have at this stage cancelled all activities related to the club. Check our facebook page for activities to do at home.

**Lions** Lions are meeting again and looking at what new activities they can plan.

**Coffee Club** Will not be meeting until cafés reopen.

**Koo Wee Rup Senior Citizens Club** Due to the current health situation, the Seniors Club has ceased all activities until further notice. We look forward to seeing you all when we reopen. Stay healthy and safe until then. All enquiries to: Dianne D - 0419 405 404 Diane K - 0408 663 655

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

**Historical Society** Hope to meet on 8 July. Our Museum is also closed until further notice

**Bayles Fauna Park** Working bees are back on. Next one on Sunday, 12 July at 9am.

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

**Scouts** Are meeting again, see page 15.

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

**Mat Pilates classes at Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service** Will resume in Term 3.

## 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

## Some changes at Cochrane Park

Over the last couple of months some changes have happened at Cochrane Park.



The dragline has a sign!!! Only 4 years after the dragline took up residence in Cochrane Park, the Township Committee has completed the last step of the process and installed a sign telling the history of draglines and the swamp.

While the playground was closed Council took the opportunity to fix the all-access carousel. Council's crews teamed up to replace the carousel's bearings by using a crane truck to lift the equipment and complete the repairs.

The Council have built a half basketball and netball court adjacent to the skate park.

The Tennis Court clubroom works have been completed. The old swimming clubrooms were refurbished and reconfigured with male and female change rooms, office, social space, kitchen, all accessible toilet and shower, unisex toilet, storage and furniture. Windows and a glass door were installed overlooking the tennis courts and car park.





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## Welcome, Moira!

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June saw the arrival in Koo Wee Rup of a very eagerly awaited and important new resident. Her name is "Moira," she is an Australian Lions Hearing Dog, (ALHD) and now the treasured companion for profoundly deaf Koo Wee Rup Lion Suzanne de Pelseñaire.

Although Suzanne manages amazingly well with a hearing aid and a Cochlear Implant, she still has hearing disadvantages, especially at night when she is sleeping without her Hearing Devices. Even during the day, sounds that would be immediately detected by someone with 'normal' hearing can present problems for Suzanne when she is not close to them. Sounds such as someone knocking or ringing the bell at her front door, a kitchen timer or mobile phone ringing, the alarm going off for an early morning wake up; these can all be missed, sometimes with frustrating or even serious consequences. The most important sound of all is of course a smoke detector sounding to alert for fire.

This is where Moira, a very special 15 month old Beagle X Rescue Dog comes into the picture. At 5 months of age, Moira was chosen to become an ALHD to undergo 8 months of intense 'sounds' training at the ALHD Training Facility at Verdun, near Hahndorf in South Australia. The ALHD trainees also undergo rigorous Public Access training, visiting shops and travelling on Public Transport in their distinctive uniform of orange lead and jacket, and with their own official ID card. They are trained to walk through supermarkets without being distracted by any food smells, either in displays or dropped on the floors, or doing anything in public that is unacceptable to the highest of standards. Each dog costs \$37,500 to train, which is funded by Lions Clubs around Australia, as well as donations from the general public and Business Corporations. Since 1980 ALHD have trained and gifted over 600 Assistance Dogs to their grateful recipients free of charge – Moira is Dog #606!

Although deafness is predominantly an older age-related condition, there are many young people affected, and the 'sounds' training can be tailored to meet individual needs, such as a baby crying. One in six Australians has some form of hearing loss with this number predicted to be rising to one in four by 2050. Severe or profound hearing loss currently affects close to 400,000 people.

A Hearing Assistance Dog must be sponsored by a local Lions Club, and Koo Wee Rup & District have sponsored Moira for Suzanne, another example of our local Lions Club helping local people, and fulfilling the Lions motto "We Serve.". This Sponsorship involves a payment to the Training Facility to cover the delivery of the donated dog to its Recipient, the dog's Trainer staying locally for five days to help in the integration of the dog into its new home. There is a further visit at six weeks by her Trainer to check that all is still going to plan with Moira's ongoing training, then at three months after delivery the CEO of ALHD visits to put both Moira and Suzanne through a stringent final Accreditation Test for responding to all the 'sounds' as well as the Public Access Test. If there are no issues then Moira will become a fully Accredited ALHD. As such she cannot be denied entry to any Public place or transport, other than a commercial kitchen or an Operating Theatre. In fact, there are stiff penalties for any person denying her rightful entry, on a par with a Guide Dog for the Blind.

As part of the KWR & District sponsorship, two Lions members, Jacqui and Shirelle, have volunteered their time to visit Suzanne and Moira at home three times each week to practice the all-important 'sounds.' Suzanne is walking Moira twice daily around town, and each day at some stage will put Moira's uniform on her to enter Woolies, the Post Office, Chemist, or a café for coffee to practice the Public Access aspect of Moira's training. The pair has become a familiar sight visiting local businesses over the past month, and always attracting plenty of smiles from shop staff and customers alike. While Moira is in uniform she is a Working Dog and must not be patted by people she meets, but when at home and out of uniform she plays and is treated like a family pet, but always ready 24/7 to alert Suzanne to any of her learned 'sounds.'



*Moira is exhausted after a hard day's digging in Suzanne's garden!*



*Perfectly behaved! Moira ignores temptations in Woolies.*

Moira is a bright, active and feisty young dog with her own special personality, giving much entertainment as she explores and settles into her new "Forever" home and large garden. Suzanne's life has already been positively transformed in such a short time, as Moira has brought greater security and companionship in abundance with her, and Suzanne says that Moira is now the "Light of my Life, and the Ears of my Future!"

Donations to assist with funding an ALHD Assistance Dog can be made through Koo Wee Rup Lions Club at P. O. Box 71, Koo Wee Rup, 3981, or by going to the Australian Lions Hearing Dogs website:

[www.hearingdogs.asn.au](http://www.hearingdogs.asn.au) Amongst the small range of fund-raising merchandise available there is a great 2021 Calendar for sale on the website for \$10 each plus postage, and next April's "pinup girl" is - Moira!

## GET A HAIRCUT AND HELP SAVE THE PLANET

You may be surprised to learn that the salon industry sends more than 1,500 tons of recyclable aluminium back to landfill each year in Australia and New Zealand alone. That's one and a half million kilos, about 715 cars, or four jumbo jets!

Unfortunately aluminium doesn't degrade easily, it actually contaminates the soil for 500 years. Add to this the waste of plastics, colour tubes, cut hair and more, and you soon see that beauty at any price is no longer an option.

After joining Sustainable Salons, local salon Ziggy Hair Artistry is set to change all this.

Ziggy Hair Artistry now recycles 95% of its waste by using the comprehensive resource recovery program offered by Sustainable Salons. "We are committed to sustainable growth that encourages social responsibility and respect for the planet. This simple initiative can make all the difference to what was once landfill waste become a future resource", says Suellen owner of Ziggy Hair Artistry.

Rather than contaminating the waterways, excess chemical waste now go to a chemical recycler to be neutralised into recycled water used in construction and roadworks. Plastics are also recycled into outdoor furniture and underground sheeting to protect the NBN.

What's more, Ziggy Hair Artistry staff love that all proceeds from recycling are donated to OzHarvest and KiwiHarest to fund meals for disadvantaged people – Sustainable Salons donates more than 2,000 meals every month! Collected ponytails are redirected to charitable wig-making services and organisations to provide wigs for those suffering from alopecia or cancer, while cut hair is made into Hair Booms used in oil-spill clean-up operations.

As clients become more aware of the impact products have on the environment, they have also welcomed the opportunity to make a difference.

*"The salon industry needs to take action now, and take care of the environment as much as we take care of clients", says Paul Frasca, co-founder and Managing Director of Sustainable Salons. "Suellen cares about making their salon as eco-friendly as possible. When they looked at what they could do to become more sustainable ecologically and economically, Sustainable Salons was the obvious choice."*

By joining Sustainable Salons, Ziggy Hair Artistry is happy it can support charities and benefit the community, while also taking care of a huge waste problem.

Now when you visit Ziggy Hair Artistry you can feel good about feeling good!

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### SUSTAINABLE SALONS footprint

The Sustainable Salons Network is committed to reducing its ecological footprint, supporting charitable causes and implementing environmentally-sustainable practices in all that we do. Here's what we've achieved on our journey to zero waste!

 **70,800 KG**  
of paper recycled



Recovered enough energy to power a TV for **213,141 days**

**52,000 KG**

of plastic kept in circulation and out of landfill



Recycled 800kg of e-waste reducing the amount of raw materials mined and preventing toxins from leaching into the environment



**25,300 ponytails** collected resulting in **1,265 wigs** for cancer and alopecia sufferers



**48,000** meals provided for the homeless via OzHarvest



**81,700 KG** of metals diverted from landfill

**7,500 litres**



of excess chemicals recycled back into water



Saved the same amount of CO<sub>2</sub> as **180 flights** from Sydney to London



Saved enough water to fill **248,620 baths**

**7.1 tonnes**



of hair collected for The Hair Boom Project

 SUSTAINABLE SALONS

This information reflects Sustainable Salons' activities from Feb 2015 - Nov 2017. For more information, visit [www.sustainablesalons.org](http://www.sustainablesalons.org).

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## CWA Report

The CWA has been busy crafting away this month. Everything from crochet socks to woven plant dressings. Unfortunately our exhibition has been cancelled this year but we will be well and truly prepared for next year. Our other sad news is that our Community Kitchens initiative has also been cancelled going forward. So much time and work went into it and it's heartbreaking that we and the community won't get to see it through. Hopefully in the future there will be another opportunity for us to showcase the amazing local produce and share our culinary skills with everyone. Our next meeting is planned to be held back at the Koo Wee Rup Seniors centre (social distancing will apply) but in the meantime we will keep checking in on each other through our social media platforms which have been a fantastic way to keep all members involved.



## The latest Community Advisory Committee news

The latest news from the Koo-Wee-Rup Regional Health Service (KRHS) Community Advisory Committee was published in the March 2020 edition of "Blackfish". The next meeting of the Committee will be held as soon as the COVID – 19 virus restrictions are eased; allowing the members to get together. However, if you do have any personal problems or fears about the lock-down situation anywhere within KRHS then please ring either of the telephone numbers shown below. You will get all the understanding and help you need.

For those of you who are not quite sure, the aim of the Community Advisory Committee is to provide the KRHS with feedback and advice to improve and strengthen their services, their information, their forward planning, and the future policy development of the KRHS. The Committee will give advice to the KRHS Board of Management about problems that could be upsetting a Patient, a Resident or a Carer, and also, maybe, from an individual Koo-Wee-Rup resident or, indeed, from the whole Community's point of view.

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

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

*Geoff Stokes*

## KWR Senior Citizens Club

*Icke Road, Koo Wee rup*

Hope this finds all members well and warm. We are still unable to go back as a club. At our June committee meeting, it was agreed that all we can do is be guided by the council as to when we can go back.

Until then, please take care and we will let you know when we will be back.

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It was wonderful to welcome back all our students on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> of June. It felt like the beginning of the year, classrooms were full of learners, playgrounds were full of games and laughter, everyone came back excited and settled. The staff have been so impressed by how well the students have returned to school in these unprecedented times.

Our school was able to continue another fundraiser this time with our Pie Drive. A big thank you to our Friends of St John's for keeping this new tradition going for the school.

During the last week of term, we celebrated the Feast of St John the Baptist on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June. As things are a little different at school this term we held a live stream of the liturgy across the school. It was lovely to hear all the beautiful singing across all the classrooms. Students participated in activities in their own classrooms. The students were treated to a sausage sizzle lunch. Even though we couldn't all be together it was a lovely celebration of St John's life and a great reminder of how he prepared the way for Jesus.

After a long term the students celebrated the end of term with Pyjama Day. It was wonderful to see all the staff and students dress up in the favourite pyjamas and finish the term off with some fun. We want to thank all our students for the resilience they have shown during this term and how well they have adapted to all the changes that have taken place. We wish all our families a relaxing holiday break and we can't wait to see all your smiling faces in Term 3.

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## Update on current Council projects

### **Koo Wee Rup Recreation Reserve football/cricket pavilion upgrade**

This project encompasses the removal of the existing change room facilities and Public Toilets, and construction of new football/cricket change room facilities, gym, meeting and community rooms, male /female/accessible public toilets. Council, the Victorian Government and the Australian Government (Building Better Regions Fund Program) are providing funding for this project.

Detailed design in collaboration with users has been completed and the project is currently out to tender, expected to be presented to Council July meeting. The project is due for completion by June 2021, every effort will be made to bring the completion date forward if circumstances permit.

### **Koo Wee Rup Recreation Reserve netball pavilion upgrade**

This project involves the removal of existing netball change room facilities and construction of a new netball pavilion, providing home and away change, canteen, social room and office, public accessible toilets and unisex toilets. Council and the Victorian Government are funding this project.

Detailed design in collaboration with users has been completed and the project is currently out to tender, expected to be presented to Council July meeting. The project is due for completion by June 2021, every effort will be made to bring the completion date forward if circumstances permit.

### **Koo Wee Rup Secondary School pavilion**

A new pavilion is being built for the upgraded football oval, providing unisex change room facilities, umpire change rooms, unisex amenities, canteen /kiosk, storage, cleaners' room and covered spectator area. The project is funded by the Victorian Government (Victorian School Building Authority), Council including Project Management.

This project is currently out to tender. This Pavilion is due for completion in late November 2020.

### **Koo Wee Rup Primary and Secondary School oval upgrades**

Reconstruction of the Koo Wee Rup Primary School oval and the adjacent Koo Wee Rup Secondary School oval.

The primary school oval upgrade includes new sub surface drainage, two new cricket nets and some portable barrier netting to protect school infrastructure.

The secondary school oval upgrade includes new sub surface drainage, irrigation, and flood lighting, installation of a bore, power upgrade, and construction of a new pavilion and extension of the synthetic hockey pitch to meet Australian standards.

Funding The primary school upgrade is funded by Sport and Recreation Victoria and Council.

The secondary college is funded by the Victorian Government's Department of Education of which a portion is allocated for the oval upgrade works.

The ovals are now in the establishment phase. Expected handover to the schools will be late 2020, weather dependant.

### **Connect Cardinia Stage 2**

Council is investing funds to upgrade Main Drain Road, Koo Wee Rup and Boundary Drain Road from Denhams Rd to Kooweerup Pakenham Rd. Boundary Drain Road and Main Drain Road are currently having the detailed designs finalised with tenders to be called shortly.

## 10 TIPS TO HELP YOU MAKE MONEY FROM YOUR INVESTMENT PROPERTY



Buying an investment property and praying for a good tenant is not exactly a great strategy to creating wealth. The property itself, regardless of the fact it's made of bricks and mortar, needs to perform and work hard for you every single day as well. Because that's actually the reason why you purchased it for in the first place, isn't it?

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3. **Is your property attractive?** - Make sure your property aligns with the type of tenant you want living in your investment and that the property meets their needs and wants.
4. **Tenancy turnover is very expensive** - Understand the value of good quality tenants and how they contribute to both your sanity and your property business plan.
5. **Find a good property manager** - Employ a property manager for their professionalism and expertise not for their cheap fees. Like any other service you pay for, cheap fees equals low quality service. At **One Agency Robert Mure**, we have a property manager with over 10 years' experience who is dedicated to offering great service to our landlords and tenants.
6. **Making money isn't just about rent** - Tax maximisation and depreciation are just as important to your long term business plan as achieving a high rental yield is.
7. **Have a plan** - An investment plan should focus on the steady increase in the number and variety of properties which you should include in your property portfolio.
8. **Buy what you can afford** - Think with your business brain not your sentimental emotions. The more you think about financial viability and less about how much you 'like' the property the better.
9. **Treat property investment like a business** - Like all businesses, you need to understand your rights and responsibilities as an owner and become an expert in the field.
10. **There is no such thing as a 'get rich quick scheme'** - Property investment is a long term activity, so try to anticipate and plan for the bad times just as much as the good.

**Bonus Tip – Assemble a team of property experts around you, including a Sales Consultant and Property Manager from One Agency Robert Mure.**

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# KOO WEE RUP Primary School

## Final Farewell

It is certainly a bittersweet time for myself as my time at KWRPS comes to an end. Whilst I am looking forward to the challenge ahead, I am also very sad to be leaving a school community I have been so proud to lead for the past 4 and a half years.

KWRPS is in an incredible place and will continue to thrive and create high quality learning experiences for the students here. The staff are passionate and fully committed to the school's vision and I know this will continue beyond my departure. I look forward to watching from afar and hearing about all of the amazing achievements our students are making.

Please don't hesitate to say hello when I see you out and about in the community. I will most certainly be coming back for Year 6 graduation at the end of the year as well. I thank you all for your incredible support throughout my time here as principal and wish you the very best in your futures.

Nathan Jagoe - Principal

## 'Footsteps into Foundation 2021' Parent Information Night 6-7pm Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2020

Please join us on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July from 6 pm for a brief overview of the wonderful programs in place at our school and take a tour of our facilities. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, this information night is running a little later than is usually would and may look a little different dependent on the most current advice.

Our 'Footsteps Into Foundation' program has been established for new Foundation enrolments. It involves seven planned transition sessions as well as a parent information session.

More information and dates will be available on the night.

As Principal of Koo Wee Rup PS, I invite you to visit our welcoming and friendly school and see for yourself the high quality teaching and learning programs on offer for all students.

Enrolments are now being accepted. If you are wishing to enrol before the information night, enrolment packs are available at the school.



Nathan Jagoe  
Principal

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 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

The Koo Wee Rup Scout group is getting back out and about after spending most of term 2 doing our programs on Zoom. We are planning to return to the scout hall for the start of term 3, all our youth members are excited to be able to see each other again.

Our venturer unit has already been on their first bike hike. The journey started at scout hall and ended up at McDonalds at Caldermeade travelling along all the back roads

Our Joeys have explored Zoos from all over the world from the comfort of their homes.

Cubs have missed out on camping so much they designed their own campsite, there was a catch though, it had to fit onto an A4 sheet of paper.

Meanwhile our rovers have designed and built the best blanket fort they could and debated which Disney movie is the best.

Our scout section has been getting ready for some hiking with first aid practice and now have their own Minecraft server.

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

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## What was that siren?

June 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:

- 24/5/20 – Motor Vehicle collision – Sth Gippsland Hwy Koo Wee Rup
- 30/5/20 – Burnoff out of control – Railway Ave Dalmore
- 30/5/20 – Unattended fire – School Rd Bayles
- 12/6/20 – Burnoff out of control – Sth Gippsland Hwy Koo Wee Rup
- 13/6/20 – Burnoff possibly out of control – Sims Lane Koo Wee Rup
- 14/6/20 – Bin Fire – Station St Koo Wee Rup



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Almost all children do not wake to the sound of a smoke alarm. This makes it important that adults in the home can hear them. In modern homes where the parent's bedroom is often in another part of the house, they may not hear the smoke alarm in the children's bedrooms.

## 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.

## The Shut-in Blues

By *Jane Beaumont*, Auckland, New Zealand

I'm normally a social girl;  
I love to meet my mates.  
But lately with the virus here,  
We can't go out the gates.

You see, we are the 'oldies' now,  
We need to stay inside.  
If they haven't seen us for a while,  
They'll think we've upped and died.

They'll never know the things we did,  
Before we got this old.  
There wasn't any Facebook,  
So not everything was told.

We may seem sweet old ladies,  
Who would never be uncouth,  
But we grew up in the 60s - ,  
If you only knew the truth.

There was sex and drugs and rock 'n roll,  
The pill and miniskirts.

We smoked, we drank, we partied  
And were quite outrageous flirts.

The we settled down, got married  
And turned into someone's Mum.  
Somebody's wife, then nana,  
Who on earth did we become?

We didn't mind the change of pace,  
Because our lives were full.  
But to bury us before we're dead,  
Is like a red rag to a bull.

So here you find me stuck inside,  
for 4 weeks, maybe more,  
I finally found myself again,  
Then I had to close the door.

It didn't really bother me;  
I'd while away the hour.  
I'd bake for all the family,  
But I've got no bloody flour!

Now Netflix is just wonderful,  
I like a gutsy thriller,  
I'm swooning over Idris,  
Or some random sexy killer.

At least I've got a stack of Booze,  
For when I'm being idle.  
There's wine and whisky, even gin,  
If I'm feeling suicidal!

So, let's all drink to lockdown,  
To recovery and health.  
And hope this bloody virus,  
Doesn't decimate our wealth.

We'll all get through the crisis  
And be back to join our mates.  
Just hoping I'm not too wide,  
To fit through the flaming gates!

*Submitted by Geoff Stokes.*



To all the locals of Koo wee rup, Lang Lang and surrounding towns, we would like to thank you all for supporting our company and in fact, all local businesses in these hard times of CoVid19.

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## News and Information about the Men's Shed

The COVID-19 virus environment is still with us and the situation at the end of June '20 doesn't look too promising for the near future. However, some of the members have been dropping in to the 'Shed to discuss and improve their own mental health and anxiety problems caused, in some cases, by their solitary loneliness over recent weeks. All these visits whilst observing stage 3 physical distancing of course. The 'Shed will remain open for anyone with any sort of problem; loneliness, a physical problem or whatever. There is always someone who will listen to you and give advice. Just contact our secretary, Brian Harlow on 59979687

Some of our members, led by president Bernie Sheldon, have been working hard finishing off the repainted floor of the 'Shed and also painting the floor of the new metalwork and mechanics shed. Gradually other items such as workbenches and shelves have been installed and we are now patiently waiting for that date to be given for us to – go, go, go!

Work in the community garden has also been ongoing and all looks very good indeed in preparation for the coming Spring season crops. A great job well done and led by John Farmer. Charlie Forrest, one of our members is also responsible for the growing of wonderful veggies and fruits and he runs our shop where you can buy these super veggies at excellent prices. We call him our Sales Manager and Maintenance Man. Make sure, when harvest time comes, that you take look at the silver beet, rhubarb, carrots, onions and beetroot that he has grown. I can assure you, you will come away with a bag full. There is a little secret we can now tell you. Charlie makes all of the preserves and pickles that are for sale. There's Green Tomato Chutney, homemade Worcestershire Sauce, Zucchini and Rhubarb Relish and Strawberry Jam. Charlie will be there to help you choose your veggies or relish. All very fresh and all very inexpensive. The Men's Shed garden shop will now open at selected times for the sale of vegetables and chutneys. A notice on the front of the shop will show the opening hours but, again, this is also subject to any changing Government regulations.

With the Covid-19 virus restrictions, our weekly computer classes for seniors will remain off limits for now. However during this inoperative time, we are hoping to upgrade our computers to the latest desk top designs and to an all Windows 10 operating system.

Despite the current situation, the Koo-Wee-Rup Men's Shed continues to grow in stature and it is now recognized as one of the very best in the State if not in Australia. This amazing achievement has been won by the untiring work of the president, the committee, and of course the steadfast work of all the members and our esteemed retired members. If you live in Koo-Wee-Rup and District, take note that all of our very friendly members will

give you a real warm welcome as you come through the door. You don't have to be old either; we have a membership spanning all ages from youth to - well you know – somewhat older. Indeed there is always a genuine open invitation to come along, meet us, and enjoy the company of real good blokes and maybe get a boost to your own health and well-being at the same time. Come on, call in, try us.

Here are a couple of definitions for our intrepid gardeners.

*A knee: a device for finding rocks in your garden.*

*A weed: is a plant that has mastered every survival skill except for learning how to grow in rows.*



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## Koo Wee Rup and District Lions

By Linda Sanders

### First Meeting for Three Months

The members of the Koo Wee Rup Lions had our first meeting back since March because of COVID-19. It has been really nice to have a break from meetings but it was great to see everyone again and to have a chat (at a distance).



We were happy to hear a talk from Jo Gale from the Lions Hearing Dogs Australia who spoke regarding their activities and presentation of hearing dog Moira to Lion Suzanne de Pelsenaire. (see article on page 5).

Many of our activities have been cancelled or postponed due to COVID-19 but we are now in discussions about organising new activities and to get things moving again. Some of our members have started a new subcommittee to come up with ideas for new events.

During the break, the catering/bbq trailer has been completed and is now ready to be used by Lions at sausage sizzles etc. We are also planning on hiring out the trailer to community groups.



With the incoming committee members, we have a new tail twister, Shirelle Lean. Shirelle was a previous tail twister and we welcome her back. The Tail Twister fines members for indiscretions, mistakes and incidents and generally dobs people in. They also tell jokes and get us laughing.

Many thanks to outgoing Tail Twister Sheryl Blay, who did a great job last year especially with the funny head gear.

At our meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> June we were visited by PDG Ian Gration from Endeavour Hill Lions, Phillip Ould, President Strzelecki Lions and David Mills from Strzelecki Lions.

PDG Ian Gration thanked the club for supporting V Districts Cancer Foundation and gave a comprehensive update of the funding for a community bus to carry out testing in country areas.

Lion Ron Payne presented David Mills of Strzelecki Lions with a Certificate of Appreciation for all his physical assistance and ideas with the building of our new food trailer. Many thanks David for your helpful advice.



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## Pilates Mat returns to Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service (KRHS)

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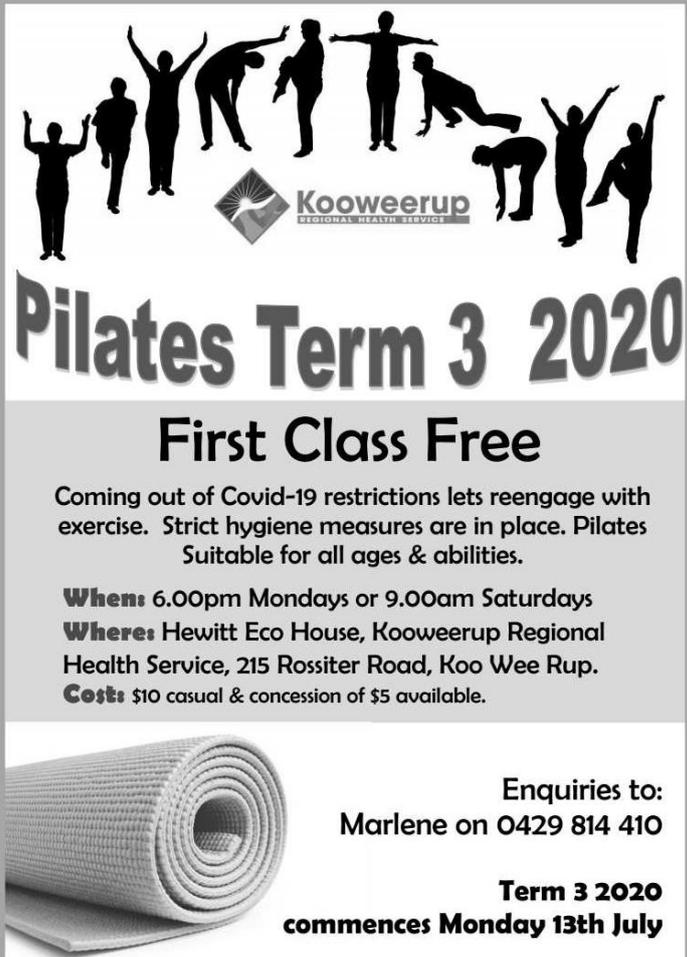
If you are new your **first class is FREE** otherwise the cost is \$10 per session.

However with State and KRHS restrictions we need to remember the following :

1. We **will need proof of having a flu injection** (certificate or statutory declaration)
2. Signing in including contact details for tracing if needed.
3. Hygiene with personal and equipment cleaned before and after training sessions.
4. Maximum numbers for social distancing compliance
5. Normal practice with exercise is the annual completion of a medical self-assessment form which we have been doing all along anyway. (Confidential between the trainer and the participant)

I hope this does not put you off, as all is to protect us and those around us. Hope you're still interested in coming along.

Enquiries to Marlene on 0429 814410



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**Term 3 2020 commences Monday 13th July**

## Celebrate Plastic Free July with our All Things Reusable virtual workshop!

Community members are invited to attend a free virtual workshop to learn about ways to reduce waste in and around the home.

Hosted by Cardinia Shire Council and Casey Cardinia Libraries, the 'All Things Reusable' workshop will help residents to reduce waste in their home, with a range of sustainable examples, tips, and home set-up ideas.

The session will also feature a question-and-answer segment for residents to ask any of their zero waste questions.

Taking place on Sunday July 12, the workshop is the perfect opportunity for residents to celebrate 'Plastic Free July.'

Plastic Free July is a global movement that encourages people to be part of the solution to plastic pollution in order to create cleaner streets, oceans and communities.

The initiative encourages participants to reduce their use of single-use plastic waste at home, work, school and even the local café.

More information about Plastic Free July can be found at: [www.plasticfreejuly.org](http://www.plasticfreejuly.org)

### Event details

**Date:** Sunday 12 July

**Time:** 10:30am – 12pm

**Cost:** Free for Cardinia Shire and City of Casey residents

**Bookings:** Registration is essential and places are limited: [www.trybooking.com/BJRCQ](http://www.trybooking.com/BJRCQ)

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# Outlook

community centre

After three long months of closure we are excited to reopen our doors on the 6<sup>th</sup> July. We have missed our wonderful community members and can't wait to see your smiling faces again. We hope everyone has been safe and well while our doors have been closed. We are progressively adding Term 3 courses to our website [www.outlookvic.org.au](http://www.outlookvic.org.au) and are currently preparing a Term 3 Program which will be available on the website as soon as it is completed. If it is not on the website when you first visit, please check back. The Centre is also offering room hire in line with current government restrictions. We will be keeping you safe during the Covid-19 challenge by adhering to social distancing good hygiene practices and government restrictions. We ask that you do not attend the Centre if you have cold or flu like symptoms.

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**Fridays from 9 July for 4 sessions, 10.30am - 12.00pm**

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**Wednesdays from 8 July for 4 sessions, 1.00pm - 2.30pm**

**OR**

**Fridays from 10 July for 4 sessions, 10.30am - 12.00pm**

**Cost \$22 for 4 sessions**

## Gardening Group

Would you like to know more about plants and how to make them grow? You don't have to have a garden to belong to this group – just a love of gardens. Join us for information sharing, guest speakers, problem solving and swapping cuttings.

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**3 July, 7 August, 4 September, 2 October**

**10.30am - 12.00pm**

**Cost \$4 per session at Outlook plus outing costs.**

**(Excursions are also arranged throughout the term)**

## Koo Wee Rup Bowls Club News

Not much has happened around the Club with restrictions still on. The final of the Men's 100 Up hcp has been played after some restrictions were eased. Congratulations to Brett Condron who defeated Steve Haines [Runner up in 3 competitions]. The Ladies managed to play their "B" grade championship with the consistent Helen Ralph defeating Pat Carlin in the final. We are now allowed to play some bowls and many of our members have been having a roll to test out the Green after Lindsay put considerable work on it with the Green being closed for play. The Club has set aside Sunday July 5<sup>th</sup> for our long awaited A.G.M. Prospective members & visitors are welcome to attend.



*Rex Alexander, Sec. 03.5996 1862*

## Koo Wee Rup RSL Sub Branch Report

As we advance in years, I feel sure that like me, most of us reflect on our past and that of those who were here before us, from time to time and know that only by the grace of God that we came out of many situations without as much as a scratch or survived at all.

Those of us whose childhood was during the war years and for some years after can surely relate to the fear in which we lived and those who were present at this year's Australia Day celebration with our guest speaker and Australia Day ambassador Mr Richard Rozen OAM, where he spoke of his life as a Jewish child living in hiding from the Nazis in occupied Poland, it was a joyous and privileged occasion to have Mr Rozen as he spoke of his story with much humour and grace, which is to be admired. What he and his parents went through would have been the same for many hundreds, only most would not have been as fortunate to escape with their lives.

Nothing was as harrowing for me, but the sight of any military vehicle or the sound of an approaching aircraft would send me running for a good hiding place; no one could convince me that there was such a thing as a friendly aircraft.

So putting the above into perspective with the time in which we live, we need to spare a thought for the people of previous generations. Try to imagine you were born in 1900. On your 14th birthday WW1 started and ends when you were 18. 22 million people perish in that war. Later in the year, a Spanish Flu epidemic hits the planet and runs until you were 20. 50 million were infected with 10%, 50 million, having died from it in those two years. Yes, 50 million. When you turned 29, the Great Depression begins. Unemployment hits 25%, the world GDP drops 27%. That runs until you are 33. The country nearly collapses along with the rest of the world economy.

Ten years later, now you are 39, WW2 starts and you are not over the hill yet. On your 41st birthday, the United States of America is fully pulled into WW2 and by the time you are 45, 75 million people perish in that war. Smallpox was an epidemic until you were in your 40s, as it killed 300 million people during your lifetime. At 50, the Korean War starts. 5 million perish and from your firth, until you are 55, you dealt with the fear of polio epidemics each summer. You experience family and friends contracting polio and being paralysed or dying. At 55 the Vietnam war begins and goes on for 20 years. 4 million people perished in that conflict.

During the Cold War, you lived each day with the fear of nuclear annihilation. On your 62nd birthday you have the Cuban Missile Crisis, a tipping point in the Cold ar. Life on the planet, as we know it, almost ended. My understanding of that very tense period of time (mid to late October 1962) is that nuclear armed missiles were already on the island of Cuba before the US navy blockade took place and during this time three nuclear armed Soviet submarines were in the region and another in the waters off Hawaii. The US navy was tracking these submarines at very close range and of the three, two had to surface due to battery exhaustion and therefore surrender (later allowed to return to the Soviet Union) and I cannot say anything of the other two - at least at the time I know of no reports on them. I would like to think that the entire world knew how close we were to a 3rd world war, but it was not until the 1990s when Robert McNamara (who was the US secretary of defence during the presidency of John Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson) met with Cuban president Fidel Castro and, to Mr McNamara's amazement, learned that the Cuban president had given his approval to the Russian president, Nikita Khrushchev, to strike with nuclear weapons at the United States knowing all too well that the US would have to do likewise, at very much the same instance, incinerating all and everything that stood in Cuba. I hate to think of where that would have ended.

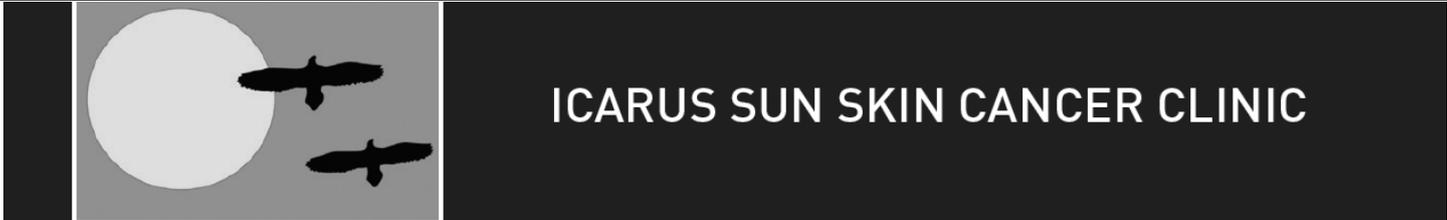
So think of everyone on the planet born in or around 1900s. How did they endure all of that? Yet they survived through everything listed above. Yes, floods, fire and droughts too. Perspective is an amazing art. Refining and enlightening as time goes on. Our parents and grandparents were called to endure all of the above - all we are called to do is to stay at home and, like many out there, I have never had a problem with that.

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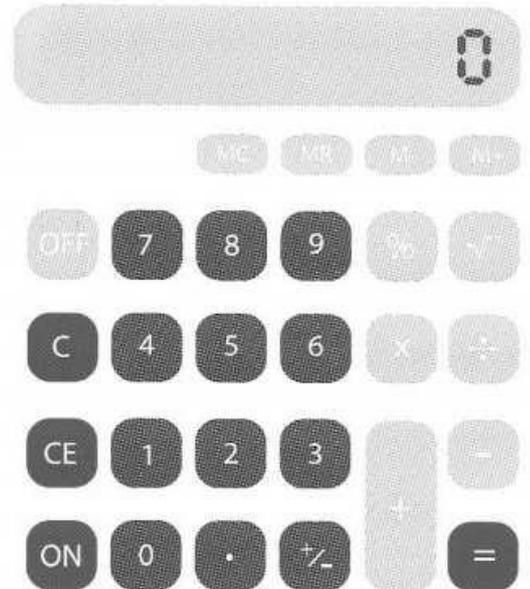
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Hard waste collection bookings can be made online at [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/hardwaste](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/hardwaste) or by calling Customer Service on 1300 787 624.

Households will also have the option to book up to 2 **extra** paid collections per year at a cost of \$100 each.

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### How it works

Hard waste should be placed on your nature strip the weekend immediately before your collection week, but no earlier. It must be left out by 6am on the Monday at the start of your collection week. Bookings close on Thursday for collections the following week (subject to availability). You can book as far as 2 months in advance.

### **You must book your collection before putting waste out.**

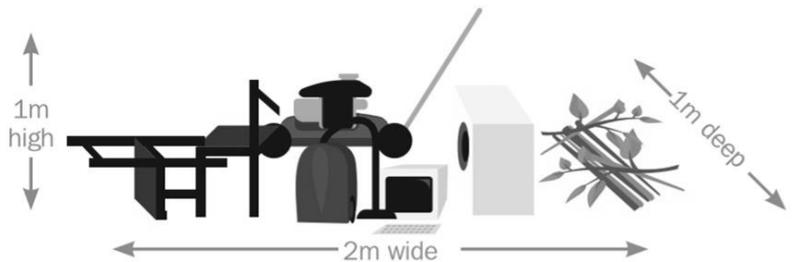
Before putting your waste out, make sure you understand what **will and won't be accepted** for collection.

**How early can I put items out?** Anytime on the weekend immediately before your collection week – but no earlier.

**What's the latest I can put items out?** 6am on the Monday at the start of your collection week. Please do not add items after this time.

**Where to leave items** Stack items neatly on your nature strip, in piles according to waste type. Items must not block the footpath, driveway or road.

**Pile size allowed** You can put out up to 2 cubic metres per collection (2 metres x 1 metre x 1 metre).



### What we collect - the 'YES' list

All items must be under 30 kilograms and less than 1.5 metres in length.

- Whitegoods
- Appliances
- Scrap metal
- E-waste (any item with a battery or cord).
- Tree branches and prunings.
- Household furniture
- Hot water systems
- Mattresses and bed bases (up to 2 per collection).
- Carpet
- Small car parts. (No springs, engines, gearboxes or differentials).
- Glass and mirrors.
- Cardboard
- Polystyrene/foam packaging
- Paint tins (Must be empty with lids off).
- Timber pieces (No nails or staples).
- Car tyres (maximum of 4).

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- NO paint including dried paint in tins - take to [Paintback](#)
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- NO batteries (car) - take to a [transfer station](#)
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- NO building, renovation or demolition material - take to a [transfer station](#)
- NO food, general waste or recyclables - use your household bins
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Brian Harlow (Youth Worker) explained: Mentors need to meet the following criteria to join the TAC L2P program:

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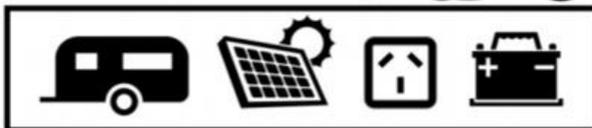
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## The history of Yallock - Part 1 - by H.J. Boxshall

The following account of the history of Yallock was written by Henry John Boxshall (1880 - 1968) a pioneer Yallock resident. The history was written in March 1957 for the pupils at the Yallock School and was published in the *Koo Wee Rup Sun* of June 19, 1968. This is part one and the other parts will appear in the August and September *Blackfish*.

This portion of the Kooweerup Swamp was made available for selection in the latter part of the year 1894. Many of the first settlers came from Macedon where a village settlement was formed in 1893, the land there was not suitable for closer settlement and the settlers were removed to Yallock. Permits to occupy twenty acres were issued to the settlers and they were required to pay fifteen shillings per twenty acres per annum for the first three years, then a lease was given for twenty years. After the expiration of that time and, provided all payments and conditions had been complied with, a Title to the land was given.

After much agitation by the local Progress Association of which the late Mr. C. J. Izzard was Secretary, and who with the great assistance of the then Member for Mornington, the Hon. Alfred Downard, M.L.A., Parliament agreed to forego all interest on the half yearly payments, otherwise it is doubtful if the settlement would have survived. Mr. Downard was a good friend and a big help to the settlers and was always ready to do what he could to obtain any concessions for the settlers who had to fight so hard to get on.

In those early days of settlement living conditions were bad and the settlers had to endure considerable hardships, it was hard on the men, very few of whom had any experience of farming life and knew nothing of stock management. Most of them were used to city life, many being capable tradesmen but owing to the big depression of the early 1890's had lost their savings and unemployment was rife. The Government of the day instituted the Village Settlement Scheme to get as many of the unemployed out of Melbourne as possible.

### HOUSING WAS POOR

When the head of the family went on his allotment a tent was put up and then a shelter of sorts was erected, not many could be called houses. Many were merely bag humpies and the families lived in these make-shift places until more substantial wattle and daub were built. Life was hard for the wives and children of those early settlers most of whom were town bred and used to the amenities of city life.

In the summer months water was scarce and had to be carted, and in many cases carried long distances. In the winter, water was at times too plentiful as families living near the creek found to their cost. In the summer when water was when water was scarce, the weekly wash was done down at the creek, where firewood and water was plentiful.

One of the worst hardships the settlers had to endure was the lack of medical attention, the nearest doctor was at Dandenong and the nearest telephone was at Monomeith Railway Station. If a doctor was urgently needed, as in a case of life or death, it had to be the latter. There were two cases here at Yallock where the mothers of two large families died because medical help could not be obtained in time. In both cases all the doctor could do was to give a certificate of death.

Another big drawback was the lack of a school. The children had to go either to Yannathan or McKenzies School, the latter being situated on the corner of Bethunes Road opposite Hodgen Brothers' farm on Kooweerup Road. The teacher's name was Mrs. McKenzie. This school was later moved to Kooweerup. Mrs. McKenzie was the first teacher. Most of the Yallock children attended the Yannathan school and, as that school was outside the three miles limit, it was inevitable that the attendances were a long way from 100%. This was not to be wondered at as the children often had to wade through water to reach the school and to sit wet footed all day. In summer they had to traverse snake infested paddocks and were expert snake killers.

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The settlers lost no time in agitating for a school and a meeting was arranged to meet an inspector who was sent un by the Education Department to discuss the matter with the parents. As there was a big attendance of children of school age, over 40 being present, the inspector could see the need of a school and promised to send a teacher along as soon as a suitable building was available and a place for the teacher to board could be found.

About this time the settlers saw the need of a hall for a meeting place, recreation, etc. A hall was built and rented to the Education Department to hold the school, which was started in 1899. Mrs. Agnes Curtin was the first teacher and boarded with Mrs. James Stevens. She was a very capable teacher and stayed two years. She was followed by Miss Ellis, who did not stay long. Then Mr. F. Oldfield took charge sometime late in 1902. He was a splendid teacher and a hard worker for the general good of the Yallock people. He taught at Yallock for about 12 or 13 years, the longest term of any Yallock teacher. He was a fine man and was greatly respected by both scholars and parents. He was the first to teach in the new school, opened in 1912. Miss Doris Savage was first Sewing Mistress in the new school, Miss M. Cox having held that position when the school was held in the hall. Miss Savage was followed by Miss V. Games. Miss B. Boxshall (my daughter) was the last to hold that position at the Yallock School. The school residence was built in 1921 and the first teacher to occupy the house was Mr. George Coughlan.



*Yallock State School*

Most of the early settlers found employment excavating the drains. The' earth was dug out and loaded on to barrows and wheeled out on planks. The drain banks were later formed into roads. The work was hard and often men had to work waist deep in water. The settler was allowed to earn £5 on the drain work and then required to do improvements on his block to the value of £5, when he would be given a ticket to go back to the drain work and earn another £5. This drain work was not very regular as time went on, as the money granted for the work would be used up and the work would be held up until more money was made available.

Flooding also caused interruptions. The water would come down and wash planks and b arrows away. Many of these would be found later lodged in the ti-tree along the creek (most of the settlers owned a Government barrow). Owing to the irregularity of the drain work, and the farms being a long way from self-supporting, many of the settlers left their wives and families to carry on with the farm work and took jobs of draining, clearing and picking up (cleaning up after burning off) in Gippsland forest country, others who could see no chance of making a living from such small holdings left their blocks and sought field and new pastures. The vacated blocks were allotted (in some cases by ballot) to the remaining settlers, who were now allowed to increase their holdings to the value of £250 (approximately 50 acres) thus holdings were increased as time went on, by the settlers selling out to neighbours. So many families leaving the district and Bayles Township getting a school was the cause of reducing the attendance at the Yallock School from over 40 to its present low number.

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It was some time before it was possible to make a living from the land owing to the difficulty of clearing and preparing for ploughing and grassing down. After the first light ti-tree scrub stumps were cleared the land settled, and large ti-tree stumps showed through. After these were dealt with there were large patches of gum tree stumps known as "Cat-Heads", and it was some years before all the stumps were dealt with. Fences made of the stumps were a common sight: the stumps were also handy for enclosing cow yards and pig pens. These stumps were eventually used up as firewood when post and wire fences were erected. For some years the price of all farm products were very low. Cream delivered to Wood and Company Butter Factory at Lang Lang brought five pence per pound (Commercial butter), milk was delivered for three pence per gallon to Wood and Company Creamery, situated on Mr. R. Peck's property near the Yallock creek bridge, and other farm products were at equally low prices.

The nearest Post Office was at Monomeith Railway Station. After some months the Postal Department made up a loose bag for Yallock and the mail contractor, "Monomeith to Heath Hill" - Mr. John Ridgway, of Yannathan had to be met at Bourkes Stockyard three times a week to take delivery of the bag. The mail was looked after by the Boxshall family for ten years. For some time the mail was delivered daily to the school. Later a post office was granted and looked after

by Mr. R. Games. This office was closed some years ago, but the loose bag is still delivered at the same place now occupied by Mr. Deppeler.

The first religious service was held in Mr. T. Boxshall's house by the Presbyterian Minister Rev. Colin Robertson of Cranbourne. Services were also held at the home of Mr. W. Donaldson by Mr. Robertson and also the Anglican Clergyman Rev. A. A. Wiltshire who was the first Church of England Minister to hold a service at Yallock. At the time Yallock was in the Cranbourne Parish and Mr. Wiltshire had to travel long distances, on horseback, over rough and stumpy tracks. He would hold a service at Cardinia in the morning then on to Yallock for the afternoon service, then back to Cranbourne for the evening service. This meant a Sunday journey of over 40 miles but, Mr Wiltshire never failed and was always on time.

A meeting was held at Mr. Boxshall's house to go into the matter of building a Church, both Mr. Wiltshire and Mr. Robertson attended, it was seen that there were not sufficient followers of either or any denomination to support a Church so, it was suggested that a Union Church be built. Mr. Wiltshire was strongly opposed to a Union Church. On Mr. Izzard's suggestion it was decided to build a hall, services of different denominations could then hold there. Until the hall was built sometime about 1899, services were held in a small wattle and daub building, the roof being thatched with swamp reeds, this place was built by Mr H. Reid for a blacksmith's shop on Mr. Jones' property (now owned by Mr. F. Ashby). The venture was not a success and services were held there by different Protstant denominations until the hall was opened.

The building of St. Saviour's Church at Yallock was started in November, 1905, the first stump was put in by Mr. John Mickle, a local Shire Councillor, on the 15th of that month. The whole of the work of the building the Church was done voluntarily by Mr. Thomas Pretty, a carpenter who had a farm on the Yallock Creek. Mr. Wiltshire left Yallock before the Church was built. He was sent to the Euroa District, not long after taking charge there he met with a fatal accident. He was taking snaps with his camera on the rocks above a deep gorge when he slipped and fell to the rocks below, he was killed instantly. His passing was deeply regretted, he was highly respected and loved by all who knew him. It will give a better idea of the time of Mr. Wiltshire's ministry at Yallock when I tell you we were waiting at the hall before the service started, on his arrival and after greeting us Mr. Wiltshire said, "I have good news for you, before leaving Cranbourne this morning, word came through that the siege of Mafeking was ended and the Boers have been driven off."

A few months before the church was built the first Bishop of Gippsland, Bishop Pain arranged for an amalgamation of the Kooweerup and Lang Lang district. The Priest in charge was Rev. E. H. Smith. The Rev. Henry Lane was the last minister to come from Cranbourne to preach at Yallock. After leaving Cranbourne, Rev. Lane was made Chaplain of the Melbourne General Cemetery.

**The Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society meets on the second Wednesday of each month. We are currently closed due to Covid 19. We will probably hold a meeting on July 8 at 7.30pm at Mallow House, 325 Rossiter Road. Just check on our Facebook page if this is going ahead. Heather Arnold [harnold@dcsi.net.au](mailto:harnold@dcsi.net.au) 0407 521 637.**

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