

THE KOO WEE RUP BLACKFISH



DECEMBER 2021

Remembrance Day



A small crowd gathered at the Koo Wee Rup cenotaph to commemorate Remembrance Day with a simple, thoughtful ceremony. Community Spirit Awards were presented to local youth. See RSL Report Page 5.



Koo Wee Rup Township Committee Meeting

The Township held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, 3 November via Zoom. Township Meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend. The next meeting will be the AGM and will be held on Wednesday, 1 December at 7:30 pm at the Community Centre. All welcome.

Works on the duplication of the Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road are due to commence early next year, initial inspection works have been done over the last month.

The AGM was postponed to December so that it could be held face to face. Anybody who is interested in joining the committee or taking on one of the executive roles please let us know.

Need to form an Australia Day sub-committee, will email around a meeting date in the next couple of weeks. In the meantime, give some thought to nominations for the Township Award. The President will email the schools to get the student nominations.

It was agreed we will run the Christmas Lights competition again this year.

Gus reported that the Christmas decorations for this year will be similar to past years but the committee trying to get a Christmas Tree in the RSL (old printing works) and encouraging businesses to decorate their windows.

After somebody had being doing donuts in the Recreation Reserve on Denhams Road there was a discussion on Facebook and an attempt to raise money for gates on the reserve. As the reserve is Crown Land it is unlikely that it would be possible to close off the reserve.

The Men's Shed hopes to re-open soon, date to be announced.

The Men's Shed would also like to acknowledge and thank Sam and Nella Bertuna for their generous donation of a food warmer to the Men's Shed.

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What's on in Koo Wee Rup and District

December

Wed	1st	Coffee Club (<i>page 35</i>)	Royal Hotel	10am
Wed	1st	Township Committee Meeting AGM	Community Centre	7.30pm
Wed	1st	Lions Club Meeting (<i>page 14</i>)	RSL Clubrooms	7pm
Thu	2nd	South West Gippsland Association	Bowls Club	10.00am
Thu	2nd	Heart Foundation Walking	Clock Towers	7pm
Fri	3rd	KWR Regional Health Service Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	RSL Clubrooms	9.30am
Fri	3rd	Triples	Bowls Club	10.30am
Fri	3rd	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch & Bingo (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Sat	4th	Home Crafts Summer Fair (<i>back page</i>)	Uniting Anglican Church	9am
Sat	4th	Mat Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	9am
Sat	4th	Pennant	Bowls Club	1pm
Mon	6th	Heart Foundation Walking	Clock Towers	9am
Mon	6th	CWA Meeting (<i>page 7</i>)	Senior Citizens Club	7.30pm
Mon	6th	KWR Senior Citizens Indoor Bowls (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	12.30pm
Mon	6th	Chair Pilates (<i>page 25</i>)	Eco House - Hospital	5pm
Mon	6th	Mat Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	6pm
Tues	7th	Pennant	Bowls Club	10.15am
Wed	8th	Koo Wee Rup Santa Run (<i>back page</i>)	All over town	from 4pm
Wed	8th	KWR Swamp Historical Society Meeting (<i>page 37</i>)	KWR Museum	6pm
Thu	9th	Heart Foundation Walking	Clock Towers	7pm
Fri	10th	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch & Bingo (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Sat	11th	Mat Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	9am
Sat	11th	Carols by Candlelight (<i>back page</i>)	Cochrane Park	7pm
Sun	12th	Bayles Fauna Park Working Bee (<i>page 11</i>)	Bayles Fauna Park	9am
Sun	12th	Bayles Fauna Park AGM	Bayles Fauna Park	1pm
Mon	13th	Heart Foundation Walking	Clock Towers	9am
Mon	13th	Chair Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	5pm
Mon	13th	Mat Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	6pm
Tues	14th	Pennant	Bowls Club	10.15am
Wed	15th	Coffee Club	Chandelier Café	10am
Wed	15th	Lions Club Meeting	RSL Clubrooms	7pm
Thu	16th	Heart Foundation Walking	Clock Towers	7pm
Fri	17th	Triples	Bowls Club	10.30am
Fri	17th	KWR Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Sat	18th	Mat Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	9am
Sat	18th	Pennant	Bowls Club	1pm
Mon	20th	Heart Foundation Walking	Clock Towers	9am
Mon	20th	Chair Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	5pm
Mon	20th	Mat Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	6pm
Mon	20th	CWA Craft Meeting	Senior Citizens Club	7.30pm
Thu	23rd	Heart Foundation Walking	Clock Towers	7pm
Mon	27th	Heart Foundation Walking	Clock Towers	9am
Thu	30th	Heart Foundation Walking	Clock Towers	7pm

January

Mon	3rd	Heart Foundation Walking	Clock Towers	9am
Mon	3rd	CWA Meeting	Senior Citizens Club	7.30pm
Wed	5th	Coffee Club	Royal Hotel	10am
Wed	5th	Lions Club Meeting	RSL Clubrooms	7pm
Thu	6th	Heart Foundation Walking	Clock Towers	7pm
Sun	9th	Bayles Fauna Park Working Bee	Bayles Fauna Park	9am
Mon	10th	Heart Foundation Walking	Clock Towers	9am
Mon	10th	KWR Senior Citizens Indoor Bowls (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	12.30pm
Thu	13th	Heart Foundation Walking	Clock Towers	7pm
Fri	14th	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch & Bingo (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Mon	17th	Heart Foundation Walking	Clock Towers	9am
Wed	19th	Coffee Club	Chandelier Café	10am
Wed	19th	Lions Club Meeting	RSL Clubrooms	7pm
Thu	20th	Heart Foundation Walking	Clock Towers	7pm
Fri	21st	KWR Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Mon	24th	Heart Foundation Walking	Clock Towers	9am
Thu	27th	Heart Foundation Walking	Clock Towers	7pm
Mon	31st	Heart Foundation Walking	Clock Towers	9am

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*

Thank you, Mrs Barker

This year's Carols by Candlelight will be held at Cochrane Park at 7pm on Saturday, 11 December. As well as being our first big event after Covid, these Carols will be the last public appearance by Claudia Barker as Director of Music for the Kooweerup Secondary College. She will be retiring at the end of this year.

Claudia joined the staff of the College in 1965 and has been Director of Music since 1976. In 2002 the College named the 'Claudia Barker Performing Arts Centre' in her honour.

She founded the College Marching Band in 1998 and has led them in the Melbourne Anzac Day March every year since (Covid permitting) supporting the 39th Battalion Association.

On Australia Day 2019, Claudia was awarded an OAM for her service to the community through a range of musical organisations, including her contribution to Koo Wee Rup Secondary College over a lifetime of teaching.

Thank you, Mrs Barker, for an extraordinary lifetime of service to generations of the youth of Koo Wee Rup

Claudia Barker at Government House in Melbourne in 2019 where she was presented with her OAM with the Governor, the Honourable Linda Dessau AC



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Mrs Rosemary Mynard (nee: Wells)

It is with great sadness we acknowledge the death last month of Rosemary Mynard (nee; Wells).

Daughter of George and Thelma Wells and a former resident of Koo Wee Rup and Lang Lang. Rosemary lived most of her life in the Koo Wee Rup district and was an active member of the Koo Wee Rup and Victorian Historical Societies. She was a volunteer and caretaker of the Tooradin Fisherman’s Cottage and school complex and as a keen historian gave guided tours to visitors and groups and detailed the history of the swamp district. Rosemary returned to Benalla to be close to family, her daughter Caroline – Benalla and her son Paul and wife Cheryl in Jeparit. Our condolences to her family, relatives, and friends.

As per her wishes Rosemary’s ashes are to be spread in the Benalla Rose Garden.

Many cherished memories and time spent together, and friendship fondly remembered.

Irene and Frank Bell

Koo Wee Rup RSL Sub-Branch Report

The weather was kind to us at this year’s Remembrance Day Service, but the attendance was down on what we have become accustomed to, and understandably so. I am grateful to the college and school representatives and all those who were able to attend, as well as those who would have wanted to be with us but had other commitments.

I would very much like to congratulate our young people who were awarded the Koo wee Rup RSL Community Spirit award:

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|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Abbey Howes | Koo Wee Rup Secondary College |
| Samantha Lanctot and Chayce Jackson | Tooradin Primary School |
| Kristen Katsoras | Bayles Regional Primary School |
| Charlotte Topham | St John the Baptist Primary School |
| Jordan Hodge | Koo Wee Rup Primary School |

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe, joyful and holy Christmas and may the infant Jesus bless you and all those dear to you, fill your heart with His love, peace and joy throughout the coming year.

We Will Remember Them, Lest We Forget,

Yours Aye, John Camilleri 5629 4242

Heart Foundation Walking Evening Group

Our Thursday evening walking group is back in full swing meeting every Thursday evening at 7 pm at the Koo Wee Rup clock towers in Rossiter Rd, for about an hour of walking the streets and discussing lots of local and other topics as we go.

I invited members of this group and the Monday morning Heart Foundation Walkers that meet at 9 am at the same place on Mondays and Thursdays for a joint walk. So on Monday 22nd Nov, there were ten



enthusiastic walkers and a few friends who walked the coastal route from the Lang Lang Caravan Park at Jam Jerrup, along the Lang Lang Foreshore Reserve. We’ve attached a beaut photo of a carved kookaburra from an old log, on the foreshore route that shows the great views of Westernport Bay.

We’ll have an evening dinner out to celebrate Christmas and undertake some more local area exploration over our daylight saving evenings. Enquires to Marlene on 0429 814 410



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Koo Wee Rup Country Womens Association

Written by Linda Sanders

Meeting Dates

Our next meeting will be on Monday 6th December at 7.30pm.

Our next craft meeting will be on Monday 20th December at 7pm.

We meet at the Seniors Rooms, Icke Road, Koo Wee Rup.

If you would like to join our great team of friendly ladies, please call President Courtney Manks on 0432 067 448 for more details, or just turn up on the night.

First Craft meeting in months

Finally we were able to have a craft meeting on Monday 15th November at the Seniors Rooms. We made Christmas cards to sell and what a lovely assortment of cards were made.

We had a good attendance and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. It was so nice to see everyone again and to have a good catch up.



The CWA Christmas Tree

We hope you have noticed the Christmas tree in the Woolworths foyer. The local school children made the decorations, and it really brightens things up and makes it look Christmassy!



The CWA Christmas Pudding: (Serves 8)

- 125 g Butter
- 125 g sugar)
- 150 g raisins
- 150 g Sultanas
- 25 g peel
- 25 g chopped figs
- 100 g soft breadcrumbs - approx 3 slices
- 65 g plain flour
- 25 g chopped blanched almonds
- ½ tsp nutmeg
- 1/4 tsp each ground ginger, mixed spice, cinnamon, salt
- 1/2 tsp baking powder mixed into 1/4 cup milk
- 2 eggs
- additional flour
- unbleached calico - washed without soap



COOKING METHOD: Cream butter and sugar together. Add eggs one at a time and beat well in between. Add all remaining ingredients and mix well.

SETTING THE PUDDING: Prepare pudding cloth by rubbing it with extra flour. Use cloth, flour side away from the bowl and line a pudding basin. Place mixture into cloth and gather up and twist slightly. Using cooking twine, tightly seal the cloth and ensure all edges are above the knot.

Bring a large saucepan of water to the boil. Place a saucer upside down in the pot and rest the pudding basin on the saucer. Ensure that all the cloth is on top of the pudding, and none is in the water. The water should be halfway up the pudding bowl. Place a tight-fitting lid on the saucepan. Check the saucepan every half hour to ensure there is sufficient water in it. If you need to add more water, add boiling water straight into the saucepan - being careful not to pour any into the pudding basin.

NOTE: This recipe makes a 4-cup pudding bowl and feeds 8 people. It needs to steam for 3.5 hours in total (2.5 hours initially and then 1 more hour before serving). Once the initial steaming is complete, remove pudding from the water, and allow to cool to room temperature. the pudding then needs to dry out. This can be done by storing in the fridge, or if you have a cool part of the house, they can be hung (this is more traditional). The mixture can easily be divided into smaller bowls.

Serve with custard and brandy sauce.

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Bendigo Bank Koo Wee Rup connecting with our Community

Throughout the month of September, we put the call out to find Koo Wee Rup (and surrounds) cutest pet and boy did they deliver. From dogs and cats to camels and axolotls we had over 130 entrants all vying for the coveted prize of Koo Wee Rup's Cutest Pet. Well done to all our winners and thank you to everyone that entered the competition. Sorting through the photos brought so much joy to the branch!

The winners were announced on our Facebook page on October 9th as below

1st Prize was shared between 3 adorable camels – Lambsy (pictured below), Andromeda and Apollo all owned by a generous young lady named Naija, who instead of taking all 3 prizes decided that she wanted to share the prizes.

2nd Prize went to a cutie pie of an Aussie Bulldog name Lola

3rd Prize went to a gorgeous Jack Russell puppy name Piper.

We also had a couple of extra prizes – Naija's picks were an Aussie Bulldog name Steele and a Jersey Calf name Milo. The lovely people at Koo Wee Rup Stockfeed also donated an extra prize and this went to an extremely photogenic cockatiel named Oscar.



Christmas Giving Tree -

It is that time of year and we need to call on the generosity of our amazing community to help bring cheer to the local foster kids at Christmas time.

As you may know each year we have a donation tree in our branch and this year we have joined forces with A Better Life for Foster Kids.

The tree is up and ready for gifts to be received. Ages 0 through to 18 and we ask that gifts are kept to around the \$30-\$35 mark.

Some gift suggestions: Gift Cards are fantastic for the teens but only from Target, Kmart, and Big W (not their group ones), beach towels, toys, no books please as they are too heavy to post, nice toiletry sets suitable for teens.

By placing a gift under this tree you will be helping Australia's most vulnerable children.



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Six Weeks in a Hospital in 1939

What was it like as a seven year old boy?

Today a fair chunk of my life and indeed my wife Olive's, revolves around the everyday happenings at the Koo-Wee-Rup Regional Health Services (KRHS), our local hospital with its Aged Care facilities and, of course, the Men's Shed and the Community Advisory Committee. For Olive it's the Ladies Auxiliary with their fund raising activities. Although, for a few months now, these volunteer activities have been severely curtailed by the ravages of the Covid-19 rules and regulations.

Personally, I haven't had very much experience with hospitals over the years, but I do have vivid memories of my first visit in 1939 to the General Hospital in Wolverhampton, England, when I was seven years old. If I tell you of my experiences, there you can compare them with what would happen today to a boy of seven years old who had been run over by a car and how he and his family would be treated; and what I am about to describe to you was seen as normal in those times.

Thursday the thirtieth of November 1939 was my Grandmother's seventy-eighth birthday and, as usual, my school friends Colin, Peter and I were on our way home after an ordinary day at school. We were all walking along Jeffcock Road, the same road that my future wife Olive later lived in (no laughs at the road name please but you can imagine the reaction of my army mates years later when I wrote to my Olive with that address on the envelope! Not only that, the name of the road that joined Jeffcock Road at her family house was Skidmore Avenue). On that day, without looking, I turned quickly to cross the road and I was hit by a car from my left hand side. I was flung across the road; my friends Colin and Peter panicked and ran off. Colin ran straight to my home and, in a panting voice told my Mom, "Your Geoff has just been run over by a car". He then ran away, and my dear Mother didn't know where or when this accident had happened and, more importantly, how severe my injuries were. It was hours later when the local bobby came around on his bicycle to tell my Mom the frightening details.

I woke up in a strange room lying on a settee and my head and my left thigh really hurt. A lady, whom I vaguely thought I had seen before somewhere, told me that I had been run over by a car and the ambulance would be soon here and that I was in her house. How I got into her house I do not know, and I never found out. The ambulance men arrived and they at once supported my leg with splints and bandaged my head. I can recall joking with them about tripping up a car! As I was carried out to the ambulance on a stretcher, there, to my horror, a crowd of people had gathered outside. At the front of the crowd where boys and girls from my school and instead of speaking to me they just stared at my leg; some looked away, and one girl was crying. Me? I was totally embarrassed and was happy to be carried into the ambulance. It was a bumpy ride and my leg hurt very badly but my Dad had always said that brave boys do not cry when they are in pain and I tried so hard to believe him that afternoon. Detail of the event now leaves me but I can remember having my leg pulled and stretched by a very big man in a white coat and he told me that I had broken my thigh: Mom finally arrived at the hospital very late in the evening. She brought a few things for me and sat with me for what seemed hours; I realised Dad couldn't come to see me because I knew that he was working away from home, in Wales.

Next thing, there was Nurse Smith again, my favourite nurse from the 'scarlet fever hospital' where I had been a patient three years ago, telling me someone was going to give me some scent soon and it would smell very nice. I dimly recall having a 'tea strainer' with cotton wool wrapped around the top of it placed over my face and a doctor spraying the 'scent' on to it. The odour was stifling and I struggled to escape so that I could breathe properly but my arms and right leg were tied down with straps. The room was spinning, and the doctor's voice was a drone that I couldn't understand. I started to dream and dream, and people were shouting at me and chasing me and then suddenly and quite calmly I realised that I was lying in a bed in the hospital ward. Horrors, my legs were pulled up into the air by ropes that were stretched over a frame through pulley wheels: weights were hanging at the end of the ropes, and these were applying all the tension to my legs pulling them upwards. Nurse Smith was holding my hand and telling me I was a good boy or words to that effect. What a difference the administration of a modern anaesthetic is? At that time, it was Ether I suppose, but I was told it was Chloroform that had been given to me. There was more to come. Some three weeks later it was deemed that my leg had been set twisted and out of line, and it would have to be reset - straight. I was told at the time it would have to

be re-broken so you may indeed realise how that bit of information affected me as a young lad. So, the whole process was repeated, tea strainer, arms and leg strapped down, dreams, the lot, which brought me, back to Nurse Smith and back on to the ward again. Incidentally, the orthopaedic surgeon who looked after me was named Mr. Neville Bone MB.BS., FRCS. It's true, that was his name!

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Six Weeks in a Hospital in 1939 *(from previous page)*

During this time neither Mom nor Dad was allowed to visit me although an exception was made for Dad to come in for a short while on Christmas Day. These were the rules of the time: it was thought that too many reminders of home would make children unsettled, and they may pine for their family. It is different now of course when parents actually stay at a hospital with their children. Dad brought along lots of presents and this time I would be allowed to take them home whereas at the fever hospital three years ago, I couldn't because of the possibility of passing on the infection. Santa Claus also came along on Christmas Day, and we had lots of party fun. I can't remember any of my fellow patients like I did at the fever hospital, but I do remember a hospital visitor. These ladies were often around, volunteers I suppose; they brought along comics, books and toys and talked to the patients for a little while to see if you were feeling OK and to pass on to your folk any messages you might wish to send to them. On Christmas day a 'visitor' was in the ward with a young girl following her, I know now it was her daughter. The daughter was Marjorie Dark the girl I had first seen in my first year at school and whom I thought was just beautiful. I was embarrassed in the extreme because, unlike the other patients who were lying flat, I was lying with my legs up in the air, ninety degrees to my torso. She mustn't see me like this I thought, so I pulled the bedclothes up over my head and hid! This caused some consternation for Mrs. Dark who, thinking I was dead, called the nurse to find out about my sad demise. Nurse Smith came and dragged the covers off my face with some force and added some reprimanding words. Marjorie didn't even notice me!

After maybe a couple of weeks, as I was getting better, I was told that I could experience one of the privileges of the third storey ward I was in, and that was to be allowed out on to the balcony in my bed and into the open air. It was January with snow and ice about, so I was wrapped up in an embarrassing red hand-knitted woollen suit and, as I recall, a silly red woollen hat that I had to wear. However, I was so happy to be told that Mom, and my sisters Eileen and Mary would now be able to come and see me and they could look at me lying in my bed on the balcony from the car park below. There they were but I couldn't see them through my raised legs so Nurse Smith brought me a mirror and I could now see them waving to me. I hadn't seen my Mom or my sisters for a long while - weeks, I was so happy.

After about six weeks it was home at last. Later, at home, my leg itched like mad, and my sisters tried to relieve my discomfort by sticking knitting needles down the plaster from my waist or up through the hole by my toes. After a week or two I was off to the hospital again for the plaster to be removed. I was strapped down again, and the doctor used a huge pair of shears and his cutting actions badly grazed my leg, drawing lots of blood. No one objected so I presumed this was normal and off we went home in style my leg swathed in bandages. Mr. Blakemore, our local grocer, had offered to pick us up in his car. A ride in a saloon car was a rarity at the time; I did enjoy the experience. It was another 4 weeks before I went back to school, to my little mates. I was a hero who had survived being flattened by a car! It would be another six y-six years before I became a patient in a hospital again and that was in far off Australia, the other side of the world.

It was some years later when I discussed the accident with my Dad. No charges were laid because the only witnesses

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Sunday, 9 January, 9am start
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Sunday, 12 December, 1pm

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were Colin and Peter and they and I were deemed to be too young to be interviewed. No police attended the scene and there were no laws about driving and drinking then; although since 1930 it had been illegal to drive if drunk! Inebriation tests were only mandated in 1967. The driver was not charged but delivered flowers to my Mom a couple of weeks after the accident. My parents couldn't afford to sue the driver themselves.

The point of this chat about my early days is to show you how much we have all advanced with our understandings of and for the feelings of our younger patients and, indeed, our older patients who are hospitalised. Who would have thought all those years ago that I would be the chairperson of a committee in 2021 that actively looked for unthinking actions by administrators, medical staff, other patients, and miscellaneous hospitality problems, all for the comfort of patients of KRHS, old and young. I need hardly add that the efforts the staff at KRHS go to to make their patients comfortable and happy is absolutely first class. Just ask anyone who has been through their system.

Geoff Stokes

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The Consumer Advisory Committee is slowly getting back to normal.

After such a long time apart due to the Covid-19 restrictions of the times, the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) will get together face to face on the 30th of November '21. Unfortunately, this date and the deliberations of the day will not meet the editorial deadline for this December edition of 'Blackfish'. Nevertheless, a quick look at certain items from the agenda for this meeting will give you some idea of the work the Committee does and will be doing within the Koo-Wee-Rup Regional Health Service (KRHS).

Our guest speaker will be Jenny Bayliss, the KRHS Volunteer Coordinator and her subject will be 'Volunteering through Covid and on into the future'. We will also meet the new Quality Manager, Annie Barwise, who will talk to the Committee about Quality Improvement and Accreditation. The Chief Executive Officer, Noni Bourke, will also present several items for discussion and information such as the upcoming Consumer (that's you!) Participation Plan, Legislation Standards, Updates, and the Strategic Plan for the future. of KRHS. Other business will include any worrying questions from town residents, patients or staff. These will be aired and discussed in detail.

We are very very close to a 90% vaccination rate for Covid-19 but there are still a lot of people in Cardinia Shire who have not taken that first step to get a vaccination against Covid. These vaccines are new to the world and it's quite normal for people to have questions about them. The sheer amount of information - and misinformation - about Covid-19 vaccines can be overwhelming to anyone especially on social media. Remember, we will listen to you without judgment to try and identify the root of your concerns. But, for the safety of everyone, you must get vaccinated. Think about it - you would have no qualms in getting vaccinated for Chickenpox (varicella), Diphtheria, Flu (influenza), Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Hib (Haemophilus influenzae type b), HPV (Human papillomavirus), Measles, Meningococcal disease, Mumps, Pneumococcal disease, Polio (poliomyelitis), Rotavirus, Rubella (German measles), Shingles (herpes zoster), Tetanus and Whooping cough (pertussis). So ... why not Covid-19? The risks are no different and you, when vaccinated, will be protecting yourself and everyone around you.

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

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Koo Wee Rup and Districts Lions

Written by Linda Sanders

Lions Meetings

Koo Wee Rup Lions have meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at the RSL rooms, Station Street, Koo Wee Rup at 7pm.

We are committed to serving our local, national and international communities.

If you would like to join our merry team, please come along to a meeting to see how things are run or call Ron Payne on 0429 042 911.

Lap The Map

World Diabetes Day was on 14th November 2021, Lions Clubs across Australia are on a mission to reduce the prevalence of diabetes and improve the quality of life for those diagnosed.

Diabetes is one of the Lions' key global focus areas and the organisation is encouraging those in their community to stay active particularly during COVID-19 outbreaks.

To raise money for this cause, Lions across the country were asked to walk and add this to the tally.

President Rex and member Linda had been walking each day during October and up to 14th November so they tallied up their kms and added them to the countries total. Between them, Rex and Linda walked 359kms (the distance from Koo Wee Rup to Port Fairy).

Some of our members gathered at Cochranes Park for a picnic on Sunday 14th November to celebrate Lap the Map. The weather was very cold, windy and wet and we even had a hail storm while we sat under cover. We did have fun although we were frozen.



Lions Christmas Cakes And Puddings

Recommended retail prices:

Lions Christmas Cake 1.5kg \$17.00

Lions Christmas Cake 1kg \$13.00

Lions Christmas Pudding 900gm \$13.00

Cakes and puddings are available from the Koo Wee Rup Op Shop, Bendigo Bank in Koo Wee Rup and Lang Lang and also at GJ Light Mechanics, Station St, Koo Wee Rup.

Monster Trailer Raffle

By now you will have received a flyer in your letter boxes regarding the Lions, Scouts, Koo Wee Rup and Bayles Primary Schools raffle.

The prize is a 6x4 galvanised tip trailer with a cage that is packed with lots of great items e.g. bbq, wheelbarrow, garden tools, ladder, hedge trimmer, wiper snipper, compost bin, soft toys and much more.

To buy tickets go online at: rafflelink.au/kooweeruplions

We would be grateful if you could spread the word, perhaps email the link to friends and family. The more money we make, the more we can help the local community





Lions Club Junior Public Speaking Competition

On Wednesday 17th November, we held semi-finals of Junior Public Speaking at our regular meeting at the RSL rooms. Five students attended from Pakenham, Inverloch and Koo Wee Rup primary schools.



Grade 3-4 talked on their favourite animal and grade 5-6 talked on their favourite invention. They all did remarkably well and were very entertaining.

From Pakenham Primary Grade 3-4 was Sinrat Aulakh and Grade 5-6 Shuao Tan. From Cardinia Primary 5-6 was Leah Colburne. From Inverloch Grade 3-4 was Evie Schenck and Grade 5-6 Lola Denver.

Winners were Evie Schenck (Grade 3-4) and Lola Denver (Grade 5-6). Well done girls, you are now off to the Lions Convention in Sale on 27th November for the finals. Good luck!



What is the aim of this program?

To give students in Primary Schools the chance to develop their ability to speak in public. This competition is run for primary students in Grades 3 & 4, 5 & 6.

How does the program work?

There are two parts to the program – the main part being the Prepared Speeches. This is for all students. The second part of the program is a Short Preparation Speech and is for years 5 & 6 students ONLY at Club, Zone/Region & District Level.

Prepared Speeches – Students are given a topic and are asked to prepare a speech. Years 3-4 are asked to prepare a 3-minute speech and Year 5-6 are asked to prepare a 4-minute speech. The topic for the prepared speeches is chosen by the District Chairperson.

Short Preparation Speech – As part of the Club, Regional & District level competitions – students in year 5-6 are also given a Short Preparation Speech. They are given a topic and 10 minutes to prepare a 1-minute response to this topic. This has been included at Club, Zone/Regional & District levels, as an added challenge for students who have already shown that they are skilful at preparing and delivering a prepared speech.

There are 4 levels to the competition

School Level Competition – held at each participating school in a Lions area. Run by a club chairperson in conjunction with the school.

Club Level Competition – held at individual Clubs, as part of a dinner meeting or as a separate event. Students representing their individual school/s will compete to become Club Representative.

Zone/Regional Competition – representatives chosen at Club level will compete within their Zone/Region.

District Competition – winners from the Zone/Regional competition will compete at District Level, at a central location in the District.



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Koo Wee Rup Bowls Club

After a lengthy break from the game, due to lockdown, our 3 competitions finally managed a start. Div. 3 [Sat.] played City of Frankston and were beaten 49-61. Two close rinks were offset by our 3rd rink suffering a loss. Our winning rink for the day was Trevor Kitchin, Charles Harris, Steve Haines & Jim Jenkins winning 17-16. Involved in a 1 shot game also was Brett Condron, Tim Katz, Rex Alexander & Daniel Price losing 17-18. Unfortunately, the rink of Arthur Giaccotto, Gerry Fuller, Pauline Gray & Peter Butera was well beaten 15-27. A trip to Balnarring for Div. 6 [Sat.] was worth it with a 40-39 win with 1 rink winning & 1 rink draw. Betty King, George Crynes, Jill Roissetter & Peter Stevens was our winners with a 19-18 score. Our 2nd rink of Margaret Royle, Mary Masters, Pat Carlin & Ken Hammond had a 21-21 draw. A good start to the season with 1 draw, 3 games with a 1 shot score from 5 rinks. Rd. 2 and the close games continue with Div. 3 losing to Belvedere 50-55. A 18-18 draw for Brett Condron, Tim Katz, Rex Alexander & Daniel Price after staging a good comeback. A tough day at the office for Arthur Giaccotto, Bryan Walker, Gerry Fuller & Pauline Gray trailing all game and losing 9-26. An all round team effort resulted in a 23-11 win for Trevor Kitchin, Charles Harris, Steve Haines & Jim Jenkins. Div. 6 also had a close game in a low scoring match losing to Mt. Martha 33-37. The rink of Betty King, George Crynes, Helen Ralph & Peter Stevens were defeated 14-17. Our other rink of Margaret Royle, Pat Carlin, Mary Masters & Gary King, in his debut, lost 19-20.

We continue to have meetings with Shire of Cardinia representatives discussing the new Club house with the project still in the planning stages but on time for an actual start on the building in June 2022.

We'll finally Tuesday Pennant has commenced and in line with Sat. results Div. 3 went to Karingal and played on their new synthetic green and under the roof. Alas another 1 shot loss overall beaten 56-57. There was a considerable margin in all 3 games but in the final analysis only the 1 shot. The rink of Gerry Fuller, Bryan Walker, Joy Jenkins & Julie Walker won well 25-11. A loss 14-25 was the score for Jim Jenkins, Pauline Gray, Mary Masters & Iain Caig. Our 3rd rink of Noel Speight, Jill Roissetter, Betty King & Joy Herbert were beaten 17-21. Playing against Belvedere at home Div. 6 had a good victory 44-30 with Margaret Royle, Pat Carlin, David Talbot & Glenice Jackson winning 25-15. Great to see Glenice Jackson back playing after missing a couple of seasons due to health. Our 2nd rink of George Crynes, Margo Dillon, Charles Poulsen & Frank Grant won 19-15. Also good to see Margo Dillon playing again after missing last season & Charles Poulsen playing his 1st Pennant game in Club colours.

The Friday Triples competition commenced on 19th Nov. with 16 teams participating with many new players in the various teams. Winning rink for the day with 2 wins & 36 pts. was Jim & Joy Jenkins & Joy Herbert [KWR]. On 2 wins & 35 pts. was John Williams, Ian Alkemade & Kevin Kitchin [Lang Lang] to be Runner Up. Best 1st game winners were Gerry Fuller, Bryan Walker & Helen Ralph [KWR] with 18 pts and best 2nd game was won by Pauline Gray, Mary Masters & Julie Walker [KWR] with 20 pts.

We are still not having much luck with the weather on Sundays for Social bowls but hopefully we will get a couple of games in before Christmas.

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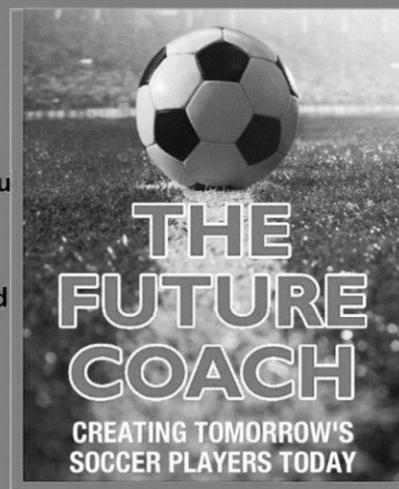
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Well all I can say over the last few months the buyers are buying without fear. These 3 homes above all sold without a physical inspection! Combined, 47 buyers viewed these home by either Zoom inspections or video walkthroughs and average days on market was 8.

October & November have also seen many sales happen. There is a large percentage of off market sales happening at the moment. My buyer list is quite large and this has presented a lot of opportunities for clients to sell via that off market platform.

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— 4 — 2 — 2

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125 Moody Street
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— 3 — 2 — 2

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- 3 written offers

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— 3 — 2 — 2

Sold: \$630,000

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Sold.

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Koo Wee Rup

— 4 — 2 — 2

Sold: \$685,000

- Off Market Sale zero days on market
- 12 buyer inspections
- 4 written offers

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Sold.

138 Moody Street
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Sold: \$625,000

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- 0 open for inspections
- 16 buyer inspections
- 4 written offers

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— 3 — 1 — 1

- 8 days on market
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Kooweerup Secondary College



Roll Over and the start of our 2022 academic year begins on November 22. For those two weeks at least, we can put 2021 behind us as we all focus on a fresh start, with new classes and a renewed focus on resetting our goals.

In 2022 the college moves to a new timetable which will encompass a six-period day.

We have moved to this model after extensive planning and research and feedback from students who wanted more electives in year 9 and 10. We have also been able to increase our LOTE offerings at year 7 and 8.

Roll Over is an opportunity for students to take on their new classes with renewed energy. Staff will have high expectations for their students which will include being prepared for classes and in correct uniform.

We are excited for our students as they transition through the school into higher year levels and embrace the challenges that come with that.

We are also very excited for the imminent arrival of our new Year 7 students. We are currently planning a range of potential Orientation Day models in line with department policy. We are looking forward to onsite transition days for our new students leading up to the State-wide Transition Day on Tuesday December 7.

Next week the Year 12 exams come to a conclusion, and we wish all of our Year 12 students the very best for their efforts.

Our new oval and pavilion are nearing completion, with the light towers being wired up last week. This will be an amazing facility for our students and the wider community.

I would like to thank everyone in our community for the support and care that you all continue to have for each other. We continue to remain vigilant in the current climate we are operating in and remind everyone to continue to practise safe health practices.

With gratitude, Felix Patton, Principal

Remembrance Day 2021

Paige Porublev and Beau Bruin laid a wreath on behalf of the College. Abbey Howes received the KWR RSL award for citizenship.

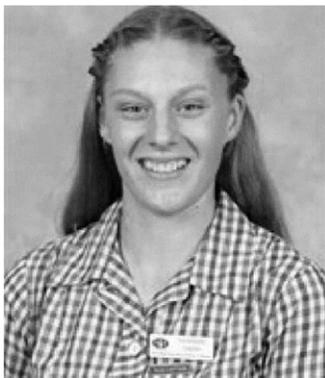


Introducing our New Student Leaders

We are delighted to announce our new student leaders for 2022. Candidates for the position of College Captain had to write an application, give a speech in front of their peers, give a speech in front of the staff and be interviewed by Mr Patton, Miss McGinley and Mrs Power.

College Captains

Shakira Bourne

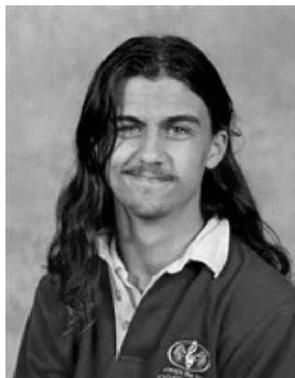


Madisson Brzezowski



College Vice Captains

Ben Alexander



Georgia Lightowler



House Captains 2022

Bass

Keira Meekings, Charlee Webb

Flinders

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Mawson

Amy Wooles, Kimberley Gibb

Sturt

Caitlyn Wishart

Vice House Captains

Bass

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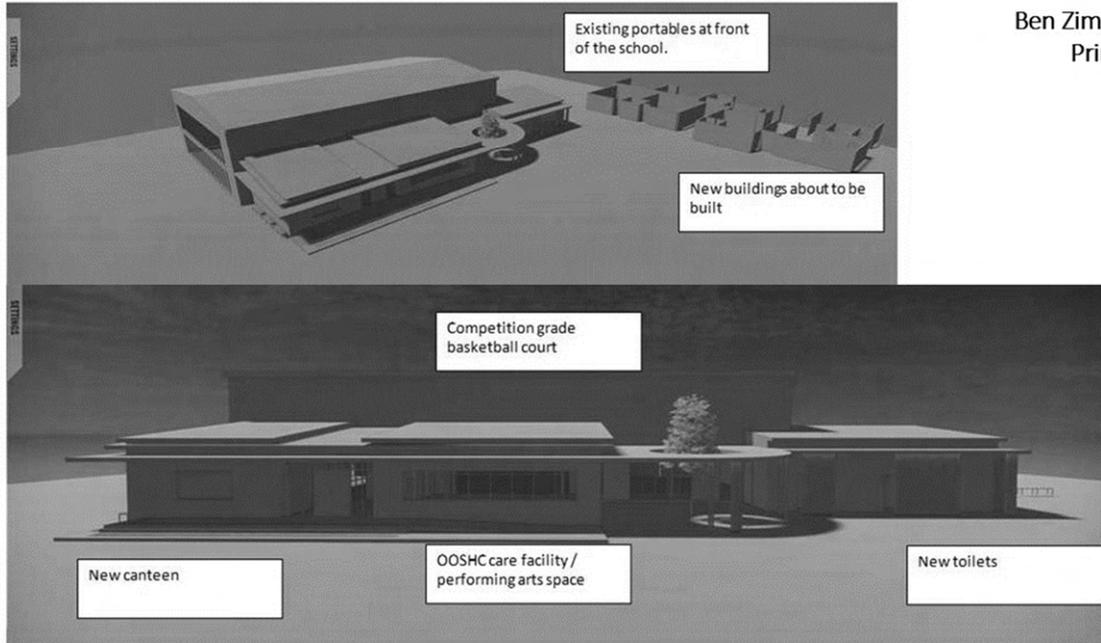
KOO WEE RUP Primary School

There has been plenty of action happening with our building project. Our Art Room and 1/2K classroom were both hoisted high in the air before being transplanted in their new resting place. A concrete path is being installed that will run from the pedestrian gate to the left of the carpark, past the Bandicoot habitat to the two classrooms. This will then join up to the existing pathway near the old school house.

We have also been working closely with the architects who are designing our gymnasium.

I am excited to share with you some of the early conceptual designs. This facility is going to be a fantastic asset for our school and local community once complete.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families and the wider Koo Wee Rup Community a safe and happy Christmas break. We look forward to an uninterrupted year of learning here at Koo Wee Rup Primary School in 2022.



Ben Zimmerle
Principal

'Footsteps into Foundation 2022'

Koo Wee Rup Primary School strives to ensure we provide a positive gateway into lifelong education for your child. We prioritise the wellbeing of our students with the understanding that this underpins children's ability to engage fully in the learning process.

In the classroom we challenge our students academically through a differentiated approach to teaching, ensuring that the individual needs of all students is catered to. Our curriculum and way of teaching is constantly evolving so that our teaching and learning programs are developed in line with current research into educational 'best practice'.

Our school motto of 'Together We Learn' is embedded through a strong professional learning program for all teachers to constantly reflect and build on their teaching practice.

Our 'Footsteps Into Foundation' program has been established for new Foundation enrolments as bridge between kindergarten and primary school. The program involves seven planned transition sessions as well as parent information sessions. As Principal of Koo Wee Rup Primary School, 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.

To arrange your personal tour, please contact the school on 5997 1272.

Term 4 Transition

Wednesday 1st December – 1:45-3:15pm

Tuesday 7th December - State-wide Transition (9am – 1:30pm)

Students should bring a drink bottle, wide brimmed hat and wear enclosed shoes to all sessions.

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St John's Primary School

Across the school we have enjoyed spending time re-establishing friendships and participating in plenty of team building and wellbeing activities, as well as making sure we are working hard on our learning goals. We are having regular brain breaks including some games/exercise to ease our way back.

In the classroom we have had a cross-curricular focus on the local creation story 'Bunjil the Eagle', incorporating Literacy (reading, vocabulary and writing), Maths (mapping), Religion (Creation) and Inquiry (Australian History).

Crazy Sock Day was a lot of fun and we thank you all for participating and your generous donations.

It was a very exciting week for our Foundation students as they received their own tennis racquet from Tennis Australia. Thanks to Mrs Dennis for applying for the grant and getting these racquets for the students. We may have our very own Ash Barty or Lleyton Hewitt one day.



We are looking forward to welcoming our Foundation students for 2022 on Wednesday the 1st, Tuesday 7th and Monday the 13th of December so they can experience what school will be like for them next year.

To celebrate the end of the year and to farewell our wonderful Grade 6's, we are holding a Colour Run on Friday 10th December.

As this will be the last Blackfish for 2021 we wish our Grade 6 students all the best for their next adventure into High School. To all of our families we wish you a safe, happy and holy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in 2022.



Pilates at Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service

These classes are also back in action following Covid safe protocols including being double vaccinated and QR check in. All safety protocols for the fitness sector as well as the hospital sector are met.

We have a chair based 30 minute class at 5 pm Mondays, and a one hour mat class on Mondays at 6 pm and Saturdays at 9 am in the Community Room in the Hewitt ECO House at Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service.

Access is via Rossiter Rd next to the community garden not the main entrance.

The first session is **FREE** so it is worth giving it a go. We work at our own individual levels, as Pilates involves the progression of exercises, to accommodate all fitness and ability levels. We all have good and bad days too, so this form of all of body workout, really accommodates our ups and downs. We challenge our balance, undertake resistance exercise using our own body weight as the resistance, and build strength and flexibility.

Cost of classes is \$5 for chair Pilates and \$10 for mat.

Enquiries to Marlene on 0429 814410

Koo Wee Rup Senior Citizens Club

Icke Road, Koo Wee Rup

We are back up and running. Bowls at 1pm Mondays. Lunches Friday 11.45am. Members only.

AGM Monday 13th December 10.30am

Members Christmas Lunch Friday 17th December. We will close on this day and reopen Monday 10th January 2022 for bowls and Friday 14th January 2022 for lunch.

Our gardens are looking wonderful thanks to the hard work of our member Dianne I, a big effort on her part.

Keep safe and well.

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Leonie 0477 249 000

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Joey Scouts visited Gilwell Park in Gembrook for a fun afternoon of archery. And they will be going to have a round of mini golf next week.



Cub Scouts had 4 cubs attend the Cardinia District Leadership Day. They all had a great day learning more about leadership within in the cub unit. They have been having a great month with a sport night and then a treasure hunt in Tooradin.

Unfortunately, our leader Winifred has decided to end her time as a leader so if you have had a thought about joining Koo Wee Rup Scout Group as a leader, we would love to hear from you.

Our Scout unit have been busy getting ready for Vic Jam. They have had a camp to meet the other units they will be camping with. They are all excited to be heading to Elmore Scout Camp over the summer holidays.

Our Venturers have been camping at Bell Park Scout camp to do a good turn there by doing some mowing and tidying



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Getting back to the Men's Shed.

Great news for everyone, especially the Men's Shed members, in that the 'Shed is fully open again. There is one Governmental proviso though - you must be double vaccinated against Covid-19 before you are allowed through the door. If you haven't had the double dose yet contact us on 5997 9687 and ask for Brian Harlow, our secretary. He will guide you through the details of how easy it is to get protected and help you to protect others from this dreaded malady.

We have seen many happy members coming back to have a great lunch on Wednesdays. This day is for members and guests but - don't forget that the Men's Shed Café is open every Friday 10:00 am until 2:00 pm, not only for members but for anyone, ladies or gentlemen to enjoy a professionally cooked meal. There is such a variety available and we have different foods every week. So far we had enjoyed Chinese food, fish and chips, Mexican, and a simple but delicious Roast Pork and roast vegetable meal and all with the trimmings of deserts and mouth watering accompaniments. As if that wasn't enough. pies, pasties, sausage rolls and salads are always available. See you soon eh?

The population estimate for Koo-Wee-Rup as of the 30th June 2020 was 4,303. Since this particular year, the population has grown by 5.89%.and the population growth in Greater Melbourne has been 1.58%. The numbers of new residents arriving in the district this year, 2021, will bring the Township and District total to about 4556. That being so there will be quite a few new residents who do not know what a great Men's Shed we have in Koo-Wee-Rup. So If you live in Koo-Wee-Rup and District and you are new to the area, 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 for you to come along, meet us and enjoy the company of real good mates and maybe get a boost to your own health and well-being at the same time. Come on, call in, try us.

It's now relatively warmer weather and the community veggie garden is starting to awaken with the miracle of the growth of spring. This coming year all of our excess produce from the garden will be donated to the Turning Point Church and their Koo-Wee-Rup Connect Food Bank for distribution to the needy; surprisingly, there are quite a lot of our fellow townfolk who really do need our aid right now. It's early in the season but we have already supplied the church with fresh spring vegetables such as cabbages, silver beet, parsley and fresh salad mix. The Church works closely with the Men's Shed, also the Church has a monthly outreach to the local nursing home and provide 'Food-Aid Services' to the community. The Church is also heavily involved in providing Ministry and Pastoral Care to the seasonal workers that come to the Koo-Wee-Rup area from Vanuatu.

For those of you who are new to the town, 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 now with lots more to come. Finally:-

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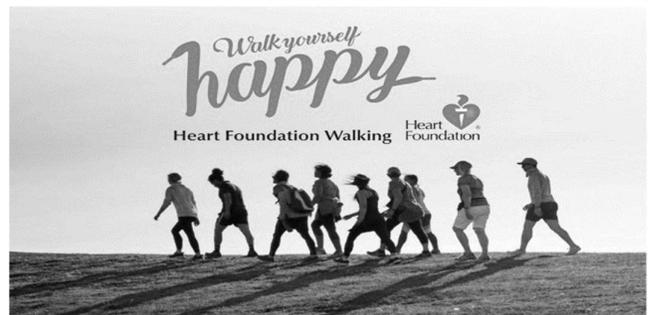
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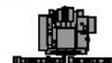
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Local Butter and Milk Factories

By Heather Arnold, Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society

In 1889, the Victorian Parliament allocated £233,000 to establish creameries, cheese and butter factories in the Colony and to aid other primary industries. By 1895 there were 174 factories and 284 creameries in Victoria, including a number in the Koo Wee Rup Swamp area. Up until the 1930s the area could sustain several factories for a number of reasons. Firstly, dairy cattle numbers were at their peak in the 1920s. It is estimated that the Parishes of Koo Wee Rup, Koo Wee



Joe and Eva Rouse's farm at Cora Lynn, taken in 1928

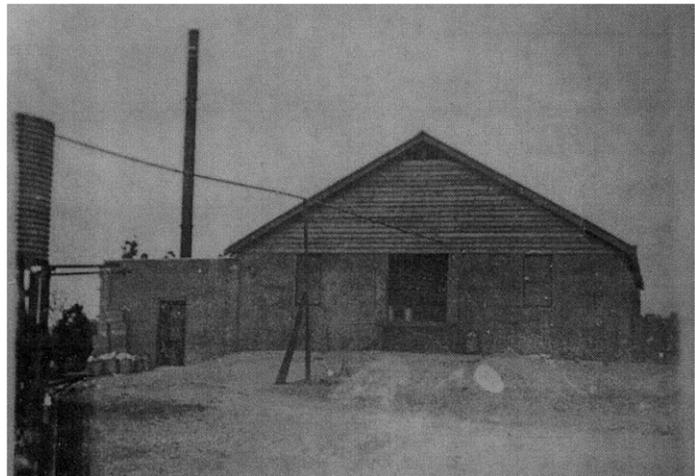
Rup East and Yallock (essentially the area of the Koo Wee Rup Swamp) had 12,000 dairy cattle in early 1920s. Secondly, most farmers were still using horse and cart for transport, so local factories were necessary. Lastly, the factories had slightly different purposes. For instance, whole milk was received at Iona and Cora Lynn, whilst farms with a separator could deposit cream at Drouin, Lang Lang or Bayles.

At Iona, a Creamery run by the Fresh Food and Frozen Storage Company, was opened in 1897 and by 1900 it had 50 suppliers. The Creamery operated until around 1907. In 1906, the Drouin Co-Operative Butter Factory established a factory in Iona on the corner of Little Road and the Main Drain. It closed in October 1928 and was

demolished in 1930. Another butter factory, owned by Holdenson and Neilson, operated in Iona from 1912 or 1917 (depending on sources). It closed in 1921. At one stage the Fresh Food and Frozen Storage Company operated 70 butteries and creameries in Victoria. Holdenson and Nielson operated at least 20 and in the early 1890s they produced over 2 million pounds of butter, most of it being exported. The two companies amalgamated in 1908 to become Holdenson and Nielson Fresh Foods P/L.

The Drouin Co-Operative Butter Factory was established in 1904 and expanded under the leadership of their aptly named General Manager, Bill Kraft. This Company should not be confused with the Drouin Co-Operative Creamery, which was established in 1891, went into liquidation in 1895, and was taken over by the Victorian Creamery and Butter Company, who were another big player in the dairy industry, at this time.

The Drouin Co-Operative Butter Factory established a factory at Cora Lynn in 1910. This was extended in 1930s, partially to compensate for Iona closing down. In 1932 the factory had around 500 regular suppliers, however it was closed in the late 1940s. The building is still standing at Cora Lynn and was restored a few years ago. Drouin Co-Operative Butter Factory took over the Bayles Butter Factory in 1944, which had been established in 1922. It was re-built and enlarged in 1966 and operated until January 1980. This gave Drouin access to the Melbourne market as Bayles had a City distribution license. It was for this same reason that Drouin had obtained shares in the Cranbourne and Croftbank Dairies in Cranbourne in the 1930s.



Bayles Factory, from the Bayles Fauna Park collection

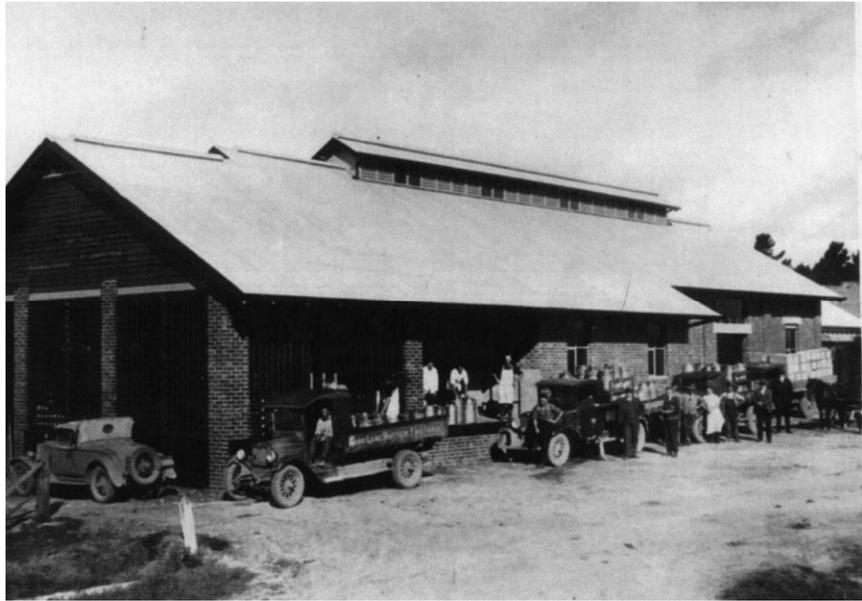


Cora Lynn Factory in 1998 before it was restored

Local Butter and Milk Factories *from previous page*

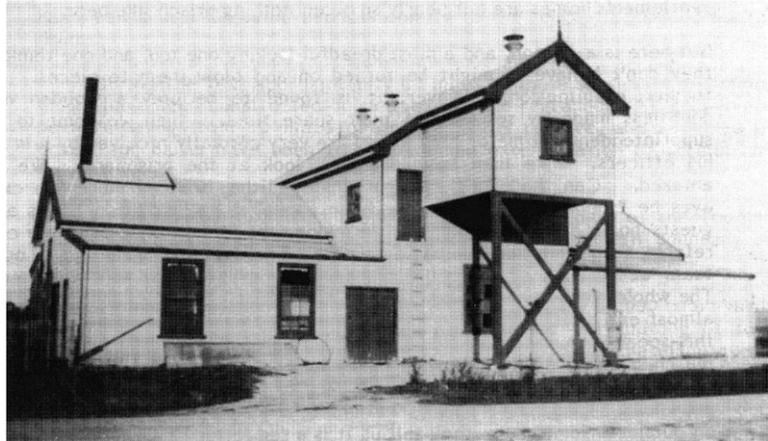
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Yallock Southern Creamery, which was situated on the corner of the Yallock Creek and the No.5 Yallock Drain Road (which was thus also known as Creamery Road) opened in 1897 as a Co-Operative, closed in 1898, re-opened 1899 and eventually sold to the owners of the Lang Lang Butter Factory. A butter factory had operated in Lang Lang for a few years before it closed in February 1893. It re-opened around 1895 with Charles Wood (or his company Wood & Co) being listed as the owners until 1926, when it was sold to Southern State Produce. In 1928 it was purchased by Ivan Stedman, a butter merchant. It closed in 1940. The Factory was a major employer in Lang Lang. Farm pick-ups were initially done by horse and cart, but the 1930s the Factory had a fleet of trucks which collected from farms as far away as Phillip Island. The Lang Lang Butter Factory is now occupied by Larmax.



Lang Lang Butter Factory from Lang Lang & District Historical Society collection

Yannathan Butter Factory was established in 1900 or 1905 (depending on sources) and was purchased by Ivan Stedman at the same he purchased the Lang Lang Factory. From 1929 the Cranbourne Shire Rate books lists the Yannathan factory as the "old Butter Factory", so I assume it was closed at this time. Factory Road, off Heads Road, is all that is left to remind us of the Yannathan Butter Factory. Yannathan, Catani and Bayles dairy farmers could also send their milk to Melbourne on the train, after the Strzelecki Railway line opened in 1922, and in 1923 the milk train carried over 1000 gallons of milk per day from those stations.



Yannathan Butter Factory from More Mickle Memories of Koo Wee Rup by David Mickle, published by the author, 1987

Incidentally, Ivan Stedman (1895-1979) was a champion swimmer and led the Australian team

at the opening ceremony of the Antwerp Olympics in 1920. He won a silver medal in the 4x200 freestyle relay team at those Olympics and also competed in the 1924 Paris Olympics. This is an achievement, made even more remarkable, by the fact that Ivan spent over three years in the A.I.F. during the First World War and was wounded at Passchendaele.

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From February to November, the Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm at Mallow house in Rossiter Road, corner of Henry Street. Our final meeting for the year is on Wednesday, December 8 at 6.00pm. It will be an informal Christmas get-together, outside if the weather is nice. BYO food, drink etc. The Museum will not re-open on a regular basis until February, however we are happy to open up by appointment. Heather Arnold harnold@dcsi.net.au 0407 521 637

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