

THE KOO WEE RUP BLACKFISH



APRIL 2022

An incomplete history of The Blackfish

A few years ago, when the Koo Wee Rup Amateur Swimming Club disbanded, some early editions of The Blackfish were found on file in their club rooms. May Ridgway thoughtfully donated them to me. I don't have Issue 1, but Issue 2 is pictured here. I am assuming Issue 1 would have been published on 15 June 2001.

When The Koo Wee Rup Sun ceased publication in the early 1980s, the town was left without a source of local news. In 2001, the Swimming Club and the KWR CFA Ladies Auxiliary committed to publishing. The Swimming Club ran the newspaper in summer and the CFA Ladies in winter. Local printers PMP printed The Blackfish free of charge.

At some point, and certainly by December 2004, the Township Committee took on the production of The Blackfish. In 2005, PMP closed its doors with the loss of 97 local jobs. I've got a couple of issues from 2004 and 2005 which show that the Shire printed at least one edition free of charge and then the Township Committee had to find the money to produce it, so paid advertising was introduced.

I became editor in February 2008 and have all the editions since then on file, but I'd love to see more of the ones prior to 2008. If anybody finds a stash tucked in the back of a drawer they are willing to share, please let me know. My contact details are at the bottom of page 2.

Caroline Roff, Editor



Koo Wee Rup Township Committee Meeting

The Township held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, 2 March at the Community Centre. Township Meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 6 April at 7:30 pm at the Community Centre. All welcome.

Major Road Projects Victoria have asked to attend the May meeting to update us on the KWR-Pakenham road upgrade.

Hannah Milne, Community Development Facilitator, Cardinia Shire Council, was present and took some questions and feedback to council for response.

- Ray Brown Lane proposal - Possibly still private land so will need to approach the owner. Hannah will confirm ownership.
- Is there provision in the budget to construct a walking path from town to the Manks Road round-a-bout to connect to the new shared path being constructed with the Koo Wee Rup – Healesville Road upgrade?
- Rubbish in Southern Boundary Drain near Denhams Road could cause a flood hazard. Referred to Melbourne Water.
- Hard Rubbish collection: The new booking system means there always seems to be piles of rubbish around town. Acknowledge that it is more flexible than the old twice yearly pick up, but council needs to ensure pick-ups happen as quickly as possible and that unbooked rubbish is removed by the property owner until a collection is booked.
- Proposal for the Commonwealth Games to come to Victoria in 2026, is Cardinia Shire investigating hosting any events?

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What's on in Koo Wee Rup and District

April

Fri 1st	KWR Regional Health Service Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	Education Room, Hospital	9.30am
Fri 1st	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch & Bingo (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Sat 2nd	Mat Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	9am
Sun 3rd	Harewood Heritage Day (<i>back page</i>)	Harewood House	10am
Mon 4th	Heart Foundation Walking	Clock Towers	9am
Mon 4th	KWR Senior Citizens Indoor Bowls (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11am
Mon 4th	CWA Meeting (<i>page 25</i>)	Senior Citizens Club	7.30pm
Wed 6th	Coffee Club (<i>back page</i>)	Royal Hotel	10am
Wed 6th	Men's Shed AGM	Men's Shed	12noon
Wed 6th	Lions Club Meeting (<i>page 7</i>)	RSL Clubrooms	7pm
Wed 6th	Township Committee Meeting (<i>page 1</i>)	Community Centre	7.30pm
Thu 7th	Heart Foundation Walking	Clock Towers	9am
Fri 8th	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch & Bingo (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Sat 9th	Mat Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	9am
Sun 10th	Bayles Fauna Park Working Bee (<i>page 27</i>)	Bayles Fauna Park	9am
Mon 11th	Heart Foundation Walking	Clock Towers	9am
Mon 11th	KWR Senior Citizens Indoor Bowls (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11am
Mon 11th	Chair Pilates (<i>page 25</i>)	Eco House - Hospital	5pm
Mon 11th	Mat Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	6pm
Tue 12th	Have a Chat Chuesdays	UA Church Hall	2pm
Tue 12th	RSL Sub-Branch Monthly Meeting (<i>page 5</i>)	RSL Clubrooms	7.30pm
Tue 12th	Hall Committee Meeting	Community Centre	7.30pm
Wed 13th	KWR Swamp Historical Society Meeting (<i>page 33</i>)	KWR Museum	6pm
Thu 14th	Heart Foundation Walking	Clock Towers	9am
Fri 15th	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch & Bingo (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Sat 16th	Easter Egg Hunt (<i>back page</i>)	Cochrane Park	12noon
Mon 18th	Heart Foundation Walking	Clock Towers	9am
Mon 18th	KWR Senior Citizens Indoor Bowls (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11am
Mon 18th	CWA Craft Meeting	Senior Citizens Club	7.30pm
Wed 20th	Coffee Club	Chandelier Café	10am
Wed 20th	Lions Club Meeting	RSL Clubrooms	7pm
Thu 21st	Heart Foundation Walking	Clock Towers	9am
Fri 22nd	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch & Bingo (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Sat 23rd	Mat Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	9am
Mon 25th	Anzac Day Dawn Service	Clock Towers	5.40am
Mon 25th	Chair Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	5pm
Mon 25th	Mat Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	6pm
Thu 28th	Heart Foundation Walking	Clock Towers	9am
Fri 20th	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch & Bingo (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Sat 30th	Mat Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	9am

May

Sun 1st	Bayles Fauna Park Working Bee (early due to Mother's Day)	Bayles Fauna Park	9am
Mon 2nd	CWA Meeting	Senior Citizens Club	7.30pm
Tue 3rd	Blumes Fashion Parade (<i>page 27</i>)	Senior Citizens Club	10am
Sun 29th	KWR Swamp Historical Society Annual Luncheon (<i>page 33</i>)	Tooradin Sports Club	12noon

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

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Caroline Roff, Editor

Percy Pepper

With Anzac Day coming up this month, one of our local residents, Christine McMillan, called me to suggest that now would be a good time to remind locals of, or let them know about, Percy Pepper.

Percy was an indigenous man, one of about 880 Aboriginal people who volunteered for service in World War 1. On his return to Australia, Percy was one of the very few indigenous people granted a soldier settler block. Percy's block was part of the Koo Wee Rup soldier settlement. At that time, swamp drainage was not as good as it is today leading to regular flooding and Percy, along with most of the other settlers, could not make a living from his block. He left the area in 1924.

Percy's story is featured in Episode 4 of the Landline Series 'First Nation Farmers', which is available on ABC iview.

Vale Ken McDonald

We acknowledge the passing of Mr Kenneth Bruce McDonald of Koo Wee Rup.

Ken passed away peacefully on March 26th, aged 90 years at Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service.

Survived by his wife Margaret & 3 daughters Sandra (& James), Vicki (& Craig) and Jennifer.

Fire Restrictions to End in South East Region

The Fire Danger Period will finish at 1.00am on Monday, 28 March 2022 in Cardinia Shire



Heart Foundation Walking Evening Group

We've finished for the summer season as we only walk during daylight saving. However the daytime groups on Mondays and Thursdays at 9 am continue from the Koo Wee Rup clock towers in Rossiter Rd. THESE WALKS ARE ALL FREE.

See you again in October when the evening group restarts. This year was our 10th year of walking, and about 8 of our members have been involved all this time.

Put October in your calendar and watch for the start date in the Blackfish and on Facebook.

We had a great last few months of walking with a social evening and walk at Cardinia Lakes in February, and recently our breakup walk and final dinner. So we manage to combine exercise with pleasant company and good food.

See you soon Marlene (Walk Leader) 0429 814410

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.

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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, it has delivered over 7 million pair of refurbished quality spectacles to men, women and children in need in Africa, Europe, Middle East, India, Asia and the Pacific Rim. 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.

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Koo Wee Rup RSL Sub Branch Report

The Koo Wee Rup and District RSL held their Annual General Meeting in March, at which time the positions of President and Treasurer became vacant due to both John Camilleri and George Fittock respectively deciding to step down from their positions. Our new President is Rodney Edwards and our new Treasurer is Brian Harlow, we also welcome Geoff Stokes (well known to a lot of you) to the position of Executive Committee Member. The Koo Wee Rup RSL wish to thank John and George for their tireless efforts whilst undertaking their respective positions. We are very grateful that John has agreed to take on the position of Vice-President, John will be a great help to Rodney with his extensive knowledge about the local schools that John would visit every ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day to talk about the sacrifice our men and women made in their service of our great country.

Thank you – Beverley Edwards (Secretary)

As my first official duty I would like to invite everybody to attend the ANZAC Day Dawn Service to be held on Monday 25th April 2022. The day will commence with all those wishing to march assembling at the Clocktowers on Rossiter Road at 0540 hrs, we will march off down The Avenue of Honour at 0550 hrs finishing at the Cenotaph outside the community centre. The Dawn Service will commence at 0600 hrs concluding at approximately 0630hrs. At the conclusion of the service everybody is invited into the community centre to enjoy a gunfire breakfast of bacon & egg rolls cooked by our friends from the Koo Wee Rup and District Lions Club. We are glad to be able to get back to some sort of normality this year and go back to having the same wonderful dawn service we've all grown to love conducted by the Koo Wee Rup RSL.

If you would like to lay a wreath at the dawn service please contact our Secretary, Bev Edwards either by email at kooweerup.rsl@gmail.com or by phone on 0400 584 235.

A familiar sight at Woolworths Koo Wee Rup will be our dedicated members selling ANZAC badges so please, if you can spare a couple of dollars to buy a badge, we would be very grateful as all proceeds go to helping veterans in the Koo Wee Rup district.

In March 2021 the Koo Wee Rup RSL celebrated its 100th Anniversary, however due to Covid we were unable to hold a public celebration of the event. Therefore there will be a free BBQ and display of military memorabilia at the RSL sub-branch on Saturday 30th April 2022 – there will be flyers around town shortly advertising the event. Please come along and celebrate with us.

For those new to town who might not know about us we are located at 13-15 Station Street, next to the Shell petrol station, we meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 1930hrs (7.30pm), we're not just a bunch of "old farts" talking about the war, we have some fun get togethers and do a bit of work to support our local veterans and those in need and we would certainly welcome new members of all ages.

Rodney Edwards (President)

A Candle Of Peace

Light a candle of peace for all nations
And watch as it steadily burns.
Remember the brave fallen heroes –
Those who will never return.

In the quietness, pray for all families,
Wherever they are in the world,
Whose lives have been scarred by violence and pain,
As the banners of battle unfurled.

Light a candle of peace for all races,
All cultures and creeds of mankind,
Ask God to touch every heart with his love
So, in days to come, we will find

Peace for the whole world over,
No longer a dream or a prayer,
But something to last to tend of all time,
For the great heart of God will be there.

Marian Cleworth
Suggested by Joyce Mills

Koo Wee Rup Township Committee Meeting *(from Page 1)*

The public toilet in Rossiter is smelling very bad, a merit will be submitted through the council web site for maintenance. Garry Oates is attending a meeting of the Cardinia Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee (CAIAC) on Friday to discuss the role of the committee.

There was some discussion about the purpose of the Township Committee, especially now that it is established as a separate body and no longer linked directly to council. The Township Committee's role as Section 86 committee was as a link between the community and council. It was suggested that the committee review its purpose now that it is separate body with the aim of reviewing whether advocacy for Koo Wee Rup and conduit to council is the main role of the committee.

This discussion also touched on the lower membership of the committee and how we could attract new members. This is an issue that faces many community and volunteer committees.

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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.

New Members

We would like to welcome new members Kim Powell and Jack Napior (who has returned to our club). They were inducted at our March 2nd Meeting by Past District Governor Ian Gratton.

At the clubs meeting on 16th March, First Vice District Governor David Culpitt was introduced by Zone Chairman Ron Payne. David then inducted Ross Davis, Shona McMahon, Yvonne Reid and Mary Wilson into membership of this club. Club members present welcomed these new members to the club. 1st Vice District Governor David also presented the club with the District Governor’s bannerette and pin.

We are very happy to have new people join our club and welcome your new ideas, energy and enthusiasm.





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The Men's Shed is now open again and wants to see YOU soon.

The Friday lunch at the men's Shed is absolutely bounding along in popularity. Last Friday for instance, over 20 people from the Koo-Wee-Rup community, plus nurses, employees and volunteers of the Koo-Wee-Rup Regional Health Service, came along to the 'Shed to eat sumptuous Pizzas put together and cooked in the Men's Shed café kitchen. All of the pizzas fresh vegetable ingredients were grown in the community garden and the end result was absolutely delicious. In addition, home made quiches, sausage rolls and dim sims were also very much enjoyed. Apart from the great food, many of our guests met and chatted with others they had never met before and some new friends were made that day. So ... what's stopping you coming to the Men's Shed this coming Friday between 11:00 am and 2:00 pm? The café is open to all - anyone, young and old, ladies and gentlemen, non-members and members - yes everyone! Do come along and enjoy a low price lunch with a high nutritional value. We know you will really enjoy yourselves and you will meet some very interesting people.

Our Friday activities do not finish at the end of lunchtime either because Friday night is our 'Pool (billiards) Social Night'. Our members settle down to a pool competition and it's good fun and a great challenge because some of our members are getting very good cueing that spinning ball down the table with some surprising results. If you haven't ever played pool before then this is the place to come and learn because we have lots of budding champions only too willing to divulge their potting skills to you and to help you on your way to securing that championship trophy. Another very interesting item this last month was a presentation by the KRHS Health Promotion Team highlighting healthy eating for all. This was to promote a new booklet recently published by the team on the same subject. This was followed by a cooking demonstration of 'healthy foods' to the Men's Shed members; the signature ingredient of the dish was lentils!

Just a reminder that it is the Annual General Meeting of the Men's Shed on April the 6th 2022 at 12 mid-day. All executive and committee positions will be open and if you wish to nominate someone please contact Brian Harlow on 5997 9687 or John Farmer directly at the Men's Shed. Nominations will also be taken on the day at the start of the meeting. Now, before you forget, put the date into your diary today.

For those of you who are new to the town, the Koo-Wee-Rup Men's Shed continues to grow in stature and it is now recognized as one of the very best in Victoria 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. If you live in Koo-Wee-Rup and District or even beyond, take note that all of our very friendly members will give you a real warm welcome as you come through the door; especially our very friendly member John Farmer who has a permanent seat right next to the door! Just say, "Hello John" and he will look after you and guide you through your first five minutes and then you are here with us, a budding member. You don't have to be old either; we have a membership spanning all ages from youth to - well you know - somewhat older. Indeed, there is

always a genuine open invitation to come along, meet us and enjoy the company of some real good mates and maybe get a boost to your own health and well-being at the same time. Don't forget then, come and have a look for yourself! If you want to know more, just watch this space!

Finally, this was whispered into my ear last time I was in the 'Shed :-

"Did you hear about the man who fell into an upholstery machine?

He's fully recovered".

Geoff Stokes

KRHS Ladies Auxiliary

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Here is the latest news from the Community Advisory Committee

This first meeting in 2022 of the Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC) took place on the 15th of March with a fairly hefty Agenda to get through. Our guest speaker on the day was Brian Harlow, Youth Development Worker. Brian spoke in detail about the work he does with the youth of the district and with troubled students within our local schools. The committee listened in awe as Brian described the widespread community work that he undertakes as a mentor and as a guidance carer to these vulnerable young people. The committee also learnt a valuable lesson about this important area of youth anxiety, and sometimes depression, and what is being done throughout the district to help these distressed young people. Most of the committee were not aware of the seriousness of the problem.

At Koo-Wee-Rup Regional Health Service (KRHS), corporate orientation is held bimonthly, with a reasonable number of staff attending local orientation on commencement of their duties followed by corporate orientation at a later date. It has been identified that the corporate orientation is too focused on "housekeeping" with a preference for an increased focus on key information such as Values, Visions and Strategic Goals. The Education Team and our Quality Manager are working on an online training program which encompasses basic information to support new employees, such as payroll contact information, emergency codes, uniforms and other important information required for commencement of employment. KRHS remains committed to the inclusion of the consumer voice at corporate orientation and feel it would be a great opportunity for a member of the CAC to attend the corporate orientation in a scheduled session. Geoff Stokes has agreed to represent the CAC at corporate orientation sessions. It is anticipated that CAC attendance will commence from the next scheduled orientation session in April 2022.

A member of the committee was approached by a community resident as to whether there were any plans in the future for extending the KRHS facility and services, given the enormous growth of residents in the community. Noni Bourke, the CEO of KRHS, advised that there were no immediate plans; however there have been ongoing discussions with the Department of Health regarding clinical service planning and building plans for the next 10 to 15 years at KRHS. Noni explained that KRHS is always reviewing service use and opportunities to expand within the existing resources to meet their immediate needs.

The committee also heard from Noni about an initiative called 'Care Opinion' previously known as 'Patient Option'. Care Opinion is a non-profit organisation that was founded by Dr. Paul Hodgkin in 2005 and offers patients and carers an opportunity to offer feedback about their experience of health and social care, whether it be positive or negative. We have had our first story written about KRHS published by Care Opinion and responded to by Noni Bourke.

Annie Barwise, Quality Coordinator, advised the committee that KRHS is due for Aged Care Accreditation this year and will submit our Self Assessment in May 2022 with an expected *unannounced* site review any time after this submission. The CAC forms a very important part of our Accreditation and members were asked if they would be happy to meet with the Assessors to showcase what the Committee does. The answer was 'Yes', of course.

The latest Covid-19 update was reported to the meeting by Noni Bourke. Noni told us that we are not out of the woods yet and there is likely to be a rise in numbers of cases with the new Omicron variant. It is compulsory for Staff and Volunteers to have received their 3rd booster and to date we have had a high level of compliance. KRHS staff conduct Rapid Antigen Tests every couple of days. Vaccination status is required for anyone visiting the facility, however access to service cannot be denied if a visitor is not fully vaccinated (visitors or outpatients). Visitors who are not fully vaccinated can only visit the consumers room or outdoor areas and do not have the freedom to enter communal areas. Killara is now staffed with a COVID Concierge from 10.30am to 4pm, Monday - Friday to assist with screening and convenience for visitors to present directly to Killara. Outside of these hours, visitors are to report to the main Reception for screening. These visiting hours are still in place to manage screening requirements.

The final item discussed at the meeting was about the program called 'Gathering of Kindness'. This is an initiative which occurs annually in the latter part of the year. Professor Catherine Crock is the Chair and Founder of the Hush Foundation and is a medical pioneer, producer of music and theatrics, humanitarian, mother and advocate for change. The Hush Foundation creates calming music for children's hospitals and other stressful environments, and produces plays that provoke conversations about health and patient centred care. Hush are keen for KRHS to become engaged in Gathering of Kindness activities with further information to be provided at the next CAC meeting in May '22.

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, information, forward planning, and the future policy development of the KRHS. The Committee will offer advice to the KRHS Board of Management about problems that could be upsetting a Patient, a Resident or a Carer, and also, maybe, from an individual Koo-Wee-Rup resident or, indeed, from the Community's point of view. The Community Advisory Committee will listen closely to these consumers and acknowledge their concerns and aspirations so that these alternatives that they offer are consistently understood and seriously considered. This advice, and the recommendations developed, will be broadened into balanced information to assist the complete understanding of a particular topic by the KRHS Board of Management. If you as a consumer/customer, 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 KRHS CAC. Simply phone KRHS on 5997 9679 or Geoff Stokes on 0435 085 002. Or you can email: geoffreystokes@geoffstokes.com Your email will be acknowledged. Geoff Stokes



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Easter closure dates:

Friday 15th April (Good Friday)	CLOSED
Saturday 16th April (Saturday)	CLOSED
Monday 18th April (Easter Monday)	CLOSED

Happy Easter



Detox Your Home and Drum Muster

Sustainability Victoria, in conjunction with Cardinia Shire Council, are running a free community event in Pakenham this month. Detox your Home provides a place where householders can safely dispose of hazardous household chemicals such as pesticides, bleach and pool chemicals that should not go into landfill. Ensuring these chemicals are managed safely means our homes, waterways and the environment are protected.

Highly toxic items, such as chemicals, should never be put in your rubbish bins or poured down the drain. You can drop off household chemicals at our free Detox Your Home events, held around Victoria.

Disposing of toxic items correctly will:

- reduce the risk to the environment and human health
- help keep our waterways clean
- prevent chemicals from ending up in landfill
- reuse precious resources.

Items accepted

Items that can be dropped off include:

- weed killers
- cleaning products
- cosmetics
- cooking oil
- fire extinguishers.

The event is being held in Pakenham on Saturday 9th April from 9am – 2pm at Cardinia Shire Council Depot, 18 Purton Road, Pakenham,

Additionally, DrumMuster provides commercial and residential community members with disposal opportunities for eligible, cleaned agvet chemical containers.

Council's trained staff manage the event and organise for the drums to be collected and recycled afterwards.

Detox Your Home

Date: Saturday 9 April 2022

Time: 9am to 2pm

Location: Council Depot,
18 Purton Road, Pakenham

You will need to register for this event.

DrumMuster

Date: Saturday 9 April 2022

Time: 9am to 12 noon

Location: Council Depot,
18 Purton Road, Pakenham

No registration required

For more information about Council's waste drop-off events and to register for Detox Your Home, visit www.cardinia.vic.gov/dropoff or <https://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome>





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What a busy month we have had. Our cub scouts visited Bayles Fauna Park for a night hike. We were lucky to have Sharon come and give us a guided tour. It was a fantastic night with lots of kangaroos, some emu, and deer. One of our Cub Scouts Oscar planned and completed his Grey Wolf Hike. We travelled to Devilbend Reservoir, and hiked 13kms, the weather was fantastic, and the views were amazing. Great work Oscar.

Scouts and Venturers visited The Nobbies to go for a walk and see if they could spot some penguins.

Rovers have been to the beach and attempted to do some marble races on the sand. As well as celebrating Shrove Tuesday with some themed pancakes.

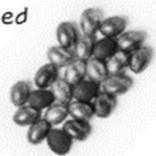


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A story of an Aussie bloke I am sure you will enjoy

After my last month's serious article on computers, I thought maybe my readers would like some more amusing stories of my working days. You will recall that I arrived in Australia in 1970 to introduce the industrial ball valve to the Australian chemical, petrochemical, gas and the food industries. My loving wife and wonderful family were with me, and we bought a house in Templestowe reasonably close to my company's head office in Box Hill.

I was away from my new home and family every other week, introducing our new product to the many chemical and petroleum engineers in other states. These visits were hard work during the day, a pep talk to the branch reps in the evening and then a dinner followed by a flop into bed exhausted. I had no time for sightseeing except of course during our journeys to customers and potential buyers who were spread wide over the branch's sales area. Each branch seemed to have quite eccentric characters as managers; Harry in New South Wales, Dennis in Perth and a fellow whose name I have forgotten, who was the sales manager for our agent in South Australia. SA and WA were the states which, at the time, we did not have our own office. I remember the SA representative very well; we were on our way to the Mobil Refinery, some way south of Adelaide, when he said, "Would you like a beer before we go in?" – it was 10-00AM in the morning! I was so naive that I thought it might be an Australian custom of the area to do this, so I said yes, and we called in at the local pub on the way. I then realised that this fellow was an alcoholic as he quickly consumed several glasses of lager in a very short time to my one. We arrived at our appointment, and he was very much over the top with his hilarity and inane comments. The interior of our client's office soon filled with the stench of breathed out alcoholic fumes. Our potential customer was not impressed at all! A lesson well learnt by me that day. Nevertheless, this sales rep's behaviour was well matched by his boss, the State manager, who held all his formal Branch meetings at his own private bar in the pub near our agent's office. His favourite drink was whiskey and milk with a dash of bitters.

In his own spare time, usually on a Sunday morning, Harry, our own NSW company rep, made speeches in a Sydney City Park called Hyde Park, and liked to think of himself as a worldly philosopher. When we were out and about visiting potential customers, he seemed to know everyone and everyone seemed to know Harry! He always wore the same greasy suit and tie for all the years that I knew him and the off side of his unwashed Company car was stained thick from his continual spitting out of the driver's window. He worked for our parent company, his reputation riding on a true story about his two months spent in England and a night out at a very English country pub. The pub was in Newport, Shropshire, and it was very old with thick wooden beams across the low ceilings, white walls, and myriads of horse brasses everywhere. Newport UK was the home of and the headquarters of my own company who manufactured industrial pipeline valves. Harry, having joined our UK company from our Australian agents, had been sent over to the UK to gain some experience in valve manufacture and fluid flow processing and the technical advantages our valves had over other makes. It's after dinner in the saloon bar and Harry (as is his wont), has an English country pub audience in his grasp talking about the wonders of his homeland down under - Australia. He pulls out an engraved aboriginal boomerang and tells everyone how it works and demonstrates his throwing techniques by hurling the boomerang around the crowded bar missing all the ducking heads. It returns, as he predicted, into his waiting hands. He repeats the demonstration by throwing it in the opposite direction, a huge risk that worked and made Harry an instant hero and a legend; the story of this deed was somewhat embellished over the years, but nevertheless retold countless times around the world.

Harry liked his food very much and I recall, one lunchtime, eating with him in a Chinese restaurant in China Town, Sydney. Amongst other dishes we ordered a huge baked whole fish with some sort of oriental embellishment that I can't

remember. It was delicious and when just the skeleton of the fish remained. Harry said, "Do you want the head?" I replied, horrified, that how could he even consider that I could eat such a thing, but he countered with, "Have you ever eaten one?" To which I replied, "No, not ever; yuck!" "He then said swiftly, "Well, you don't know what you're missing", forked it into his mouth and crunched up the large fish's head with relish. I have never yet tried one! Harry was indeed a real Aussie character, and I will now tell you some more stories of my experiences when visiting him in his home state of NSW and going out with him to talk to his industrial clients. These anecdotes are always about something happening after business hours because above all Harry was very good at his job; he always came back to the office with the order!

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A story of an Aussie bloke I am sure you will enjoy *from page 21*

As I said above, Harry was very fond of his food and really was somewhat of a gourmet when it came to choosing a restaurant; it always had to be fine dining at its best. This brings me to my next tale because one evening we are going out to dinner and Harry tells me he will introduce me to one of his best friends. Today I can't remember the finer food details of this story because it is all about an evening meal long ago in 1971. We arrive at the restaurant in a taxi and Harry knows the restaurateur (obviously!) who guides us to our table; Harry's friend is already sitting there. I am introduced to this obvious businessman who tells me his name is Frank. We have a real nice evening and a super meal which was eventually paid for by Harry's friend Frank. We discussed my job and why I was here in Australia. He told me he 'looked after a couple of newspapers'. We got on really well and eventually we parted and off we went; Frank went home I supposed whilst I was taxied back to my hotel. Remember it was 1971, I had been in Australia less than a year so I did not know who was who in Australian society at that time. I found out all about Frank the next day when Harry told me who he was. It was Frank Packer, or, to give him his full title: Sir Douglas Frank Hewson Packer KBE, OStJ, he was the famous Australian media proprietor who controlled Australian Consolidated Press and the Nine TV Network. He was the patriarch of the Packer family, father of Clyde and Kerry Packer. Frank died on the 1st of May 1974. Today in 2022, I look back at that evening as a surreal experience, really I just did not know who he was.

It's a year later in 1972 and I have to pay a visit to the newest oil platform in the Bass Strait. It was the only place and time that I could get to speak to the chief engineer of Esso Australia, the company operating Bass Strait oil and gas fields at that time. It was arranged that I should board a helicopter from Longford near Sale in East Gippsland and meet him face to face to discuss the outstanding benefits of our revolutionary new ball valves - sizes up to 300mm pipeline bore. My own managing director at the time said that our rep who looked after Esso in Melbourne and our state manager from Sydney (the Esso headquarters) should accompany me. And you know who the NSW state manager was at that time don't you? Yes, it was Harry. We had to pick him up first thing from the new Melbourne airport - Tullamarine. All was well until we landed on the rig platform where we were offered a lunch in the spacious canteen. It was a buffet type lunch and almost everything you could think of was offered for you to help yourself which Harry did with great gusto. To protect his suit and tie Harry put on a tied around the neck and waist towelling bib that he pulled out of his jacket pocket, and we all sat down with some tough looking drilling operators to eat. They gave us some very strange looks! OK, the meal is over and we will meet this very important chief engineer in a few minutes for a very important inaugural meeting so Harry excuses himself to visit the loo. Our rep and I get introduced to the Esso chief in his office and then - in walks Harry still wearing his bib! He doesn't bother to take it off, even after some very strong under the counter prompting from me. The Esso chief just looked absolutely stunned and it was not until we were outside of his office that Harry finally removed his bib. Funny thing was that over the following five or six years whenever I met the chief or his managers again they always remembered the day that bloke came into a very serious meeting wearing a coloured fluffy towelling bib!

Another memory for me is when Harry asked me to his home in Sydney on evening for dinner. I knocked on the front door of his house and immediately I could hear the fierce barking of a couple of large dogs who were throwing themselves at the closed door. He opened the door, and he was holding on to the collars of these two rearing and snarling Rhodesian Ridgeback dogs. He told me to go inside and sit down whilst he tried to calm the dogs. I met his dear wife whom I thought was a delightful person. They did not have any children. Later we sat down at the dinner table and Harry, very firmly, told me not to move at all if the dogs came around my legs seeking food from the table. I was petrified when they did and spent the whole evening stiff as a board not daring to stir any muscles at all. There was a repeat performance of snarling, rearing animals when I thankfully left their house to go back to my motel.

I have to add that Harry was very good with his customers and his sales figures always conformed strictly to his budget – no more no less! Harry left our company in 1977 when he accepted an offer to join another rival company as their South Pacific area Area Manager. He would cover the Philippines and Malaysia selling a very different kind of valve. A domestic valve as distinct to the industrial valve of my company. The new managing director of Harry's new company had once been our own sales director in the UK, and he had remembered Harry as that great Aussie guy who had chucked boomerangs around inside his local pub in the UK all those years ago. With that as a reference what more could you ask for?

Let's forward to 1984, seven years on and I am visiting Sydney on business again and I wander down to the lounge bar just before dinner and guess whose sitting on a stool by himself sipping a beer? Yes, dear old Harry. He tells me he no longer works for the domestic valve company, but a lot of things have happened in his life. He divorced his Australian wife (or maybe she divorced him) and married a Philippine princess whilst he was resident in Manila; they had two children and then three years later she divorced him! He was now in semi-retirement living in Sydney once again. Harry was still wearing the same old greasy suit and tie at the bar, and he sat with his legs apart; and there, popping out of a split trouser leg seam, was his left testicle for all to see – that was our Harry. I never saw him again or heard any more about him.

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Koo Wee Rup Country Women's Association

Written by Linda Sanders

Meeting Dates

Our next meeting will be on Monday 7th February at 7.30pm.

Our next craft meeting will be on Monday February at 7.30pm.

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

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

Pakenham Show

At the Pakenham Show at the Pakenham Library hall on Saturday 19th March, Koo Wee Rup CWA put an entry in the CWA group category and we got second prize. Kaye Chaplin kindly went to the show to organise our entry. We had to enter 7 items. Well done ladies!!

Harewood Heritage Day

Harewood Heritage Day (was Scots of the Swamp) is to be held on Sunday 3rd April 2022 at Harewood House, South Gippsland Highway, Tooradin (next to the airport).

Koo Wee Rup CWA have been asked to make scones and sandwiches to sell at the event. We will also have other baking for sale on the day.

Come along to the fun day at Harewood House. All funds raised are going to the KRHS.

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Pilates @ Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service

After a late start to the term due to the post-Christmas Covid issues affecting room access, we have managed a short 6 week term one. We will only have the Easter week off instead of the usual school holidays so after finishing for the term on Monday 11th April we will restart on Sat 23rd April. We have 3 sessions a week with Chair Pilates @ 5 pm Mondays, and a mat class @ 6 pm Mondays too. Then we have a morning class on Saturdays @ 9 am. All are in the community room at the health service with access on Rossiter Rd next to the Men's shed.

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Koo Wee Rup Senior Citizens Club

Icke Road, Koo Wee Rup

Welcome. Friday lunches have resumed and are being well attended. Monday carpet bowls has had a resurgence with increased numbers. We have resumed outside activities such as Morning Melodies and lunch at the local hotel.

We send our condolences to the family of June Ellett who has passed away.

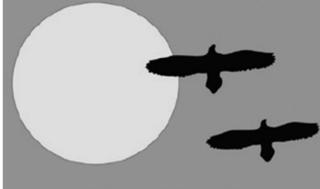
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Koo Wee Rup Country Women's Association *from page 25*

History of the Country Women's Association in Australia

The troubled early years of the 20th Century inspired an explosion in the demand for women's rights world-wide. Following Canada's lead in enabling the empowerment of rural women, the Country Women's Association (CWA) was initiated in Australia in 1922, with New South Wales and Queensland – followed by Western Australia (1924), Victoria (1928), South Australia (1929), Northern Territory (1933), and Tasmania (1936).

The Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) was formed in 1933 and encompasses CWA in Australia. (ACWW gives voice over 9 million rural and non-rural women in more than 80 countries).

The formation of a national body was agreed in 1945 by all CWA State Presidents. The First Annual Conference of the Country Women's Association of Australia was held in Adelaide in 1946, with Australian delegates being sent to the ACWW Conference in Amsterdam the following year.

These women were quick to realise strength lay in unity, and CWA quickly became a large, resourceful, influential women's organisation. The members worked tirelessly to set up baby health care centres, fund bush nurses, build and staff maternity wards, hospitals, schools, rest homes, seaside holiday cottages – and much more. Women of all ages were involved, with the younger ladies forming a strong "Younger Sets" movement, which lasted for many years. For further information click: "History of the Younger Sets" from our archives.

Throughout the 1930's depression years, CWA branches state-wide helped those in need with food and clothing. During World War II, members provided meals for the troops, made camouflage nets, sheepskin vests, and knitted balaclavas and socks for the troops. CWA were rated one of the best voluntary war-time services in Australia. In 1992, the CWAA was awarded the RSL Anzac Peace Prize, in recognition of their outstanding effort in promoting international understanding and contributing to world peace in accordance with the best traditions of the ANZAC spirit. Members continue to support our forces overseas today.



Younger Sets Easter leadership camp, 1949: South Beach Fremantle

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continued to run homes and properties where they were often mother, nurse, teacher, cook, and general hand. The women of the CWA, while believing deeply that their role in the family is vitally important, have always been initiators, fighters and lobbyists. They have made localities into communities, by providing social activities and educational, recreational and medical facilities.

After a century, the CWA remains the largest, most influential women's organisation in Australia today. CWA aims to improve life for women and their families, especially those who live in rural and remote Australia. Initially, only women whose income was derived from the land could become members. This has been changed, so that today women can join CWA and enjoy CWA support, regardless of their location, employment or income. The organisation remains self-funded, non-party-political and non-sec tarian and is run largely by its volunteers – the CWA Members.



Koo Wee Rup Bowls Club

Saturday Pennant round 12 in Div. 3 had 2nd place [KWR] playing 3rd place [Somerville] at home with a final score of 83-55 to maintain our chance of finishing on top. With 3 rinks establishing big leads at the break, it looked as if it was going to be a big win. However, Somerville staged comebacks on 2 rinks to cut our lead down at the finish. Bryan Walker, Pauline Gray, Arthur Giaccotto & Julie Walker lost the final 2 ends to be beaten 22-23. Going along comfortably until the 15-17 ends when they dropped 13 shots, Trevor Kitchin, Charles Harris, Steve Haines & Gerry Fuller scored 4 shots on the final end to win 22-19. In total control all game Brett Condron, Tim Katz, Rex Alexander & Daniel Price made certain of an overall win with a 39-13 score. Div. 6 went to Karingal and were defeated 25-35. Betty King, Jim Jenkins & Gary King lost 11-16 and Margaret Royle, Jill Roissetter, Jacqui Butera [3rd game] and 1st gamer Erin Price were defeated by the same margin 14-19. We continued our lead up to the finals in Div. 3 with a convincing 71-33 against Blue Hills on their tricky green. Two good wins and a drawn rink helped our situation. Leading all game, Brett Condon, Tim Katz, Rex Alexander & Daniel Price won 27-10. Equally impressive was a 30-9 victory for Trevor Kitchin, Charles Harris, Steve Haines & last-minute replacement Bryan Walker as Lead. With no more than 3 shots difference all game a 14-14 draw was probably a fitting result for Gerry Fuller, Pauline Gray, Arthur Giaccotto & Noel Speight.

Div. 6 completed their season with a 27-51 loss to Mornington Civic. Betty King, Jim Jenkins, Peter Stevens & Gary King were beaten 13-29. A 14-22 loss was the result for Margaret Royle, Jill Roissetter, Jacqui Butera & Erin Price. With constant job rotation to ensure all members had a semi-regular game and "bleeding" 3 new players the season was not too bad. The final round for the season and Div. 3 went to Karingal and suffered a 45-56 loss. Another 1 shot game resulting in a 15-16 defeat for Trevor Jenkins, Charles Harris, Steve Haines & Peter Butera. The rink of Brett Condron, Tim Katz, Rex Alexander & Daniel Price continued their good form for the season winning 20-16. With the score of 1-19 after 12 ends the plan then was to limit the damage. To their credit Gerry Fuller, Pauline Gray, Arthur Giaccotto & Noel Speight did that losing 10-24. We finished in 2nd place for the season and then played finals bowls.

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Lang Lang united Soccer Club look forward to welcoming new faces of all ages to our club in 2022.

Our season is kicks off in April, and there is still time to join us. No experience is needed to come on down and get involved. We train on Wednesday nights at the Lang Recreation Reserve.

Teams are from Under 6 to Seniors for male and female. You are welcome to come along and try out a training session and see what a great place our club is to be.

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Koo Wee Rup Bowls Club *from previous page*

2nd Semi Final against Mornington Civic and we lost the 3 rinks. A good comeback by Brett Condron, Tim Katz, Rex Alexander & Daniel Price saw them fall just short losing 22-24. A similar story for Bryan Walker, Arthur Giaccotto, Pauline Gray & Julie Walker losing 21-24. A couple of high scoring ends against them was the difference for Trevor Kitchin, Charles Harris, Steve Haines & Peter Butera losing 14-24. Playing against Somerville in the Preliminary final our season finished when we lost 46-57. A little disappointing end to the season but again we showed that for a small Club we were “punching above our weight”. Losing the last 4 ends did not help the cause for Bryan Walker, Arthur Giaccotto, Pauline Gray & Julie Walker losing 14-23. For the 2nd week in a row Brett Condron, Tim Katz, Rex Alexander & Daniel Price were defeated by 2 shots on the final end. A good run of 9 shots over the final 4 ends resulted in a hard fought 20-20 draw for Trevor Kitchin, Peter Butera, Charles Harris & Steve Haines.

Tuesday Pennant results from Rd. 12 and Div. 3 kept their finals chances “alive” with a 59-51 win over Mornington Civic. A couple of 1 shot games and it was 1 win all from them. Gerry Fuller, Charles Harris, Joy Jenkins & Julie Walker lost 19-20. A 19-18 win for Pauline Gray, Jim Jenkins, Mary Masters & Helen Ralph. Securing the overall win with a 21-13 score was Trevor Kitchin, Jill Roissetter, Betty King & Noel Speight. Losing 24-56 to top team Mt. Martha probably ended Div. 6 finals aspirations. Margaret Royle, Iain Caig, Margo Dillon & Charles Poulsen lost 11-28 and a 13-28 loss for Luke Monckton, David Talbot, Glenice Jackson & Joe Barlow. We went to Blue Hills, again, and this time Div. 3 were well beaten 46-69 with losses on all 3 rinks. Gerry Fuller, Bryan Walker, Joy Jenkins & Julie Walker lost 13-23. A difficult day was had by Trevor Kitchin, Jill Roissetter, Betty King & Noel Speight beaten 17-28. Our 3rd rink nearly had a win narrowly losing 16-18. A good effort by Pauline Gray, Jim Jenkins, Joy Herbert & Helen Ralph. Amid controversy with a ruling Div. 6 were beaten by Beleura 36-59 in a game that was less than harmonious. Margaret Royle, Iain Caig, Margo Dillon & Charles Poulsen lost narrowly 22-25. Having to play 1 player short despite Beleura having an available member who could have played Luke Monckton, David Talbot & Peter Stevens put up a creditable effort losing 14-34. The final round results were a little disappointing with both teams suffering losses. Div. 3 went down to City of Frankston 53-68 to finish the season in 3rd place. Pauline Gray, Jim Jenkins, Joy Herbert & Helen Ralph lost 16-21. The consistent rink of Gerry Fuller, Bryan Walker, Joy Jenkins & Julie Walker won 22-19. Our 3rd rink of Charles Harris, Jill Roissetter, Betty King & Arthur Giaccotto were beaten 15-28. A 23-47 loss to Karingal finished the season for Div. 6. Margaret Royle, Charles Poulsen, Peter Stevens & Ken Hammond lost 15-23 and Iain Caig, David Talbot, Frank Grant & Joe Barlow were defeated 8-24.

The rotation scenario and unavailability of players made the season look a little poor but we did introduce 3 new members to Pennant and until round 11 were still a chance to play in the finals. Final’s time and Div. 3 played Mornington in the 1st Semi Final and scored a 59-55 win. Setting up the win was the rink of Gerry Fuller, Bryan Walker, Joy Jenkins & Julie Walker winning 26-14. Battling hard but comfortably beaten was Trevor Kitchin, Jill Roissetter, Betty King & Noel Speight down 17-23. The close game was Pauline Gray, Jim Jenkins, Joy Herbert & Helen Ralph narrowly defeated 16-18. As with Sat. Div. 3 we went out of the finals courtesy of Somerville who defeated us 42-60. Unable to cope with the tricky Green, Gerry Fuller, Bryan Walker, Joy Jenkins & Julie Walker were beaten 9-23. The rink of Trevor Kitchin, Jill Roissetter, Betty King & Noel Speight fared better losing 17-22. Some consolation for Pauline Gray, Jim Jenkins, Joy Herbert & Helen Ralph winning a close one 16-15.

Played in very humid conditions, Rd. 7 of the Triples competition and the Winners for the day were Trevor Kitchin, Noel Speight [KWR] & Ken White [Longwarry] with 37 pts. The Runner up rink was All an Smith, Tony Abbott & Max Adams [Lang Lang] on 36 pts. Best 1st game was won by Mal Newham, Grame Burton & Lexie Taylor [Garfield] 19 pts & best 2nd game went to Geoff Barber, Jim Garnham & Roger Balmeut [Korumburra] with 16 pts. Another humid day for play in Rd. 8 and repeating their effort from 2 weeks ago Trevor Kitchin, Noel Speight {KWR} & Ken White [Longwarry] won the day with 40 pts. The Runner up rink was Peter Bott, Michael Hahn {Pakenham} & Charles Harris {KWR} on 37 pts. Best 1st game went to John Van Vugt, Simon Koning & Tom Gogan [Cardinia Waters] on 18 pts with Ron Burns, Ken Clifton Luis Aguilera [Pakenham] with 20 pts.

The Club recently hosted a group of 26 people from Windana Drug & Alcohol rehab centre for a couple of hours of barefoot bowls. A great time was had by everyone who played and a special thanks to our members who assisted on the day.

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April 2022

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International Women's Day, we recognised, acknowledged and celebrated the achievements of women in all spheres of life. We pledged to #breakthebias together by empowering women to make their health a priority through informed decisions.

To celebrate the day, we launched our Gender Equality background paper and a Q&A, and promoted scarves in purple and green.

"We asked people be treated equally. A world without bias, stereotypes, or discrimination. A diverse, equal, and inclusive world. A world in which diversity is valued and appreciated. We can achieve women's equality by working together. Lets create a workplace where women thrive".

We also celebrated International Day of Happiness and coming up we have World Health Day, Nature Play Week and the Premiers Active April.

Welcome to our new DON

It is with pleasure we introduce Steven Doyle who has over 25 years of experience in the healthcare industry with the last three and a half years as a Director of Nursing (DON) in Regional Health. Steven has experience in a variety of settings including acute, subacute, emergency, leadership and management in both metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria. Steven has a strong passion for supporting consumers, developing staff and leading change.





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

World War One Soldiers with a Dalmore connection

By Heather Arnold Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society

Dalmore is a small town on the Great Southern Railway Line, one stop past Tooradin. This section of line from Tooradin to Koo Wee Rup opened February 1890. The Dalmore Railway Station was originally called Peer's Lane, then Koo Wee Rup West and then renamed Dalmore in January 1909. Dalmore was the name of Duncan MacGregor's estate, which he purchased in 1875. Peer's Lane (now Dalmore Road) was named after a local land owner Frederick Peers (1843-1896). The Dalmore Post Office and Store opened in 1915; the State School, No. 4002, in 1920 (and closed in 1978) and the Hall opened in 1925. Dalmore had a population of 173 in 1921.

Here is a list of any soldiers I could find with a Dalmore address, there are only eight of them and I believe that some locals who enlisted may have actually used Cardinia as their address. I haven't included soldiers who moved into the area after the War onto the Gowan Lea Soldier Settlement Estate. The soldier's service numbers (SN) are listed, so you can see their full service record on the National Archives of Australia website, www.naa.gov.au

A small number of men who enlisted in World War One lied about their age as they were either too old or too young. According to the Australian War Memorial website the requirements for enlisting in August 1914 were 19 to 38 years, height of 5ft 6in and chest measurement of 34 inches. In June 1915 the age range and minimum height requirements were changed to 18 to 45 years and 5ft 2in, with the minimum height being lowered again to 5ft in April 1917. Soldiers aged between 18 and 21 needed parental permission to enlist. We have three examples here amongst our Dalmore soldiers who lied about their age – one man was actually 56 when he enlisted, another was 52 and another only 15!

Andrews, Cecil (SN 2123) Cecil was a 26 year old farmer when he enlisted on May 1, 1916. His address on the Embarkation Roll was Dalmore and his next of kin was his mother Emily of Mordialloc. Cecil was Killed in Action in France on October 17, 1917. There are six In Memoriam notices for Cecil in The Argus of October 18, 1918 one of which is a lovely notice from his nieces and nephews, including 'wee Cecil' obviously named in honour of his Uncle. The other notices were from his parents, his sister Alice, his brother Walter and his wife Ethel, who lived in Mordialloc; his brother Will and his wife Lydia - they lived in Dalmore; and his brothers Arthur and Charles and sister-in-law Nellie, who also all lived in Dalmore.

Hardy, Horace Robert (SN 19995) Horace enlisted on June 20, 1917 at the age of 21. He Returned to Australia July 13, 1919. Horace was the son of William John Hardy (1855 - 1940) and Sophia Wells Cadd (1856 - 1919) of Dalmore. His paternal grandparents, Emling and Emily (nee Gregory) Hardy took up land at Clyde North in 1856 - Hardy Road is named after the family. His maternal grandparents were Thomas and Sarah (nee Wells) Cadd who took up land at Clyde in 1862.

Hill, Arthur George Leonard Curnow (SN 61869) was an 18 year old labourer when he enlisted on June 11, 1918. Arthur was born at Bunyip South, which was later called Iona. Arthur was sent overseas to England, but was not involved in any fighting and Returned to Australia September 22, 1919.

Hill, Graham John Dudley Bowman (SN 1574) Known as Dudley. Dudley enlisted on September 6, 1915. He was a 22 year old farmer. Dudley Returned to Australia March 9, 1919.

The men were the sons of Edward Simpson Hill and Charlotte, whose maiden name was also Hill, of Dalmore. Edward also enlisted.

Hill, Edward Simpson (SN V21471) Edward, enlisted on February 16, 1916. His next of kin was naturally his wife, Charlotte. His occupation was Engine driver/Engineer. He was discharged on June 22, 1916 as he was unfit for service. He stated his age on enlistment as 44, but a notation on the file says 'is obviously very much over age' and lists his age as 56!

Kelly, Darcy (SN 5050) Darcy enlisted on October 3, 1917 at the age of 18 years and 4 months. He claimed to have been born in Dalmur, Gippsland which has been accepted as Dalmore. Darcy Returned to Australia March 17, 1919. Darcy claimed that he had no next of kin. His file states This lad asserts he has no relatives, parents dying in infancy and has lost trace of his guardian. Was last employed by a travelling hawker named McFadzen and left him on the River Murray this week. The enlisting officer seemed to have sympathy for his plight and was asking permission to enlist him in loco parentis as Darcy is now without means.

ANDREWS.—In loving memory of our dear brother, Cecil, A. Company, 50th Battalion (stretcher-bearer), who was killed in action on Ypres front, near Zonnebeke, Oct. 17, 1917.

"The supreme sacrifice."

—(Inserted by Will and Lydia Andrews, Dalmore.)

ANDREWS.—In loving memory of our dear brother, Private Cecil Andrews, killed in action on Ypres front, Oct. 17, 1917.

A soldier, yes, and a hero, too,
He played his part through and through;
His actions speak, though his voice is still;
Forget him? No, we never will.

—(Inserted by his loving brothers, Arthur and Charles, and sister-in-law, Nellie Andrews, Dalmore.)

ANDREWS.—A tribute of love to the memory of our dear uncle, Pte. Cecil Andrews, stretcher-bearer, who was killed in action Oct. 17, 1917.

We mourn for you, dear uncle,
But not with outward show,
For those who mourn sincerely
Mourn silently and low.

—(Inserted by his loving nieces and nephews, Sylvia, Stanley, Clifford, Alice, and wee Cecil.)

From The Argus October 18, 1918

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Darcy signed a statutory declaration on December 21, 1918 saying that he was actually born June 26, 1900 and so was only 17 years old when he enlisted. He added a next of kin, a Mrs Sadie Harper, 40 Cope Street, Coburg, who was actually his aunt. Another Statuary declaration was signed in 1958, this time he said he was only 15 years old on enlistment and was born June 26, 1902. The 1958 declaration also said his real name was Norman Hunt, not Darcy Kelly. This is correct because a Miss O. Hunt from 14 Railway Avenue, Malvern wrote to Base Records in 1918 asking for Darcy Kelly's address. The 1958 Declaration was made because Darcy/Norman wanted proof of his service to join the RSL in Iron Knob in South Australia where he was then living. So was Darcy Kelly / Norman Hunt really born in Dalmore? Well the answer is actually no, he was born in St Kilda on June 26, 1902 to George and Mary Kate (nee Walker) Hunt and the Miss O. Hunt who wrote the letter was his sister Olga, so she obviously knew what he was up to. His mother had died on December 31, 1916 but his father was still alive and died in 1938. Even though, as it turns out, Darcy / Norman does not really have a Dalmore connection, he remains on my list because you have to admire the gumption of a 15 year old boy enlisting and making up a very fanciful story about why his parents couldn't sign his enlistment papers.

McNamara, Michael (SN 7532) Michael enlisted on May 9, 1917, he was a labourer from Dalmore and his next of kin was listed as a friend, Amelia Sorensen of Richmond. Michael Returned to Australia on January 30, 1918 and was medically discharged in the April on the grounds of 'premature senility.' Michael said he was 44 when he enlisted but this may have been a lie as a year later his medical reports listed his age at 52 so it appears he removed seven years from his age.

Woods, William (SN 2728) William was 21 and a farm labourer, when he enlisted on May 9, 1916. His address was care of William Hardy of Dalmore. His next of kin was his grandmother, Mary Woods, of Maribyrnong. He Returned to Australia January 25, 1919. William also served in the Second World War; he enlisted at the age of 45 in January 1941 and was discharged in March 1944. William was granted a Soldier Settlement farm at Werrimull, south of Mildura, after the Great War and was living in Mildura when he enlisted in 1941.

From February to November, the Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm at Mallow house in Rossiter Road, corner of Henry Street. Our next meeting is on Wednesday, April 13 at 7.30pm. The Museum opens on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from 1.30pm to 4.00pm or by appointment. Heather Arnold harnold@dcsi.net.au 0407 521 637

Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society

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