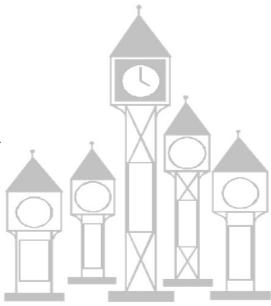


# THE KOO WEE RUP BLACKFISH



NOVEMBER 2021

## Koo Wee Rup skatepark upgrade on its way

Cardinia Shire Council has awarded the tender to design and build the new Koo Wee Rup skate park to Baseplate and Grind Projects. Grind Projects are one of Australia's premier skate park builders and Baseplate were responsible for designing the Gembrook Skatepark in 2018 and have completed the Sandfield Reserve Skatepark in Carrum Downs in 2020 after extensive community consultation.

This is the first step in getting this project off the ground. Soon Council will be looking to the community for ideas about what features they'd like to see included in the new skatepark.

The skatepark will remain open over summer with construction expected to commence in autumn.



Gembrook Skatepark



Sandfield Reserve Skatepark, Carrum Downs

## Koo Wee Rup Township Committee Meeting

The Township held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, 6 October via Zoom. Township Meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 3 November at 7:30 pm via Zoom. If you would like to raise an issue with the Township Committee, or would like to attend the meeting, please contact the Secretary via email at [kooweeruptc@gmail.com](mailto:kooweeruptc@gmail.com).

Councillor Cameron has requested no standing outside the CFA to provide parking for members in a call out.

The footpath outside the Primary School in Moody Street has been constructed and the drain piped.

There have also been comments about high school students parking in Townley Road and narrowing the road to traffic.

Hannah Milne is replacing Kym Ockerby (on parental leave) in the Community Development Team. Hannah will be the main contact for the Koo Wee Rup Township Committee for the next 12 months.

Council is seeking nominations for Australia Day Awards.

## Township Committee AGM

The AGM of the Koo Wee Rup Township Committee has been deferred for a month will be held on Wednesday, 1 December at 7.30pm at the Community Centre.

All positions will be vacated, and a new President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and general members of the committee will be elected.

Anyone is welcome to attend.

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## What's on in Koo Wee Rup and District

*Lockdown restrictions permitting*

### **November**

Mon 1st	Heart Foundation Walking	KWR Clocktowers	9am
Mon 1st	CWA Meeting ( <i>Page 23</i> )	Zoom	7.30pm
Wed 3rd	Township Committee Meeting ( <i>Page 1</i> )	Zoom	7.30pm
Wed 3rd	Lions Club Meeting ( <i>Page 11</i> )	RSL Clubrooms	7.30pm
Thu 4th	Heart Foundation Walking ( <i>Page 23</i> )	KWR Clocktowers	9am
Thu 4th	Heart Foundation Walking	KWR Clocktowers	7pm
Mon 8th	Heart Foundation Walking	KWR Clocktowers	9am
Wed 10th	KWR Swamp Historical Society Meeting ( <i>Page 35</i> )	KWR Museum	7.30pm
Thu 11th	Heart Foundation Walking	KWR Clocktowers	9am
Thu 11th	Heart Foundation Walking	KWR Clocktowers	7pm
Sun 14th	Bayles Fauna Park Working Bee & Committee Meeting ( <i>Page 30</i> )	Bayles Fauna Park	9am
Mon 15th	Heart Foundation Walking	KWR Clocktowers	9am
Mon 15th	Chair Pilates	Eco House – Hospital	5pm
Mon 15th	Mat Pilates	Eco House – Hospital	6pm
Mon 15th	CWA Craft Night	Zoom	7.30pm
Wed 17th	Lions Club Meeting	RSL Clubrooms	7.30pm
Thu 18th	Heart Foundation Walking	KWR Clocktowers	9am
Thu 18th	Heart Foundation Walking	KWR Clocktowers	7pm
Sat 20th	Mat Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	9am
Mon 22nd	Heart Foundation Walking	KWR Clocktowers	9am
Mon 22nd	Chair Pilates	Eco House – Hospital	5pm
Mon 22nd	Mat Pilates	Eco House – Hospital	6pm
Thu 25th	Heart Foundation Walking	KWR Clocktowers	9am
Thu 25th	Heart Foundation Walking	KWR Clocktowers	7pm
Mon 29nd	Heart Foundation Walking	KWR Clocktowers	9am
Mon 29nd	Chair Pilates	Eco House – Hospital	5pm
Mon 29nd	Mat Pilates	Eco House – Hospital	6pm

### **December**

Wed 1st	Coffee Club	Royal Hotel	10am
Wed 1st	Township Committee Meeting AGM	Community Centre	7.30pm
Wed 1st	Lions Club Meeting	RSL Clubrooms	7.30pm
Fri 3rd	KWR Regional Health Service Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	RSL Clubrooms	9.30am
Fri 3rd	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch & Bingo (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Sat 4th	Mat Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	9am
Mon 6th	CWA Meeting	Senior Citizens Club	7.30pm
Mon 6th	KWR Senior Citizens Indoor Bowls (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	12.30pm
Mon 6th	Chair Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	5pm
Mon 6th	Mat Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	6pm
Wed 8th	KWR Swamp Historical Society Meeting	KWR Museum	7.30pm
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 Candelight ( <i>Page 30</i> )	Cochrane Park	7pm
Sun 12th	Bayles Fauna Park Working Bee & Committee Meeting	Bayles Fauna Park	9am

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### **HAVE YOU GOT SOMETHING TO SAY?**

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

## KRHS Ladies Auxiliary



We have been overwhelmed by the town's support for our fundraising calendar. Thank you to everyone who has purchased one. There are still a few copies left at the hospital and the Chandelier Café if you would like to purchase one for \$25.

*Jan Fox, Secretary 0408 390 337*

### A Sincere Thank You

The family of the late Cr Ray Brown would like to thank the many clubs and organisations, also the residents of Lang Lang, Kooweeerup and district for the care, respect and support shown at the time of Ray's passing.

We are truly blessed and very grateful to have such wonderful people around us.

Thank you everyone.

*Ellie Brown and family*

## Koo Wee Rup Senior Citizens Club

Icke Road, Koo Wee Rup

Once again, we are in limbo until council give us the go ahead to re-open. We will let you know when this is possible.

We send our sincere condolences to the family of Hazel Cook, who died this month. Kevin, her husband, died four weeks earlier. Both were long term members and very involved with the dancing. Kevin was Vice President for many years. John Draper, a new and very enthusiastic member, died in September. To his wife, Barbara, we extend our sincere sympathy.

Till we meet again, take care.

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Come along to discuss and celebrate the Cardinia community's commitment to a healthy, delicious, sustainable and fair food system.

To celebrate the International Year of Fruit and Vegetables, the forum will be hosted by well-known fresh produce expert and media identity, Thanh Truong the Fruit Nerd. Thanh brings an irresistible energy that will no doubt leave you smiling!

The forum will also feature keynote speaker, passionate advocate for food systems transformation, medical doctor and CEO of VicHealth, Dr Sandro Demaio.

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Dr Sandro Demaio,  
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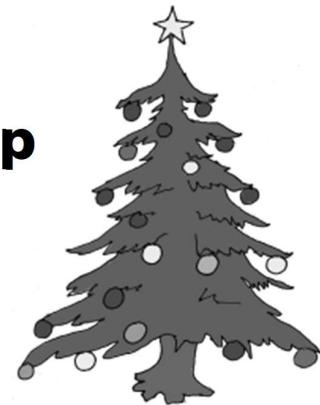
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## Koo Wee Rup Township Committee Meeting *(continued from page 1)*

Christmas decorations for the clocktower are still be investigated and approval of relevant council department is still required. Grant could be held over to 2022 if COVID-19 prevents purchase of lights for this year.

Will drain from Sims Lane to Townley Road be piped and walking path constructed as part of the development of that area? Understand that this is the case.

Pleased that the Oak Tree in Cochrane Park has been registered as a significant tree by council.

The railway platform has been completed and now time to approach the owner of the Woolworths complex about the possibility of a mural on the rear wall facing the platform.

Men's Shed is closed because situated on Aged Care Facility property. Hoping that will be able to open in November.

### Lions Christmas Cakes and Puddings

**With a new baker, the traditional Lions Christmas Cake is currently being baked and shipped by the hundreds of thousands to eager customers around the country.** While the cake's traditional recipe has barely changed over the years, it has been produced by the biggest names in Australian baking history, brands such as Big Sister, Arnott's and Top Taste. A year ago Top Taste, the cake's baker for 35 years, announced it was going out of business. After lengthy research and a bake-off by the final two contenders, Lions Australia late last year announced Melbourne family company Traditional Foods as the new custodian of the cake.

This year's expected 400,000 to 500,000 of cakes of various sizes, including a Lions Christmas pudding, had already been taken from the oven and were heading to clubs for delivery.

It's raised more than \$60 million for worthy causes, been savoured by our troops in Afghanistan and other war zones and become an icon for generations of Australians. For hundreds of thousands it's a festive must.

First released in 1965, clubs are annually flooded with requests for deliveries of the cake, and some of those requests are far from ordinary. Overseas emails regularly ask that cakes be delivered to loved ones around Australia, and many Australians send cakes to friends and family overseas.

The proceeds from this project are donated back into the community on great causes including Blindness Prevention and Vision improvement projects, Medical Research, Children's Mobility Foundation, Eye Health Program, Hearing Dogs, Disaster Relief, Aged Care, Drug Awareness and Youth Programs.

You can rest assured that should you purchase a product from this program the proceeds generated will be put to good use in the community.

Recommended retail prices:

Lions Christmas Cake 1.5kg \$17.00

Lions Christmas Cake 1kg \$13.00

Lions Christmas Pudding 900gm \$13.00

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*Until recently I had no idea that Family Violence really did happen to ordinary people just like me. I grew up in a warm home with two loving sisters. My devoted mother was 42 when I came into this world following two miscarriages for her over the previous years. To say I was spoilt by these lovely ladies and their girlfriends of the day would be indeed the understatement of the year. I was so cossetted and spoilt that I knew nothing about violence or indeed any unfriendly activity until I was conscripted into the army in 1952 at the age of 20. It was then that I saw and recognised with some horror that not all men adored the ladies as I did, or indeed, in their anti-social behaviour to some of their fellow brothers-in-arms. From the stories I heard and the things they laughingly said, I realised that quite a lot of these so-called men were cruel and uncivilised, especially towards women and I was ashamed that they called themselves 'men' because their way was certainly not mine.*

*About five years ago and involved with the Koo-Wee-Rup community in a volunteer role and with my fellow community volunteers we were addressed by a lady called Fiona Cost, the Collective Impact and Change Management Officer from Cardinia Shire Council. She spoke about family violence and elder abuse, both physical and mental. I listened with horror as she detailed cases of extreme family violence and elder abuse everywhere and the statistics she quoted made me realise that we had a serious and dreadful problem on our hands. I never knew it existed in these proportions. Not only in Cardinia Shire but seemingly everywhere.*

*What can we, or indeed I, do about it? First: it's easy to agree that the word must be spread and secondly: we must get people to talk about family violence and we all vowed to do this in our own sphere of activity and indeed to talk about it within our own families.*

*Fiona Cost has worked very hard to get the word out about the "Together We Can" program. I thought I should sit down and write something that was just a little different about the subject so that readers could say, "Wow! I never knew that happened in families way back then and even now, so I will certainly take a closer look at possible family violence now that I've read this. Let's see if I, personally, can make a difference".*

*So ... I have titled my dissertation. "Family Abuse and Violence over the years".*

## **Family abuse and violence over the years** by Geoff Stokes

'Together We Can' is an initiative that aims to reduce the rate of family violence through community action at local government level and has the support of Victoria Police. Family violence can be physical, verbal, or mental violence to spouses, family members, or the elderly.

The term 'Domestic Violence' is a misleading label, historically suggesting behaviour which is either too private or trivial to warrant outside intervention. It is suggestive of the dim, recent past when, as the head of a household - a man - could dispense physical or verbal chastisement to his wife and children, and a wife, through the marriage contract, was considered to have surrendered the right to refuse sexual access to her husband. Perhaps because of these associations, 'Domestic Violence' is often used to refer to violence and abuse by men against their wives or children. Although violent crime is predominantly committed by men (against other men), violence within families can affect men, women, children and the elderly. The use of the term 'Family Violence' reflects this fact more clearly.

With today's concentration on the stopping of violence, abuse and prejudices against members of a family and in particular women, take a look back in time, and what was thought normal in bye-gone days gives surprising and upsetting results today. Let's look at around the years of the 1700s.

George the first of England (George of Hanover) vindictively imprisoned his wife, Sophia Dorothea of Celle, due to an illicit love affair she had with a Swedish soldier, Count Philip von Königsmarck. Accused of adultery by George 1, he imprisoned her at Ahlden castle in Lower Saxony, Germany, she was aged just 28, and never saw her husband or children again. She was held captive for 32 years and died at the castle. Count Philip was killed and his body thrown into the river Leine weighted with stones. Sophia was forbidden to re-marry and only allowed to walk unaccompanied within the castle courtyard. She was, however, endowed with an income, establishment, and servants, and was allowed to ride in a carriage outside her castle, albeit under supervision.

George I subsequently divorced Sophia Dorothea and then brought his long established mistress Ehrengard Melusine von der Schulenburg with him to the Kingdom of Great Britain. His other mistress was Sophia von Kielmannsegg. She was George's morganatic half sister. They were both the children of Ernest Augustus, Elector of Hanover. This Sophia was known to compete for influence with Melusine and assumed or pretended to be a mistress by the British courtiers. Melusine von der Schulenburg acted as George's hostess openly from 1698 until his death, and they had three daughters together, born in 1692, 1693 and 1701, respectively.

So ... it was OK for George the first to mess around but not Sophia who languished and died in prison. One cannot imagine her thoughts and her inner mental health; even in those days she would have been severely distressed. Unimaginable treatment of a lady today.

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## Family abuse and violence over the years *from page 7*

Sophia Dorothea fell ill in August 1726. She died aged 60 on 13 November 1726.

George I placed an announcement in The London Gazette to the effect that the "Duchess of Ahlden" had died but would not allow the wearing of mourning in London or Hanover. He was furious when he heard that his daughter's court in Berlin had worn black. Sophia Dorothea's body was put into a casket and deposited in the castle's cellar. It was quietly moved to Celle in May 1727 to be buried beside her parents in the Stadtkirche (The Celle city church).

George I died of a stroke four weeks later, the 11th of June 1727 (aged 67), whilst visiting Hanover.

Have our thoughts and actions improved since then? I don't think so. The news from Birmingham, UK on the 19th of June 2018 was as follows: -

### **"Violent husband kept wife virtual prisoner for 16 years"**

*A woman who spent 16 years as a virtual prisoner in her Birmingham home says she never spoke out because she thought no-one would believe her. Zeenit Bibi, 36, was beaten regularly by her husband Aziz Rehman, 47, a businessman, who also prevented her from seeing her mother, family and friends for 16 years. She described how he used to wedge twigs in the front door frame when he left the house so he'd know upon his return if she'd gone out."*

At Birmingham Crown Court, Rehman was jailed for just 3 years and 9 months for assault and coercive control.

Will our positive actions today now help to improve the safety of families? We do hope so.

### **Together We Can will:**

- Bring the community together to share information about what's going on in Cardinia Shire.
- Lead and inspire all sectors of the Cardinia Shire community to align their efforts to address family violence;
- Develop collaborative local initiatives for a Year of Action to achieve significant lasting change in our community
- Encourage kitchen table, workplace, sports ground conversations towards zero tolerance, no bystanders and local solutions;
- Empower the voices of children and young people to inform our vision, planning, solutions and outcomes.
- Feed into national Objective Two of the Foundation to Prevent Violence against Women and their Children.

### **Now! What are YOU going to do about it?**

The above are well tried solutions because "**Together We Can**" really does help find an answer, but ... how does all this affect you as an individual, maybe a lone community member, and what would you yourself do about it? Indeed, what can you do about it? What would you change? Intervening in abusive and disrespectful behaviour doesn't mean putting yourself in danger. You can safely stand up to physical, verbal, or mental violence against women, family members, and the elderly when a situation has crossed the line.

If you see someone being assaulted mentally, physically, or verbally make sure you stop, offer support, and be a witness. If you are told about abuse happening to someone you know, be prepared to listen and tell them that you believe them, and it's not their fault. Try to refer them on to professional help through their doctor, health or social worker.

Remember that words you use at this critical time can also help stop abuse and violence against women, family members and the elderly. Use respectful phrases such as the following and these could help you handle a difficult situation.

**"You're better than that".** Challenge their comments in a non-confronting way.

**"Mate, what if that was your mum or sister?"** Mentioning someone close can make it more relevant to the person.

**"It's not cool to say that. They have the right to wear that / say that / do that".** Remind them everyone has the freedom to make their own choices.

Finally, the first step to ending violence and abuse towards women, family members and the elderly is obviously prevention. What can you do every day to promote respect towards women, family members and the elderly? Talk about it. Talk about domestic violence, stand by those who speak out; back them up. If you see it or hear about it or just someone being taken advantage of don't ignore it. Stop and offer support – if needed call the police on 000 if there is risk of any danger.



### **Koo Wee Rup Bowls Club**

A very small report this month but we are now open from 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct. with some restrictions still in place. This will enable us to practice, conduct social bowls later in the month, commence playing Pennant on Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> Nov. & Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Nov. & Friday Triples will be able to start. Our Pennant sides are in Div. 3 Nth. & Div. 6 Nth [Saturday], Div. 3 Nth & Div 6 Nth [Tuesday]. We still require players for both competitions and hope that some of our newer members take up the "challenge" and play a few games during the season. The Club has been meeting regularly with the Shire of Cardinia regarding the new Club house & Community hub and is on schedule. More on that as the commencement date gets nearer at this stage June 2022.

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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.



When looking for a way to define all that Lions do and stand for, all we have achieved alongside all we will continue to impact and achieve – the word we kept returning to was 'Always'. Where there is a need, there is ALWAYS a Lion.

### Lap the Map

With World Diabetes Day fast approaching on 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

Lion's volunteers across the country are putting their walking shoes on for its annual Lap the Map event where the organisation aims to have a combined distance travelled that will exceed Australia's circumference (25,760 kms) by World Diabetes Day on 14th November.

Last year, Lions Australia not only lapped the map once but reported a combined distance of 199,875 kms, almost 7.75 times the distance of Australia's circumference.

National Diabetes Coordinator Pat Mills says the organisation is aiming to beat last year's incredible result.

"The 'Lions Lap the Map' family friendly walks and campaigns in the community encourage people to get outside and have a walk to promote healthy lifestyle and raise awareness of the Diabetes epidemic in Australia."

"Across Australia 1.3 million people have been diagnosed with Diabetes and 283 people are diagnosed every day," says Lions Australia Lions National Diabetes Coordinator Pat Mills.

"The disease can lead to serious health issues affecting the heart and blood vessels, eyes, kidneys, nerves and teeth. In most high-income countries, Diabetes is a leading cause of cardiovascular disease, blindness, kidney failure, and lower limb amputation. It's expected to affect 629 million adults by 2045," says Pat.

"With more people working from home and more communities living with tighter social restrictions due to COVID-19, it's more important than ever for Australians to stay active and healthy so we encourage people to get involved in our Lap the Map activities," adds Pat Mills.

Lions Australia is proud to celebrate its 75th Anniversary in September 2022. Since the first club was formed in Lismore in 1947, Lions Australia has grown to be Australia's largest service club organisation with a strong history in community service and commitment to improving the lives of others.

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On Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> of October it was a celebration as we welcomed back our Foundation students. It was such a joy to see their smiling faces back in the school grounds, learning, playing and laughing. The students enjoyed seeing their friends and getting back into the school routines. Over the next few days we celebrated the return of our Grade 1/2, 3/4, 4/5 and 5/6 students. It has been such a great feeling having our school community returning to St John's.

There have been some exciting developments with our new building project. The frame is starting to take shape so we can see how the building will look in 2022. Foundation Orientation sessions begun on Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> of October over Zoom. Although it wasn't the traditional orientation session it was still great to meet our 2022 students.

**Socktober:** Catholic Social Teaching helps us to show our understanding of poverty (local and globally) to help others. During the Pandemic, unfortunately those around the world who are vulnerable are further challenged by these times. During Socktober, we use this time to learn more about others in need, and where possible, donate money to support different charities. During Term 4, we will be taking donations and holding a Sock Day- to raise money.



Thank you to the community, and our sponsors for the support in the 2021 season

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Rovers -	8:00 till late Friday



Cub scouts have been learning about the Southern Cross and how to find south with it. Then how to make a compass using a magnet and a pin. Cub scouts also baked some brownies (these were delicious for morning tea).

Scouts have been learning all about eating healthy and making healthy snacks online.



A highlight for this month was Cub Scout Oscar was asked to MC the Cardinia District Annual Reports and Presentation. Oscar did marvellous at his MC role, working through the changes as they arose through the meeting. Telling everyone some wonderful jokes. Look forward to watching Oscar grow and his leadership develop.

Joey scouts have been mini beast hunting in their backyards. Finding lots of bugs and learning about them. They also had a great time making mummy cookies and bat hats.



Venturers and Rovers were excited to learn about the easing of restrictions. Venturers hung out at the park doing some exercises and stretching. Rovers got together and played some board games.



Have you thought about joining as a leader to assist the local youth? Do you have some time once a month to join our committee to help our group grow? Do you have a child that would like to try scouting?

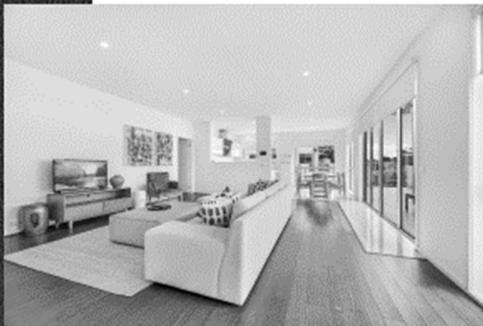
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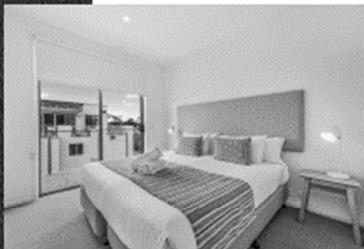
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## Koo Wee Rup RSL Sub Branch Report *Continued from October report*

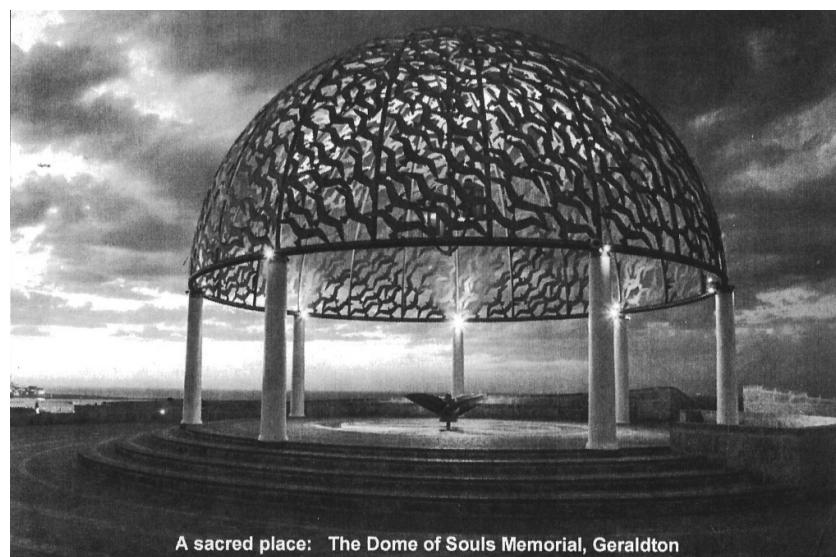
On the 19<sup>th</sup> of November 1941, the German raider Kormoran, disguised as the Dutch freighter Straat Malakka, was making her way north along the Western Australian coast with the intention of laying mines in the area of Shark Bay. Captain Detmers had intended to lay mines around Fremantle harbour entrance but was informed of a British cruiser being present. At around 3pm the lookout reported sighting a ship on the horizon (20-25NM). By 4pm the Kormoran crew were at their action stations, as it became clear that they were about to face the horror of an enemy cruiser.

Despite the Sydney's overwhelming superiority, Detmers had one critical advantage: he knew he face an enemy warship and was fully prepared for battle. In contrast, Captain Burnett had seemingly encountered an unknown freighter; therefore, Detmers held the initiative. Sydney increased speed towards the raider, which immediately changed course, turning into the sun to make it more difficult for those on Sydney to make a positive identification, this, as well as being able to read the raider signal lamps, could not be carried out if the two vessels were more than 2NM apart.

At this point, Burnett still trusted the raider as a harmless freighter, but that was soon to change as Detmers clever delaying tactics to prove his ship identity were running out. The Sydney hoisted a part of the Straat Malakka secret call sign and those on the raider could not complete the call sign. Burnett ordered action stations just before Detmers ordered to decamouflage and it only took 12 to 18 seconds for his guns to be ready to fire and, once he was sure that the German ensign was flying at the main mast, he ordered to open fire. A single ranging shot, which fell short, was discharged and the Sydney returned fire from A and B turrets which overshot their target. The gunners on the raider made their final adjustment on their 150mm guns and concentrated their fire on the Sydney's A and B turrets, the bridge and gun control tower, in addition fire was directed at Sydney's aircraft and boats, which represented a rich store of aviation fuel and other combustible material. Finally, fire was directed close to Sydney's waterline.

It is on record that our ship received no few than 41 hits on her port side and 46 on the starboard side of the raider's 150mm shells. The raider's gunners had accomplished all their objectives, except for the destruction of the aft X and Y turrets, the cruiser's only means of fighting back. It has been estimated that by this stage of the battle, 70 percent of the Sydney's 645 crew would have been dead, wounded or trapped by fire or flooded compartments. Bearing in mind that the raider's guns were capable of 8 rounds per minute – after the raiders fifth salvo, X turret began to fire rapid and accurate shots under manual control. One shell fell in the vicinity of the raider's funnel and exploded killing those in the radio room, shells also destroyed the boiler room and fuel ail bunker and the electrical transformers of her main engines. Y turret also engaged but all shells fell wide. The damage inflicted by Sydney's X turret caused a large fire in the raider's engine room and quickly spread beyond control causing her propulsion motors to stop. The fire would eventually reach the mine storage area with 320 mines. Orders were given to scuttle the ship with Captain Detmers boarding the last lifeboat and, soon after, the scuttling charges exploded. The raider remained afloat until 35 minutes after midnight when the fire reached the mine storage area.

Why Captain Burnett did not use his aircraft to investigate the raider, did not keep his distance and use his superior speed and armament, and did not confirm his suspicions by asking Navy Office (by radio) if Straat Malakka was in the area are questions that can never be answered. It must be said that friend/foe misclassification constituted the worst of all possible outcomes. We did not have to face ten thousand ton heavily armed auxiliary cruisers during the height of the Cold War, in the South China seas, the Malacca Strait and waters around our northern neighbours in the Pacific. And what is a warship captain to do when he is to maintain peace, avoid loss of lives and the suspect vessel will not comply to heave to? Commissioner Terence Cole was disinclined



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to tiptoe around old sensitivities, in his hard-hitting Commission of Inquiry Report he said: 'I am satisfied Captain Burnett made errors of judgement, his actions appeared almost inexplicable, but did not amount to negligence'. Former naval officer and Naval historian Tom Frame came very much to the same opinion but included provisions for enemy treachery. And to quote Admiral Leatham RN: 'Definite identification of a suspicious ship without risk of one's own ship will always be a very difficult matter especially with an enemy so well versed in the art of deceit.' *Continued page 21*



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## Koo Wee Rup RSL Sub Branch Report *Continued from Page 19*

The Sydney's destruction had not been in vain because the Kormoran no longer terrorized the high seas. She prevented the raider from laying mines on the Australian coast and, by this, most probably saved ships and men from perishing. Despite having suffered from widespread critical damage very early in the engagement and having sustained a horrific number of casualties, Sydney and her gallant crew fulfilled their duties by fatally disabling Kormoran, which is the sole purpose of my, very briefly, writing on the Sydney/Kormoran encounter. These men hold a special place in the hearts of many – the passing of eighty years have done little to lessen the grief we feel.

We Will Remember Them

Lest We Forget

*Yours Aye, John Camilleri 5629 4242*

## News about the Community Advisory Committee

With all the Covid-19 restrictions in place and with the Koo-Wee-Rup Regional Health Service (KRHS) now following the Victoria Government 'Road Map' of relief, be it ever so slow, we obviously haven't been able to have a meeting of our Community Advisory Committee members for quite some time. We have however been closely in touch with each other via the modern media, so we have not in any way drifted apart. We are all having a close look at the proposals for adding new items to the up-coming and new Aged Care and Quality Standards document. Details of the final paper will be made public at the soonest moment.

We are all very much aware that maybe you or your closest relatives and friends are really sad and stretched with this upsetting life we are all experiencing so please reach out to them and just talk to them. Do give them a phone call anyway. All this helps such a lot and if things are really bad do phone or Google 'Health Direct', a free Australian Health Service you can really count on. They will be kind and respectful to you and will understand the problems you have and will help you to overcome your sadness and anxiety. Help is also at hand via the new Community Activation and Social Isolation (CASI) initiative. CASI offers social, emotional and practical support for people who are isolated during COVID-19. Cardinia Shire residents needing support can call the COVID-19 hotline on 1800 675 398 then choose option 3. They will then speak to a Red Cross volunteer who has been specially trained to support people who might be distressed or anxious. The Red Cross volunteer will connect callers with the right support or refer them to Council to connect them with local organisations. Alternatively, those wanting support can call Council directly on 1300 787 624 to speak with the CASI support officer. Support might include wellbeing check-ins, assistance with video chatting to stay connected with family, linking people with online social and community activities, or providing help to run errands, collect items from the shops or with online applications. Take care and be kind to each other always.

Covid-19 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. 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 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 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](mailto:geoffreystokes@geoffstokes.com) Your email will be acknowledged. *Geoff Stokes*



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## Koo Wee Rup Country Womens Association

*Written by Linda Sanders*

### Meeting Dates

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Our next craft meeting will be on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 7. This will be a ZOOM meeting.

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

### Our Annual General Meeting

New office bearers will be officially installed at our AGM this month. Courtney Manks will be taking on President, Renae Ireland is our new Secretary, Kershel Elliott will remain as Treasurer, Miranda Cook is to be Craft Leader, Joss Pohl will be International Officer and Linda Sanders will remain as Blackfish reporter.

### Outgoing Presidents Report

My three years as Koo Wee Rup CWA president has been a rollercoaster! Learning how to communicate with our branch through the pandemic has been a challenge but I feel like we all made it through reasonably unscathed.

We also had to think outside of the box when it came to fundraising during this time.

Being a member and then a committee member of the CWA has been an amazing experience and allowed me to have so many experiences that I didn't expect. From public speaking at the welcome to Koo Wee Rup dinner to helping feed our volunteers during the Bunyip bushfire just to name a few.

Not to mention the beautiful friendships I have been able to make in this position with the strong women I have met. I'm looking forward to helping our next committee members navigate what will hopefully be an easier year for everyone!

*Cathy Stephens*

### Woolworths Christmas Tree

We will be installing our beautiful big Christmas tree again this year on 1<sup>st</sup> December.

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## Heart Foundation Walking Evening Group Returns

This group usually walks every Thursday evening at 7 pm from the Koo Wee Rup Clock Towers during daylight saving. With Covid restrictions, it has been a slower start with the group returning only recently on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October. We've been walking individually and with a buddy, but now we can recommence as normal with Covid safe practices including initial masks outdoors until we reach 80% vaccination, and social distancing. So we hope you will join us for a great social walk which has both mental health and physical health benefits.

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## The Men's Shed and Coming out of Lock Down.

It's November 2021 and despite relaxations elsewhere, we still have strict restrictions on opening up the Men's Shed again for general use. We are still closed and still definitely out of bounds; more so than most other similar places because of the Men's Shed's close proximity to the residential and acute care units within the Aged Care facilities at Koo-Wee-Rup Regional Health Services (KRHS) next door. Changes to Covid-19m rules and regulations are accelerating and happening very quickly now; we all know that! As soon as we are really sure of an opening date, we will let all of our members know with a quick text or phone call telling them in detail of our future plans and what we propose to do.

Being fully vaccinated will be a benefit to everyone because the probability of only vaccinated people being allowed to enter the building or, indeed, the hospital grounds is very real. So if you have been vaccinated against Covid-19 please let Brian Harlow know (5997 9687) so that he can add you to the database. If not, please get vaccinated now! For all our sakes!

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 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 townsfolk 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. These lads are here with us now attending to the asparagus fields. Did you see them all lining up at the pharmacy for their second vaccination jabs last month?

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: The Covid -19 virus with all the rules for just trying to do your job can frighten some people especially this!

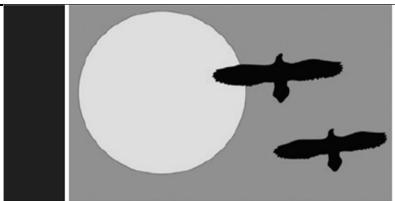
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*Geoff Stokes*

## Pilates at Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service

As we meet in the community room at the health service we need to comply with restrictions for aged care services. So we are slower in returning than other services. We hope to return on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October @ 5.00 pm with the new Chair based class ,then 6 pm for our normal mat group. On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 9 am we have our second mat class for the week recommencing. **Remember the first class is FREE so you are not out of pocket for giving it a try.** But what I love about Pilates is that you get a full body work out at your own personal level. You are not competing against anyone else and you are trained to listen to your body and do what is best for you through the various exercise progressions available. Covid safe practices are in place for all classes, and double vaccination is a health service and fitness industry requirement at this stage.

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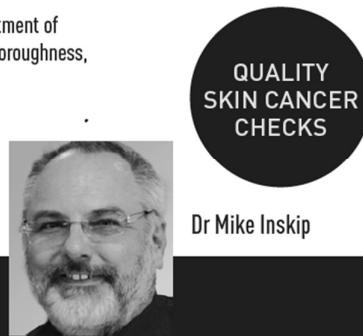
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## Council's FREE green waste drop-off events are back!

Cardinia Shire Council's free green waste drop-off events are happening once again at Pakenham and Lysterfield.

The service helps Cardinia Shire residents to clean up and reduce the fire fuel load on their properties in the lead up to the summer period.

Council's green waste drop-off events are a free service accepting residential amounts of green waste including garden prunings, tree branches and trunks (up to 30 centimetres wide and 1 metre long), weeds, grass clippings, leaves, and flowers.

Residents must present photo ID as proof of residence within Cardinia Shire to access the free service.

Waste will only be accepted from residential vehicles and trailers; commercial business operators cannot use this service.

**Lysterfield – Friday 12 to Monday 15 November 2021**

Cleanaway Resource Recovery Centre,  
840 Wellington Rd, Lysterfield

Friday 12 November: 7am to 4pm

Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 November:  
8am to 12pm

Monday 15 November: 7am to 4pm

**Pakenham – Friday 26 to Monday 29 November 2021**

Future Recycling Transfer Station, 30-32 Exchange Drive, Pakenham

All days: 9am to 4pm

For more information about Council's green waste drop-off events, visit [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/dropoff](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/dropoff) or call Council's Customer Service team on 1300 787 624.

### COVID-19 restrictions

Please note that Council's free green waste drop-off events will be run in line with any Victorian Government COVID-19 restrictions in place at the time. Residents must not attend if they are unwell and must comply with all instructions as directed by staff.

For more information about the current restrictions, visit: [www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au](http://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au).



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This service is provided by the City of Casey and Cardinia Shire Council. Our mission is to help local businesses grow as well as attract new business to the region, so that live local, work local, employ local becomes a reality for our residents and business.

For more information <https://www.caseycardinajobs.com.au/>

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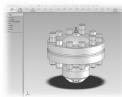
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## Nominations closing soon for Australia Day Awards

Time is running out to nominate your local heroes for Cardinia Shire Council's 2022 Australia Day Awards.

Nominations must be received by 5pm Friday 12 November 2021.

Nominations can be made online in the following award categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Senior Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Event of the Year

Nominees must be Australian citizens and live, work or study within Cardinia Shire. They must have made a noteworthy contribution during the current year.

Nominees for Young Citizen of the Year must be 25 years of age or younger on 26 January 2022.

Nominees for Senior Citizen of the Year must be at least 70 years of age on 26 January 2022.

Community events must have been hosted onsite or virtually in the shire between November 2020 and November 2021 by a not-for-profit organisation.

For more information, visit [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/australiaday](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/australiaday)

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## Low-cost cat desexing now available thanks to Victorian Government grant

Cardinia Shire Council, the National Desexing Network and local veterinary clinics have joined forces to offer residents in need a subsidised desexing program for cats.

Cardinia Shire residents on pensions or low incomes will pay just \$50 to desex their cats. The subsidy is funded by a Victorian Government Animal Welfare Fund grant.

The program is managed by the National Desexing Network and residents who need support should phone the network on 1300 368 992 to find out if they are eligible. If eligible, you will be issued a desexing voucher before booking an appointment at one of the following participating vet clinics:

- Our Vet, Pakenham
- Gembrook Vet Clinic
- Emerald Vet Clinic

This initiative helps the whole community as it helps reduce cat nuisance issues and predation on native wildlife. Desexing not only helps to ensure fewer unwanted animals, but research shows that desexed animals can live longer and healthier lives.

Dr Joy Verrinder, Strategic Director of the National Desexing Network, urged residents to get their male and female cats desexed between 2 and 4 months of age, as male cats are less likely to fight, roam and spray, and female cats can become pregnant from just 4 months old and can breed continuously after that.

"We thank the local veterinary clinics for helping with this community service," said Dr Verrinder.

To find out whether you are eligible, phone the National Desexing Network on 1300 368 992

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## Applications now open for 2021-22 weed control grants

Applications are now open for Council's 2021-22 weed control grants.

The grants are available to help landowners and community groups control noxious and environmental weeds on private property and bushland reserves. Funding is available for:

- disposing of weeds
- hiring equipment
- hiring contractors
- purchasing herbicide

A maximum of \$350 per landholder or \$750 for community groups, within Cardinia Shire.

Applications for Weed Control Grants will remain open until the funds are fully allocated. We recommend you apply as soon as possible.

To apply, visit [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/weedcontrolgrants](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/weedcontrolgrants) or for more information call Council's Biodiversity Officer on 1300 787 624.

Identify common weeds in Cardinia Shire with our online weed directory at [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/weeddirectory](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/weeddirectory)

For tips on removing weeds and suggestions for plants to replace them with, visit [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/removingweeds](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/removingweeds)

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classes. We hope to see you soon!

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#### **Make your own Christmas Gifts**

Want to make something special for your loved ones this Christmas?

This session covers the ever- popular practise of vinyl transferring and sublimation. With Christmas in mind, make your family and friends some great affordable presents with your own personal touch.

- Gifts include:
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- Coffee Mugs
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- Night Lights
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Included in the cost you will make a selection of gifts, including T shirts, coffee mugs, key rings and coasters. Other items will be available on the day to purchase.

Why spend all that time at the shops when you can get some great value, quality gifts that you can say you made yourself?

All materials and production equipment supplied, just bring yourself, some ideas and maybe a photo or two on a pen drive/USB stick.

**Wednesday 1 December, 9.30am - 11.30am      Cost \$25**

#### **Knit and Knatter**

Learn how to knit or crochet, or pass your skills on to others. New and more experienced knitters welcome. Come and try this relaxing pastime.

#### **First Saturday of the month**

**6 November and 4 December, 10.00am - 2.00pm**

**Cost \$4 per session**

#### **Card Making**

If you are looking for some creative time and social interaction and a chance to make some cards to use for those special events in your life, then this could be the group for you. Each class you will make four different cards that can be tailored through stamping to suit your upcoming card needs. Kit is provided each class.

Please BYO adhesives, (including 3D foam and either a glue stick or double-sided tape).

**Wednesdays commencing 10 November for 2 sessions,  
12.30pm - 2.30pm      Cost \$40**

Do you love Arts and Crafts or would like to explore your creative side? Outlook Community has a wide variety of programs to join in Term 4 so you can leave your house behind to enjoy the company of like-minded community members. Outlook requires all staff and patrons to be double COVID-19 vaccinated to attend the Centre and participate in

#### **Creative Arts for Wellbeing**

Connect with a small group of like-minded people in your community to explore creative arts for wellbeing through a range of mediums and modalities. The focus will be all about 'fun art' rather than fine art. We'll create some group murals and explore mandala making to kick off with. Bring along your ideas to share with the group and we'll make things happen!

**Wednesdays commencing 10 November for 4 sessions,  
6.30pm - 8.30pm      Cost \$35**

#### **Art Club**

Join this class to explore a variety of art mediums such as drawing and print making in a fun and supportive environment. There will be new projects to try each week. Covers angles, lines, shapes, shading, perspective and proportion. You will also make a "zine", mono printing, and drawing.

**Fridays commencing 12 November for 6 sessions,  
1.15pm - 3.15pm      Cost \$70**  
(Please contact the Centre for project and materials list)

#### **Soy Candle Making**

Have you ever wanted to make your own scented candle but didn't know where to start? This class will show you the whole process and explain in detail the do's and don'ts of candle making. Choose your own scent and colour and amaze your friends and family with the finished product. Class cost covers the materials used.

**Friday 19 November, 9.30am - 11.30am      Cost \$35**

## **BAYLES FAUNA PARK**

#### **Working Bee**

**Sunday, 14 November, 9am start  
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#### **Committee Meeting**

**Sunday, 14 November  
immediately after working bee**

**Please bring own bottled water,  
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**All welcome**

## Cardinia Shire Seniors Festival goes online for 2021

The Cardinia Shire Council's Ageing Well Seniors Festival is moving online this year.

"It's been a tough 18 months and a challenging time for anyone trying to plan live events," explained Cardinia Shire Mayor, Cr Brett Owen.

"We know how much our older residents enjoy the Ageing Well Seniors Festival so we've pulled out all the stops to get the program online this year."

"While we recognise it's not the same as catching up with your friends in person, the beauty of the online festival is that you can watch the guest speakers at your own leisure, with a cuppa all in the comfort of your home," said Cr Owen.

"We're moving with the times and including a video on how to stay in touch with your loved ones using social media. It's all about trying to support people to stay connected and engaged," said the Mayor.

Visit [ccl.vic.gov.au/ageingwell](http://ccl.vic.gov.au/ageingwell) to watch videos from a range of guest speakers on topics designed to entertain, inform and uplift the spirits including:

### **Retiring well with Estelle Kelly**

Estelle has a background in counselling, education and welfare and knows that retirement can be overwhelming and confusing. Enjoy her positive, uplifting, in-depth look at how you can enjoy a successful retirement. Explore the core principles that lead to success, enabling you to flourish.

### **Online safety and scams with Greg Gebhart, Office of eSafety Commissioner**

Greg, from the office of the e-Safety Commissioner, will help you improve your online safety and awareness. Protect yourself from scams and know how to stay safe in the digital world.

### **Navigating in home care with Karen Ivanka from COTA**

Karen, from Council on the Ageing (COTA), will share an in-depth look at the national aged care system, including services, eligibility, application requirements and support from the Navigators Hub in Pakenham.

The program also includes sessions on Family History for Beginners, Staying Connected to Loved Ones through Social Media and Hooked on Books.

Guest speaker videos are available to view now, along with a range of other online activities at the Casey Cardinia Libraries website: [ccl.vic.gov.au/ageingwell](http://ccl.vic.gov.au/ageingwell)

For more information about the Ageing Well Seniors Festival, visit Council's website at [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/seniorsfestival](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/seniorsfestival) or call the Customer Service team on 1300 787 624 or email [mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au](mailto:mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au)



*Grab a cuppa and join the Cardinia Seniors Festival online*

## Building Resilience Training via Zoom Video Conferencing

Wesley LifeForce will be conducting a Building Resilience Workshop via Zoom video conferencing on **Wednesday 10 November 2021 between 9.30 am and 2.30pm AEDT (Sydney Time)**.

The training looks at how adjusting our lifestyle and introducing cognitive strategies can improve resilience and mental health. The participant is given the opportunity to reflect on their personal management of their mental health through relevant topics and group discussion.

The cost to complete the two x 2 hour sessions is \$125 plus GST. To register please go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/wesley-lifeforce-training-building-resilience-workshop-zoom-online-tickets-169215717767>

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## When Thank You is not enough

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of October we received the news none of us wanted to hear – we had been directly impacted by COVID19. Over the weeks that followed I witnessed the most extraordinary team I have had the privilege of working with in over 30 years in healthcare, come together as one to respond.

Every single member of the KRHS Team, no matter what role or which part of the service, has stepped up and supported our consumers, their colleagues and our families. I know that my words will not be enough to capture these weeks but let me try to paint a picture of what I have seen.

Staff completing shift after shift, providing their usual high level of care wearing full Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) which means an N95 which is a mask that fits so tightly on your face that it leaves a mark, a plastic face shield, a long sleeve full length gown and gloves. The only thing visible are the eyes and those eyes continued to shine and express confidence, compassion and caring in every interaction.

Staff stepping outside their usual roles to watch over their colleagues to make sure their PPE was on properly, to speak with or read to a resident to relieve the boredom and isolation of staying in a room for days on end, to ring a family member and provide an update, to deliver a cup of tea and clear a meal tray or to check and maintain the stocks of PPE and other essential items.

Our community based services who stepped up to cover shifts, juggle rosters and change their schedule at short notice to ensure staff were available to support Westernport and Killara. This was all done with no negative impact on community based clients and a consistent response of "Of course – just let us know what you need."

The Patient Services team who provided nourishing snacks (as well as some treats) to help their colleagues keep their energy up and ensure they took a break; set up tray after tray to provide room service; maintained the highest level of cleanliness throughout the site all while dressed in full PPE and washed and folded load after load of linen and clothing.

Our residents, who with extraordinary grace and good humour, endured 14 days of enforced isolation, interacting with staff dressed head to foot in something from a Halloween thriller and separated from family, friends and each other. Having spoken with many of the residents since their quarantine was lifted, I have been truly humbled by their generosity of spirit and absolute resilience – we have so much to learn from this generation.

Our families who have supported their loved ones, dropped off favourite foods and special items and taken this journey with us. I truly appreciate the feedback you gave to make sure we were providing the right information, the insights you gave into your own experiences and the wonderful messages of support and gratitude you provided the staff. Sitting alongside our families has been our generous community who have checked in regularly and offered support and encouragement at every stage.

As I write this we are nearing the end point of this outbreak. Once we have drawn breathe we will look back and recognise those things we did well and identify those things we can learn from. I am truly blessed to be a part of this team and am confident that the pride, comradery and can do attitude of the KRHS Team will endure as we move forward in this COVID normal world.

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Please visit our website for the latest information on KRHS and Covid restrictions

## Christopher Moody (1833-1920) *from previous page*

*By Heather Arnold, Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society*

Moody's Inlet, which runs into Western Port Bay near Tooradin, and Moody Street in Koo Wee Rup are both named after Christopher Moody. Who was Christopher Moody?

Christopher Moody was born in Shepton Mallett in Somerset on February 7, 1833 to Austin Moody and his wife Jane (nee Perrett). His father is listed in the 1851 English Census as 'a farmer of 180 acres employing 5 labourers,' thus, Christopher had a middle-class upbringing. However, not being the eldest son and having, I believe, fourteen siblings, Christopher had to make his own way in the world, and he immigrated to Victoria, arriving on the *Morning Star* in August 1854.

He went to Commeralgyp Station near Rokewood, south of Ballarat to work and remained there until 1860 when he established the Barclay Flour Mills at Rokewood Junction. It was described in the *Geelong Advertiser* on March 25, 1867 -

*A visit to Moody's flour mill, or more properly called Barclay's mill, situated three miles from Rokewood, will show colonial enterprise. The building has only been erected nine months. It is built of wood, forty-five by twenty-five feet, in six flats. At the present time two stones are in operation, driven by a fourteen horse-power engine, producing above five hundred bushels of pulse per week, but the proprietor is so much pressed that two additional stones will be added shortly. The grain is received principally from the Ondit district.*

Christopher married Jane Halbert Hyslop on October 6, 1863 in a Presbyterian ceremony at Junction Diggings, in the Rokewood District. They were both 30 years old. They had eight children, all born at Rokewood - Clara (1864-1906), John Austin (1865-1867), Isabella Mary (1868-1940), Edith (1869-1927), Jessie (1870-1960), Jane (b. & d. 1872), Christopher John (1873-1943) and Celia (1874-1958).

Christopher purchased 1,686 acres of the Great Swamp Run at the land sales held on March 25, 1875 for the amount of £2,451. Moody and the other landowners had to clear and drain their land. The family lived on their property called *Invermead*, on the South Gippsland Highway, east of the Inlets. The homestead had a dairy, workshops, slaughterhouse, poultry pens, pigstyes and kitchen garden.

Moody was elected as a Cranbourne Shire Councillor in 1884 and served until his resignation in January 1894. His obituary in the *Koo Wee Rup Sun* of November 18, 1920 said that *in all municipal matters, especially on roads, his sound and practical knowledge made his services of value*. Moody was one of the strong personalities on the Council and Niel Gunson, in his book *The Good Country: Cranbourne Shire*, describes him as *an astute councillor and man of inflexible principle*.

In 1890, Moody who owned what was to become the site of the Koo Wee Rup township, sub-divided the land between Rossiter Road and the Main Drain and Denham's Road and the Highway. Very little of the land was sold due to the 1890s depression. The sub-division set out Moody, Gardner (called Koo Wee Rup Street by Moody), Henry (called Christopher Street by Moody) and Salmon Streets.

Christopher Moody donated the land for the Presbyterian Church and the Public Hall in Koo Wee Rup and he was a Vice President of the Tooradin Mechanics' Institute which opened Boxing Day 1882 and a member of the Tooradin State School Board, which had opened in 1875.

Jane Moody died on December 8, 1885 at the age of 51, and is buried at Cranbourne cemetery. Of Christopher and Jane Moody's children it would appear that only one of them married – Jessie married Edward Percy Walker in 1898. Edward and his father operated the Tooradin store for a while and after his marriage, Edward had a store at Lang Lang and later at Dandenong. Jessie and Edward had seven children - Jean, Christopher, George, Marion, Edward, Keith and Lachlan. The five sons all enlisted in the Army in the Second World War. Their eldest son, Christopher, was the chief sub-editor and assistant editor of the *Melbourne Sun* when he enlisted. A report at the time of his death said that he preferred to fight as a Private rather than accept a commission as official broadcaster. He was killed fighting in Syria in June 1941.



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## Christopher Moody (1833-1920) *from previous page*

*By Heather Arnold, Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society*

Christopher Moody moved to his house, *Shepton*, in Rossiter Road in Koo Wee Rup when it was built in 1902. He died on November 17, 1920. A report in *The Argus* on January 28, 1921 said that his Estate was worth £51,862 of which £3,910 was real estate and the £47,952 other assets. In this Will dated April 7, 1910 Moody left the *Shepton* estate of 586 acres, together with all the rest of his real estate to his son, Christopher. The residual of the Estate was to be sold and divided into five equal shares for his son and daughters Isabella, Jessie and Celia. His other daughter, Edith, was to receive the income from her share to support her, and if this was not enough, then part of the principle. After Edith's death the Will stated that the remaining part of her share was to be divided equally between the Melbourne, the Alfred, the Austin and St Vincent's Hospitals. This suggests that she was unwell or in need of support, even in 1910 when the Will was written. After Edith died on October 24, 1927 her share of the Estate was distributed to the four Hospitals. In 1927 this amounted to £7,200, and in 1929 another £1,147 was distributed.

Christopher Moody is buried at Lang Lang Cemetery, for some reason, not at Cranbourne with his wife.

Sources – Obituary in the Koo Wee Rup Sun, November 19, 1920 (see below).

Gunson, Niel *The Good Country: Cranbourne Shire* (Cheshire, 1968).

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You can read the original of this article, fully footnoted, here  
<https://kooweerupswamphistory.blogspot.com/2021/10/christopher-moody-1833-1920.html>

Koo Wee Rup Sun obituary from November 18, 1920.

*A link binding the present with the past has been severed on the death of Mr Christopher Moody, sen., which sad event took place at his residence, "Shepton," Kooweerup, early on Wednesday morning. The deceased, who was 88 years of age, had been ailing for some time, and despite the best medical attention and tender nursing he passed away as above stated. The late Mr Moody was born on February 7, 1833 at Shepton Mallett, Somerset, England. He left Liverpool on June 5, 1854, when 21 years of age, in the Morning Star, arriving at Hobson's Bay on August 20. Immediately after landing he went to Commeralgyp Station, Rokewood. After experiencing several years of station life, he established Barkley flour mills at Rokewood Junction, in the Ballarat district, in 1860. In 1870 he came to the Gippsland district and bought 2000 acres on the Kooweerup Swamp, part of which the township is now on. While here he built "Invermead," which is now occupied by Mr. R. Preston. These were stirring days, and only those associated with the hardship and struggles of the pioneers have any conception of what had to be faced. While living here many pioneers when passing through found in deceased a hospitable friend and guide. He later built a place near the Monomeith station, and later still erected "Shepton," where he has since resided. Deceased was a public-spirited man and exercised his influence for the advancement of the district. He served in the Leigh Shire Council for nine years and was a member of the Cranbourne Council for a similar period. In all municipal matters, especially on roads, his sound and practical knowledge made his services of value. He was the first to advocate the use of swamp gravel on the roads in these parts, and in other respects he earned the appreciation of both councillors and ratepayers as a sterling worker. His wife pre-deceased him 35 years ago. He leaves one son and four daughters to mourn the loss of an upright and devoted father, and the district will be bereft of a good and honest citizen. The remains will be privately interred in the Lang Lang Cemetery to-day (Thursday) in the Anglican portion of the cemetery.*

**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. If Covid restrictions allow, the next meeting is on November 10 at 7.30pm. At this meeting we will discuss re-opening the museum, which is of course, also subject to Covid restrictions.**

Heather Arnold harnold@dcsi.net.au 0407 521 637



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Makita charger, battery, cordless line trimmer and hedge trimmer.

4 Burner BBQ.

HD Wheelbarrow

Heaps of garden equipment, tools ladder etc.

**Ticket Prices**

\$5.00 Each  
5 for \$20.00  
15 for \$50.00

Koo Wee Rup Lions - Bayles Primary School - Koo Wee Rup Primary - 1st KWR Scouts have assembled a huge prize for you to win.

To buy tickets google: [rafflelink.com.au/kooweerup-lions-2021](http://rafflelink.com.au/kooweerup-lions-2021)

**100% of the proceeds go to the groups in need.  
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