

THE KOO WEE RUP BLACKFISH



SEPTEMBER 2020

The littlest Koo Wee Roppers

Among the town's newest residents are 5 cygnets born to the pair of swans who nest each year on Lake Sybella. Thank you to Michelle Van Deelen for the picture.

Black swans are usually monogamous and return to the same nest every year, repairing or rebuilding it for their new eggs. Their nests are large mounds of reeds and other grasses in shallow water, so the wetlands at the end of Bailey Boulevard are typical breeding habitat.

For those of you going for a visit, remember that black swans are enormously protective of their young and can be quite aggressive if they feel the cygnets are threatened; so keep a bit of distance and walk away if the adults seem to be getting agitated.

Please remember that native birds don't need to be fed. Too much food from humans can make them dependent and change the balance of their diet. Bread is a particular problem because of the high levels of salt which can lead to deformities, particularly if fed to young birds.

Snake Alert

Copperhead snakes have been seen along the rail trail, particularly in the area near the bus station. As a general rule, these snakes are not aggressive and will leave you alone if you leave them alone. Don't let your dogs off lead in this area, look carefully before you step into the grass at the side of the path,

and keep an eye on wandering, inquisitive children.

Caroline Roff, Editor



Why Lions collect stamps

There are 53,000 reasons why Lions collect recycled stamps.

2019-2020 was a record year for the Australian Lions Club International Stamp Club. Lions sold over 400 kilos of recycled stamps and raised \$53,000 to buy walking frames for children born with Cerebral Palsy. Each frame is made for each child

Koo Wee Rup Lions Club collect used stamps. Help us by collecting your used stamps and drop them into the Op Shop and lets be part of 2020-2021 in breaking another record.

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Most of our food shops are operating a takeaway service. To help keep everyone safe, call first if you are ordering a meal or, if you want to order in person, take a walk after you've ordered, unless it's just a coffee, rather than wait inside. If you can pay by card, rather than cash, that would be appreciated.

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What's on in Koo Wee Rup?

Township Committee Meetings Hoping to meet via Zoom in August

Bowls Contact club for details

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

Lions Lions are meeting online.

Coffee Club Will not be meeting until cafés reopen.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mat Pilates classes at Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service Cancelled until further notice.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

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services contact:

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HAVE YOU GOT SOMETHING TO SAY?

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

Caroline Roff, Editor

Kooweerup Recreation Reserve Upgrade

At the August 17th meeting Cardinia Shire Council awarded a tender for works at the Kooweerup Recreation Reserve to demolish the existing Kooweerup football/cricket and netball change rooms and replace them with new facilities.

The public toilets will also be demolished and replaced with new facilities incorporated in the new football/cricket pavilion.

The new netball facilities will include a social area, change rooms and amenities, umpires amenities, canteen, first aid, office and storage space all of which meet Councils facility standards.

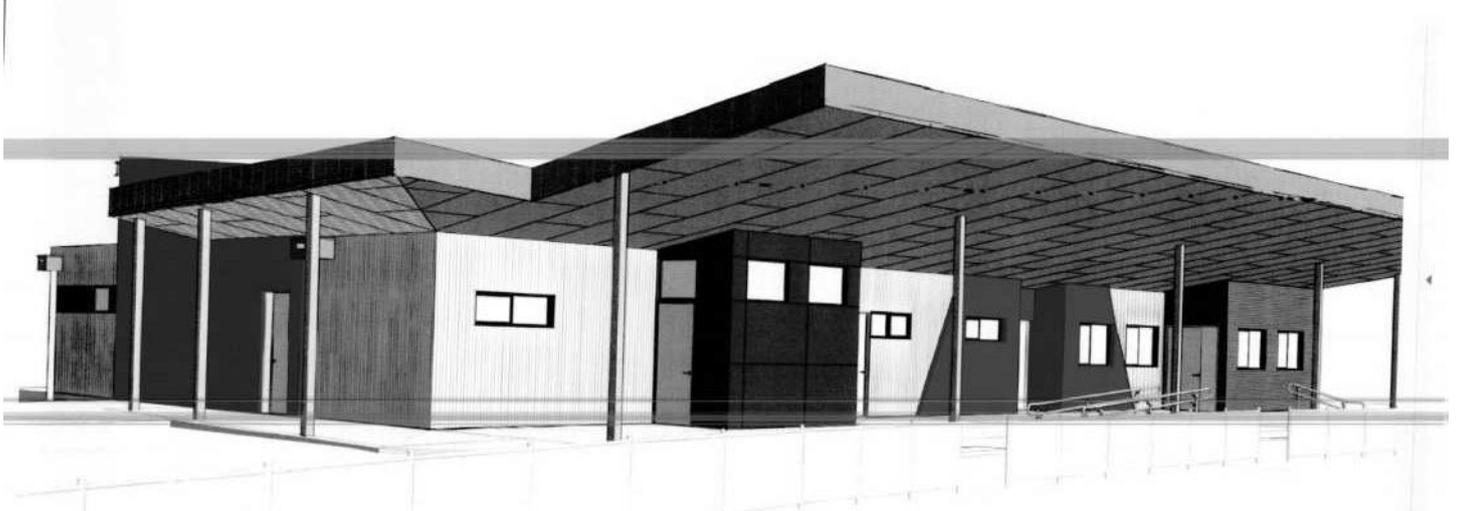
The new Football/Cricket changerooms will provide for sporting female friendly changerooms, female friendly standard and universally accessible amenities. The new facility will include home and away teams changerooms and amenities, umpires changerooms and amenities, trainers rooms, first aid room and gym. It will include an office, meeting room and community room along with storage facilities and spectator area.

The building will also house the new public toilets which will be positioned towards the Social Room end of the pavillion.

Solar panels will be installed on both pavilions which will allow savings on power costs to be achieved, mains sewerage will be connected as well as natural gas and a power upgrade is also included in the project.

There has been extensive consultation between Council Officers and representatives from the Football, Cricket and Netball clubs and Committee of management of the Reserve to ensure the buildings meet the needs of the users and complies with Councils Facility Standards.

For those who don't know, the Kooweerup Recreation Reserve is located on Denhams Road, the reserve is Crown land with a community Committee of Management appointed under the Crown Land Reserve Act.



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Netball Pavillion



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Updates on the KWR CWA

The Win Pankhurst Memorial Scholarship for 2020 will be open on the 1st of September for all Grade 6 students from Koo Wee Rup Primary, St John the Baptist and Clyde Primary school. This scholarship is assessed and awarded based on the students community contribution as well as school excellence. We understand that 2020 community/volunteer contribution has been limited, so the scholarship committee are extending volunteering scholarship candidate references to also be from 2019.

All applications need to be at the students respective school reception (or emailed in their entirety to kwrcwa@outlook.com) by the 12th of November 2020. Members of the CWA will be collecting the scholarship entries on the 13th of November 2020. The successful candidates school will be contacted before the end of November.



Applications will be sent electronically to each school. If for any reason your grade 6 child has not received the application and wishes to enter, please contact us via our email kwrcwa@outlook.com and we will send one to you.

One of our strengths in the KWR CWA is the number of talented crafty/handy women we have. Throughout the month, we have had members create beautiful quilts for family members, fashion a car cover from old t-shirts, re-purpose old tiles to create an outside mosaic table, cross stitch Christmas stockings, create a whimsical sign post for their garden, crochet a bolero and of course, many have created face masks for local community members and



family. Other members have been creating in the kitchen with sour dough, creating local preserves and nailing down that elusive recipe that always tasted wonderful when their mother cooked it, but lacks that je ne sais quoi when they try and reproduce it.

October is the beginning of our new year at the CWA, so if you have been wanting to find some local people who enjoy getting a bit crafty, gardening, cooking and supporting local schools with educational grants, then come and join us! Ages of the members range from 30-60 (roughly), so no woman should feel that they are too young or old to join. We would love to have more members join in the fun and this coming year looks like it's going to be full of action due to all of the events postponed this year!

For more information on how you can become a member of the KWR branch: contact the branch secretary at kwrcwa@outlook.com, or through our Facebook page.





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More Historical Facts

I have received a couple of telephone calls and I have had one or two chats in the street (with masks and social distancing of course) about my article in the August '20 "Blackfish". You will recall that I wrote about a factor of early history in England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland. All my contacts were intrigued with the no bathing beliefs and regular June weddings at that time. You may be able to use the following.

My own family records that go back to 1495 show most of our family marriages going back through the years occurred in May and June – interesting that! My father's wedding was May 1917 and my grandfather's wedding was June 1872; however my great-grand father, James, did not comply, he married Esther Shotton in December 1841 just before leaving to serve in the British army in India with the IV of foot, the Royal Lancashire Fusiliers. We will forgive him for that. As you know, June is the last month of Spring in the northern hemisphere just before the warmer weather arrives.

The switch from woolen to linen clothing by the 16th century also accompanied the decline in bathing. Linen clothing is much easier to clean and maintain – and such clothing was becoming commonplace at that time in England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland and indeed the rest of Western Europe. Clean linen shirts or blouses allowed people who had not bathed to appear clean and well groomed. The possession of a large quantity of clean linen clothing was a sign of social status. Thus, appearance became more important than personal hygiene. Contemporary medical opinion also supported this claim. Physicians of the period believed that odours, or miasma, an oppressive or unpleasant atmosphere which surrounds or emanates from something such as that which would be found in soiled linens, caused most diseases including cholera, chlamydia, or the Black Death. Miasma was also known as 'night air'. A person could therefore change one's shirt or dress every few days, but avoid baths – which might let the "bad air" into the body through the pores. Consequently, in an age in which there were very few personal bathtubs, laundry was an important and weekly chore which was commonly undertaken by laundresses of the time.

Geoff Stokes

It's time to put food waste to good use!

A new service will soon allow residents to put food scraps in their green waste bin.

From Monday 28 September, all food scraps, including fruit and vegetables, cooked and uncooked meat, dairy products, processed foods and more, can be placed in the green waste bin to be composted into nutrient rich soil for Victorian farms and gardens.

The new service will provide a solution to the problem of food waste in the shire. Around 32% of Cardinia Shire's household waste is spoiled food or food scraps, which currently goes straight to landfill. When food waste decomposes in landfill it produces methane – a harmful greenhouse gas – and creates leachate – a toxic landfill liquid that can pollute the land, ground and waterways.

Residents who already have a green waste bin will receive a free 'food in green waste bin' kit including a benchtop kitchen caddy, flyer and sticker during the rollout period of 28 September to 19 October 2020. Once received, it can be used immediately.

Ratepayers can order a green bin any time of year. The annual fee for 2020–2021 is \$123.20 for the 240L green bin or \$90 for the 120L green bin.

Green bins will continue to be collected fortnightly and are available in two sizes: the standard 240L bin and a new smaller 120L bin for smaller households with less garden waste needs.

Online information session

Learn more about the service at a free online information session on Thursday 10 September from 7pm-8pm or Saturday 12 September from 10.30am-11.30am. To book or for more information, visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/greenwaste

To order a green bin

To order a new or additional green bin, visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/orderbins, phone 1300 787 624 or email mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au. Rental tenants will need to contact their property manager or landlord.

Food waste - more info

For more information about putting food waste in the green bin, visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/greenwaste

Rebates for compost, worm farms and mulchers

People who have a compost bin at home can continue to use it. Council offer rebates of up to \$50 for Cardinia Shire residents who buy a compost bin, worm farm or mulcher – visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/wasterebates for more information.



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1st Koo Wee Rup Scout Group

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

Whilst Covid – 19 has us all in stage 4 lockdown Koo Wee Rup scout group is still running weekly activities. This last month we have done 3D colouring, quizzes, knotting, survival tactics and google translate cooking challenge just to name a few.

One of the biggest activities was a Scouts Victoria State-wide Cook Along. The cooking demonstration was done on a Facebook live and YouTube video so that youth members and families could follow along at home. Over 400 families joined in for this event which meant they did not need to think about what to have for Sunday night dinner.

Chicken Parma Balls

Sunday August 23 – 3pm, live on Facebook or YouTube

PERSONAL GROWTH CHALLENGE AREA

- 600g minced chicken
- 2 medium tinned tomatoes
- 1/2 cup bread crumbs
- 1 tin sliced onion (fresh or packet is ok)
- 1 egg
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 20ml soybean oil (or any)
- 700g jar of pasta
- 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese
- Something to serve with (e.g. tomato sauce, for example salad)

Equipment

- Mixing bowl
- Saucepan
- Serving spoon
- Cooking oil or spray
- Large oven tray (or 2)
- Serving dish and spoon

How

- Heat ingredients and add egg, onion, bread crumbs and tomato sauce
- Watch live on Facebook or YouTube or watch the video
- Follow along and have fun!
- Taste your friends and family to give it the thumbs up!

Ice Cream Smash

Sunday August 23 – 3pm, live on Facebook or YouTube

PERSONAL GROWTH CHALLENGE AREA

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup cream or milk
- 1/2 cup vanilla ice cream
- 1/2 cup chocolate sauce
- 1/2 cup fruit (e.g. strawberries)

Equipment

- Mixing bowl (or similar)
- Spoon or stick
- Serving spoon
- Serving dish or tray

How

- Watch live on Facebook or YouTube or watch the video
- Follow along and have fun!
- Taste your friends and family to give it the thumbs up!

A Scout smiles and whistles under all circumstances.
 Robert Baden-Powell

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

Contact our Group Leader Shane Worthington
 0427 770 781 or email 1stkwrscouts@gmail.com



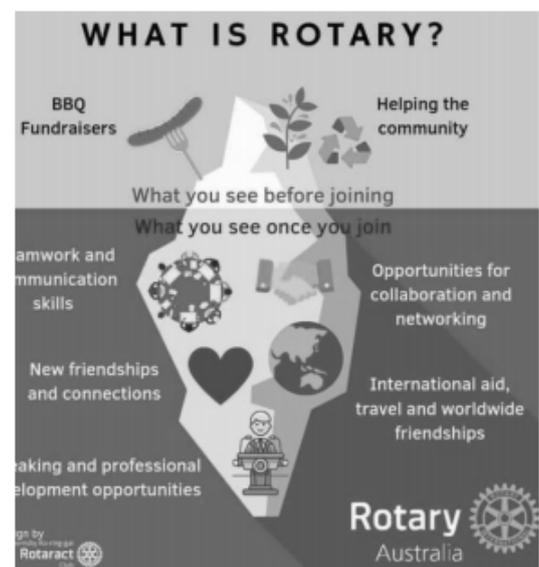
Rotary

Rotary Club of Koo Wee Rup -Lang Lang

2019 Rotary year started as any other year with the changeover of Presidents in June but our finish was not the one we expected to see, and I'm sure our members didn't see it ending the way it had. Drought and bushfires is something that is always at our forefront of our community support. Then along comes COVID-19 which has effected so many Rotary programs and fundraisers, supporting our community and meetings, let alone the effect it is having on our community and business which are being hit the most. There were so many highs to hang our hat on, the Show'n'Shine being our best ever with the amazing support from attendee's, sponsors and volunteers etc which enabled the club to donate an amazing \$30,000 to the bushfire recovery in East Gippsland. Our total donations to various projects and community support, including the \$30,000 to the East Gippsland bushfires was \$75,000, a wonderful contribution that we were able to facilitate because of the wonderful support of this community. The challenge is unimaginable for so many in our community, community groups and businesses alike. It's an enormous struggle to find ways to raise funds to continue the support that many in our community needs at this time. Our club is persisting with Zoom meetings, although it does keeps us connected, it doesn't give us that satisfaction of getting out in the community and getting our hands dirty, something that we love to do. We also miss the fellowship that exists with each face to face meeting. Our major fundraisers for our Rotary year normally consist of our Charity Golf Day in October, barbecues for various events throughout the year. Carols at the Showgrounds is a free event in December, Show'n'Shine in February, and a Debutante Ball in May. Another way that we raise funds is by having a wood chop and selling the wood, please note we have none available at the moment as it is so wet, we are also following current COVID-19 restrictions. Occasionally we would have a guest speaker on a given subject an invite any interested parties. A very special event on prostate cancer was planned for April which had to be postponed till further notice due to the lockdown. That is approximately how our Rotary year operates.

A changeover from the outgoing president to the next incoming president is held near the end of June each year. Last year a luncheon was held to allow family members of the incoming president to attend. This year incoming President Michael Boraston wanted a less formal affair, little did we know it would be a matter of sitting at the computer with all members and the outgoing President Judy Wright thanking her team and members for the year, to say welcome President Michael Boraston and wishing him a year of serving the community with your fellow Rotarians.

We continue to have Zoom meetings every fortnight. At our last meeting we had a prospective member and his wife join in on our Zoom, along with a past member and his wife and all members to listen to guest speaker Trudy Poole who informed us on the work being carried out at The Green Gecko project which is a registered organisation in Siem Reap, Cambodia which is working alongside families, communities, Child Protection Authorities, and the Cambodian Government since 2005. And a first for us was to have two members from the project in Cambodia speak to us on the many aspects on how The Green Gecko Project is improving the lives of many families. For further information just google The Green Gecko Project.





Rotary Club of
Koo Wee Rup -Lang Lang



PLEASE NOTE:
PROSTRATE INFORMATION NIGHT
will be on the agenda again when we are able to have a mass gathering. It is such an important issue for men and women.
***ALAN WHITE* is an author of**
 “We’ve lost my prostate mate....but life goes on”
 and is a Consumer Advocate at the Peter Mac Cancer Centre.



On August 25th, the World Health Organisation announced Africa is certified as free from wild poliovirus. This certification will come four years after Nigeria - the last polio-endemic country in Africa - recorded its final case of wild polio. This is an incredible public health achievement for Rotary International and everyone involved. The only place where polio still exists is the Afghanistan-Pakistan border. Rotary is committed to eradicating polio everywhere, so its essential we keep raising funds for End Polio Now. By googling End Polio Now you can gain more information about this terrible virus or donate. Our club each year donates many thousands of \$’s to End Polio Now.



New members wanted, enquiries are most welcome, you can write to ‘Rotary Club of Koo Wee Rup - Lang Lang, P.O. Box 18, Lang Lang. Vic, 3984 or email rckooweeruplanglang@gmail.com or phone the secretary Graham Warry on 0499 101 953. You can also contact the President of the Rotary Club of Koo Wee Rup - Lang Lang, Micheal Boraston on 0422 824 485 for any further information.

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Koo Wee Rup - Lang Lang, we thank you for the continued support. We trust that you are all safe and healthy in isolation.

Please if you feel at all anxious or in need, reach out to a family member or friend or one of the many organisations that are there to help and assist you in these very unusual times.

Lifetime Australia can be contacted on 13 11 14 or Beyond Blue on 1300224636 24/7.

Charity Golf Day cancelled

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, this year's Rotary Charity Golf Day has been cancelled. See you all next year!



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KOO WEE RUP Primary School

On behalf of the Kooweerup Primary School, School Council, I would like to advise our school community of the outcome of the recent principal selection process.

Following the Department of Education's processes for recruitment of our principal, I am pleased to announce that Ben Zimmerle has been provisionally appointed to take up the role of Principal. Ben has served our community well as the Acting-Principal during Term 3 and is currently the Assistant Principal at Narre Warren North Primary School. Ben is passionate about education and is keen to continue the work he has commenced in Term 3, building on the strong foundations built by former Principal, Nathan Jagoe.

Ben has been a leader in several schools across the department, including Assistant Principal of two schools and Principal of Hoddles Creek PS.

I know you will all continue to welcome and show your support of Ben as he starts his new role at our school as the substantive Principal. We can't wait to work with Ben in building a strong vision for our school as a community of learners.

Glenn Corrie
School Council President

'Footsteps into Foundation 2021' Parent Information Night "Live and online"

Tuesday 8th September, 2020
6pm to 7pm

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Registered participants will receive an online invitation with login instructions.

If you are unable to make this evening, or would like to enrol before the information night, enrolment packs are available by contacting the school at koo.wee.rup.ps@education.vic.gov.au


Ben Zimmerle
Principal

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St John the Baptist Primary School

Well it's been another interesting term at St. John's. We were back to Remote Learning and completing all our daily school tasks through the Seesaw application. The teachers have been so impressed with the level of engagement and enthusiasm from our students through a very challenging time.

On Friday the 14th of August the school celebrated the Feast of the Assumption of Mary through a Zoom live stream liturgy. It was fantastic to see so many families join us for a very special liturgy through a new way of life in lockdown. Thank you to Mrs Hance for organising the service.

Over the next few weeks all students will be invited to join in live sessions with their class using 'Google Meet'. This will be a great opportunity for students to spend time with their classmates and teachers and have a check-in with how students have been going with Remote Learning.

A fun way to keep our school community connected was to have a 'Funny Pet Photo Competition'. Families were encouraged to send in a photo of their beloved pets doing funny things. Thanks to Di in the office for organising this.

We know life is very different at the moment, we hope all our families keep safe and healthy and we can't wait for the time when we can all be at school together again.

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With our growing use of technology, scammers have more opportunities than ever to take our personal information. It's not just phishing you need to be wary of, they'll also target you through online shopping and classifieds, dating, hacking and business email compromise.

Scams are always changing, and everyone is a target. Scammers are getting smarter and can target you online, via your phone or in person. It's easier to spot a scam if you know what to look out for. Here are tips to protect yourself from scams:

Be Alert

Contact received out of the blue by an unknown person (even from a government dept or a trusted business) - always consider the possibility it may be a scam

Don't be pressured

by a threatening caller or email or feel pressured to act quickly. Take your time and never rush a decision or action

Know who you are dealing with

Unsure who you are dealing with - do your research. Do a google search on photos or search the internet for business reviews.

Don't open anything that looks suspicious

Especially texts, pop-up windows, links and attachments in emails. If unsure, verify the identity of the contact through independent source i.e. phone book or online search. Don't use contact details provided in the message sent to you.

Don't allow anyone to remote access your computer

Scammers often to claim they are from a well-known company (Telstra etc) and ask you to turn on your computer to fix a problem or install a free upgrade, which is actually a virus, to gain access to your information. Don't allow anyone access to your computer unless you contacted them for a problem you know about.

Be careful when shopping online

Beware of offers that seem too good to be true. Always use an online shopping service you know and trust. Use secure payment methods - credit card or PayPal.

Be wary of unusual payments

Scammers often ask you to use unusual payment methods, including preloaded debit cards, gift cards, wire transfers or cryptocurrencies.

Use strong passwords

Create hard to guess passwords/passphrases. Do this for all your devices including Wi-Fi. You can use a password app to keep track of them.

Keep personal details secure

Lock on your mailbox and shred important documents before throwing them out. Keep passwords safe, avoid sharing personal information on social media. Scammers use your information/pictures to steal your identity or target you with a scam.

Keep your mobile devices and computers secure

Use password protection, update your security software and back up content. Avoid using public WiFi and computers especially for online banking and activities using personal and financial details

Beware of emails requesting changes to payment details

Always verify changes to payment details directly with the business or individual. Don't use contact details provided in the message sent to you

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Koo Wee Rup RSL Sub Branch Report

We have recently commemorated the 75th anniversary of the unconditional surrender of Japan's Imperial Forces to the Allied Forces, August 15th 1945.

To those of us who were on the other side of the world at the time, and to my mind the war in the Pacific was a war at sea, it seems we only got to learn of the battles that took place at sea. In any case, I was far too young to piece it all together and truly understand what it all meant.

Having been raised at a time when children were to be seen but not heard, one did not ask too many questions, though I remember wanting to know if those in the aeroplanes dropping bombs looked anything like us, somehow I imagined they would look like some monster from outer space, but there were far more serious matters of concern for any young mother, alone and with small children and, like many thousands of children, one did not get to know of their father until aged 7 or better and that was an experience to last one's life time.

I have some very vivid memories of some of the changes at the end of the war in Europe. Things had been quiet on the island of Malta for some time, but air-raid drills still went on, they seem to have stopped and people were permitted to gather and to attend Holy Mass. Listening to the grown ups there was an outpouring of immense gratitude to all those who gave their lives so that we may live. And looking back it seems that people did not allow themselves to mourn the loss of a loved one. My own maternal grandmother lost six of her eleven children over the period of war; two while serving in the army, two were caught up in bombing raids - for a time there were five raids each day and night and the youngest two did not recover from illness. On a brighter note, on my paternal side of the family, five of the six boys served in the army, as well as my grandfather, with only my father receiving shrapnel wounds in three separate incidents.

If my grandmother was anything like my mother, she would have been a strong and energetic woman before any of the above tragedies took place, yet I knew her only as a white haired, unnaturally quiet lady who would not have been much more than 50 years old. Just one of many thousands. I should also add that there were worse tragedies within the family circle, but not as close. Some people seem to manage the loss of their dear ones well enough and move on, although one never knows how much they are hurting, while some are never the same again.

What haunted me most as a child and to this day is what took place in those horrendous concentration camps. For some months before the war in Europe ended, there were rumours about what took place. Some refused to believe, but now it was confirmed. As any child, never too far from one's mother, I joined her and listened to her nightly prayers, as she seemed to have chose to suffer with all those innocent and unfortunate souls and worse than that, for it was more than tragic that anyone should leave this world in those circumstances, despised, dehumanised, abandoned and alone, but to have no one mourn their passing was another.

And may I apply the above to those of our prisoners of war who suffered the same fate, were barbarously tortured for no other reason than to inflict more pain upon them and watch them suffer or murdered in cold blood.

Not a hint of celebration that I know of, some relief and a deep sense of gratitude to our God that miraculously we have survived and mourning for the 40,000 lives lost of our very own and the many thousands of other nations. Loving sympathy is all we have to offer to those they left behind to endure the heart break and ponder what might have been. All they asked for is for us to remember them and we do and Will Remember Them. Lest we Forget.

Yours Aye, John Camilleri, 5629 4242

Locked into Sybella Avenue I have been reminiscing and thinking about this important day in the world calendar. I thought you might like to read about what I was actually thinking.

Today of course is the 75th anniversary of the end of WWII in the Pacific. I remember it very well because I was 13 at the time and I realised that this would be the absolute end of the frightening air raids that we had endured for five years. So ... for the first time in all these years the lights in all the houses were turned on (blackout boarding taken down), the street lights were also turned on and buses could have lights on inside. Also for the first time my friend Colin and I were allowed to walk into town (about 5km) and join in the celebrations without our parents!

The town was packed with people all celebrating the victory, singing and dancing, and Colin and I did something which would be considered not quite right today. In the very centre of the town - Wolverhampton (now a city) – there still stands a life-size statue of Queen Victoria's hubby Prince Albert; he is sitting astride a big black stallion in all his royal regalia, sword up high on a three metre tall sculptured platform. That night we gingerly climbed up the statue and sat behind Albert in his saddle on his horse and urged his steed to gallop with our loudest voices – which it didn't! What a memory that was. We were certainly joyous lads that night.

Geoff Stokes

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But here's the kicker: That boring sports bra is WAY WAY better than what some survivors get when they're discharged. Some women have ALL of their clothes taken for evidence: Shirt, Undershirt, Pants, Bra, Underwear, even their socks. If the local forensic/sexual assault program that cares for them doesn't have clothes for them, or don't have in their size, or family can't drop off any, they get discharged in hospital scrubs. Currently supplies are low. They get postpartum white-mesh hospital underwear and **no bra**. Ever seen a woman who's just been raped, just had a three-hour forensic exam, just had every surface of her battered

body swabbed and photographed and inventoried for the police, ever seen her walk out of a hospital wearing oversized hospital scrubs -- ---and her arms wrapped tightly around her chest, ashamed, because she doesn't have a bra to wear?

Above is \$150 of underwear from Kmart. This was enough for 12 women. That's \$12.50 per victim. Buy clothes you'd feel comfortable in curled up, safe at home, watching TV and donate them to Cranbourne Lions who will pack into sizes and distribute them to forensic sites most needed.

We ask for new not second hand: tee-shirts and track pants that are about \$30.00 per victim, That's New underwear, a comfortable bra, a comfortable pair of track pants, a soft hoody, squishy socks -- all of these things can help make a woman who has survived a violent rape feel like a person again. A person. Not a victim. Sizes 8 to 24 required because it's a long walk down that hallway, out of the hospital, and back into the world. At least she can be comfortable as she takes each step.

Pick up can be arranged locally (ring KWR Lion Linda on 0419 583 740) or items can be dropped off at **6 Rowen Court, Cranbourne North.**

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Underwear no one wants to wear \$12.50 per victim

Overwear \$30.00 per victim

Sizes 8 to 24 required

SUPPORT TWO

When a victim leaves the forensic hospital often, they feel dirty and disorientated and just want to go home to feel safe. Sometimes they cannot return home and do not have money on them because police or an ambulance has brought them in.

Lions club would like to support these victims by supplying them with a Rape survival care kits.

The Kit contains:

- A cosmetic bag
- Hand sanitizer
- Lip Balm
- Tooth Brush and tooth paste
- Hair tie and comb
- Chocolate
- Face and body wipes
- Pen and pad
- Mirror
- Tissues

The cost of this survival care kit was \$15 per victim.



Koo Wee Rup and Districts Lions Club Inc

Zoom Meetings

Our members are becoming professionals at using Zoom to hold our meetings. Although there isn't very much to discuss, it is nice to catch up with everyone and make sure members are well and happy. President Rex Sanders did a good job of running his first Zoom meeting.

As it was "Scam Awareness week", Liz Wade gave a talk about how to avoid people trying to steal our identity and money. Please read the separate article regarding this.

Tail Twister Shirelle Lean did a great job with a movie trivia quiz. Ron Payne ended with a very funny joke.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Lions are not able to carry out their usual projects around the town.

I thought it might be a good time to let community members know a bit more about Lions and how they are helping the various communities within Australia. In each edition I will give brief details of some of the activities in which Lions are involved.



Lions Clubs International Foundation

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) was founded in 1968 as the charitable arm of Lions Clubs International to take its mission to new heights by tackling global problems, and assisting Lions with large-scale local humanitarian projects. LCIF's history is filled with impactful projects; meaningful partnerships; and the kindness, compassion, and tireless efforts of Lions. Every day, LCIF works "To support the efforts of Lions Clubs and partners in serving communities locally and globally, giving hope and impacting lives through humanitarian service projects and grants."

Australian Lions Foundation

Purpose: To provide help and assistance for public relief, emergency aid and community welfare for persons in necessitous circumstances in Australia.

After Cyclone Tracy demolished most of Darwin in December 1974, in the period 1975 to 1976, Lions Australia formed two bodies –

Australian Lions Community Emergency Relief Fund to co-ordinate fundraising for disaster relief; and

a National Disaster Committee (In 1980 the Disaster Committee was amalgamated into the Emergency Relief Fund).

The Foundation was formed in 1981. The Foundation provides financial assistance and support, in times of disasters or emergencies and for **Community Welfare Projects**.

The Drought Relief Appeal was a large part of the work from July 2018 onwards and is still ongoing. Nationally this raised \$1.5 Million and provided funding for - fodder for livestock - food for working dogs - drinking water and food for families - fuel to transport fodder - school fees - medical bills and other household bills.



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July/August 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:

27/6/20 – Unknown fire – South Gippsland Hwy Tooradin
 6/7/20 – Automatic Alarm - Rossiter Rd Koo Wee Rup
 9/7/20 – Motor Vehicle Collision - Rossiter Rd Koo Wee Rup
 10/7/20 – Assist Public - Rossiter Rd Koo Wee Rup
 11/7/20 – Gas smell - South Gippsland Hwy Caldermeade
 17/7/20 – Chemical Spill - South Gippsland Hwy Lang Lang
 21/7/20 – Motor Vehicle Collision - Ballarto Rd Koo Wee Rup
 22/7/20 – Oil on Road - Station St Lang Lang
 24/7/20 – Unknown fire - Ballarto Rd Bayles
 5/8/20 - Motor Vehicle Collision - South Gippsland Hwy Koo Wee Rup
 6/8/20 – Motor Vehicle Collision - Island Rd Koo Wee Rup
 18/8/20 – Hedge Fire - Manks Rd Cardinia



Silence is deadly

Did you know that many fatal fires start at night and the smell of smoke won't wake you up?

Smoke alarms should be installed in every living area and bedroom, including in hallways and stairs between floors. This increases the opportunity that a fire will be detected more quickly and will give your family the best chance of escape.

Consider installing interconnected smoke alarms so that when any alarm activates all smoke alarms sound, making it more likely that everyone will have the best chance of getting out before they are overcome by smoke.

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.

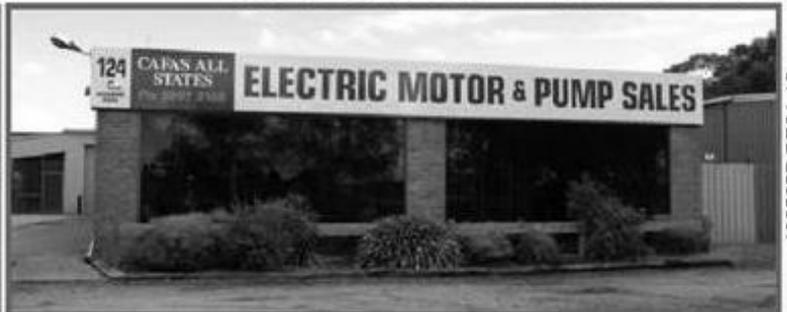
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The last few months have been challenging and uncertain for us all. We have all done our best to work together to keep everyone healthy and safe. The Outlook Community Centre team has gone online to provide services and opportunities for our Community to keep you engaged and keep learning. Our Term Program has become fluid, with new program added and updates that programs are moving to online being communicated to our members via our email mailing list. The emails explain each course on offer and contain a link straight to our website booking page. We would like to reach as many people in our Community and that means you! Please send us an email to communitycentre@outlookvic.org.au to join us.

Programs we have offered over Term 3 interfacing with interactive Zoom include;

- NBN and National Scams Awareness
- Ageing in Your Own Home
- Mediation
- Easy Exercise and Relaxation
- Garden Club
- Book Club – Discussion Group
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Cardinia Shire Council is reviewing the way we consult with our community

We're asking for input on how we can best collect ideas and feedback to inform our decision-making process.

The information collected through this consultation will help us develop a new Community Engagement Policy, along with updates to our engagement framework to ensure we are reflecting the needs of our community.

Council introduced a new online community engagement website, Creating Cardinia, in late 2019. This year alone, the website has hosted 43 consultations and has had 18,573 views.

Council is committed to meaningful engagement with the community. We want to empower the community to participate in decisions that affect them and find out the best ways to involve everyone in our consultations – whether that be online, over the phone or in person when face-to-face meetings are permitted again.

Community feedback closes Sunday 6 September 2020.

For more information about this consultation and to have your say online, visit Council's website at www.creating.cardinia.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay

If you've got any questions please do not hesitate to contact Nat Noonan n.noonan@cardinia.vic.gov.au

Have your say!



On Community Engagement

We're asking for input on how we can best collect ideas and feedback from the Cardinia community to inform our decision-making process.

Tell us your thoughts...

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By mail:	Your Say, Cardinia Shire Council, PO Box 7, Pakenham VIC 3810
By email:	mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au with 'Your Say' in the subject heading
Due date:	Sunday, 6 September 2020

Koo Wee Rup Bowls Club News



With Stage 4 lockdown restrictions now well in force, our Club has been completely closed with nothing happening at all after a small opportunity to play a game or two before lockdown. The Club has had to postpone our A.G.M. on 2 occasions and we are still awaiting the opportunity to conduct it. The 5 kilometre travel restriction does make "life" a little more challenging but it is there for a reason and hopefully the State government will be in a position to lift stage 4 shortly. Our Sec. has endured a very ordinary 4 months starting with a 7 hour long surgery followed by 5 weeks in I.C.U and then rehabilitation. Next on the agenda was a 12 week chemotherapy course which is coming to an end. Whilst travelling to one of these sessions recently he suffered chest pains which resulted in a quick about turn to Peninsula Private hospital emergency ward suffering from a fairly serious heart attack. He is now on the very slow road to recovery. Two of our members in Richard Bricknall & Ken Walton have also had hospital stays over the past 2-3 months put appear to be in reasonable condition. Popular member Kon Kormas has indicated that his playing days are over due to health problems. Always "bubbly" Kon will be missed around the Club but he hopes to keep in touch.

Rex Alexander 5997 1266

What does Google know about you?

Every Google account includes a "My Google Activity" page, but it isn't easy to find accidentally. Go to <https://myactivity.google.com/myactivity> and if you're not already signed into your Google account, do so. Scroll down and you'll find that Google lists items you have recently searched for, the date and time you searched for them, what web pages you viewed, what locations you looked up on Google Maps, and other online activity.

In the middle of this activity page, Google assures you "Only you can see this data. Google protects your privacy and security" and "You can see and delete your activity using the controls on this page." The first way to control the scope of data that appears here is the Search box. You can search for an item in your activity, or filter the results by date or product. Google "products" include Assistant, Chrome, Calendar, gmail, Maps, Search, YouTube, and more.

Viewing and Managing Your Google History

I suggest you try "Other Google Activity" and explore the items there. Start with "YouTube Watch History" by clicking the "Manage Activity" link that appears below that heading. Scroll down to see recently watched videos. Now click on the three stacked dots over on the right side of an item. See the option to delete your history of viewing that YouTube video? That can come in handy if you view a video, intentionally or not, that you'd rather not have anyone know you viewed! On this page you can also delete all videos viewed on a given date, or click the "Saving Activity" button and there you'll find a slider to pause (but not delete) your YouTube Watch History. To delete your entire Watch History, click the three vertical dots in the Search box (at the top of the page) then click "Delete Activity By". Specify a date of "All time" (or any date range you wish) and click Delete.

Recently, Google added new controls which allow you to automatically delete items after 3 months, or 18 months. Click the "Auto-delete" button to set your preference. Returning to the "Other Google Activity" page, try the "Web & App Activity" category. Scrolling through the list of items, you'll see they are organised similarly by date. Some of these categories give finer control over what is collected, how long that data is kept, and how to delete it from your Google history.

I found the Location History section particularly interesting. I generally keep location services turned on for my mobile device, so I was able to review some of my past travels. So Google knows I was in Lakes Entrance last July, and that I visited the Koo-Wee-Rup post office on Friday. That doesn't bother me. In fact, I've used "Location History" to help me trace my steps on a particular date, and remember where I was at that time. But, if you don't want your spouse to know you've been visiting the Royal Exchange Hotel, you can delete your "Location History".

So you can control what Google collects about you, on a broad or item-specific basis. The problem is that Google collects so much data that micro-managing controls is an overwhelming chore. The "Activity Controls" are where you can set and forget your privacy preferences. The item-by-item or day-by-day controls are for special occasions when your default settings are not enough.

I've often been asked if there is a downside to deleting all this information or, prohibiting Google from collecting and storing it? In my opinion, the answer for most people is yes. If you use the Internet, you're going to see ads. Personally, I'd rather see ads for products and services that might be of interest to me, rather than randomly selected ads for things I would never buy.

I do know that Google will share only aggregated, non-personally identifiable information. I've been using Google services for over 20 years, and I've not seen any evidence to the contrary. But of course, to each his or her own. It's good to have choices.

Geoff Stokes

Call for candidates for the upcoming Cardinia Shire Council election

Nominations to stand as a candidate for the Cardinia Shire Council election open on Thursday 17 September. The election will be held entirely by post.

‘If you would like to represent your community, I encourage you to nominate as a candidate this election,’ said Electoral Commissioner Warwick Gately. ‘The eligibility requirements for candidates have recently changed. If you are thinking about standing for election, make sure to confirm your eligibility and complete the mandatory online candidate training before lodging your nomination. This includes candidates who are currently or have previously been a councillor.’

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Victorian Electoral Commission’s recorded candidate information session will be able to be streamed online from Thursday 3 September and will be complemented by state-wide interactive candidate seminars based on the information session video.

To watch the information session and find out how to join an online interactive seminar, candidates can visit the VEC website at vec.vic.gov.au. The *Candidate Handbook* is also available on the VEC website.

Candidates must make an appointment during business hours with the Election Manager to lodge their nomination forms and pay their \$250 nomination fee. They must have completed the online candidate training, as this is required by law and will be shown on each candidate’s nomination form.

Candidates may make a nomination appointment with the Election Manager by calling 1300 112 716 from Wednesday 16 September. Candidates can also pre-fill a nomination form using the online Candidate Helper at candidatehelper.vec.vic.gov.au, available from Thursday 3 September.

Nominations must be lodged by 12 noon on Tuesday 22 September. Late nominations cannot be accepted. It is an offence for a person to nominate as a candidate if they are not qualified to become a councillor.

More information on nominating as a candidate is available at vec.vic.gov.au, and Candidate Information Kits can be requested from the Election Manager.

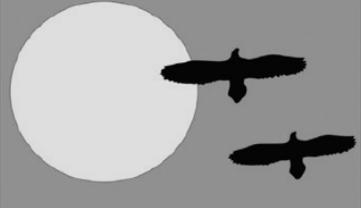


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Men's Shed update and news.

This terrible Corona-19 virus is still with us and the State government lock-down restrictions are now even more severe than ever before. The Men's Shed has offered the Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service its new metal-work building should they require it for anything and the Men's Shed committee are being very supportive of the Aged Care facility at KRHS in any way they can. Amongst all this, the 'Shed door is still open for men who have problems, physical or mental. Indeed two of our members who live alone and have no other social contacts whatsoever, come along to talk to anyone who's about (social distancing plus masks of course) and to potter around in the community garden. This does wonders for their well-being during this stressful time. Having said all that, the 'Shed will always remain open for anyone with any sort of problem; loneliness, sadness, a physical problem or whatever. There is always someone who will listen to you and give advice. Just contact our secretary, Brian Harlow on 59979687.

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

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

Here is a story about a pharmacy.

I went to the chemist today and asked the assistant "What kills the Corona Virus?"

She replied to me "Ammonia Cleaner"

I said "Oh, I am sorry, I thought you worked here"

Geoff Stokes

The latest Community Advisory Committee news.

The next meeting of the Community Advisory Committee will be held as soon as the COVID-19 virus restrictions are eased, allowing the members to get together. However, if you do have any personal problems or fears about the lock-down situation then please ring either of the telephone numbers shown below. You will get all the understanding and help you need. All of the members of the Committee have been informed about the lock-down circumstances and rules within KRHS. One thing is very clear; if you personally show any of the symptoms of the Covid-19 virus then the advice from everywhere and it is also a strong Public Health message, is to contact your doctor, **Get Tested** and isolate yourself immediately. A test can be done very quickly at the pop-up testing site at the Community Centre in Koo-Wee-Rup. After a brief recession, due to unforeseen practicalities, the pop-up testing site will re-open on Monday the 7th of September. The open hours are from 12:30 pm to 2:30pm Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The facility will be manned by nurses from the Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service.

For those of you who are not quite sure, or maybe you are a newcomer to the town, the aim of the Community Advisory Committee is to provide the KRHS with feedback and advice to improve and strengthen their services, their information, their forward planning, and the future policy development of the KHRS. 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 KHRS, then get in touch with the CAC Committee. Simply phone 5997 9679 or Geoff Stokes on 0435 085 002. Or you can email: geoffreystokes@geoffstokes.com Your email will be acknowledged.

Geoff Stokes

Connecting Cardinia

We know our communities are doing it tough right now, our [Connecting Cardinia](#) webpage was created as place for residents to connect with each other and share the fun things happening within their neighbourhood. So if you know anyone (or a group) interested in any of the below please share the opportunity for them to share:

Keeping the kids entertained - Beat the boredom with these fun ideas and activities.

Learning and working @ home - During the pandemic, we've had to spend lots of time at home. What's been good about that? What's been challenging? Share your photos, tips and stories!

Spoonville - This activity is sure to create a stir! Spoonville villages are popping up around the world – including in Cardinia Shire! Start a Spoonville in your neighbourhood, plot it on the map and wait for other spoons to join it!

Wildlife watchers – Have you noticed the birdlife increasing around our lakes and ponds? Share photos of your favourite wildlife in Cardinia Shire and any tips you have to help attract and protect them.

My green home and garden - Enjoy fun and educational waste and environment activities to do at home!

Staying active - How is your household keeping active during this time? Share some of the ways you're working up a sweat!

All of these activities can be found at www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/connecting

If you have any question or if you would like to share the way your neighbourhood is safely staying connecting please feel free to contact me.

While you're on [the page](#) check out some of the opportunities to can take up to shape our project and policies.

Council launches new online portal to support local businesses

Council has launched a new online portal to support and promote local businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.

'Cardinia Business' (www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/cardiniabusiness) is an interactive platform designed to connect local businesses with local customers. The portal gives businesses a quick and easy way to promote the services they're currently offering, as well as for the Cardinia Shire community to give a shout out to businesses they love in their local area.

The portal also has information and resources for businesses on support available from the state and federal governments and from Cardinia Shire Council, as well as grants, funding, employment and training opportunities, local business events, and health and wellbeing tips.

'Cardinia Business' also makes it easier for businesses to stay across current COVID-19 business and industry restrictions and requirements, with links to important information in one central place.

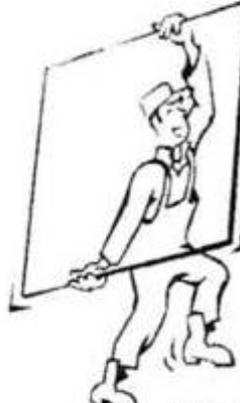
The new initiative has been launched to provide promotional and practical support to Cardinia Shire businesses during a very tough time. The pandemic has brought huge challenges for businesses and highlighted the need for us all to support our local business community whenever we can. We hope 'Cardinia Business' is a useful "one-stop-shop" to help our businesses navigate this very difficult time, and a means for the local community to support their favourite local businesses and discover what's on offer from other businesses close to home.

The portal's free 'Buy Local' mapping feature helps people find local businesses still operating during the pandemic, or getting ready to do so. It's quick and easy for businesses to put themselves on the map, and as listings are linked to the business' Facebook page, changes in details update automatically. Residents can also use the tool to post recommendations or photos to support businesses they love.

'Cardinia Business' is being delivered by Council's Economic Development team and will be continuously revised and updated with fresh features, support, information and opportunities from organisations including Cardinia Shire Council, Business Victoria, the Casey Cardinia Region, the Australian Taxation Office (ATO), the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the Australian Government's business.gov.au.

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KRHS empowering older members of our community to stay socially connected.

There is not one person in Australia who has not been impacted by the physical distancing measures put into place during COVID-19. With our current restrictions rapidly changing, so are the ways we interact with our loved ones and carry out our daily activities. We are finding ourselves becoming more innovative and adaptive in the way we engage in social activities. But some members of the community are feeling a little left behind, due to limited access and knowledge to navigate online platforms which can help them stay socially connected.

Recently KRHS has partnered with Be Connected to deliver and empower over-50's to use the internet and everyday technology to thrive in our digital world.

KRHS are offering one on one personal support to members of our community to gain skills and confidence while using digital technology.

This online program gives those in our community the opportunity to access laptops or iPads and build new skills and connect virtually with friends and family in exciting new ways. KRHS will provide these devices on a loan basis and give support to help set-up their system.

If you are interested in enrolling in this program or know of someone who would be, contact Angelique on 5997 9792 to find out more.



There's never been a better time to get online.



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Reference: Australian Government Be Connected initiative. Good Things Foundation Australia. KRHS/HP/EConnect July 2020



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

The history of Yallock - Part 3 by H.J. Boxshall

Mr. H. J. Boxshall concludes his interesting series of articles on the early history of the Yallock area.

In starting this article Mr. Boxshall goes on with his section of local residents of the early period. He mentions a former member of Parliament named Tetherly, who at one time represented Ballarat in the Victorian Legislative Assembly and who had a block on the Yallock Creek bank. He had put up his tent and had started to clear some of the land for a garden but after a few weeks the creek flooded and washed him out. He gathered up his belongings and left, never to return.

On the next block Mr. T. Pretty also built a home right on the creek bank and when flooding occurred the water was soon running through the house. Mr. Pretty and his family had to wade knee deep through the flood to take refuge with a more fortunate neighbour. By midnight on the same day the house was half submerged and later M. Pretty took only a short time to move his home to higher ground.

Another sufferer from the flood was Mr. Taylor, who built himself a wattle and daub hut close to the creek. The water rose so fast that Mr. Taylor, who was an elderly man had just sufficient time to get onto the roof of his home where he remained all night until rescued the following day by Mr Ware. The rescue was carried out by Mr. Ware who rode his horse a powerful draught through the flood and then did the return journey to higher land with Mr. Taylor as a passenger. This experience was enough for Mr. Taylor, who elected to depart and not to return.

Mr. David Gray then took over the blocks vacated by Taylor and Tetherly and later bought Mr. Petty's farm. After World War 1 he sold the place to the Repatriation Commission. Mr. H. V. Izzard (late A.I.F.) lived there for some years but owing to ill health, he had to leave and go on to a small farm at Hallam Valley. Mr. L. W. Finck, junior also a former serviceman now owns the property.

I would like to record here the name of Mr. Fred Crespin who was a share farmer on "Quamby" for a few years prior to 1914. He enlisted soon after the outbreak of the war. Mr. Crespin was an accomplished organist and piano player. During his residence at Yallock he was organist at St. Saviours Church of England and was also in great demand as a pianist at local dances. He was also a good cricketer and captained the local eleven during his stay at Yallock. On his return from the war he was unable to take up farming again owing to failing health and was given employment in the Land's Office at Melbourne. He died soon after taking up the position and his passing was greatly regretted all who knew him.

Entertainment before the hall was built

Before the hall was built the people held their parties and dances at different houses and in Mr. D. Ware's barn, although the space was a bit restricted at times, these gatherings were greatly enjoyed. One of our earliest and well known settlers, Mr. Arthur Cox who was a good violinist and one of the two local lads with accordians who were always on hand to provide music.

A few years after the hall was built, it was enlarged and later in 1914, the big hall was built. The contractors were Mr. F. Simmill and Mr. J. C. Hatty. After the war a supper room was added as a Soldiers' Memorial and to house the Honour Roll.

Mr. L. W. Finck senior was secretary of the Hall Committee. He was a very efficient secretary and the fine honour roll was due greatly to his efforts. A few years after the close of the war, the hall was sold to the residents of Bayles. The supper room was retained and is now the Yallock Hall. The honour roll was unveiled in the school in 1925 by the Hon. A. Downard, M.L.A. before a large gathering of residents. Mr. W. S. Nance was the teacher in charge at the time and Mr. H. Boxshall, secretary of the school committee. Councillor Geo. Burhop and W. T. Sage attended.

Supplies hard to get

For some time the settlers had some difficulty in getting supplies, the nearest store was at Yannathan, owned by Mr. W. Nelson. At Kooweerup North (Five Mile) was a store run by the Government for the convenience of the settlers in that area. Mr. W. Stuart had a store at the canal bridges. Mr. John Denham had a store and blacksmith's shop on the Kooweerup-Bayles road.

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The history of Yallock - Part 2 - by H.J. Boxshall *from previous page*

Bread by pack horse

Bread was first brought into Yallock by packhorse, the baker being Mr. J. Foster of Lang Lang. Mr. Henry Woodman had a butchers business on Chairman's property, which he rented for some time. Later he had a business and slaughter yards where the township of Bayles now stands. The first butcher to deliver meat to settler's homes was Mr. Thompson of Heath Hill and the butcher on the cart, Mr. Tony Ridgway had a most difficult job, owing to the lack of any sort of road in most places. Many settlers walked long distances to meet him as he could not get anywhere near some of the homes.

Mr. A. Flintoff of Lang Lang was another butcher to deliver meat at Yallock in those early days. At this time the price of meat was very cheap, a hindquarter of heavy mutton could be bought for three shillings and six pence. Many housewives found it necessary to bake their own bread and flour was also relatively cheap at 200 lbs in a sack for ten shillings.

They must have been "super men"

One of the hardest and most difficult undertakings in connection with the draining of the Swamp country must have been that of making the first surveys and the men doing the work must have been "Super Men". The survey camp was on the creek bank near the residence of Mr. Andrews and the head surveyor was a man named Livingstone.

The men had to walk long distances ever boggy country and it was no minor task. In the winter time they would leave camp in the early morning darkness and arrive back home at their base in the evening, long after sunset. They had to walk because it was impossible to get a horse anywhere near where they were working.

Roads a long time coming

It was some years before the tracks along the banks of the drains became anything like good roads and even the coast road or Southern Highway was bad in places. The road from Tooradin to the inlets near Harewood Mains was a heavy sandy track and was very hard going for both the horses and bullock teams which used it. The carrier who moved the household goods and furniture of the Boxshall family from Fitzroy, took two days to reach Bourkes stockyards and not liking the corduroy across Lyall's Swamp, decided to camp for the night as his two horses were very tired. He finished the trip in the morning, unloaded and started back to Melbourne after lunch. It had been a four day job and he was paid £2.10.

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Carlos (sic) Catani

Mr. Carlos Catani, the Surveyor General of Victoria, who was responsible for the work on draining the Kooweerup Swamp was considered to have done a good job on what was a very difficult undertaking. Mr. Catani was well known to most of the men employed on the drain work. No matter how far away or how small the drain, he would insist on having a look at it to see how the work was progressing. He got to know many of the men by name and would sit on the bank of the drain and have his lunch with them. These trips meant long rides on horseback and often longer distances on foot, but it was all in a day's work for Mr. Catani.

Times were hard

In order to give the younger generation an idea of what the country was like at Yallock while the drain works were being carried out, I would like to record the following incident. A party of the workers were travelling home along the No. 6 drain about two miles east of Abel's corner where they stopped to help one of the settlers pull out a cow bogged in the drain, one of the men suffered a severe strain and was in great pain and unable to walk. His mates procured a couple of ti-tree poles and improvised a stretcher out of coats and an old sack. One of the party hurried ahead to get a horse and cart to meet the men and take the injured man to his home. The nearest the horse and cart could get to the No. 6 drain was on the school road, near where Mr. T. Light now lives. At this spot the injured man was transferred to the cart and then taken to his home. He had been carried on the improvised stretcher for a distance of two and a half miles.

Tom Bell was the man to pull you out of trouble

A man whose name will be remembered by early settlers at Yallock and surrounding districts was Mr. Tom Bell, who lived on the farm now occupied by Hogden Brothers on the Bayles to Kooweerup road. With a dentist hard to get, Mr. Bell was the answer when a person had a troublesome molar. Although not a recognised dentist, Tom had a deftness in his operation for the removal of a tooth. The patient was seated in an ordinary chair, clamped in position by one of Tom's big young son's arms and was ready for the removal job.

Mr. Bell would then produce his forceps from an inner coat pocket, fasten on to the tooth and have it out in a twinkling of an eye. It was all done in cold blood, no anaesthetic or any pain killer of any kind. A person suffering with an aching tooth reckoned that the temporary pain of the extraction was worth putting up with for the relief obtained afterwards. After the tooth was out, the mouth would be washed out with warm salty water. I have never heard of anyone suffering with after effects or Mr. Bell meeting up with any tooth he could not deal with. He is remembered by many old settlers for the relief he gave them in the early days of hardship.

Cricket Club formed

A cricket club was formed at Yallock in 1898 although there wasn't an association on the Swamp at this time. Matches were played against teams at Yannathan, Tooradin, Nyora, Longwarry and Monomeith.

First football match

The first football game was played in 1895 on "Quamby" where the first cricket pitch was later laid down. Central umpires were J. O'Brien for the first half of the game and Mr. Desmon took the second half. Rafferty's rules and hard bumps were endured but good humour prevailed. A return match took place at Kooweerup soon after on land where the Kooweerup hall now stands. I do not recollect which side won either game. After World War 1 the Yallock interest in cricket and football shifted to Bayles in the 1920's.

During World War 1 a very active branch of the Red Cross Society was formed and large sums of money were raised for funds. One notable effort was a Queen Carnival in which Lang Lang, Kooweerup, Yannathan and Yallock took part. After a fancy dress procession through the town, the Lang Lang Queen was declared the winner with well over £1,000. Yallock was a close second being only a few pounds behind. Nearly £3,000 resulted from the effort. Miss Myra Leeson was the Yallock Queen.

Not many of those first comers to Yallock lived to reap any benefits from their labours and hardships. All have now passed away and the present generation owe a debt to those men who by their hard toil and endurance paved the way to make Yallock prosperous and the high producing district it has become.

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

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