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Restoring Koo Wee Rup's Railway Platform

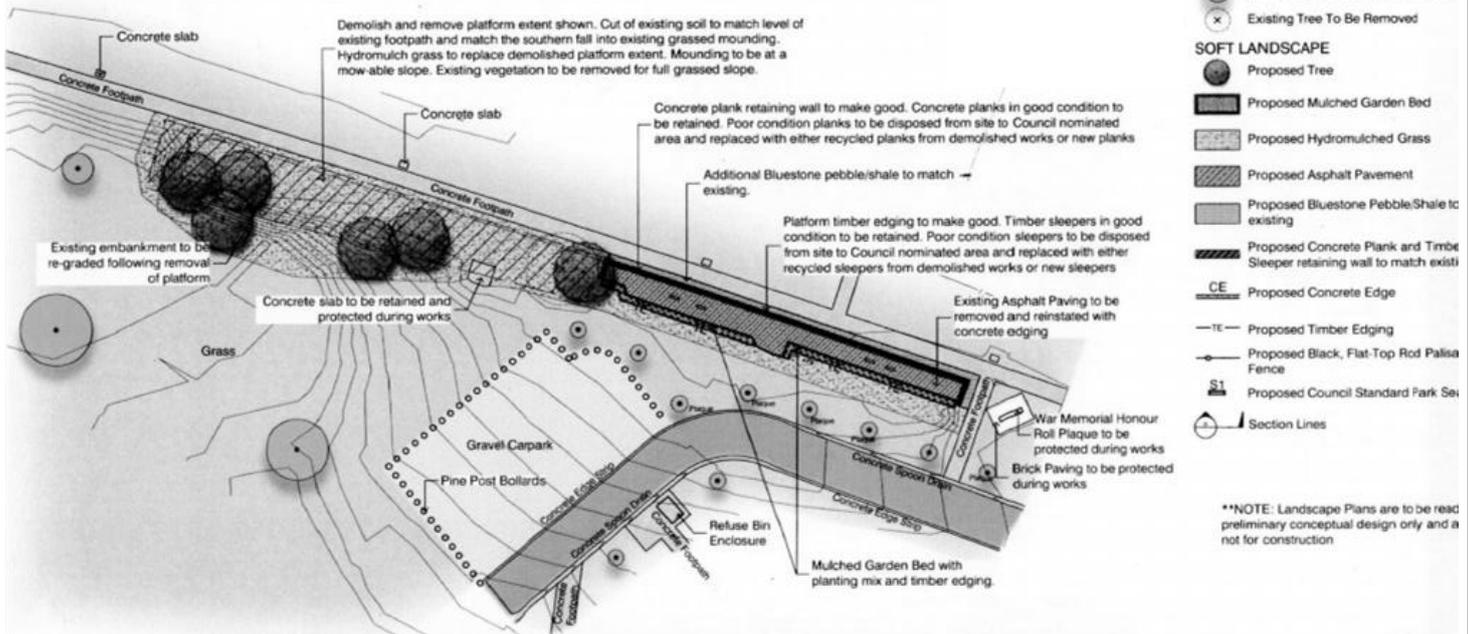
Work is under way to restore our railway platform. The crumbling asphalt surface and old surrounds have been removed and new uprights installed, with the old concrete sleepers being put back in place. The platform will be around half as long as the original platform and will look very much as it would have when first constructed. The work should be completed by late June or early July (depending on the weather).

The railway station opened in November 1890 and operated until July 1993 when the line between Leongatha and Cranbourne was closed.

Caroline Roff, Editor



Koo-Wee-Rup Historic Railway Station PROPOSED CONCEPT PLAN & MATERIAL PALETTE.



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What's on in Koo Wee Rup and District

I wondered how much of this I should include this month but have decided to press ahead with the warning that all of this is subject to government restrictions.

June

Wed 2nd	Koo Wee Coffee Club	Royal Hotel	10am
Wed 2nd	Lions Club Meeting	by Zoom??	7.30pm
Thu 3rd	KWR Senior Citizens Indoor Bowls (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	12.30pm
Fri 4th	KWR Regional Health Service Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	Hospital Education Room	9.30am
Fri 4th	Triples	Bowls Club	10.30am
Fri 4th	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Fri 4th	KWR Senior Citizens Bingo (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	1pm
Fri 4th	Koo Wee 4 Kids & Brave Youth	turningpoint Church	6pm
Sat 5th	Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	9am
Mon 7th	KWR Senior Citizens Indoor Bowls (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	12.30pm
Mon 7th	CWA Meeting	Senior Citizens Club	7.30pm
Tue 8th	Community Centre Committee Meeting	Community Centre	7.30pm
Wed 9th	Township Committee Meeting (1 week late)	Community Centre	7.30pm
Wed 9th	KWR Swamp Historical Society Meeting	KWR Museum	7.30pm
Thu 10th	KWR Senior Citizens Indoor Bowls (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	12.30pm
Fri 11th	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch & Bingo (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Fri 11th	Koo Wee 4 Kids & Brave Youth	turningpoint Church	6pm
Sat 12th	Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	9am
Sun 13th	Bayles Fauna Park Working Bee & Committee Meeting	Bayles Fauna Park	9am
Mon 14th	KWR Senior Citizens Indoor Bowls (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	12.30pm
Mon 14th	Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	6pm
Wed 16th	Koo Wee Coffee Club	Chandelier Cafe	10am
Thu 17th	KWR Senior Citizens Indoor Bowls (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	12.30pm
Fri 18th	Triples	Bowls Club	10.30am
Fri 18th	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch & Bingo (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Fri 18th	Koo Wee 4 Kids & Brave Youth	turningpoint Church	6pm
Sat 19th	Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	9am
Mon 21st	KWR Senior Citizens Indoor Bowls (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	12.30pm
Mon 21st	Pilates	Eco House – Hospital	6pm
Mon 21st	CWA Craft Night	Senior Citizens Club	7.30pm
Thu 24th	KWR Senior Citizens Indoor Bowls (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	12.30pm
Fri 25th	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch & Bingo (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Fri 25th	Koo Wee 4 Kids & Brave Youth	turningpoint Church	6pm
Sat 26th	Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	9am
Sat 26th	Craft and Patchwork Show (<i>see back page</i>)	Community Centre	9.30am
Sun 27th	Social Bowls	Bowls Club	1pm
Mon 28th	KWR Senior Citizens Indoor Bowls (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	12.30pm

July

Thu 1st	KWR Senior Citizens Indoor Bowls (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	12.30pm
Fri 2nd	KWR Regional Health Service Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	Hospital Education Room	9.30am
Wed 7th	Township Committee Meeting	Community Centre	7.30pm

HAVE YOU GOT SOMETHING TO SAY?

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

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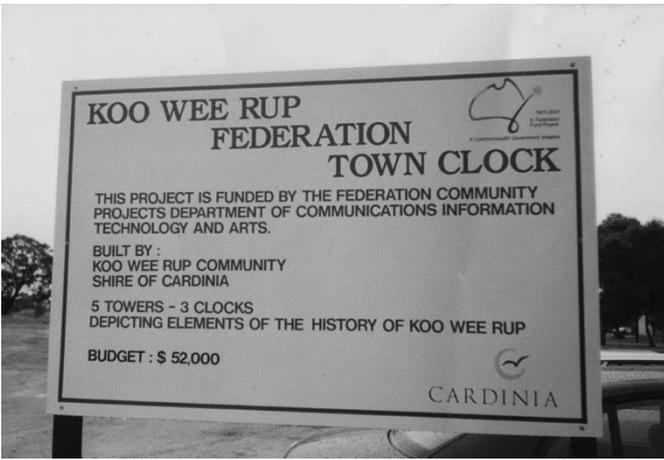
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Koo Wee Rup Clock Towers 20 years on

At the end of May 2001 Koo Wee Rup's Centenary of Federation project was opened. I love this series of pictures (shamelessly swiped from the Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society's facebook page) because of how much that part of town has changed over the last 20 years.

Some of the panels are still blank; completing the history panels is on the Township Committee's to-do list.

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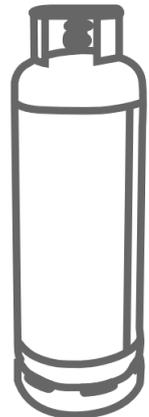
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Koo Wee Rup Township Committee Meeting

The Township held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, 5 May at the Koo Wee Rup Community Centre. Township Meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 9 June at 7:30 pm at the Koo Wee Rup Community Centre (Covid restrictions permitting).

The President opened the meeting with an acknowledgement of Councillor Ray Brown who passed away on April 16. Ray was the foundation president of the Koo Wee Rup Township Committee and held that position for over 10 years. His leadership was instrumental in many projects coming to fruition in Koo Wee Rup including The Koo Wee Rup Community Centre, Koo Wee Rup bypass and the natural gas connection. His ongoing support for the Koo Wee Rup Township Committee once he became a councillor will be sorely missed.

Police report: Sergeant Kevin Isles

Kevin apologised for not being available for recent meetings but hopes to be able to include this meeting in the regular roster.

The Crime reports for April included theft from motor cars, theft of motor vehicles (including a camper trailer, burglary – a large quantity of cigarettes from service station (offender charged), burglary of several shops in one night, domestic incidents.

Kevin touched on the number of accidents on the roads in recent months (include some fatalities) and emphasised that drivers need to drive to the road conditions and that the condition of the road did not appear to be at fault in any of the accidents. Speed and fatigue are major contributors to road accidents. Please take care on our roads.

The Cardinia Police Service area includes the hills towns of Emerald and Gembrook and takes in Pakenham across to Bunyip and down to Koo Wee Rup and Lang Lang. Koo Wee Rup Police Station is still not open due to COVID-19 restrictions but appointments with police officers can be arranged if required, contact the local police number 5997 1404.

Other non-urgent queries can be made through the Police Assistance Line 131 444

Emergencies and Urgent matters should be reported via 000

Cardinia Shire matters. Helena Moloney

Council officers are still working under a hybrid model to meet COVID-19 restrictions. Most staff are still working from home 2 – 3 days per week. The Reception desk at Officer is open to the public.

Westernport Ward Councillor. Following the passing of Councillor Brown a by-election will be held. The election will be a postal election conducted by the Victorian Electoral Commission closing on 24 July 2021. Until a new Councillor is elected all issues that would normally referred to the councillor should be directed to the office of the CEO, Carol Jeffs. Councillor Graeme Moore will provide support where he can but has his own ward to represent.

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Royal Hotel Gaming Machines and Renovation permit application. Council opposed the gaming license and was supported by a consultant report that showed the gaming machines would be detrimental to the local community. The Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation refused the application for gaming machines on 30 April 2021. The planning permit for the renovations and improvements to the hotel is still with Cardinia Shire to make a decision.

President's report:

There have been no declared nominations for the councillor role as yet (*Secretary note: nominations will open on 17 June and close 22 June*) if you know anyone who may be suitable please encourage them to think about nominating to represent our community.

There is a planned update to the NBN tower at the Koo Wee Rup Recreation Reserve.

What is the Township Committee doing this year? Some suggestions:

- The Town Square proposal (the area near the RSL and opposite the Fish and Chip Shop). The owner of the site will need to be involved, the proposal was to add more seating and landscaping to make it a more pleasant area for people to rest, sit and consume their takeaway meals.
- The mural that was proposed for the toilet block in Rossiter Road should be revived now that COVID-19 restrictions have eased. The Township Committee can lead this ourselves now that we are an incorporated association.
- Update the information on the Clock Towers at the Bus Stop, there are also some blank faces that could have new information added.
- The Railway Platform. Works were due to start in April (*has now commenced*). There have been some suggested additions to the renewal of the platform including a mural on the rear wall of the Woolworths complex and metal silhouette cut-outs to frame part of the platform. Secretary to write to Carol Jeffs for an update on this project and seeking council support for these suggestions.
- Improvements to the Bus Service between Koo Wee Rup and Pakenham have been discussed for several years. This effort needs to be renewed. Some of the improvements we would like to see include an increase in the service, inclusion in the Myki system (zone 2), an additional stop at Livestock Way to provide for people who work in that expanding business park, and potential extension of the service to Lang Lang.
- Community Centre signage on Rossiter Road to clearly identify the entrance and parking, possible direction lights lining the driveway to guide people to the Community Centre.
- Council has budgeted for an upgrade to the Skate Park.
- Review of the Cochrane Park Masterplan to take into account changes over recent years (eg Tennis Courts, Avenue of Honour) and the proposal for a Dog Agility area in the rear of the park.

General Business:

Andrew proposed installing several new rose boxes on the east side of Rossiter Road to improve the streetscape and match the planter boxes on the west side of the road. Secretary will contact council regarding the process to have these planter boxes installed.

Christmas Lights – the application for the grant was submitted with an answer expected in July, once the fate of the grant is known further planning can be completed for the coming Christmas.

The issue of the drain along Denhams Road was raised. There is a small section of the drain at the eastern end of Denhams Road that is still an open drain and often produces an unpleasant smell. There is a similar issue outside the Primary School in Moody Street. Secretary will write to Carol Jeffs raising these issues.

The Forget-Me-Not café has returned to the Koo Wee Rup Health Service. There was a morning tea in April that was held in conjunction with an Art Show. The next café meeting will be in June.

What is the Liveability Plan for Cardinia Shire?

Helena responded this is the vision for the Shire until 2029 and includes how all activity and plans within the shire will contribute to this vision. The plan is reviewed each year.



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My boyhood memories of air raids in the UK 1939 – 1945 *by Geoff Stokes*

Continued from the May 2021 edition

It seems now, on reflection, that all my childhood reminiscences are of the war. Well I suppose that is true because my life between the ages of seven and thirteen was dominated by what was happening around me and around me there was a world war taking place. My memories therefore are vivid because of the violent images that were shown to me daily in the newspapers and by the voices I heard on the wireless (radio) and of the actual personal experiences I had. Strangely enough, to an eight year old, there was also some excitement in this daily game of war, bombs, shells and soldiers. At that stage I hadn't seen the true horrors of war and our daily game of soldiers played out by us in the street was, to us lads, just a different game of Cowboys and Indians.

We played a lot in and around some derelict terrace houses just at the end of our road. It was decided by the powers that be, that the demolition of these old houses should be treated as if they were actually catastrophically bomb damaged and therefore the site would be a practice area for the local auxiliaries and their 'apprentices'. Late one afternoon after school, the site was all activity and exciting for my friend Philip and me and we watched with awe. The demolition squad arrived and started pulling down walls; the ARP let off some incendiary devices in the surrounding gutters and then proceeded to teach others how to put out the resulting fires with a 'stirrup pump', a hand pump similar to the ones most people kept at the ready in their own homes. The fire brigade came along and set a fire in one of the houses and again spent time practising how to extinguish it and by this time the special volunteer police were organising traffic at the site.

The St. John's Ambulance brigade became busy and called for volunteers to pretend to be casualties of this mock attack. Philip and I volunteered of course and we were laid out amongst the rubble with a note pinned to our jackets to notify the arriving St. John's members, what our actual injuries were. I can't remember what my 'wounds' were or those of Philip but it was a very serious situation to the 'first-aiders'. We were swathed in bandages and I can remember telling someone that I had had a fractured femur a year ago. I knew that I shouldn't say 'broken leg', that was not the same according to my sister Mary who had just started nursing training at a Dudley hospital as her effort for the war. Then the ambulances arrived, and the doctors on the scene together with the first-aiders, and organised by the police, bundled Philip and me into an ambulance and took us off to the Wolverhampton General Hospital 10km away. There we became the practice patients for the hospital nurses and doctors who organised pseudo theatre and procedures for us.

The very moment I was 'rushed' off to the hospital, Colin Wilson ran to our home and told my Mom that I had been taken to hospital by ambulance covered in bandages. He never bothered to tell her it was only a pretend session happening down the road. Just as Mom and Dad started to involve the real police into my whereabouts (and, of course Philip's Mom and Dad were desperate for details too; he would have been about five-and-a-half years old then), we arrived back home very late in the day. There we were, bold as brass, all excited and laughing, sitting in the passenger seat of an ambulance as a treat to us for being very brave boys. They even allowed us to ring the bell (no sirens then). Our hostile reception took some of, if not all of, the shine off our enthusiasm to tell our parents what we had been up to! But we really had had some fun.

We were able to escape our disciplined wartime environment every Saturday afternoon with a visit to the new Penn cinema, (Penn and Penn Fields are suburbs of Wolverhampton) just about four hundred metres further towards Penn, past our school. And believe me, the usherettes, with a tray suspended around their shoulders, did actually shout, "Ice creams, Chocolates, Cigarettes!"

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National Tree Day

The KWR CWA is delighted to assist Orchard End Farm in hosting a National Tree Day activity on 1st August 2021 from 9am to 12pm.

This is to be held at 55 Number Five Drain Road, Bayles.

Continuing on the re-vegetation project for the third year with approximately 500 trees and shrubs to plant in a wildlife corridor that runs parallel to the Koo Wee Rup-Longwarry Road, we are aiming to increase biodiversity and provide habitat for local protected wildlife, as well as provide them safe passage to Bayles Flora and Fauna park.

Whilst 500 trees sounds ominous, we have found in previous years that with a number of volunteers we are finished just prior to lunch.

A BBQ lunch will be provided for volunteers after the event. We welcome anyone who would like to come along and help.



My boyhood memories of air raids in the UK 1939 – 1945 *from previous page*

There, in the cinema, a noisy mob of us kids would be shown the latest film (movie) 'serial', an episode a week of either 'Flash Gordon' or 'Hopalong Cassidy'. Then there would then follow a 'suitable' film, more likely to be some sort of horror movie or comic gangster film. Maybe Laurel and Hardy or an Abbot and Costello; they did make us all laugh. I still remember their 'Who's on first?' and 'What's on second?' routine. When I was ten nearing eleven, I spent my Saturdays going to the swimming baths in the early morning, going on immediately to play football (soccer) and, with a quick sandwich, off to the matinee at 'The Penn'. There to shout and scream with all the rest of my mates as our 'serial' hero was left dangling off a skyscraper or falling down an abyss - until the same time next week!

One day Billy Groom (another friend) and I were flying my model spitfire aeroplane in Bantock Park; I had been given the rubber-band driven plane for my birthday to build and it flew very well; well enough to eventually crash into trees alongside the road. We retrieved the wreck and were lying down on the grass looking upwards and having a sort of post mortem on the demise of the plane when a real aeroplane slowly droned over, very low. "I don't know what plane that is", I said. "There's only one plane with two tails and two engines", says Billy. "It's a Dornier, a German, and probably on reconnaissance", adds all-knowing Billy. At that precise moment the Langley anti-aircraft battery opened up and the air raid sirens sounded. We didn't move and, lying serenely prone and inquisitive, we watched the lazy trajectories of the tracer shells waltz around the Dornier but they didn't score a hit. The German plane took a steep one hundred and eighty degrees turn and oh so slowly made its way back over the horizon from whence it came, chased by red and green balls of fire. In the meantime people had poured off a trolley bus and into the air raid shelter that was built at the corner of the park. The all-clear siren eventually sounded and everyone poured out again to see two very young lads strolling back nonchalantly to the park gates. We were shouted at and told off by the local ARP warden and also by my Dad, who was rushing out to find us: he added to the punishment with a couple of whacks on my bum! Billy got off completely.

Another evening Philip and I were wandering down a village laneway when we saw my Dad lying on his stomach in the long grass on the footpath verge (nature strip). He was wearing his Home Guard uniform complete with 'Tin Hat' and he was holding a large bunch of long grasses in front of him. Just a few metres away, there was Philip's dad doing the same thing. How strange, we thought; what's happening, are they all right? Are they injured in some way? So we called out to them something or other, which immediately alerted three men on the other side of the road who were about to pass our two Dads without noticing them. Were we in trouble? Wow, yes we were! Dad and Philip's dad were, in fact, taking part in a Home Guard exercise and were endeavouring to reach the headquarters of the 'defenders' without being detected by their patrols. The headquarters was our old infant's school and our two Dads were about 300 meters away from success when we blew their cover. Apparently they were the only two 'enemy' unaccounted for that evening and they had eluded the searchers for a couple of miles and a couple of hours at least. The three men on the other side of the road were part of a 'defenders' patrol and were delighted they had captured their own Sergeant Major albeit with the aid of his son! Dad was really very patient because I can't remember him being very angry with me over these incidents, which must have severely embarrassed him. For instance: It was Philip and I this time when the Home Guard was on parade with a brass band leading, on the way to a service at St. Philip's Church. Dad was second in the parade behind the Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. Lloyd and his officers. The men in three ranks followed, all very smart, arms swinging. Following them, also with arms swinging and jumping all over the place, were Philip and me! We were told off in no uncertain terms by Dr. Clarke the choirmaster when we took our places in the choir for the service.

The Home Guard was, in essence, a very serious organisation most unlike the parodies often served up to us by the modern media. Television shows like 'Dad's Army', although agreeably humorous and, at times, positively hilarious, certainly didn't portray properly the deadly foreboding of the era. The threat of invasion was, in 1940 to '43, a serious and alarming situation. The HG was to be the first line of defence if an invasion of the Country occurred. Not that I can't see several of the characters in 'Dad's Army' appearing in real life in my own Dad's battalion and Company, I can! I spent many happy hours with dad at the Home Guard headquarters at 'Ellerslie', usually at the weekend when I would wander around and fantasise about using all this military equipment. I could actually strip and assemble a 3.2-inch mortar quicker than many of these part time soldiers and at home I always cleaned Dad's 303 Le Enfield rifle for him with a 'pull through' and oil. There were no other lads taken along by their Dads, as I recall, so I am not quite sure why I was allowed to be there. I felt like the 'mascot' at times because everyone knew me and, indeed Lt. Col. Lloyd used to visit us at home very often. I think he had a crush on my sister Mary for a while! Maybe the leeway that I was allowed was because there was a continuing discussion taking place that we, as a family, would move into Ellerslie mansion and become caretakers. I was excited about this but Dad and Mom couldn't get the legal protection on their own house to ensure our swift return to our home at the end of the war. The negotiations therefore fell through and we didn't move in.

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My boyhood memories of air raids in the UK 1939 – 1945 *from previous page*

All the Home Guard men had arms and ammunition at home, ready to be called out at a moment's notice and many weekends were spent on manoeuvres in the local countryside. We lads often used to go out to find them and watch the men chasing each other across the fields and then march back home behind them; the last rank. Nothing serious ever happened to the 22nd battalion unlike a detachment of the Home Guard in South London who, on August the 4th 1940 shot down a Dornier bomber with 180 rounds of rifle fire from their sand bagged emplacement during the lunch hour. There was however, one incident that I have to relate, one that we talked about for many years after it happened. It occurred towards the end of the air raid years, about 1942-3 I suppose.

The air raid siren had sounded and we were all sitting underneath the stairs in the pantry for perceived safety, that is except for Dad, who, as usual, was out by the front gate fire watching. Suddenly he ran back into the house and told us that the church bells were ringing – the signal for parachutists - invaders! He quickly changed into his uniform, picked up his rifle and ammunition, kissed Mom goodbye and off he went on his bike to join his comrades and repel the enemy. We all remained silent and apprehensive, sitting quietly in the pantry. My sisters, I recall, were very nervous and they were very upset with me when I imitated the fall of bombs by whistling and banging my head on the bread bin that was on a shelf just behind my head! In a moment of silence we heard the sound of jack booted feet slowly walking around the house to the back door. There was a heavy hammering on the door. "Germans!" shouted Eileen; "Parachutists!" whispered Mary and Mom grabbed hold of me and crushed me to her side for protection. Eileen grabbed the poker from the fireplace and Mary the heavy lead door stopper from the bottom of the sitting room door and they went to the kitchen door together. On reflection now, I realise that they were actually prepared to use these basic weapons against what they thought was the enemy. An enemy soldier who would have been armed to the teeth; It was a pretty brave act I thought. They opened the door to a surprised Mr. Suttcliffe, an elderly neighbour (the father of Eileen and Mary's friend, Jean), whom Dad had asked to keep an eye on all of us whilst he was off and away on duty. As you may have already guessed, the ringing of the church bells that night was a false alarm. Apparently the Verger of the church, Harry Mason, had indeed received a report of parachutists, seen descending over Penn Common and had done his duty by pulling frantically on the two bells in the church tower. Later it was said that the parachute belonged to a spent flare sent up into the sky by the Royal Artillery boys from the Langley Battery with the purpose of illuminating any aircraft flying over. I don't think that they did this any more after the fright they caused in the village that night.

I also have a vivid memory of my newspaper-boy days and it is now 1944. At that time the war was accelerating towards D-Day, June 6th and Oxbarn Avenue, the thoroughfare that ran parallel with Victoria Road where I lived, became the main highway north to south carrying troops and their vehicles to assembly areas in the south of England. Coming this way enabled the convoy to by-pass Wolverhampton town centre. For twenty-four hours of the day for many many days, tanks, troop carriers, and massive transports made their way through Bradmore to a destiny we now know only too well. We lined the roads when we could and the (mostly) American soldiers threw gum to us and candies (lollies) and we all cheered and shouted to them lots of encouraging words. One evening after I had finished my newspaper round I rode out on to the main road just as the head of a US military convoy was passing the junction. I had a thought that I was likely to be waiting for hours to let it pass so I decided to try and overtake the leading Jeep and get in front so that I would be first to the junction to Victoria Road and home. It was hard work and all the US soldiers were shouting encouragement to me as I slowly, oh so slowly, overtook the leading Jeep. I see them now, four officers in this vehicle, one of them with lots of gold braid on his cap, egging me on and, as I passed at an equivalent speed of about half-a-mile an hour extra, they filled my empty newspaper bags with gum, nylons and chocolates. I felt really chuffed and, wow, was I popular when I got home and, of course, the next day at school? I often wonder if any of those brave lads made it back to the USA and if they did, did they too ever wonder what happened to that paperboy racing them on his old bike somewhere in England!

In 1944 the war in Britain had almost stopped, especially in our area of the Midlands. Not so in London and the south of the country where houses and factories were just starting to get hit with Hitler's latest war weapons, the V1, which was called a doodlebug and the more insidious V2, a rocket with a large explosive war head. This flew faster than sound and so it hit its target before you knew it was coming and therefore you couldn't take precautions to avoid it or to shelter from its deadly cargo. No one knew what would be the capabilities of the next generation of rockets so a new wave of air raid shelter building commenced. These were surface built air raid shelters, this time built with decent materials. They were of solid double brick walls with a flat thick reinforced concrete roof and a reinforced door at each end. In length they were about twenty metres long and about four metres wide. Inside were fixed standees or bunks ready for your portable mattress. One was built on the road just twenty metres to the left of the end of our house and you entered and exited straight off the footpath: Dad was the keeper of the key. It was never used for the purpose that it was intended so it was used for other things.

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My boyhood memories of air raids in the UK 1939 – 1945 *from previous page*

As our area was now comparatively safe, our hospitals, and large residential houses, were filled with recuperating wounded servicemen returned from the battle front. You could always tell who they were because their uniforms were bright royal blue and they wore a white shirt and red tie. Often they would be brought in charabancs (coaches) to the local pubs or the Working Man's Club for some R & R and a comforting pint of beer and a chat with the thankful public. Our choir and other people put on a show for them and our stage was the flat roof of the air raid shelter with a piano in the street. The wounded lads sat around whilst some of us kids danced and told stories and played instruments; others, like me, sang for them. I also whistled for them as well, that old favourite of my teacher Miss Steed, "The Blue Bells of Scotland". The wounded men certainly enjoyed that day and I can still see some of them now who openly and unashamedly wept.

On April the 26th the advancing American and Soviet soldiers met at Torgau on the Elbe River about seventy miles south of Berlin. We knew the end of the war was near and we were literally glued to the wireless set (radio). Tuesday May the 8th 1945 was a warm sunny day and I was sitting on the lawn at the back of the house when Dad called out that the man on the wireless had said that the formal surrender of German forces had been signed. There was a feeling of utter relief everywhere with lots of noise and people shouting: everyone in our street mingled and shook hands; kissed each other and sang loudly into the night. Booze that had been stashed away for years was brought out, passed around and everyone made merry. There was an underlying sobering thought to all this though. We were all well aware that the war was still going on in the Far East and although we were in raptures in the knowledge that we were out of danger in England, nevertheless everyone's thoughts were with our servicemen still out there. This was especially so with the Clarke family whose son was a prisoner of war of the Japanese in Singapore. In the evening, my Dad took me on an exciting walk, a walk into Wolverhampton. Everyone had torn down their blackout-shutters and, for the first time in about five years, the streetlights were switched on. It was all light and sound and everyone was talking and shouting to everyone else. Someone had found some fireworks from a hidden cache and was letting them off! There were large crowds in the town centre and one or two chaps had climbed up on to the statue of the Prince Consort. This was a memorial statue to Prince Albert, husband consort of Queen Victoria, showing him astride a magnificent horse. The Queen herself on a visit to Wolverhampton had unveiled it in 1897 in commemoration and celebration of her jubilee. This night in May 1945 the horse had several inebriated passengers besides Albert, who was I might add, stone cold sober! Next day it was seen that the leather reins were missing. What a day! What a night!

As a postscript: during an identical celebration for Victory Day in the Pacific (VP day) on August 15th, Philip and I also climbed up on Albert's horse. We sat behind him and enjoyed the freedom we now had with waving arms and shouts of joy! The war was really over. Upon the area between us and Birmingham, a big city 20km away, the Luftwaffe dropped over 30,000 tonnes of high explosive bombs and parachute mines together with an unidentifiable amount of incendiary devices during the 61 air raids over us.

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KOO WEE RUP COUNTRY WOMENS ASSOCIATION

Written by Linda Sanders



2021 Meetings

Our next meeting will be on Monday 7th June at 7.30pm at the Senior Citizens Hall in Icke Road.

Our next craft meeting will be on Monday 21st June at 7.30pm at the Seniors Hall. We will be doing our own projects.

If you would like to join our great team of friendly ladies, please call President Cathy Stevens on 0403 593 513 for more details, or just turn up on the night.

Mosaics Craft Night

We had a great turnout for our craft night on the 17th May at the Seniors Hall. We were happy to see some new faces as well.



The ladies added mosaics to a round mirror. They glued the tiles down, then grouted them and by the end of the night the project was complete for them to take home. Reports from the ladies were that it was a very enjoyable night and some had learned new skills.

We were delighted to have some members of the public attend this night as well.

Bunnings BBQ

On Sunday 23rd May we held a bbq outside of Bunnings in Pakenham East.

Most of our members helped with cooking sausages in bread as a fund raiser. We also had some baking that members had made for sale.

We appreciate the support of those who came out to help or to buy and help us raise money for our community.



Bubbles and Brushes

At our craft night on Monday June 21st, we are holding Bubbles and Brushes where we plan to create some very colourful paintings. While painting we get to indulge in some bubbly wine, so the end results may be interesting. It is promised to be a night of painting, laughter and bubbles.

This event was organised by our Secretary Joss Pohl, so a special thank you for your work.

I will include pictures in next month's edition.





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182 Station Street	Koo Wee Rup	3	2	2	\$570,000 - \$620,000	\$640,000	9	21
9 Bailey Boulevard	Koo Wee Rup	4	2	2	\$590,000 - \$649,000	\$651,000	6	16
6 Ruby Avenue	Koo Wee Rup	3	2	2	\$550,000 - \$605,000	\$600,000	7	13
39 Alexandra Avenue	Koo Wee Rup	4	2	2	\$660,000 - \$710,000	\$680,000	14	15
19 Grange Court	Koo Wee Rup	4	2	2	\$600,000 - \$650,000	\$636,000	6	12
25 Emerald Crescent	Koo Wee Rup	4	2	2	\$575,000 - \$630,000	\$620,000	17	38
27A Charles Street	Koo Wee Rup	3	2	2	\$560,000 - \$615,000	\$585,000	15	11
14A Charles Street	Koo Wee Rup	4	2	2	\$540,000 - \$590,000	\$605,000	11	17
5 Bailey Boulevard	Koo Wee Rup	4	2	2	\$530,000 - \$570,000	\$550,000	34	16
2/3 Boormani Court	Koo Wee Rup	2	1	1	\$320,000 - \$352,000	\$340,000	8	4



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Men's Shed Chat

We are all very pleased that our Men's Shed membership is growing. Over the last three months we have welcomed eight new members and we know that they have enjoyed meeting us and now they enjoy all that the fellowship and friendship of being a member of the Men's Shed offers. 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. Indeed our new members come from Pakenham, Cranbourne, Tooradin, Grantville and there are a couple of locals, too. 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.

You will recall I wrote in last months 'Blackfish' that we were very happy with the success of our Friday lunchtime café. It was so successful that the committee decided to enlarge and reorganise the kitchen layout to cater for all the more than expected customers. This has included 10 to 12 residents of KRHS coming over for Devonshire teas and other good food delights. A more efficient kitchen is the outlook but it means we have to close our café temporarily until all of these renovations are completed. The good news is that the kitchen and the café will be open for business on June the 4th (if Covid-19 restrictions allow). Make a note of that in your reminder notebook, diary or phone.

It's almost winter and the community veggie garden is in slumber mode; however the winter crop has been planted and we await the miracle growth of spring. This coming year all our excess produce 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 townspeople who really need our aid right now. The Church works closely with the Men's Shed, a monthly outreach to the local nursing home, providing 'Food-Aid Services' to the community and they are heavily involved in providing Ministry and Pastoral Care to the seasonal workers that come to the area from Vanuatu.

If you have noticed some work going on at the rear of the new metalwork and automotive shed it's our very helpful students from the Secondary College who have been assisting our members to remove the existing deteriorating storage shed ready for the forthcoming shipping container that will be converted to a much larger and more efficient storage facility.

For those of you who are new to the town, 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.

Finally I now realise I know quite a few jokes about unemployed people but ... none of them really work! However, a doctor said to her patient, "You're obese". The patient said, "For that I want a second opinion". The doctor replied, "You're quite ugly, too".

Geoff Stokes

St Vinnies Winter Appeal

The St Vincent de Paul Society is part of a worldwide network of community services that are here to help. These include material aid support via home visits, education programs, Vinnies Soup Vans, the Healthy Minds Program, and Vincent Care frontline support programs.

Each year the St Vincent De Paul Society runs two appeals. One is over the Christmas period and the other over winter. This year's winter appeal focuses on homelessness, especially as a result of the many challenges we have faced over the COVID lockdown and recovery period. There is considerable publicity around the CEO Sleep out on 17th June.

This year our Koo Wee Rup / Iona Maryknoll conference is also working with the four local Bendigo Bank Branches across our catchment. So please keep your eyes open in the community and encourage participation at Bendigo Banks in Bunyip, Koo Wee Rup, Lang Lang and Tooradin. The promotions department at St Vinnies head office has generated a QR scanning code which will be available in the banks for monetary donations as well as being able to donate non-perishable food items. Literature about the services of St Vinnies will also be available both at the banks and each church. Please give generously.



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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.

“My Big Night Out as Mrs Pres”

President Rex and I attended the Cardinia Shire’s Volunteers dinner on Thursday 20th May at the Cardinia Cultural Center. We had a very good night, met some lovely people and had a delicious meal. If we get an invite next year, we will be sitting over the back away from the very loud music which stopped us from having conversations with others at our table.

Cardinia Shire Council and community celebrated the shire’s 2021 Stan Henwood Award winner and the amazing efforts of local volunteers at a ceremony at the Cardinia Cultural Centre last night.

Closing out National Volunteer Week (17-23 May), the 2021 Stan Henwood Award presentation and annual volunteer reception acknowledges the work of hundreds of volunteers from more than 500 organisations across the shire.

The Stan Henwood Award recognises achievements in community service and volunteering and was last night awarded to Upper Beaconsfield resident Helen Smith.



Helen is a highly valued community member, having served on numerous committees over the past 40 years, including the Upper Beaconsfield Association, Upper Beaconsfield Community Hall, Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre (Building and Grounds complex), Upper Beaconsfield Festival Committee and the Village Bell committee. In recognition of her valued contributions, The Upper Beaconsfield Association awarded her, along with her late husband, Barry, The Citizen of the Year award in 1994.

Helen’s contributions extend beyond membership, and she has been described as someone who energises committees, demonstrates initiative, is a team player and ‘the backbone of community life’. She has also initiated multiple successful grant applications for community projects from Cardinia Shire Council.

Cardinia Shire Mayor Councillor Brett Owen thanked Helen for her generosity, leadership, and overall contribution to her local Upper Beaconsfield community. “We warmly thank Helen for her long-term dedication to her local community, and feel she is a very deserving recipient of this year’s Stan Henwood Award,” Cr Owen said. “Those she works alongside describe Helen as a quiet achiever whose in-depth knowledge of Upper Beaconsfield and surrounds reflects her longstanding commitment and contribution to the community. She is also said to be always available to those who need her, and when required, offers reliable, insightful, and practical advice. According to her peers, the community ‘could not operate without her.’

“Congratulations and thank you to Helen, and to all our incredible volunteers who make Cardinia Shire the wonderful place that it is.”

Priscilla Queen of the Desert

On Saturday 1st May some of the Lions club members went to see the musical “Priscilla Queen of the Desert” at the Cardinia Cultural Centre in Pakenham.

Ten of us met at Shanika’s in Lakeside before the performance for dinner. The consensus was that we had delicious but pricey meals but the service was a little slow.



After dinner, we gathered at the Cultural Centre with the Koo Wee Rup CWA ladies, who had arranged the tickets for us.

The show was very funny, with great costumes, dancing and singing. It was very uplifting and you couldn’t walk away without feeling happy.

The show was performed by CPAC (Cardinia Performing Arts Company) and they always have fantastic shows and never fail to please.



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Our calls since the last report were:

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 30/4/21 – Fire alarm operating – Station St Koo Wee Rup
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 3/5/21 – House fire – Moody St Koo Wee Rup
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Charity Quilting Group

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The charity quilting group create quilts in an area donated by Craft Quarters in Koo Wee Rup and we are totally self funded, replying on donations of fabric to continue.

We are always looking for volunteers. If you can use an iron or a pair of scissors, even if you can't sew a straight seam (like most of us!), we need you.

If you're interested and would like to find out more, come and see us on "Charity Quilt Fridays" 10-3 at Craft Quarters, or at the Koo Wee Rup Lions Quilt Show Saturday 26 June in the Community Hall.



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Cinema Studies at KWR Secondary College

On the 11th of May my classmates and I took a train into the city to go to the exciting exhibition in Federation Square, ACMI. My experience at ACMI was very eventful. It was a good way to bond and learn new things with the people around me. At the start of the exhibition, I found the “Peppers Ghost effect” interesting. Within this effect there were two triangles hanging from the roof, with a red and blue background behind them creating a confusing illusion to the human eye.



I also enjoyed my time at HOYTS cinemas with my popcorn and Maltesers whilst watching “Godzilla vs Kong”. I enjoyed it because there was action throughout the whole film. It was always interesting - making me want to watch more. This excursion was a good entertaining experience for my Cinema Studies class, as it was a way of seeing how directors use different film techniques over the years.

Sonya Ksenic, Year 10

Whilst viewing the Cuphead Animation Exhibition at the ACMI

Museum, I learnt about how people used different techniques in the past to make animation come to life. I also learnt other new things such as how the costumes of characters are made and that they are usually made by costume designers to present a different era in film or television series.



One thing that I personally found interesting was how the different types of prosthetics are used in films.

This experience will help in my endeavour as a Cinema Studies student because it will allow me to understand the different areas of moving image such as animation, film and shadow puppetry. I would recommend this museum to others because I found it an eventful experience and I believe it would be an interesting experience for other people as well.

Whilst being at the Hoyts Cinema watching ‘Godzilla VS Kong’ I enjoyed the acting of the characters in the film, particularly the young girl who was deaf. The acting was excellent because the



emotions were portrayed beautifully.

I would recommend the Cinema Studies subject to other students because it is a fun and comfortable environment to learn in.

Lily Johnson, Year 10



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Ben Zimmerle

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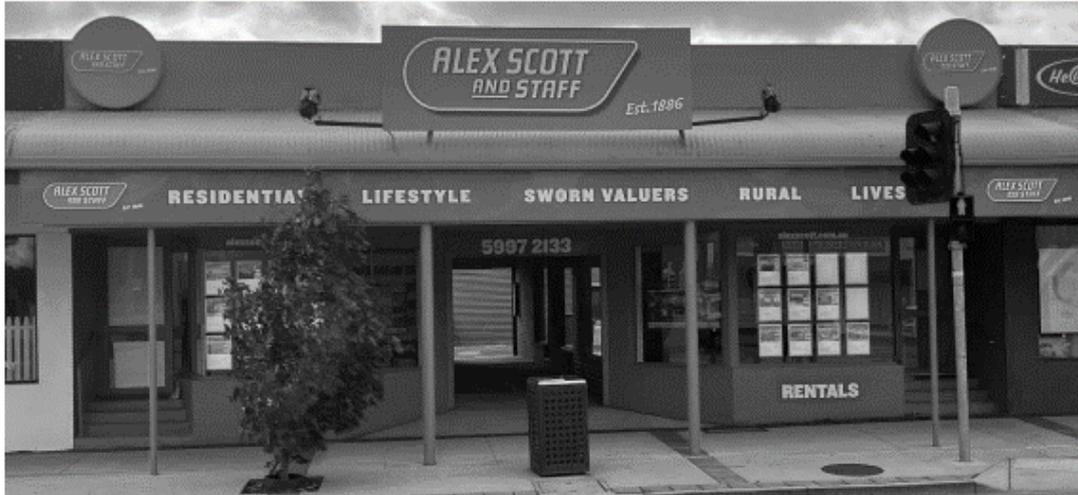
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Thank you!!!!!!



Thank you to all of the wonderful Mums and family members that came to Mother's Day Breakfast. It was fantastic to see everyone enjoying their bacon and eggs, a fruit juice or cup of tea. A huge thank you to the staff for the time and effort in making everything run so smoothly.

Scott (Green) House took out this year's School Cross-country. Student from Foundation through to Year 6 competed. It was wonderful to see so many parents and grandparent come along to support the children. Cross Country training

and competitions have been a big focus for many of our Yr3 to 6 students over the past month. 34 students represented our school in the District Cross Country event on May 21st.

Congratulations to our Grade 6 and previous St John's students who celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation on the 23rd and 30th of May.



Have your say on Cardinia Shire's Equestrian Strategy review

Council is currently reviewing its Equestrian Strategy (2014) and is seeking community feedback.

The Equestrian Strategy seeks to improve participation opportunities and strengthen the significance of equestrian activity within the shire.

The review will provide Council with a revised strategy that will continue to drive the implementation of local equestrian facilities and trails.

Community engagement will also help to determine:

- The frequency of use of trails and facilities
- Changing expectations and trends within the equestrian community
- Identification of improvements or change in priorities
- Current issues affecting the equestrian community.

The Equestrian Strategy review will assist in guiding all future development and maintenance upgrades of local equestrian facilities and trails, so it's important to hear from those community members who use these facilities. Equestrian is a popular sport locally, and this review will provide Council with a better understanding of current and future needs within the equestrian community, and how they can continue to support these needs moving forward.

The equestrian strategy relates to:

- Equestrian sport or organised equestrian activity which occurs at public and private equestrian venues and is conducted by a range of clubs, organisations and private providers.
- Recreational riding or non-organised equestrian activity which primarily occurs along a network of trails, roads and road verges throughout the shire.

The strategy also acknowledges the significance of the horse racing industry in Cardinia Shire however excludes any specific analysis or recommendations relating to the racing industry.

Consultation closes at 5pm Wednesday 30 June 2021. To have your say, visit [Creating Cardinia](#).

For more information, or to view Cardinia Shire's 2014 Equestrian Strategy, visit Council's website at www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/horseriding or call 1300 787 624.

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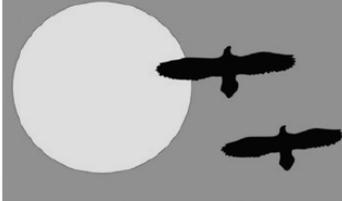


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What a month it has been for our Rover Unit. They created a new award for the Rovers in June Wrights honour.

The award is for being an active member, participating in service events, personal service, upholding the values of service and for commitment to the Community that June embodied.

We would like to congratulate Ryan Gorick on being the first recipient. It is very well deserved for your strong commitment to our group, service, and our Community.



As two more Rovers turn 26 we wish them well on the next stage of their journey!

Congratulations to Ryan and Sarah who are no longer classified as youth members, but who continue their Scouting

journey as our Group treasurer and a Joey Leader, respectively.

"The open-air is the real objective of Scouting and the key to its success."

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Koo Wee Rup Bowls Club

The Club has held its Annual General meeting on Sunday 2nd May and the following members were elected to lead the Club for the next 12 months. Bryan Walker [Pres.], Tim Katz & Julie Walker [Vice-Pres.], Rex Alexander [Sec.] & Mary Crynes [Treas.]. On stepping down from President Pauline Gray thanked outgoing Committee members for their work over the past 6 months and wished the incoming members the best for the next 12 months. She congratulated both Saturday Pennant teams on reaching the finals with Div. 3 going down in the Grand Final by 4 shots. Div. 6 lost the 1st Semi-final by 6 shots. Whilst Div. 3 team was very "stable" for most of the season, Div. 6 suffered with game rotation each week as the selectors attempted to give everyone as many games as possible. So, reaching the finals was a great effort by every member who played during the season. Both Tuesday Pennant teams missed out on playing in the finals but were competitive throughout the season.

We will be commencing social bowls on the last Sunday each month during Winter commencing on 30th May [weather permitting]. Keep a lookout on the KooWeeRup facebook page for further details. This is open to anyone who would like to try the game. Come along and bring family/friends for a bit of social bowls.

A perfect autumn day for the first day of Winter Triples held on 7th May with 14 teams playing. Winning team for the day was led by Peter Bott [Pakenham] on 34 pts. Runner Up rink was "skipped" by Bob Lamport [Garfield] with 33 pts. Best 1st game went to Helen Ralph's [KWR] team with 18 pts. & best 2nd game was won by the rink of Margaret McConville [Corinella] with 17 pts & 9 shots. Yet another glorious Autumn Day for the 2nd round of our Winter Triples on May 21st. Winning rink for the day with 35 pts. was Pauline Gray, Gerry Fuller & Betty King [KWR.]

Runner up team with 34 pts. was Graham Woolstencroft, Don Knight & Rob Smith [Garfield]. Best 1st game was won by Jim & Joy Jenkins, Joy Herbert [KWR] on 17 pts. & best 2nd game also with 17 pts. was Brian Byrne, Tom Gogan & Ash Copley [Cardinia Waters].

Koo Wee Rup RSL Sub Branch Report

Before the opposing fleets had deployed for the fateful Battle of Midway on June 4th 1942 the Japanese Navy delivered attacks by midget submarines at two widely separate points – Sydney Harbour and Diego Suarez in Madagascar. Diego Suarez had been captured by British forces from the Vichy French on May 7th to deny it to the Japanese. At Diego Suarez on May 30th a torpedo from a midget submarine damaged the Royal Navy battleship Ramillies.

On May 29th a flotilla of five Japanese submarines approached Sydney Harbour. Before daylight next morning a float plane from one of the submarines, 121, daringly flew over the Harbour and twice circled the cruiser USS Chicago before flying off to the east. The following night, May 31st, the Japanese, in a bid to sink warships, despatched three midget submarines into the Harbour. The first midget became entangled in anti-torpedo nets, it was detected and, after a request to open fire on the craft, the submarine crew beat them to the punch by firing demolition charges which destroyed them and their vessel.

The second submarine entered the harbour at around 9.45pm; soon after the 'lookout' on USS Chicago sighted a submarine periscope and was illuminated by the ship's searchlight and opened fire. However, her guns could not be depressed sufficiently, and the target disappeared. About thirty minutes later two torpedoes were fired from the midget intended for the USS Chicago. Both missed. One ran on shore at Garden Island and failed to explode. The second torpedo passed under the Dutch submarine K9 and under the former harbour ferry boat Kuttabal, which had been converted to a barrack ship. The torpedo detonated when it struck a concrete retaining wall. The concussion blew off the bottom of the Kuttabal and sank at once; nineteen sailors lost their lives. USS Chicago and other warships slipped anchor and headed out to the open sea.

RAN vessels searched the harbour and later in the night hunted and attacked another midget. Though battered by depth charges and with its two-man crew dead from self-inflicted gunshot wounds to the head, the investigating diver found that the engines were still running.

Parts of the two wrecked midgets were used to construct one complete submarine which later became a valued exhibit at the Australian War Memorial. There is/was a section of another at HMAS Cerberus naval base.

The cremated remains of the Japanese submariners were later returned to their homeland.

Shipping sunk by Japanese submarines off the east coast of Australia in 1943:

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* Reached port

Centaur was a hospital ship in which 268 lives were lost; the next day (16/5) the American destroyer USS Mugford picked up 63 Centaur survivors from the waters off Brisbane, including the lone woman survivor Sister Ellen Savage.

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A look into the May 2021 meeting of the Community Advisory Committee

The highlight of this month's meeting was the talk given to us by Karen Herbert who is the Koo-Wee-Rup Regional Health Service's (KRHS) Diabetes Educator. She explained in easy to understand terms the sometimes long hidden symptoms of type 1 and Type 2 diabetes; how and to whom the illness could happen and the latest in medical and psychological treatments for this malady. Most important were her tips for spotting diabetes symptoms in friends and relatives and encouraging them to seek help as soon as possible. Anyone with suspicions about their own symptoms should contact Karen on 9557 9579. Thank you, Karen, for an enlightening talk.

Our meeting was going along very well until we received notification of the forthcoming and imminent new and more severe rules for committee meetings due to the worsening of the number of new Covid-19 cases in greater Melbourne. Putting that aside, items that were discussed and, in suitable cases actioned, included the Victorian Government's new guidelines for CAC Committees such as ours. The guide provides practical and detailed advice on how Health Services can support Community Advisory Committees that represent the communities they serve and of course vice versa. Later, one of the committee members voiced her concern about a problem she had observed at the Killara Hostel. She realised that some of the KRHS nursing staff are not aware of, or did not know the true function of, our own Consumer Advisory Committee. The CEO, Noni Bourke, promised this would be fixed at once with further ongoing education of the nursing staff.

Other items discussed were the ongoing Strategic Planning Process for the future of KRHS, the process of the incorporation of the Gender Equity Act at KRHS, the serious incident response scheme and several instances of help given, or to be given, to members of the community by the CAC.

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 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 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.

Geoff Stokes

Mat Pilates at

Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service

June marks the beginning of winter and our period of challenged activity, as the weather determinates. Why not try something a little different or reengage in being aware of your body and work on your balance, strength and core. All these things are really important for "functional activity", which makes daily living easier and manageable. Wouldn't it be good to feel great after an hour weeding in the garden or chopping wood, rather than feeling all our muscles? Even better is when we trip on the pavement and self-correct without doing ourselves any injury. These challenges are for everyone, irrespective of age, and that is why I love Pilates, because I can do so much without effort and enjoy life as a result.

We meet at the community room at Koo wee Rup Regional Health Service with access from Rossiter Rd to the west of the community garden, every Monday at 6 p.m. and Saturday morning at 9 am. The first session is a FREE taster class then it's \$10 per session. COVID safe procedures are in place.

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Tuesday 22 June, 27 July, 10.00am – 12.00pm. Cost FREE

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Monday 7 June, 10.00am - 12.00pm.

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June 21

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Cooking up a storm!

KRHS in conjunction with Cardinia Food Movement hosted an evening in the Men's Shed titled Cooking Passata with Gina.

It was a lovely night with our attendees learning a lot from our very knowledgeable cook and volunteer Gina Buccheri who invited everyone to have a turn helping to make the finished product. We then served it with a delicious Eggplant Parmigiana from a recipe provided by local growers Maria and Maurie Caffra who also attended on the night and helped by providing information on what's in season and what to do with the products as well as very kindly donating some eggplants and other produce. Maria also gave a hand cooking and it was great to hear both her and Gina swap stories about cooking and their Italian heritage. Thanks to everyone involved for helping make it such a fun night.



Thank-you Craft Quarters!

A big shout-out to Diane and Lynne (pictured right) and the Ladies from Craft Quarters Koo Wee Rup who generously donated over 20 quilts to KRHS, our residents were overjoyed to receive such beautiful gifts.

Some are lap blankets which are great to use while sitting in a chair or out and about in a wheelchair. Others were a bit larger to put over the beds. We even thought a couple could be hung on the walls to bring joy to everyone as they really are works of art.

Thank-you all very much!

If anyone has any scraps of fabric to donate to Craft Quarters they will be gratefully accepted, 140-146 Main St Koo Wee Rup

COVID19 Update: Victoria commenced circuit breaker restrictions from 11:59pm 27 May 2021. These settings will remain in place until 11:59pm on 3 June 2021. Stay home, get tested if you have any symptoms no matter how mild and when you can get vaccinated, follow these links for more information: [KRHS Covid Information](#), [DHHS Victoria](#)



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The Koo Wee Rup Electric Light & Power Company

By Heather Arnold, Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society

The Koo Wee Rup Sun of Thursday, July 21, 1927 reported *one of the outstanding events in the history of Kooweerup took place last Thursday evening, when for the first time the township was illuminated by electricity.... Immediately all lights in houses and shops were tested, and then the populace paraded the streets to examine the latest system of lighting, and the distinction was most marked, and high appreciation was heard on all sides of the comfort and convenience now enjoyed....The light was used for the first time in the Memorial Hall on Saturday night, at Colvin's Pictures, and on Wednesday night it was utilised to drive a new biograph plant and a Brunswick Panatrobe. On Monday evening the opening ball of the Wattle Theatre was resplendent with the light being thrown from many 300 candle-power lamps.*

The power was supplied by the Kooweerup Electric Light & Power Company and the official 'switch on' took place on Friday, July 22. The State Electricity Commission was established in 1921 and the Koo Wee Rup Progress association had written to them and *asked for the current to be installed here. As a result, an officer of the commission was sent to make a report, and after investigations it was learned that they had very little chance of getting electricity. However, the officer said, "Why not get one of your own."* They were supplied with all the details and the Kooweerup Electric Light & Power company was formed.

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Applications for 2022 kindergarten registrations are open

Families in Cardinia Shire are encouraged to register for 2022 kindergarten places by 5pm Wednesday 30 June 2021 to be considered for first-round offers.

Children who attend educational play-based kindergarten develop lifelong skills that build their confidence, enhance their social and language skills, expand their physical abilities and are prepared for schooling.

Did you know that in Cardinia Shire kindergartens will be offering two years of funded kindergarten programs? If your child turns 3 years of age by 30 April 2022, they are eligible to attend the 1st year of the funded kindergarten program. If your child turns 4 years of age by 30 April 2022, they are eligible to attend the 2nd year of the funded kindergarten program.

In Cardinia Shire, Council provides a central registration portal for both years for kindergarten programs offered in Council facilities.

Kindergarten is an essential part of social and personal development for children. Kindergarten helps to develop language skills, problem-solving abilities and self-confidence. Research shows that great early education leads to better health, education and employment outcomes later in life.

1st year of funded kindergarten

The 1st year of funded kindergarten (previously known as three-year-old kindergarten program) from 2022 will also be partially funded by the Victorian Government for up to 5-hours per week for eligible children who are three years-old on or before 30 April in the year they attend kindergarten.

Children who have not yet turned three years of age in the year they attend their first funded year of kindergarten can attend the service if the service is able to meet the required ratios. Services can work with families of children born between January and April to decide whether to enrol their children in the year they turn three, or the following year.

First-round offers for 1st year of funded kindergarten places in 2022 will be sent to parents from Monday 6 September 2021.

2nd year of funded kindergarten

The 2nd year of funded kindergarten (previously known as four-year-old kindergarten program) is partially funded by the Victorian Government. The Victorian Government provides up to 15-hours per week of kindergarten services for eligible children who are four years-old on or before 30 April in the year they attend kindergarten. Other subsidies may be available.

First-round offers for 2nd year of funded kindergarten places in 2022 will be sent to parents from Monday 2 August 2021.

Registrations

Registrations are completed online using Council's Central Registration Portal, which provides an easy, step-by-step process for parents.

Registrations received after 5pm on Wednesday 30 June 2021 will be processed in later rounds and throughout the year as places become available or as required.

For more information about kindergarten registration, visit Council's website at www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/kindergarten or call 1300 787 624

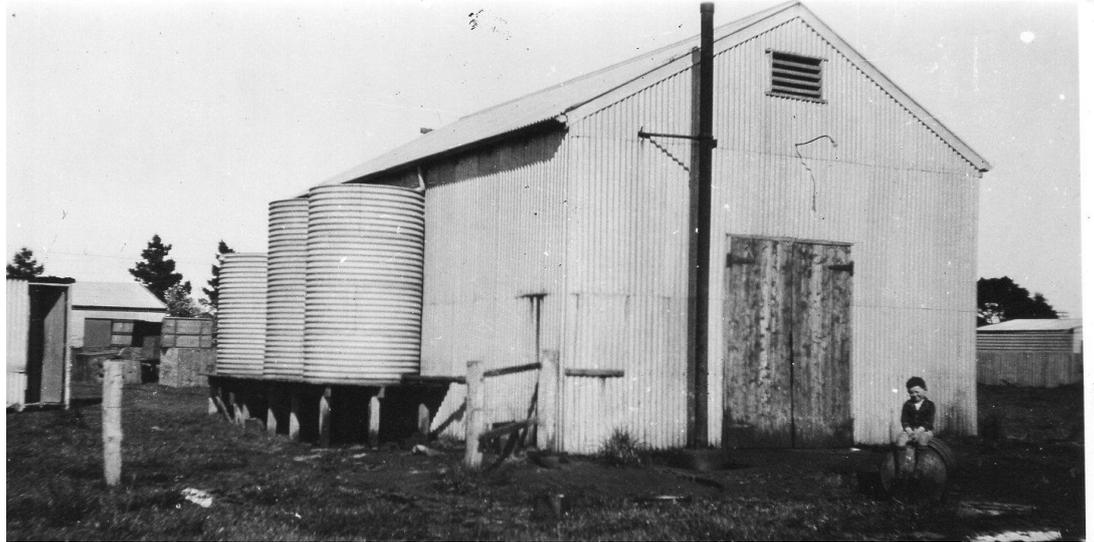
The Koo Wee Rup Electric Light & Power Company *from previous page*

By Heather Arnold, Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society

A power house was built behind Colvin's garage in Station Street and a 35 horse-power, Ruston and Hornsby engine was installed along with a Swedish made alternator. David Mickle was in charge of the power house.

On Friday, July 22 the plant was officially opened by the local M.L.A., Mr Arthur Walter and Mr. D. Mickle then started the engine, and Mrs Sluiter, who was presented with a pair of silver scissors, cut a ribbon in front of the switchboard and turned on the light.

Refreshments were then served in the Memorial Hall, where a number of speeches were made – many outlining the benefits of electricity. Mr Walter said *With power at their disposal, it may be instrumental in the creation of local industries. The introduction of electricity gives facilities which transform the social and domestic life in the homes in a wonderful way. Having the power, the womenfolk*



Koo Wee Rup Power House

are able to have it connected to irons and stoves, and in other ways it helps to eradicate cares and worries. It is very essential to homelife and makes life worthwhile.... Towns with electricity must progress faster than town not supplied. It is also a factor in making country life brighter and attractive and helps to prevent the drift from the country to the city.... The attractions and pleasures which abounded in the cities were very strong, and every step taken to counteract same should be commended.

Mr Paterson, Chairman of the Kooweerup Electric Light & Power company also spoke of the benefit to women. The electricity supply was not constant and the Company *had researched what would be the best days for turning on the current for ironing etc., and the secretary would make a canvass with the object of finding the most convenient days.*

Dave Mickle, the man in charge of the power house who was later a local historian wrote that *Initially the supply of single phase 230-460 V electricity was available daily from 4.00pm until midnight, except that on Tuesday the start was 2pm. That was because at that time, housewives' routine was washing Monday and ironing Tuesday.* Later, the power was also available between 6.00am and 8.00am.

Dave Mickle also wrote that in July 1934 *Bill Axford and I continued to operate the power house to 4 am during test Matches for our consumers who had electric radio sets. We did not complain as overtime pay was two and sixpence per hour....Most listeners said it was worth it to hear Bradman make 306 out of the Australia total of 506 last night.* People in Koo Wee Rup who had battery operated radios were also catered for as David Mickle said *they had forty wireless batteries on charge for the coming test.*

Continuous S.E.C power was switched on in Koo Wee Rup on August 1, 1935 from a line which came across from Tynong, via Cora Lynn. Parts of Cora Lynn also had power at this time – but not my grandparents place on Murray Road, they had to wait until 1955 until electricity arrived.

With the power house at Koo Wee Rup closed, Dave Mickle took up a new job as a linesman with the SEC and in November a new State Electricity Commission office and showroom opened in Station Street. Lang Lang, who had not had access to any power, got SEC power on September 2, 1935. One thousand people were estimated to have attended the celebrations which included a bonfire, fireworks and a wheel barrow derby in the Main Street.

Sources: *Koo Wee Rup Sun* July 21, 1927 and July 28, 1927. David Mickle's two books - *Mickle Memories of Koo Wee Rup - for young and old* and *More Mickle Memories of Koo Wee Rup.*

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. The next meeting is on June 9 at 7.30pm. New members welcome.

The Museum is opening the first and third Sundays of the month from 1.30pm until 4.30pm or by appointment.

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