

THE KOO WEE RUP BLACKFISH



OCTOBER 2021

Have the Ladies Auxiliary got a 2022 Calendar for you!

One of the many casualties of this Covid-19 pandemic has been the Koo-Wee-Rup Regional Health Service's Ladies Auxiliary. They have been unable to hold their regular meetings but, more importantly, they have been unable to raise funds for urgently needed medical equipment for use in the hospital. You will recall that before the pandemic the Ladies have organised fetes, raffles and fashion shows with much success to get these funds.

Not to be outdone, and between lockdowns and obeying all the rules, they have met in groups and as individuals to have their photographs taken for a cheeky-but-nice calendar for 2022. Each month has a photo that highlights a bit of fun time by some well-known members! This very special calendar is a one-off, but it is on sale now for \$25. All proceeds will go towards purchasing this much needed equipment for the KRHS.

The Ladies Auxiliary would like to thank all those people who opened their businesses, gardens, houses and also the Tooradin bar so that these photos could be taken with a unique background. They would also like to thank Jan, our very patient and artistic photographer, for her splendid work and great patience during the shoots.

The calendars are available from May Ridgeway Tel. 5997 1335, and from the Koo-Wee-Rup Regional Health Service, Tel. 5997 9679.



KooWeeRup Regional Health Service Ladies Auxiliary



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What's on in Koo Wee Rup and District

Lockdown restrictions permitting

October

Fri 1st	Triples	Bowls Club	10.30am
Sun 3rd	Social Bowls	Bowls Club	12.30pm
Mon 4th	CWA Meeting	via Zoom	7.30pm
Wed 6th	Township Committee Meeting	via Zoom	7.30pm
Wed 6th	Lions Club Meeting	via Zoom	7.30pm
Sun 10th	Bayles Fauna Park Working Bee & Committee Meeting	Bayles Fauna Park	9am
Wed 13th	KWR Swamp Historical Society Meeting	KWR Museum	7.30pm
Fri 15th	Triples	Bowls Club	10.30am
Sat 16th	Pennant	Bowls Club	12.45pm
Sun 17th	Social Bowls	Bowls Club	12.30pm
Mon 18th	Ladies Invitation 4s	Bowls Club	10am
Mon 18th	CWA Craft Night	via Zoom	7.30pm
Wed 20th	Lions Club Meeting	via Zoom	7.30pm
Sat 23rd	Pennant	Bowls Club	12.45pm
Tue 26th	Pennant	Bowls Club	10.15am
Sat 30th	Pennant	Bowls Club	12.45pm
Sun 31st	Social Bowls	Bowls Club	12.30pm

November

Mon 1st	CWA Meeting	Zoom	7.30pm
Wed 3rd	Township Committee Meeting AGM (<i>see page 5</i>)	Community Centre or Zoom	7.30pm
Wed 3rd	Lions Club Meeting	RSL Clubrooms	7.30pm
Fri 5th	KWR Regional Health Service Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	RSL Clubrooms	9.30am
Mon 8th	KWR Senior Citizens Indoor Bowls (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	12.30pm
Mon 8th	Chair Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	5pm
Mon 8th	Mat Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	6pm
Wed 10th	KWR Swamp Historical Society Meeting	KWR Museum	7.30pm
Fri 12th	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch & Bingo (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Sat 13th	Mat Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	9am
Sun 14th	Bayles Fauna Park Working Bee & Committee Meeting	Bayles Fauna Park	9am
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A Significant Oak

At the Cardinia Shire Council meeting on 20 September, Council voted to add 9 trees to their significant tree register applying a heritage overlay to those trees which aims to discourage the removal of and encourage the retention of those trees. One of these trees is an English Oak in Cochrane Park.

The Shire's significant tree register was set up in 2009 with 169 trees and a hedge of historical significance protected. In 2018 community nominations were called for and, from a final list of 12 nominations, 9 were selected for inclusion.

Council resolved to call for nominations from the public every four years, which means that the next call is due in 2022.



A few changes in KWR

Over the last month or so, some projects that have been in progress or in planning for a long time have been completed. The station platform restoration is complete (although the temporary fencing hasn't been removed on one side). The pavilion at the high school oval is finished and ready for community sport to resume. The drains on the south side of Denhams Road have been filled and a footpath has been built from Rossiter Road to Moody Street.



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Koo Wee Rup Township Committee Meeting

The Township held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, 1 September via Zoom. Township Meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 6 October 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.

There was some discussion about the proposed upgrade to the bowling club and the possible impact on access to the CFA Track, Reports from bowling club members indicate the running track may be used as access to a rear car park, but only the front building is shown on the plans. This is the first that most had heard of the proposal, and it will be investigated further.

The helipad in Cochrane Park at the end of the running track has been upgraded after being recently used by Air Ambulance.

Councillor Kaye Cameron reported the following matters to the meeting:

- New burning off laws are available for Community Consultation, the new proposals include changing days for burning off and review of urban and rural.

Township Committee AGM

The AGM of the Koo Wee Rup Township Committee will be held on Wednesday, 3 November at 7.30pm. This meeting is likely to be via Zoom unless restrictions ease enough for us to have a face-to-face meeting 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. Please contact the Secretary via email at kooweeruptc@gmail.com to register your interest if we need to meet via Zoom.



Is your property identifiable to emergency services ?

- The draft Shire Disability Access Plan is also available on the council Your Say page for comment.
- Dial-a-Bus – Kaye is calling for a bus service that can cover different parts of the shire. The service would operate on a booking service for a small (maybe gold coin) cost. Geoff mentioned that he had raised this in previous sessions with council but no interest at the time. Caroline suggested that the Shire needs a formal Transport Plan that includes walking and cycling paths as well as reviewing road and public transport use. That needs a whole of Community input.
- Parking around the CFA station will be followed up with the CEO and General Manager once lock down conditions have eased with 4 dedicated parking spaces to be investigated.

AGM to be held with November's meeting on Wednesday November 3 2021

The Christmas Lights committee need to meet with council to confirm what is allowed to be displayed. There has been a proposal for a suspended tree light design.

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KOO WEE RUP COUNTRY WOMENS ASSOCIATION

Written by Linda Sanders

MEETING DATES

Our next meeting will be on Monday 4th October at 7.30pm. This will be a ZOOM meeting.

Our next craft meeting will be on Monday 18th October 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.

HAVE YOU BEEN BUSY DOING CRAFTS DURING LOCKDOWN?

Recently, member Sue has been busy, creating this beautiful quilt. She made it to enter into our District Exhibition in Cranbourne next month but unfortunately it has been cancelled. Hopefully she can enter it next year.

DO YOU HAVE EXCESS FRUIT AND VEGETABLES TO SHARE?

Secretary Joss Pohl has been hanging a box on the fence at the front of her house, giving away excess fruit and vegetables for those that are in need. What a wonderful idea and so generous.

If you would like to pick up some goodies or if you have excess in your garden, please go to 5 Alexander Avenue, Koo Wee Rup.

ROAD SAFETY MONTH

September was Rural Road Safety month, an initiative aimed at raising awareness for the solutions to prevent deaths on rural roads. People directly impacted by road trauma, are among those getting behind the campaign.

During Rural Road Safety Month let us remember the 773 people who lost their lives on rural and remote roads in 2020.

Did you know that 2 in 3 fatalities occur on rural and remote roads? Yet only one third of the population live in these areas.

More than 4 in 10 (43%) Australians use regional roads at least once week. 3 in 10 (30%) do so multiple times a week.

Rural Road Safety Month, is an opportunity for everyone to [#ChooseRoadSafety](#). When purchasing a new vehicle, look for one fitted with lane support systems (LSS) which can reduce head-on and single-vehicle crashes by 30% - common causes of accidents on regional roads.

Commit to rural road safety by:

- Scanning the road ahead
- Keeping a safe distance
- Driving to suit the conditions

SES Road Crash Rescue volunteers play a vital role by responding quickly to road accidents in Australian rural towns. Learn about what SES Road Crash Rescue volunteers do and how to become one at www.ses.sa.gov.au/about-us/what-we-do/road-crash-rescue.

WHOLE ORANGE CAKE

2 oranges

275gms melted butter

4 eggs

1 ½ cups castor sugar

2 ¼ cups self raising flour

Turn on oven to 160°C fan forced

Boil whole oranges for 10 minutes.

Cut oranges into quarters, place in a food processor until pulpy.

Transfer to a bowl and add remaining ingredients.

Mix until smooth.

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September 2021

It was the Koo Wee Rup Fire Brigade back up siren to alert all the volunteers to attend the station for a turn out call. It's also used to let the local community know we are about to be out and about on a call.

Our calls since the last report were:

- 25/8/21 – Caravan Fire – Ballarto Rd Koo Wee Rup
- 26/8/21 – Incident – Supreme Cl Koo Wee Rup
- 27/8/21 – Chicken Shed Fire – Ballarto Rd Koo Wee Rup
- 28/8/21 – Fire – Sybella Ave Koo Wee Rup
- 28/8/21 – Paddock Fire – Westernport Rd Lang Lang
- 4/9/21 – Vehicle collision/fire – Sth Gippsland Hwy Koo Wee Rup



Firefighter Stair Climb

One of our firefighters, Liam Manwaring, from Koo Wee Rup CFA is participating in the 8th annual Melbourne Firefighter Stair Climb as he wants to **raise funds and awareness to help battle depression, PTSD and suicide.**

His goal was to reach \$750 raised and climb at least 1000 stairs before the concluding date of the 10th of October. He has already smashed his stair climb goal with 3012 stairs climbed so far but hasn't quite reached his donation goal yet.

Although he is climbing at least 100 stairs everyday to reach that goal, he climbed the stairs at Koo Wee Rup swamp lookout tower on Saturday 18/9/21 where he smashed out 1872 stairs and now has very sore legs to show for it!

You can donate to the cause using this link:
<https://www.firefighterclimb.org.au/climber/liammanwaring/>



Register Your Burn-Off

Before you carry out your planned burn, make sure you check and follow local regulations or laws set down by your local council.

Please also notify CFA to register your burn so we don't have to drop everything and check out your burn-off for no reason.

Go online <https://firepermits.vic.gov.au> or phone 1800 668 511 to register your burn.

Contact Us

You can contact Koo Wee Rup Fire Brigade for non-emergency enquiries via facebook @KooWeeRupFireBrigade



Koo Wee Rup Senior Citizens Club

Icke Road, Koo Wee Rup

Well once again everything is on hold. Our AGM will be held when possible.

Two of our members have passed away in the last month. We send our most sincere condolences to Charlie on the passing of his mother Rita, also to Hazel on the passing of her husband Kevin. Both were very involved with the club over many years and will be missed by many.

Until we are able to meet again, take care and be safe.

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Some Interesting Tales from my Working Days *by Geoff Stokes*

From 1960s the UK company that I worked for as a mechanical engineer concentrating on fluid flow, was jointly involved with an American company in developing a new type of industrial valve, the ball valve. With this valve you just swung the handle around only 90 degrees and it opened or closed, just like that. You didn't have to wind a wheel up or down to open or close it like a water tap and ... no maintenance was required at all; ever. This clever design used a spherical rotating ball with a hole through it; supported by flexible seals made in Polytetrafluoroethylene (Teflon), a very new and often misunderstood material in the 1960s. This was indeed a big-time development then, especially when you used this type of valve on fluids other than water, or gases other than air. The range of applications in the petrochemical and petroleum industries would be enormous and, together with the chemical and gas industries this offered a product that fitted a range of pipework from 3 mm (1/8 inch) diameter bore pipe to 915 mm (36 inch) diameter bore pipe. These ball valves would be manufactured in many materials to suit the hundreds of chemicals or gasses that would flow through them.

In 1970 I was asked to come to Australia to introduce our patented industrial ball valve to Australian industry. Can you believe that now, in 2021? When you look around you today there are millions of industrial ball valves being used in Australia. Every gas meter and every modern water meter in Australia has one and every petroleum or gas pipeline has many huge shut off ball valves installed - no maintenance. In 1970 I brought the very first one here in my briefcase to see if engineers down under would like to use it! Unbelievable really but that is how it was; the first one. A couple of years later and I was sent around the world promoting our product and to make sure sales of our valves were maximised. For this long journey my Company paid for me to fly first class, not business, first class. There's another interesting tale to tell about my round the world journey at some time. Why did I write all this? Well ... along the way, in introducing this valve to Australia and New Zealand, and before that, I had quite a few amusing experiences that I would like to share with you and hopefully you will have a little chuckle as you read on. However, to start with, it's an experience I had in the UK, Wales to be precise, that will set the scene and genre of these stories for you and to show you that things were a little different in those days.

It's 1967 and we have supplied our new ball valves to BP Chemicals in Barry, Wales, to handle liquid chlorine. These expensive and large 150 mm bore ball valves are made in special materials to turn on and off this chemical, liquid chlorine, which is used in the manufacture of PVC plastics. Chlorine gas is compressed so that it can be stored as a liquid in huge, permanent, tubular pressure vessels. I am visiting the plant to see how our valves are performing. I meet up with the chief engineer and we walk on to the site. Both of us are in suits with white shirts, sombre ties and polished shoes. He calls me Mr. Stokes and I call him Mr. Fletcher - no forenames in those days. We wear no protective helmets or goggles, no safety boots, no fluorescent safety vests (unheard of then) and no gas masks; there are no industrial laws which say we have to! We arrive at the three pumps to which our valves are attached and, lo and behold, one of the valves is leaking chlorine gas through the valve stem into the surrounding space with a very loud hissing sound. No panic, no shutting down of the whole complex and evacuating anyone within 500 meters as is today's ruling; I just took a hexagonal Allen key from my suit pocket, a handkerchief for my nose and just tightened up the valve stem adjusting screws. I always carried an Allen key with me just in case!. That fixed it, so off we went back to his office for a cup of tea.

Our regional office was in central London, so we always convened our monthly meetings at the Services Club in Marble Arch, nearest to the railway stations. Days for such meetings were always busy with me leaving Gloucester very early in the morning and getting back home around 11 pm, usually on the last train from London. This particular day I boarded the train and my first-class compartment had three seats each side. I sat with my back to the engine with the corridor on my left. Diagonally across from me in the window seat was another person who was obviously originally from India. He was very smartly dressed, and I noticed that he was wearing the tie of a Member of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers (MIMechE) as was I. We struck up a conversation, as you do, and I discovered that he worked for the Shell Oil Company as a senior mechanical engineer, and he was indeed interested to hear from me about our new design of valve. We had an animated conversation until we reached Reading, a town about half an hour's journey from London and then the compartment filled with bowler-hatted, black-striped-suited commuters.

The guy who now sat next to me was looking at me very strangely as I picked up my newspaper and handed the weekend-extra coloured insert to my new MIMechE friend diagonally opposite. The insert was all about the technical wonders of the new ship, Queen Elizabeth 2, to be launched that very week. In fact, we swapped facts about the engineering marvels that this new giant of the oceans would possess. I then settled down quietly to read my newspaper.

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BAYLES FAUNA PARK

Working Bee

Sunday, 10 October, 9am start
followed by a BBQ lunch

Committee Meeting

Sunday, 10 October
immediately after working bee

Please bring own bottled water,
wear long pants and closed in shoes

All welcome

Some Interesting Tales from my Working Days *from previous page*

In the meantime, the man next to me seemed very disturbed, looking sideways at me with what looked like hate and belligerence, I couldn't work out what his problem was. I took no notice and buried my head further into my paper. I actually thought he was objecting to me talking across the compartment to this chap from India, a sort of racial disapprobation if you like. I tried to ignore the shaking of his head and his audible grumbling. Eventually the train pulled into Paddington station, London, and I moved to put my newspaper safely away into my briefcase, collecting the insert from my MIMechE friend at the same time. Horrors! There was already a newspaper in my briefcase, complete with an unopened coloured insert!

I now realised what had happened when the guy next to me had boarded the train at Reading. As he put his briefcase in the luggage rack above the seats he must have placed his own newspaper on the seat beside me. As he saw it, I then picked up his newspaper, took out the insert, gave it to the Indian guy opposite and swapped stories from the publication with him. Not only that he then saw me bury my head into *his* newspaper but he actually said nothing direct to me at the time. Boy, was I embarrassed, I mumbled a few apologetic words and tried to get out of the compartment as fast as I could. In doing so I trampled all over his highly polished black shoes. I couldn't get away quickly enough.

There is a sequel to this story and it is now late evening the same day. Again I am sitting in the train waiting for it to depart London for Gloucester and this time the compartment is full of tired business passengers except for the middle seat next to me. It is also a non-smoking compartment. Struggling along the corridor, with lots of hand luggage and with a cigarette hanging out of his mouth, is the same gentleman with whom I had had the embarrassing newspaper experience that morning. He slides open the compartment door looks in and, as he makes for the unoccupied seat, the businessman on the end in a loud and aggressive voice, barks at him, "You can't come in here, this is a non-smoking compartment". The guy looks at me and looks at the shouting bloke opposite, he rolls his eyes in disbelief and trundles off down the corridor to find somewhere else to park his weary body. I bet in later years he had quite an after-dinner story to tell his guests of a trip he once made to London.

Let's jump a few years on and I am visiting Kalgoorlie with our branch manager John. This trip was to let the mining industry there know about our new ball valves to handle metal ore slurry, sulphuric acid, and other such like nasties. Additionally, we were also there to find an agent to represent us in the area. I will not bore you with the technical details of this visit, but I mention it because of an amusing experience we had on the first evening at our motel. This very same week the Governor of Western Australia, was on what would be his final visit to outback WA before retiring the following year. He was also staying at the same motel as John and I but we did not know this until later. I can't remember the name of the motel, but it is now known as 'Rydges Kalgoorlie', a luxury four-and-a-half-star accommodation. We booked in late in the afternoon and I fronted up to the receptionist ahead of John. When I told her my name, she told me that both of us had been upgraded to luxury rooms and hoped that we would have a very good stay with them, and dinner would be at 7:30 pm and ... 'on the house'!

Later on, John and I met to go to dinner in the motel restaurant and we were greeted at the door of the restaurant by a bevy of attendants who ushered us with some ceremony to our seats at quite a large, beautifully set up, dinner table. As we chatted, other guests arrived and sat alongside us. To our immediate left was a lady accompanying Professor Geoffrey Blainey AC. Professor Blainey is a prominent Australian historian, academic, philanthropist and commentator with a wide international audience. Next to us on our right sat the Governor of Western Australia, Sir Francis Theodore Page Burt, AC, KCMG, QC accompanied by his wife and a 'femme aide de camp' officer soldier, and to the 'south' there was the Mayor and his entourage. As I said, in the middle of all this were John Miller and Geoff Stokes! Although we were included in the cross-table conversations, there were not unnoticeable peculiar looks passing backward and forward with strange whisperings to the attendant restaurant staff. Why had we been elevated to this position we asked ourselves. It was not until the following morning that an explanation was offered to us by the same receptionist who had booked us into the motel last evening. At that time, she was not aware that I was not Pastor Geoffrey Stokes who should have been here with his wife, Dr. Christine Jeffries-Stokes, a Kalgoorlie pediatrician. The receptionist had allocated their table places to me, this Geoffrey Stokes, on the strength of my name alone!

Fortunately for everyone that night, Pastor Geoffrey and his wife didn't turn up! Pastor Geoffrey is a well-loved Aboriginal activist who has fought hard for the welfare and rights of his Wongutha people and, indeed, all Aborigines. The Kalgoorlie-Boulder City Council had named an avenue after him for all the work he has done throughout the area – *Geoffrey Stokes Parade*. All this was unknown to us at the time so we later celebrated the fact that we were in such close company as the Queen's representative in Western Australia, the Governor, together with a distinguished professor of history and the Mayor of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, Ron Yuryevich accompanied by his charming wife. We had a lot of chuckles on our way back to Perth revelling in the short-term importance of the two representatives of a fluid flow valve company.

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Some Interesting Tales from my Working Days *from previous page*

Here's a really embarrassing experience I had on the job. I left home very early one morning to drive to the Mobil Refinery in Altona so that I and our overseas manager from the UK, who was with me, could talk to the Mobil chief engineer about the advantages of our valves well in time before his own planned manager's meeting. Everything went well but I could see that he was continually looking at the floor. It wasn't until we left his office, and I might add, the meeting was eventually successful, that I noticed my shoes. This was what he had been looking at because I saw to my horror that in my haste to get away on that dark early morning I had put on a black shoe and on the other foot, a brown shoe! Wow - did I feel embarrassed. yes, I did! It was another day during this same UK manager's visit that I took him to lunch to an up-market pub in Footscray; accompanying us was our Victorian Branch Manager. As we approached the restaurant door a young attendant came up to us and I said to him, "Three please", meaning we would like a table for three people please. He replied in a strong contemptuous voice, "You'll get no free peas here mate"! It took some minutes to regain order and to rephrase my request with a contrived Australian accent!

On my first business trip to Western Australia in 1970, Andrew, our Australian Managing Director, came over from Melbourne, mid-week, to join us in commencing negotiations to cancel our existing agency agreement and start up our own branch office in Perth. Andrew had flown over to Perth in a commercial aircraft piloted by his golfing friend and he had invited him to dinner that evening with Dennis, our new WA Manager, Dennis's wife and, of course, me. The conversation was very masculine; industrial valves, work, airlines and golf and so, trying to start up a new conversation, Dennis's wife asked the airline pilot if his wife was worried about him when he was up in the air flying and of the dangers involved. "Oh no, not at all", said the airline Captain, "She knows I can handle the hostesses very well, I have been in this job for a long time". We were flabbergasted; we thought he would have answered her with his thoughts and explanations of the physical dangers of flying – perhaps he did! Dennis arrived on the Monday morning to pick me up from my hotel to take me to visit his clients and to introduce to them this new design of ball valve. He was wearing shorts, long socks, polished shoes and a short sleeve shirt with no tie. I opened the door to him dressed in an immaculate suit. He was quite seriously put out and told me that I couldn't visit his clients dressed like this. "This is Australia", he said, "And it's summer. You're not in the UK now you know!". So ... our first job was to buy me a pair of shorts and long socks. We did just that and returned to the hotel for me to change and take off my tie and roll up my sleeves, Australian style. So ...off we went to the very large BP Refinery at Kwinana for a presentation of our new valve product to the site engineers. We arrived at the refinery gate and the security guard said in a very loud voice. "You can't come in here dressed like that. You should know that you have to wear long trousers and have long sleeves on your shirt, and boots for safety reasons". I didn't have to ask Dennis if he had ever been here before!

Away from work, and during our first days in Australia, Olive and I were taken to a restaurant one evening to enjoy a smorgasbord and dancing afterwards. Our party was all seated in a side room to eat so we couldn't really see what was happening on the dance floor. We, as strangers to Oz had no idea what the normal thing was to do at this time so I got up from our table and asked the hovering lady waiter if we could dance now. She looked at me - quite shocked - and said, "I am so sorry sir but I am not allowed to dance with our customers". Again, there had to be a detailed explanation to her that that wasn't what I meant!

Finally, there is another dinner story you may find amusing. This time it was our new Australian friends Peter and Margaret who joined us for dinner. at our new brand home in Templestowe, I suppose it would be about four weeks after we had arrived in Australia. We had invited them as a 'Thank you for your help' gesture, and to show them how Olive could cook a great meal, real English style. The entrée was a roll mop (a pickled herring) soaked overnight in cherry brandy and garnished with capers, lettuce etc., and a creamy sauce. Olive and I had eaten this dish before and we had found it quite delicious. Peter took one look at this colourful entrée and said, "I'm so sorry, I just can't eat raw goldfish". No explanation of the components in the dish could change his mind! Olive had cooked an exotic chicken meal for the main course and, after all the fuss about the starter; she hoped that this course would make up for the rejection of the first. Not so, it went from bad to worse when Margaret announced that she didn't eat chicken! She did eventually pick away at it. Since then and even to today Peter and Margaret bring up the subject of that English evening long ago when we tried to feed them goldfish for dinner! She would also tell you about our first Aussie barbecue that we went to at their house in Warrandyte to meet their family. She asked us to "Bring a plate". We did just that because we thought they were short of crockery! We didn't know it was an Australian term for 'Bring some food with you to cook on the barbecue!'



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Well all I can say this month is that people buy without fear. These 3 homes all sold without a physical inspection! Combined, 47 buyers viewed these home by either Zoom inspections or video walkthroughs and average days on market was 8.

Also of interest I took over the sale campaign of 138 Moody Street as the original agent was unable to secure a sale over the past 90 days. That home is now under offer awaiting on finance approval and sold against 3 offers and was on the market for 5 days.

As you can see I am still selling homes with outstanding results for our Vendors even in Covid lockdown with the largest market share locally and the shortest days on market. Over the last year many local sellers have made the smart move to sell with me. Why? Reliable, honest, skilled and most of all being local for 40 years I care what happens in our town. What more do you need

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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.

Lions Recycle for Sight Australia



Lions Recycle for Sight Australia is part of the Lions Clubs International Worldwide Eyeglass Recycling Program, headquartered in Queensland and operating throughout Australia and overseas.

We receive requests from humanitarian organisations either travelling to a developing country or supplying shipping container loads of suitable humanitarian aid from Australia to groups in these countries.

Over the 26 years that the Australian program has operated, the program, has delivered over 7 million pair of refurbished quality spectacles to men, women and children in need in Africa, Europe, Middle East, Indian Sub-

continent, East Asia, and the Far East, China, the countries of the Pacific Rim and Southern Asia and Oceania. In the past 10 years several members of our Marine Branch have been able to use their oceangoing yachts to reach and test villagers, in the remotest areas for eyesight and deliver spectacles to them.

If you have spectacles, hearing aids or unused contact lenses for the Recycle for Sight program, please drop them into the Koo Wee Rup Lions Op Shop when it reopens.



A Victorian Lions Club Project

The Lions Rheumatism and Arthritis Medical Research Foundation Australia was established by the Lions Clubs of Elwood to support the development of Rheumatism and Arthritis Research for the benefit of the population within the five Lions Club Districts encompassing Victoria and Southern New South Wales.

This is a Lions International District 201V1-4 project and is currently run by elected members from the following Lions Clubs; Northcote, Heidelberg-Warringal and Essendon, for the Victorian Lions Districts.



The primary role of the Foundation is to create a Capital Fund to support research programmes through liaison with Lions Clubs, Charitable Trusts and Corporations.

The latest donation from Lions Clubs of \$78000 plus funds from Monash was made to purchase a Tecan Microplate Reader.

Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) is an auto-immune disease, in many ways similar to lupus, that causes pain and swelling of the joints. The normal role of your body's immune system is to fight off infections to keep you healthy. In an autoimmune disease, your immune system starts attacking your own healthy tissues. In RA, the immune system targets the lining of the joints, causing inflammation and joint damage. RA usually affects smaller joints, such as the joints in the hands and feet. However larger joints such as the hips and knees can also be affected.

Osteo Arthritis (OA) sometimes called degenerative joint disease or degenerative arthritis. OA is the most common chronic condition of the joints, affecting approximately up to 5 million Australians. OA can affect any joint, but it occurs most often in the knees, hips lower back and neck, small joints of the fingers and bases of the thumb and big toe.



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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 a 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 anyway drifted apart. 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.

Covid-19 Vaccines are new 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 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: geoffrestokes@geoffstokes.com. Your email will be acknowledged.

Geoff Stokes



Koo Wee Rup Bowls Club

Pennant competitions are due to commence on Saturday 16th Oct. & Tuesday 19th Oct. [midweek] at this stage. Hopefully we will be able to organize a couple of practice matches before then. Our Sunday social bowls has been a "little scratchy" with lockdowns & weather, but we will continue and try to get a few more games in. Keep a watch on the KooWeeRup facebook page for further information. All Winter events were very "hit & miss", but we are hopeful of being able to play shortly. We will keep members informed as to when we can commence playing again.



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- Scouts – 7:00 to 9:00pm Wednesday
- Venturers - 7:00 to 9:00pm Friday
- Rovers - 8:00 till late Friday

Scouting is still going. We can't see each other in person yet, but it is great to be



able to see all the youth members on our screens using Zoom and other video chat platforms.

Joeys and Scouts got inventive with rubber ducks (or small toy) and built them a campsite.

Cubs have done some science, games and around the world learning about flags.

Venturers made igloos with ice cubes, trivia night and cooked with chef Dale to make a Southern fried chicken burger.

Rovers have made pasta bridges, drawn a landscape, and just hung out.



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

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The two rooms will be situated to the left of our staff carpark adjacent to the old school house. The move makes room for construction to begin at the front of the school. I have included some images of the building below. This building is going to provide a fabulous learning space for our students.

It is anticipated the building will be completed around March next year. Some early planning meetings with the architects have begun for our Gymnasium Project which it is anticipated will begin late 2022.

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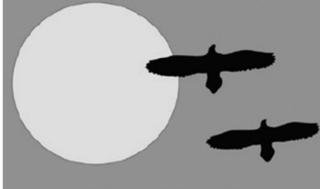


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New Location for the Cardinia Environment Coalition Indigenous Plant Nursery

The Cardinia Environment Coalition was formed in 1998, to protect and enhance the natural environment in Cardinia Shire, engage with the community about environmental issues, manage areas of public land for their environmental values and support our member groups. We also run an indigenous nursery, supplying locally native plants to the community, environmental groups, government agencies and other organisations, to increase the native habitat available in the Cardinia Shire.

We are passionate about environmental protection, building interest about our local environment, environmental education and supporting our member groups in these areas. If you would like to volunteer with us, or collaborate with us on a project, please don't hesitate to get in touch!

Our new Indigenous plant Nursery facility located at Deep Creek Reserve is set up. We have had the support of many locals and are hoping to see more soon, (COVID-19 restrictions permitting)! We have a wide range of indigenous plants; this means they are locally native to the Cardinia shire region. The address is 62 Cameron Way, Pakenham 3810, also known as the Deep Creek Reserve. We are open for retail sales on Fridays between 9am and 12pm.

For any enquires contact: 03 5941 8446 or email: info@cecinc.net.au. If you need to contact the nursery directly, the phone number is: 03 5947 7871. You can also find us on Facebook by searching; CEC: Cardinia Environment Coalition.



Pilates at Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service

This group which usually meets Monday nights and Saturday mornings, has been cut off at the knees, not just because of the restriction on exercise programs, but also because our groups meet in the community room at Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service.

As you are aware the restrictions on aged care facilities and hospitals, have been far greater and for much longer, than the general community. Hence, we were slower to restart after each lockdown, since we must comply with the restrictions that this organisation has faced.

So, all we can do is be optimistic that we will be able to offer Chair Based Pilates (new group) and the long-standing Mat Based Pilates groups again soon. Hopefully this can occur in November, based on positive feedback regarding the easing of restrictions.

I'll let regulars know when we get the green light to restart.

In the meantime, some tips to work on your core strength, flexibility and balance are:

- **Keep moving** in whatever small or significant ways you can. Walking, bike riding, running, gardening, cleaning or even chair based movement to get the blood flowing.
- Try a **wall push out** if you can't get onto the floor. Arms wide and about shoulder height and gently push away from the wall. This helps engage your core and uses the resistance of your body to build strength.
- **Use anything out of the pantry** such as cans or bottles as hand weights and do arm extensions and lifts initially with one arm then progressing to both arms at the same time. Why not just carry a few bags of groceries instead of putting them in a trolley???? (Opportunistic exercise).
- For **balance try the Yoga Walk** where you lift one foot very slowly at a time allowing mental relaxation and concentration, as well as a balance challenge. Remember the slower the better.
- **Whilst sitting rotate arms and legs slowly**, and get your blood flowing, in the same way we are encouraged to do on the long-haul flights, which are currently part of our distant memories.

Remember all these movement opportunities, are based on **functional exercise at your own individual level**. What we can't replace at present is the social aspect of exercise with friends and family in the same way we have been used to.

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Koo Wee Rup RSL Sub Branch Report

Continued from September Report

The Sydney-Kormoran engagement is remembered because of Sydney's tragic loss and due to the controversy surrounding her sinking. For a long time, our nation struggled to understand how our greatest maritime disaster occurred – how could a merchant raider sink the price of our navy? Speculation was rife. Had German survivors shared an accurate account of the engagement? Had a third party been involved? Most notably had a Japanese submarine been involved in the sinking and most importantly, why were there no survivors from our warship. These unanswered questions haunted those who served and the families of those brave sailors who never came home. Sadly, many loved ones died not knowing with certainty how their husband, father, son, brother, uncle, nephew, or friend had died – it was and is a deep wound on the heart of our nation.

Through the commitment and dedication of a few men led by Ted Graham, the founder of the Search for Sydney foundation, raised the five million dollars required to conduct a search for the Sydney's wreck. I should include many other men and women whose names I do not know who worked with all their might to help raise the money. One lady whose name comes to mind is that of the foundation director Glenis McDonald.

Finding the wrecks of, first, the Kormoran and then the Sydney in March 2008 put in train a process that would bring about a sense of closure to the surviving relatives of those who died and provides us with a greater understanding of the circumstances surrounding the loss of Sydney.

A bit of background information. The German auxiliary cruisers Orion, Komet, Pinguin and Kormoran terrorised the high seas in a forgotten naval campaign during the early years of WWII. After departing Germany, these raiders voyaged across the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian oceans, as well as the Arctic and Antarctic, sinking Allied merchant ships in Australian and New Zealand waters. Their extraordinary voyages are maritime sagas in the finest tradition of seafaring, and they fought a successful 'pirate war' in the middle of the twentieth century, sinking or capturing 62 ships.

Kormoran left Germany early in January of 1941 disguised as a Russian freighter and patrolled the Central Atlantic. A 3700-ton Greek freighter, Antonis, was sighted. The crew of the freighter could not offer meaningful resistance and the captain obeyed the order to stop. The Greek prisoners were ordered off their ship and boarded the Kormoran. The Antonis was carrying coal and was scuttled by the boarding party. Not many days later, they sighted the 7000-ton tanker, British Union. The tanker was in ballast and the crew did all they could to prevent their ship falling into German hands or being sunk. The radio operator stayed at his post broadcasting what was taking place and the ship's position, and again, after their ship was shelled and on fire, the surviving members took to their lifeboats and the tanker was torpedoed.

Before January ended the 12000-ton Blue Star Line freighter Afric Star bound for Britain from Buenos Aires carrying a shipment of frozen meat and butter, fell victim to the Kormoran and, as the Afric Star did her best to avoid being captured, she suffered too much damage to be taken to Germany and was also sunk by a torpedo. Only two hours after the sinking of the Afric Star, another ship was spotted in the evening darkness and those on the Kormoran set a converging course. The 5700-ton British Blue Funnel Line freighter, Eurylochus, had left Glasgow in convoy with a cargo of 16 heavy bombers bound for Egypt and became separated from the convoy. Only 3200 metres separated the two ships when the captain of the Eurylochus was ordered to stop. The captain ordered full speed and his radio operator broadcast a raider warning. Both ships were in a fire fight, but the Eurylochus only had one stern gun and the gunner was blinded by the Kormoran's search lights and again the radio operator stayed at his post until he and all around him was destroyed by gun fire and this ship was also torpedoed while those that survived watched from two lifeboats and two rafts. Three British cruisers converged on the area and the Kormoran wasted no time leaving and headed south-east.

In May of 1941 the Kormoran rounded the Cape of Good Hope, entering the Indian Ocean. It was about this time that her captain (Detmers) received news that their most successful raider was sunk by HMS Cornwall with all but about 30 of her crew. In June the unarmed Yugoslav steamer, Velebit, of 4200 ton became another victim. She was shelled and ablaze and many of her sailors had died, others lowered a lifeboat (9 men) while some remained on board to extinguish the fire. Detmers had the 9 survivors brought on board the Kormoran and left the Velebit to sink in her own time; but the men on board managed to extinguish the fire and the ship drifted and eventually ran aground in the Andaman Islands.

Next came the Australian steamer Mareeba which was transporting sugar. After being challenged, Captain Skinner ordered his radio to broadcast a raider warning. Three salvos brought the Mareeba to a stop and, too badly damaged to be used in any way, was scuttled by the boarding party. The Mareeba's garbled raider warning had been received, alerting the Allies, but by the time it was confirmed the Kormoran was present in the Indian Ocean, and it was too late to do anything about it, the raider had disappeared, and nobody knew where she had gone.

I hope to conclude the Sydney-Kormoran story in November – in the meantime we remember the men of HMAS Sydney for they have a special place in the hearts of all who served, relatives and many others.

We will remember them, lest we forget.

Yours Aye, John Camilleri, KWR RSL Sub Branch, 5629 4242



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Friday 22 October, 10.30am - 12.00pm

Accessible Telecoms Service (Telecommunication Information Session)

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Accessible Telecoms is a service that helps seniors and people with a disability find phones, tablets, accessories, apps and technology training that is suitable for them. The Accessible Telecoms Service is provided by the Australian Communications Consumer Action. Network, ACCAN.

Friday 22 October, 1.30pm - 2.00pm

Benefits of Digital Technology in Health and Wellness

Home-based using Zoom.

Learn how to perform online searches, use links and bookmark items. Look at sites to keep your brain active and engaged by learning something new. Discover how to partake in online classes, online appointments, online games etc.



Be Connected
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Friday 22 October, 2.30pm - 4.00pm

Attend our Get Online day on Friday 22 October and you will go into the prize draw for the opportunity to win a backup hard drive valued at over \$100. *Participants must register or already be registered, on the Be Connected training website to be eligible for the prize. Registration details will be provided after you book a session.

Heat, Health Information Session

Home-based using Zoom.

Are you prepared for extreme heat? Extreme heat can affect anybody. Heat can cause illnesses such as heat cramps and heat exhaustion which can lead to heatstroke which is fatal in up to 80% of cases. Those most at risk are older people, young children and people with a medical condition. This free interactive session covers the risks, what you can do to keep yourself and your family safe and keep your home and yourself cool plus heat wave planning.

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Mondays commencing 18 October for 8 sessions (No class 1 November), 10.00am - 12.30pm Cost \$30

Microsoft Office Essentials

Home-based using Zoom.

Get up and running with Microsoft's free cloud-based online Office apps. All you need is a device with internet connection. The course covers essential operations of titles such as Word, Excel and PowerPoint. Learn, manage and share files in OneDrive and see what Sway, Forms and OneNote are used for.

Fridays commencing 29 October for 7 sessions, 9.30am - 12.30pm. Cost \$35 (includes course notes)

Microsoft Office - The Next Step

Home-based using Zoom.

During this course, you will delve deeper into the free online apps, particularly Word, Excel and PowerPoint, but also Sway (digital story telling app), Forms and One Note. This course is ideal for those that have a basic understanding along with a Microsoft account and knowledge of OneDrive and Office Online.

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

It's October 2021 and we are still in lock down, with the Men's Shed definitely out of bounds. As the Victorian Government slowly develops the road map out of Covid-19 restrictions, it appears as if October the 26th will be the day that the 'Shed will be able to open up again. As soon as we are really sure of a date, we will let all of our members know with a quick text about our future plans and what we propose to do in detail.

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 so that he can add you to the data base. 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 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 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 townspeople who really do need our aid right now. The Church works closely with the Men's Shed, also they have 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

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: - As almost everyone is sharing recipe's whilst they're in lock down at home, here's a really good one which we know you will love.

The best fruit cake recipe ever.

Ingredients:	1 cup of butter
1 cup of sugar	4 large eggs
1 cup dried fruit	2 cups flour
1 tsp baking powder	1 tsp of baking soda
1 tbs lemon juice	1 cup brown sugar
1 cup nuts	1 or 2 litres of aged whisky

Before you start, sample the whisky to check for absolute quality. Now commence your cake making. Select a large mixing bowl, measuring cup, etc. Check the whisky again as it has to be exactly at room temperature. To be sure the whisky is of the finest quality, pour 1 level cup into a drinking glass and drink it as fast as you can . Repeat. With an electric mixer, beat 1 cup of butter in a large fluffy bowl. Add 1 teaspoon of sugar and beat the hell out of it again.

Meanwhile at this parsnicular point in time, wake sure that the whixkey hasn't gone bad whilst you weren't lookin'. Open second litre if nestessary. Add 2 large peggs, 2 cups of fried druit and beat 'til high. If druit gets stuck in peaters, just pry the monsters loosh with a drewscraver.

Example the whiksty again, shecking for confistancy. Then shitf in 2 cups of salt or destergent or whatever, like anyone gives a @%#! Chample the whitchey shum more. Shitf in shum lemon zhoosh. Fold in chopped sputter and shrained snuts. Add 100 babblespoons of brown booger or whushever's closhest and mix well. Greash ubben and turn the cakey pan to 180 centogrobe. Now pour the whole mesh into the washin' machine and set on sinsh shycke. Check dat whixney wunsh more and YOU'RE FINCHED!*

Geoff Stokes

Lions Club of Koo Wee Rup and District

Covid 19 has been a local disaster



Since the lockdown began local not for profit groups have lost their ability to offer their traditional support to our community. We must explore ways of working within the rules to offer the support the community needs. Some things such as the benefit our students get from the competitions we run in schools and beyond, cannot be recovered. But we can raise funds, even in lockdown.

Lions have put together a Trailer Raffle where the prize is a Galvanised tip trailer full of useful items around the home. A BBQ, compost bin, garden tools, a wheelbarrow, plant seeds, telescopic tree pruner, large car fridge to name a few. At the time of writing this article we are assembling the prize and finalising an agreement with an online ticket seller so we can offer a contact free way for someone to win a great prize, and local groups can fund their activities. The prize will be worth over \$5,000.

A banner for a 'MONSTER RAFFLE' featuring the Lions, Schools, and Scouts logos. The text reads: 'LIONS - SCHOOLS - SCOUTS MONSTER RAFFLE DRAWN AT CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT - 11th DECEMBER, 2021'. The banner includes the Lions International logo on the left and the Scouts Victoria logo on the right.

Tickets are available on line for \$5 each, 5 for \$20 or 13 for \$50. from Lions, Bayles Regional Primary School, Koo Wee Rup Primary School or 1st Koo Wee Rup Scout Group. The raffle will be drawn at Koo Wee Rup Carols By Candlelight on the 11th of December.

A large, bold, black text graphic that says 'WIN THE LOT' inside a white rectangular border.

Last time we ran a raffle for Carols by Candlelight the family that won the prize were so excited they screamed with delight and danced across to collect their trailer full of goodies. I'm told they took what they needed and donated the rest of the goods to people who had lost so much in the East Gippsland fires. What a great result.

By supporting this raffle you are helping our Lions, Schools and Scouts who contribute so much to our communities in an effort to build a better life for all.

If you would like to put something back into your community by offering your ideas to improve the quality of life in our area, please call Ron Payne on 5997 1916. We would be happy to answer all your questions.

Good luck with the raffle.

Heart Foundation Walking Evening Group recommences:

This group only walks during the six months of daylight saving from October to March as we walk evenings at 7 pm (every Thursday night). That time is not possible over the cooler winter months as it's just too dark.

So, our historic start date is the first Thursday after daylight saving restarts in October each year. And yes, that time of the year is here again. This year that would be 7 pm Thursday 7th October from the Koo Wee Rup Clock Tower in Rossiter Rd.

HOWEVER, at the time of submitting this article, it's not known if we are reopening faster or slower. Last year we were able to commence walking as soon as a group outdoors of 10 people was permitted, and we all needed to wear a mask. There has been no word from Heart Foundation Walking officially regarding our walks, so we will comply with the organisation's response to government mandates. I'll post on Facebook, as soon as we hear and anyone interested, is welcome to contact me and then I'll definitely let you know when we start.

Things went well over our 2020 to 2021 season, and it's been great to see some of our regulars out there pounding the pavement either alone or with just one buddy.

Generally, we have several social walks at Cardinia Lakes in Pakenham with an outdoor take away tea afterwards. That was not difficult to continue at the end of Lockdown 2 last year, and we also managed our Christmas pub dinner and end of walking season break up dinner, at the end of March.

So, fingers crossed that our social aspects of Heart Foundation Walking will continue again this season.

You may not be aware there are also two daytime groups that walk under the Heart Foundation Walking banner. These meet at 9 am Monday and Thursday also at the Clock Tower.

Keep moving and stay well

Marlene (Evening Walk Organiser) 0429 814410



There's a fun, FREE and easy way to feel happy and healthy. It's walking – and everyone is welcome to take part.

Come along to our regular walks to meet new friends and boost your health.

What: Thursday Evening Walkers.

When: 7.00 pm every Thursday during daylight saving. Starts in October 2021 as soon as restrictions for outside groups are eased.

COVID recovery will be allowing 10 walkers, complying with social distancing and registering.

Where: Koo Wee Rup Clock Towers Rossiter Rd KWR

FREE daylight saving group. Ring Marlene 0429 814410

Creating a safer Cardinia – free workshops

Cardinia Shire Council is hosting free online community workshops to mark Community Safety Month in October.

Community members are encouraged to jump online and take part in community safety and emergency preparedness workshops kicking off on 6 October.

The online workshops will take place every Wednesday and Thursday evening from 7.30pm to 8.30pm.

The topics will include home, property and personal safety awareness, residential emergency planning, online safety awareness, bushfire preparedness, family violence awareness, farming and agriculture emergency planning, alcohol and drug use and Cardinia Shire community-led emergency management groups.

All residents are encouraged to take part in the online workshops to help make a "Safer Cardinia". Community safety is a leading priority for Council. They are committed to working in partnership with other agencies and organisations however this requires a whole-of-community response. This is a great opportunity for our community to come together and learn about community safety and emergency preparedness.

To register for a workshop, email j.campos@cardinia.vic.gov.au

For more information, visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/events

What's On Cardinia Festival to showcase art, creatives and businesses



Caity Henryk plays at Pakenham's Cardinia Cultural Centre

EOI's which can be found at the link listed below.

Businesses and local creatives are encouraged to put their hand up to be involved in our What's On Cardinia Festival.

This has been an incredibly challenging year for not only our businesses but also our local creatives and this upcoming festival is one-way council can help to bring the community together. Whether you are a musician who wants to play a gig, a visual artist who wants to exhibit or a business who would like to welcome a creative into your venue, we want to hear from you. What's On Cardinia Festival will be a showcase of all things Cardinia Shire and an opportunity for us to reconnect as the vibrant community which we are.

Jump online and sign up to be part of this amazing festival.

For more information and to register an EOI, visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/whatsoncardiniefestival.

Planning is in full swing for Cardinia Shire's first What's On Cardinia Festival.

The month-long festival will celebrate all things Cardinia Shire, designed to showcase local art, creatives and businesses to our community and the wider region.

The festival will promote local artists/creatives to perform and display in venues and businesses around the Shire including the Cardinia Cultural Centre in Pakenham and the Hills Hub in Emerald.

Once restrictions have eased, the festival will begin; however, the planning is well under way.

We are seeking to engage with local creatives who want to be part of the What's on Cardinia Festival and match them with local business via



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Find out more on the Better Health Channel <www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/thunderstormasthma>

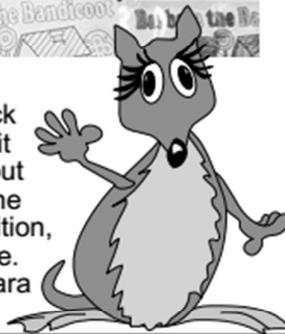
Do you have asthma or hay fever?

Protect yourself from the risk of thunderstorm asthma this pollen season



Barbara the Bandicoot

Thanks for all the positive feedback on the 'Have you seen Babs' fun, it was great to see families getting out and about. Thanks also to everyone who entered our colour-in competition, winners will be contacted by phone. Keep an eye out for more of Barbara adventures in the future.



Pictured above residents enjoy Grand Final celebrations and below Michael Ventura is overcome with joy on the win.



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Mr Nutting 'invents' a new type of Ute

By Heather Arnold, Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society

The Argus newspaper of October 13, 1936 published the following article -
A NEW TYPE OF COUPE UTILITY Victorian's Invention

An interesting variation of the coupe utility type of coachwork has been invented in Victoria. It gives all the goods carrying facilities of the usual type, but the tray can be converted to a lorry type in a few seconds, or can be folded so that the vehicle is indistinguishable from an ordinary private coupe car. Last week Mr. A. C. Nutting, the proprietor of general stores at Garfield and Catani, who was largely responsible for the design, demonstrated a vehicle built to his specifications to General Motors-Holden's Ltd., who have expressed considerable interest in it.

Mr. Nutting has used the vehicle for some time in his business, and claims that it has several advantages over the usual coupe utility. For example, it can protect bulky loads from the weather; it can be adjusted to take long articles which extend over the rear of the vehicle; and when folded down does not possess the appearance of a commercial vehicle, and, consequently, does not look out of place for social use.

The construction is simple. The boot cover, which is substantially built, is hinged in two places, so that when unfolded half of it forms an extension to the floor of the boot and the other half forms the rear flap of the goods tray. On this rear flap the two side pieces are hinged. Mr. Nutting's car is a Ford Ten, and the floor space for goods obtained with his patented coachwork is about 5ft. 3in. by 4ft. It is believed that a rather similar type of coachwork has been developed with considerable success in America.

I don't believe Mr Nutting's design went into full production, but it was an innovative solution which allowed him to carry out deliveries in a motor car, rather than having to purchase a truck, and this was the same rationale behind the invention of the standard Utility. There are various versions on the Internet as to how and why the Ford utility was invented - the story goes that in 1932 or 1933 a 'farmers wife' from Gippsland wrote to Ford Australia asking if they could produce a vehicle which could be used for 'going to church on Sunday and to take the pigs to market on Monday'. I have read somewhere that the farmer's wife was actually from Bunyip. The Managing Director of Ford, Hubert French, passed the letter onto Louis Thornet Bandt of the design team and the first Ford coupe utility was built at Ford's Geelong Plant in 1934. The Ford Utility thus predates Mr Nutting's 'invention' by two years, but the benefit of his design was that goods could be carried in the standard boot, or the space could be extended to take longer items and a cover could also be fitted for protection from rain.

Who was Mr Nutting? Arthur Clive Nutting was born in Carlton on February 19, 1896 to George and Emilie (nee Sears) Nutting. George was a tinsmith and the family lived at 70 McIlwraith Street in North Carlton. On April 27, 1916 Arthur enlisted in the A.I.F. His occupation was listed as a Clerk and he was 20 years old. Arthur embarked on May 20 and after serving overseas he returned to Australia July 23, 1919. Arthur also served in the Volunteer Defence Corps in the Second World War. In April 1920, Arthur was admitted as a Licentiate of the Incorporated Institute of Accountants. During the early 1920s he was employed in the Commonwealth Public Service War Service Home Commission until his resignation in November 1922.



Above, as a coupe. In the centre, opened for carrying goods which may extend over the rear platform. Below, as a utility with bows in place for covering in wet weather.

The caption of the picture in the article reads -Above, as a coupe. In the centre, opened for carrying goods which may extend over the rear platform. Below, as a utility with bows in place for covering in wet weather.

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In 1923, Arthur married Connie Eunice Grace Smith, the daughter Andrew and Emily (nee Wildman) Smith. They had three children that I can trace - Donald George, Robert Arthur and Heather Elizabeth. The family lived at 292 Riversdale Road in Auburn until 1926 when they moved to Catani to operate the General Store. The store had been established by Robert Bush in 1922 in the newly created town on the Koo Wee Rup to Strzelecki Railway line. In November 1927, Arthur successfully applied to the Cranbourne Shire to install a petrol pump in front of the shop. He also applied at the same time to the Licensing Court for a Spirit's Merchant's and Grocer's Licence. Whilst living at Catani the family took part in the social life of the community - in February 1927 Arthur was the Secretary of the Yannathan and Catani Picnic Race Club and the next year he was the President of the Catani Tennis Club.

In January 1929, the family had a narrow escape from a fire, an unusual fire, except if you are living in a town on a reclaimed Swamp, like Catani was - this is the report from *The Age* - *The store of Mr. Nutting, of Catani, narrowly escaped destruction by fire yesterday. The peat near the store had been burning for some days, and yesterday's high wind caused the fire to spread rapidly. Owing to the peat burning some distance under the surface, a trench had to be dug on three sides of the buildings. A large number of neighboring farmers gave valuable assistance in saving the premises. The railway buildings were also threatened at one stage* (*The Age*, January 19, 1929)

In 1930, the Nuttings, who had been renting the Catani store from Robert Bush, purchased a store in Garfield, however he still continued to operate the Catani store until 1936, as far as I can tell from the Cranbourne Shire Rate books. They moved to Garfield around 1932.

Arthur was a man who saw a future in motor cars, because in 1934 he applied to the Berwick Shire to have a petrol pump installed in front of his store and this was granted. Once again, the family involved themselves with the community - in 1933 Arthur was elected as President of the Garfield Golf Club and he was later the Secretary; in 1935 Connie was the Secretary of the newly formed Baby Health Care Centre in Garfield and she was also the Vice President of the Mothers Club.

It was in October 1936 when Arthur demonstrated a vehicle built to his specifications to General Motors-Holden's Ltd. The Nuttings, as well as operating the store at Garfield also had a farm as there are a numerous references of sales of his merino sheep in the Newmarket sales reports. The farm was sold in 1945 and the store was sold in 1950, but the Nuttings had already left Garfield for Black Rock in 1943, where they lived at 32 Ebdon Avenue.

The Nuttings moved to the original house in Black Rock, Black Rock House, which had been built in 1856 for Charles Ebdon - the house gave the suburb its name. In August 1973, Arthur Nutting applied to the Sandringham Council for permission to demolish the house to build flats. The application to demolish the house was refused, after some involvement from the National Trust and other interested parties. The property is now owned by Bayside Council and is open for guided tours.

Arthur Nutting, World War One veteran, Accountant, Storekeeper and the inventor of a new type of Ute, died November 13, 1978, aged 82 and his wife, Connie, died April 10, 1983, aged 81.

I originally wrote this for Casey Cardinia Links to our Past blog – see the original here which has all the sources <https://caseycardinialinkstoourpast.blogspot.com/2021/09/mr-nutting-invents-new-type-of-ute.html>

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 lockdown restrictions allow the next meeting is on October 13 at 7.30pm. New members welcome. The Museum is open the first and third Sundays of the month from 1.30pm until 4.30pm (subject to lockdown restrictions) or by appointment. Heather Arnold harnold@dcsi.net.au 0407 521 637



The photo is Catani State School 1931 – from the Koo Wee Rup Historical Society collection. Arthur and Connie's son, Don, is fourth from left in the front row.



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