

THE KOO WEE RUP BLACKFISH



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KOO WEE RUP
Community News

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Happy Birthday!

The Koo Wee Rup Community Centre is 20 years old. Thank you to Gwen Lengersdorf, who found a July 2002 edition of The Blackfish with a picture of Ray Brown and Irene Bell at the opening and the following commentary:

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The computer room isn't there any longer but there are still meeting rooms and space for 'many wonderful functions in the future'. The current committee has recently had plans drawn up to extend the main room to include a permanent stage and dressing rooms. Of course, this will be some time off as securing funding will be a much slower process than making plans.

If anybody would like to be part of the committee, they meet at the Community Centre on the second Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm. Enquiries about bookings or joining the committee can be made via email to kwrhall@gmail.com.



Koo Wee Rup Township Committee Meeting

The Township held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, 1 June at the Community Centre. Township Meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 6 July at 7:30 pm at the Community Centre. All welcome.

Cr Kay Cameron reported:

- There will be a Council meeting at the end of June to adopt the proposed budget.
- More energy efficient street lighting is being installed across the shire.
- Back to Bayles on June 19. Celebrating centenary since Bayles was established. A plaque will be unveiled in the reserve to commemorate Vic and Valmai Walker.
- The walking track to connect Koo Wee Rup to the shared path being constructed with the Koo Wee Rup – Healesville Road upgrade is still uncertain.

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What's on in Koo Wee Rup and District

July

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
Mon 4th	KWR Senior Citizens Indoor Bowls (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11am
Mon 4th	CWA Meeting (<i>page 7</i>)	Senior Citizens Club	7.30pm
Wed 6th	Coffee Club (<i>back page</i>)	Royal Hotel	10am
Wed 6th	Lions Club Meeting (<i>page 15</i>)	Degani's Café	7pm
Wed 6th	Township Committee Meeting (<i>front page</i>)	Community Centre	7.30pm
Thu 7th	Waste pop-up (<i>page 30</i>)	Lakeside Shopping Centre	2pm
Fri 8th	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch & Bingo (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Sun 10th	Bayles Fauna Park Working Bee (<i>page 7</i>)	Bayles Fauna Park	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 (<i>back page</i>)	UA Church Hall	2pm
Tue 12th	RSL Sub-Branch Monthly Meeting	RSL Clubrooms	7.30pm
Tue 12th	Hall Committee Meeting	Community Centre	7.30pm
Wed 13th	KWR Swamp Historical Society Meeting (<i>page 31</i>)	KWR Museum	6pm
Fri 15th	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch & Bingo (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Sat 16th	Mat Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	9am
Sat 16th	DIY Beeswax Wraps (<i>page 30</i>)	Pakenham Library	10.30am
Mon 18th	KWR Senior Citizens Indoor Bowls (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11am
Mon 18th	Chair Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	5pm
Mon 18th	Mat Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	6pm
Mon 18th	CWA Craft Meeting (<i>page 7</i>)	Senior Citizens Club	7.30pm
Wed 20th	Coffee Club	Chandelier Café	10am
Wed 20th	Lions Club Meeting	RSL Clubrooms	7pm
Fri 22nd	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch & Bingo (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Sat 23rd	Mat Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	9am
Sat 23rd	CWA Trivia Night: Christmas in July (<i>page 7</i>)	Masonic Lodge	7pm
Mon 25th	KWR Senior Citizens Indoor Bowls (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11am
Mon 25th	Chair Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	5pm
Mon 25th	Mat Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	6pm
Tues 26th	KRHS Open Access Board Meeting (<i>page 29</i>)	Eco House - Hospital	3pm
Fri 29th	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch & Bingo (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Sat 30th	Mat Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	9am

August

Mon 1st	KWR Senior Citizens Indoor Bowls (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11am
Mon 1st	CWA Meeting	Senior Citizens Club	7.30pm
Mon 1st	Chair Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	5pm
Mon 1st	Mat Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	6pm
Wed 3rd	Coffee Club (<i>back page</i>)	Royal Hotel	10am
Wed 3rd	Lions Club Meeting (<i>page 15</i>)	Degani's Café	7pm
Wed 3rd	Township Committee Meeting (<i>front page</i>)	Community Centre	7.30pm

October

Fri 14th	Newcomers and Neighbours Dinner (<i>page 15</i>)	Community Centre	6.30pm
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Caroline Roff, Editor

Did you know Koo Wee Rup had a World War 2 Air Raid Shelter?

I certainly didn't. John Van de Lustgraaf, a former resident and local history buff, drew my attention to it. I had seen it before, but thought it was just a brick shed.

It's at the rear of the Station Street shops and is made in the same style as the pictured air raid shelters in Fay Street, Liverpool (below). It's no longer functional, lacking a door, and has none of the original internal fittings.

I'm not sure why someone in KWR would feel the need for an air raid shelter, but it may be connected to the WW2 airstrip which was built, but only used once, for testing purposes, at Monomeith at that time.

Pictured right the KWR shelter and below right, interior detail of the local shelter

Caroline Roff, Editor



KooWeeRup Cricket Club

KooWeeRup Cricket Club are excited to announce that Letetia Herbert will be our Junior Co Ordinator for season 2022/23. ❤️❤️

Letetia has an extensive sporting background as well as running her own business & is also a busy mum of 3 boys.

The first Junior Committee Meeting will be on June 22, 7PM at KooWeeRup Rec Reserve.

If you're interested in being on the Junior Committee or for general enquiries about Junior Cricket at KooWeeRup Cricket Club please don't hesitate to contact Letetia on 0423 774 547

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

- Trevor asked about the helicopter landing site near the CFA track in Cochrane Park. The pad has been upgraded but is it to be painted and a windsock installed? Kay will follow up for next meeting.

Geoff Stokes, on behalf of the Men’s Shed reported:

- They are enjoying pool nights on Fridays.
- The Friday cafe for lunch has a great variety of meals by our own retired chef.
- There has been a partnership formed between Seymour Whyte and the Men's Shed to build Bandicoot Shelters for the Pakenham Road upgrade works.
- A new lathe has been added to the metal work shed.
- Volunteer day for KRHS was held at the Men's Shed.

The Rail Trail Walking Track needs some more seats, near Rossiter Road crossing and near old Platform. Also bins along the path.

Why was part of Railway Road resurfaced? Was funded by the contractor that uses the gravel dump.

MacDonalds Drain Road graded regularly, but trees still need trimming. Put in merit with photos.

Bollard at rear of the Hall (near Tennis Courts) has been removed and still not replaced (submit merit)

Concrete pad in Cochrane Park sits above ground level, safety issue for kids playing in the park, needs to be fixed.

The last Forget-Me-Not Cafe was held on 31 May. Reasonably successful with live music. Numbers were reduced from previous events as there was a problem with carer availability. Next one in 2 months. Have been talking to Pakenham to see how they run their events and if anything could be used at Koo Wee Rup.

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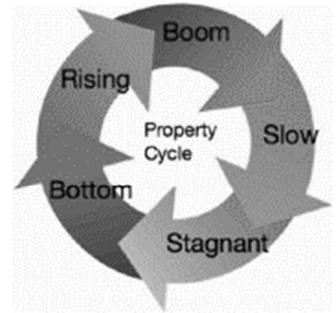
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Property Doom and Gloom Or Just Part Of The Cycle?

Our nations expert economists are armed with all the research available in today's IT age and they still can't agree on where our property markets are heading so how can we know?



Market movements in real estate are far from an exact science. Property markets move in cycles and not all cycles are the same. Each state has its own property cycle and there are cycles within each of those cycles. Obviously each phase does not last forever however, they do vary in length and are affected by a myriad of social and economic factors and also surprisingly (or not) by emotional sentiment.

Humans tend to share the general optimism or pessimism of others and this is referred to as public sentiment or where real estate is concerned, 'market sentiment'. At present, in the real estate market, the overall emotion is insecurity. Sellers are lacking in confidence and buyers are nervous and wary. These feelings are only being amplified by the Reserve Bank increasing interest rates, current Stock Market volatility, the lack of supply of resources and materials in the Building Industry and the unsettled Political climate.



No wonder we are experiencing a downturn in the property cycle at present.

Each downturn however, does pave the way for the next boom. It's just the best time for buyers at the moment and there are some great purchasing opportunities being created.

Savvy buyers should take advantage of this market and do what Warren Buffet does and "be fearful when others are greedy and greedy when others are fearful." It is a great time to go against the crowd mentality. Think beyond the fear and doubt and BUY. Because of all the media negativity around the housing market there are less purchasers therefore, less competition, which makes it an excellent time to negotiate a great price. It also means buyers can take more time to shop around and be confident in their purchase.

The tip from **Nutrien Harcourts Koo Wee Rup** - Property cycles are an inevitable part of the real estate market. Just be prepared for them.

Thinking about purchasing or selling a property? Before you do, speak to one of our highly qualified and experienced Property Consultants at **Nutrien Harcourts Koo Wee Rup**. They will guide you through every step of the real estate process.

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Koo Wee Rup Country Womens Association

Written by Linda Sanders

Meeting Dates

Our next meeting will be on Monday 4th July at 7.30pm.

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

Back to Bayles

We had a stall at Back to Bayles on Sunday 19th June. The weather was beautiful and the crowd was amazing. We were selling scones, jam and cream, baking, preserves, knitted items and plants.

What a day! We ran out of cream once, then ran out of jam. By 2.30pm we had 3 slices left, which was phenomenal!

Thank you to all the lovely CWA women for volunteering in all capacities: whether it was baking, volunteering, paying us a visit, providing goods for the event etc, etc.

Together many hands make light work and we had a great day.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY TRIVIA NIGHT

On Saturday 23rd of July Koo Wee Rup CWA is holding a trivia night at the Masonic Lodge.

Starting at 7.30pm, bring your own drinks and nibbles. The cost is \$15 per head, all guests must be over 18 years old and there are tables of eight people.

There will be trivia, a raffle, games and an ugly Christmas jumper competition.

This is a fun night with much laughter so come along and answer some questions – or not!!

For more information or to book a table, please call Cathy on 0403 593 513.



Sue and Diane busy in the kitchen and Joss outside the window on the stall

Bayles Fauna Park

Working Bee

Sunday, 10 July

9am start

followed by a BBQ lunch

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

Next Meeting

Sunday, 14 August

All welcome





The Light of my Life

Monday, 1st June, 2020 will forever stay in my mind as the day my Life changed significantly for the better, the day that one rather unsure little dog walked straight into my heart.

As a person who has profound deafness, “MoMo,” (Moira) Dog Number 606, an Australian Lions Hearing Dog, was gifted to me by ALHD to assist and alert me to sounds I might not hear, and improve the quality and safety of my life. She alerts me to my phone ringing or a text alert, the kitchen timer ringing, my alarm going off, and most importantly the smoke detector activating. In each case she runs to me and taps me on my leg. I reward her with a quick small treat, she then leads me to where the sound is coming from. The only exception is the smoke detector – she runs to me, touches, then drops and stays until I lead her to safety.

In addition to these sounds, MoMo alerts me to someone at the door knocking or ringing the bell, again touching me and leading me to the front door. As she arrived here just before the big Lockdown in 2020 we went many long months with no-one knocking at our door, except Lion Shirelle, who had so generously volunteered to help for three months with MoMo’s and my ongoing training in all the soundwork of her new environment. This is a crucial part of the ALHD Dog’s ongoing training towards her final full Accreditation, and we will forever be grateful to Shirelle for her dedication and sacrifice of personal time throughout this trying period. Indeed, it was a source of great delight to have Shirelle appear three times a week when normal visitors were banned; being alone during this arduous time was a very lonely experience.

Because MoMo is such a special fully trained Service Dog, costing \$37,000 to train, and she is very valuable to me, I keep my gate closed and secured at all times, with any planned visitors instructed to “ring at the gate, please!” They never reach the front door! So now, when a visitor arrives at the gate, they are often greeted by MoMo, who is told “Where’s Mum? Go fetch Mum!” and she runs around to wherever I am, very excited, touches me, and then dashes back to the gate with me in tow to greet our visitors. She has learnt to adapt to a different set of circumstances and commands.

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The Light of my Life *from previous page*

Over this period of two years MoMo and I have developed a very close and special bond. Wherever I am around my property, she will not be far away. Although she is a very independent dog, indeed can be quite stubborn at times, this is a trait of a Beagle, and she is a Beagle/Foxhound, with a significant heritage of Dachshund. Originally rescued from Dog Homes Tasmania at five months of age, she was flown to South Australia and thence taken by car to the ALHD Facility at Verdun, where she finally underwent ten months of daily training in obedience and soundwork before coming to me at fifteen months of age. Beagle crosses are excellent as ALHD trainees as they are 'scent' dogs, so respond very well to training with food treat rewards.

The ALHD Dogs are also trained how to behave in public when they are in "Working" mode. Every day we go for an hour's 'free' walk, on lead but allowed to just 'be a dog' sniffing at new scents, enjoying herself and all the admiration she gets from passers by! Most days as part of this I make sure to walk her in her official working jacket through Woolies, past all the meat showcases, and she is not allowed to sniff or show any interest in the food, or be distracted by being



patted. "Do not pat!" on her jacket! Before entering the shop I must make sure she has toiletted on our walk, then we stop, I put on her special jacket and say "Working MoMo! Good girl!" several times. She then understands that she is not allowed to sniff at any smells, must stay right by my side, and of course, NEVER allowed to 'toilet' inside! I must say she has never committed any of these sins, and she would need to be intensively retrained if she did! I think doing this routine almost daily to reinforce her training is the most important secret to her success.

MoMo gives me a greater sense of safety at all times; recently my daughter came to our door unannounced after dark, (but expected by me,) unlocked the door and walked into the entry hall. MoMo and I were sitting in the lounge – she heard my daughter and flew off the couch, barking a ferocious warning, until she saw who it was. This pleased me greatly; I'm sure she would protect me from any intruder!

My dog and I are great company for each other, we go almost everywhere together. I don't care to think what it would have been like for my mental health throughout all those long Lockdowns without my much-loved, faithful companion; she entertains, amuses with her quirky antics, and cheers me when I have an 'off' day.

Due to the SA/Victoria constant border closures all through COVID the ALHD Chief Training Assessor was unable to visit us to do MoMo's final Accreditation Assessment, normally performed three months after delivery. Finally in early May this year, Darren arranged a visit to put MoMo through her paces. I am very pleased, and proud of her, to report that she passed every facet with flying colours.

I so often say that MoMo is the "Light of my Life," with all sincerity. Without her my life would be very much poorer in so many ways, and I will always carry a debt of gratitude to ALHD; my local Koo Wee Rup and District Lions Club for sponsoring me; and to Shirelle for giving so generously of her time, knowledge and friendship to assist us in MoMo's final training at home.

Currently there is a two year waiting list for these wonderful Hearing Assistance Dogs. ALHD is about to undertake a doubling of its Facility at Verdun to try to reduce this wait time, but also to accommodate the expansion of its service into training and supplying Diabetic Medical Alert Dogs, and a puppy breeding program to source its own dogs, as well as training Rescue dogs, and buying dogs from accredited Breeders.

If anyone is interested in assisting the ALHD, (a registered charity) which is part of the Lions Club in Australia, and is supported solely by donations with no Government financial assistance, please check out their website: lionshearingdogs.com.au to find out more, purchase their merchandise, or make a tax-free donation.

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Koo Wee Rup RSL Report

By Rodney Edwards (President)

On the 28th May the Koo Wee Rup RSL held our 100th Birthday celebration (we actually turned 100 in 2021, however we couldn't celebrate due to lockdown). For those who couldn't make it we had a great day and those who did attend enjoyed the day. The weather was kind to us so we were able to set up a number of displays and activities outside in the grounds of the RSL. We had some genuine military uniforms from various eras and services, (Army, Navy and Air Force) on display and some of the local kids had fun trying on the uniforms which made great photo opportunities for mum and dad.

We had a face painter and balloonologist in attendance who painted some amazing art on faces and made some pretty amazing balloon animals. We would like to thank Brian Candy (also Vice-President of Lang Lang RSL) for coming along for the whole day and singing some songs for us, he kept everybody well entertained. Leading up to the event we encouraged local school children to participate in our colouring competition which was very well supported by the local schools in Koo Wee Rup and Bayles, the standard of the entries was excellent and prizes were given to the best entries. We were well supported by our friends at the Koo Wee Rup Lions Club who came along with their BBQ trailer and cooked sausages in bread for all who attended – thanks guys. We had a coin snake going where people could add their loose change to our snake and I'm pleased to say we



raised about \$190.00 in coin, plus kind donations people left on the Lions BBQ trailer for us – this money has been deposited into our "New Building Account" – more about this another time.

Later in the day we had a delicious birthday cake supplied by Tooradin Bakery and everybody who was there sang Happy Birthday to us. We finished off the day with an afternoon tea for members and they were all presented with a commemorative 100th Anniversary pin to celebrate the 100 years.

I would like to extend my thanks to the members of the RSL who spent a lot of their time arranging the day and to everybody who helped out on the day and a big thank you to the residents of Koo Wee Rup who came along to help us celebrate this momentous occasion.

Don't forget that if you are interested in joining the Koo Wee Rup RSL we would warmly welcome you, we meet at 13-15 Station Street (next to the Shell service station) on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm, we usually have a quick meeting then afterwards share supper. We would love to welcome any new members who are either ex-service men or women and people who would like to join as an Affiliate member – that is anybody who has a relative who served in any of the military services, so if you're interested or would like more information please contact our Secretary (Bev Edwards) at kooweerup.rsl@gmail.com

That's all for now.

LEST WE FORGET



Sailing with the First Fleet re-enactment voyage 1988

You may recall in the April 2021 edition of 'Blackfish', I wrote about a voyage I made on a tall ship in the South Pacific in 1986. It was a thrilling adventure starting in Port Vila, Vanuatu, and onwards to finish at Honiara in the Solomon Islands, and for me it would be an intrepid and exciting sail of eight weeks. The journey followed very closely the travels of James A. Mitchener and his story in his famous book, "Tales of the South Pacific". This tall ship was 'Eye of the Wind', a brigantine 40 metres long and a two mast height of 23 metres and a displacement of 240 tonnes. In full sail there was 750 square metres for use and to display its magnificence.

It's now 13th May 1987 and to commemorate the 1988 Australian Bicentenary of the voyage of the 'First Fleet', to Australia in 1788, a re-enactment voyage made up of square-rigged sailing vessels similar to those used by the First Fleet would be made. It's a well known story now and it was completed on the 18th of January 1988. That was the official voyage, but it was then decided that the ships would sail south to Newcastle, Melbourne and on to Portland in Victoria. From Portland the fleet would sail to Adelaide and then south to Hobart so that all capital cities had been visited by this historic re-enactment of the original First Fleet voyage. 'Eye of the Wind' was one of the leading vessels and I was invited to be a crew member for its journey from Portland to Adelaide and then on to Hobart if I wanted to do this extra leg. My professional commitments at that time only allowed me to sail from Portland to Adelaide and with port ceremonies included it was a joyous time of ten days of seafaring and indeed it was an honour to me to be asked.

I left Melbourne on the 24th of March and travelled by train and coach to board the ship at Portland and be welcomed aboard by the rest of the crew and "Tiger" Timbs the skipper. In fact, I had visited the ship earlier in the month whilst it was docked in Melbourne, so I had already met most of them including a couple of guys whom I knew from my previous voyage to the South Pacific in 1986. I was now a full crew member, and I was treated very differently than that of the paying passenger in 1986. I was put straight to work, and my immediate tasks included changing engine oil on the Gardiner diesel engine of 650HP - used when the wind didn't blow or to manoeuvre in dockside waters, also the same with the auxiliary Perkins diesel generator for our electricity supply.

A huge party celebrating the re-enactment voyage had been arranged for all Portland citizens and, of course, all of the ships' crews had been invited. We used the inflatable dingy and found our reserved roped off area right in front of the entertainers' stage. To entertain everyone there was a Bush Band, the Royal Australian Air Force band, a very funny comedian, the Salvation Army band and the Australian Children's Choir. A few of us stayed until the end and we walked back to the ship via a children's' park where we all took an illegal exciting ride on a free fall monorail holding on to the rings with our hands while it literally flew across the park. Very dangerous but quite a night! The next day our ship had hundreds of visitors including 1000 Scouts and a couple of customer friends of mine. In between all this there was more dirty maintenance work for me to finish. Huge crowds returned the next day to see us off on our journey to Adelaide and our ship was surrounded by a very large fleet of small boats, some with their water hoses spraying, ready to escort us out to sea. We eased away from the dock leading the procession of twelve ships followed by literally scores of these small boats to the deafening cheers of the crowd. On board with us were twelve paying guests embarking in Portland, a couple of whom were well known television personalities of the time and the same with the other ships of the fleet. Our course was southwest - into the wind - with the plan to wear ship (see below for explanation) to the northwest later so that we can then full sail into port Adelaide in about four days. I couldn't believe it when the skipper gave the helm to me after about fifteen minutes under way. On this first day most of our passengers were sea-sick because of the rolling of the ship. I measured 20 degrees on the port roll on two occasions. My watch was 1200 to 1600hrs and I had to do an extra hour because of a clock change with us sailing westward. It is just fantastic to be at sea again on this beautiful ship - 'Eye of the Wind'.

We did four jybes during the day and here is an explanation of a nautical term for you. A jybe is a sailing manoeuvre whereby a sailing vessel sailing downwind turns its stern through the wind, which then exerts its force from the opposite side of the vessel. For square-rigged ships (us), this manoeuvre is called wearing ship. After yesterday's violent rolling, today has been quite calm but things changed quickly during my nighttime watch. It was a horror. There were violent squalls with pouring rain and wild winds, but it gave us fantastic sailing for a couple of hours then the wind fell away and we couldn't keep on course. The crew, which now included me, were continually tuning braces, sails, halyards, sheets, traces, etc., all in pouring rain - bare feet - but I did have an all weather jacket with a hood to wear. My bow watch was super, and I reckoned we had about a thirty degree pitch. I was strapped to the bow for safety! There is no radar on this ship hence the need for a human bow watch. Our course was now north northeast and we are pointing towards the South Australian Coastline. The rest of the fleet is scattered and any hope we had of calling into Robe was gone. It's now our second day into the voyage and last night we anchored in Antichamber Bay in the Backstairs Passage on Kangaroo Island and the morning saw three other ships of our fleet also anchored precariously. It was decided to move on to another much further away anchorage and that was a good decision because we had a fantastic day's sail.

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Sailing with the First Fleet re-enactment voyage 1988 *from previous page*

With up to 30 knots of wind, we were close hauled and heeled over at 30 degrees; it was the fastest the ship has ever sailed at 11 knots across the sea and about 91/2 knots hull speed - oh, and by the way, we passed Stokes Bay during our onward journey! All day we sailed with the wind from the southeast and the weather was cloudy with some rain. At around 4:00 pm we arrived at Port Willunga, brought in all sails and anchored. We took out the small boat to fetch some milk from the town and I stayed with the boat on the beach whilst the others went shopping. I was very surprised at the enthusiasm of the people who came over to talk to me. Seemingly there is great excitement at the 'coming' of the First Fleet re-enactment to South Australia.



The next day, April 1st, was indeed an exciting and eventful day; one I shall never forget. It was beautiful weather and we up-anchored and, with skilful sailing by the skipper out of the anchorage, we managed to beat the other ships to the front of the queue and there we were - in the lead. The first event of the day I remember was at 7:00 am when we started the eight cylinder Gardiner Diesel engine by hand-cranking, just to see if we could! Each cylinder had valve lifters and as three of us cranked, Bill the engineer let in the valves as each cylinder fired. Sailing was perfect, all sails were proudly set to show off 'Eye of the Wind' to the crowds that we could see lining the route all up the coast, hours before we were due to dock in Port Adelaide. Gradually over a couple of these hours the fleet rendezvoused and we all sailed in line astern (single file) with us in the lead. As we neared Port Adelaide the accompanying small boat fleet increased in size with everyone waving and shouting greetings to us; everything from small dinghies to large charter cruisers. As we neared the entrance to the outer harbour the skipper executed a superb manoeuvre for a square rigger; the plan was to wear ship (turn away from the wind) and come about in a figure of eight so that we were now passing all the fleet in an opposite direction. We did this and tacked over past the line of the other ships to enter the harbour. It took two hours to reach the inner harbour but after twenty minutes, because of the wind, our sails were furled, and we were on motor only. The noise of our reception was tremendous; the harbour was lined all of the way with cheering crowds. The extremely loud sounds, the accompanying small boat fleet, the colours and thousands (I mean that) of waving people, six deep on the dock to receive "The Bounty", "One and All", and of course - us and the other ships was just amazing! We berthed alongside "Tradewinds" and made fast. We were here! In the evening we went to a huge party in a converted warehouse and had a bit of innocent fun with the crews of the other ships whom we had been bombarding with water bombs all the way up the harbour. The next day and a half were spent on maintenance; cleaning decks, cleaning the drive shaft, and a repair to our massive refrigerator. We also saw a dolphin regularly. They played with the racehorses who were brought to the harbour for swimming exercises by their trainers. In the meantime we were 'invaded' by hundreds of visitors including the Lord Mayor and, we were told, the Governor who actually came incognito. I also met some of my own personal friends who lived in Adelaide and who came along probably to see me in my ship's uniform! - ha ha. (I still have part of it). Finally we prepared the ship for a day's sailing tomorrow. It's for a private party of 65 people organised by Eric Matson, a famous photographer and a 'registered friend' of the ship who sailed on 'Eye of the Wind' many times in future years.

The weather was great for the sailing party and all of the crew wore our new uniform T-shirts and off we went; looking very smart I must say. After first trying to sail we had to motor down the river because there was no wind at all. Once out to sea we continued motoring south against the wind that was there waiting for us; then we came about and sailed back under full sail for two and a half hours. In the meantime, morning tea and scones were served followed by a chicken and champagne lunch; after all this there was afternoon tea with cream cakes. We arrived back dockside at 4:00 pm after a really magnificent sail on our return leg. Unfortunately, some of our visiting passengers were seasick and a lot more of them eventually left the ship coloured a strange shade of green! After again washing down the ship and repairing the gangway we were inundated with visitors until late in the evening. We now had an ambassadorial job showing these visitors around the ship, some of them staying for supper. The next day I had to say my goodbyes at 6:45 am for me to catch a coach back to Melbourne and to return to my beloved family. It was sad to be leaving 'Eye of the Wind' yet again, but I had had a splendid 10 days of sailing and meeting all sorts of people. I felt very fortunate and honoured indeed.

Geoff Stokes



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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 Wednesday of the month at Degani's Café, Station Street and on the third Wednesday 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.

Back to Bayles

What a fantastic day we had at the Back to Bayles celebrations on Sunday 19th June. The weather was perfect, the crowds kept rocking up for a sausage in bread in a steady stream and it was a great day.

Thanks to Shirelle, Geoff, Rex, Ian, Leonie and Linda for their work in making this a very successful day.

Newcomers and Neighbours Dinner

If you are new to the area and would like to find out what your new community has to offer, come along to the Koo Wee Rup Lions Newcomers and Neighbours dinner. This is an annual event, where local groups speak about what they do.

This will be held at the Community Centre, Rossiter Road on Friday 14th October 2022 at 6.30pm. Cost is \$25 for a two course meal. Drinks at bar prices. Put it in your diary!



Pakenham Bushwalking Club comes to Bayles

On Tuesday 4th May the Pakenham Bushwalkers deviated from their normal weekly walk in bush or coastal settings, to share a 12 km walk with some of the Koo Wee Rup Heart Foundation Evening Walkers to Bayles Fauna Park.

Do you know that walking along our back roads between Koo Wee Rup and Bayles we encountered only 3 cars each way. We saw fantastic farm scenery on a glorious day and had the bonus of an emu and a number of Kangaroos as a bonus at the fauna park.

This year there have been several walks where we have been joined by the local Heart Foundation Evening Walking Group, and we certainly shared the chatter as we clocked up the kilometres. The Heart Foundation Group except for some occasional walks with these friends are in recess

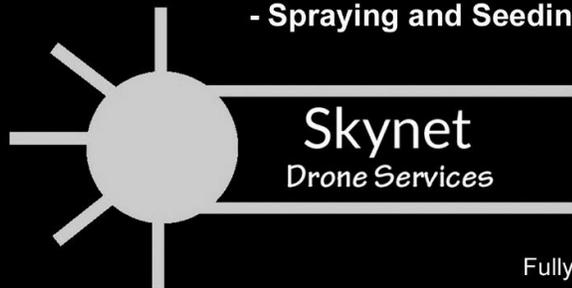
until daylight saving returns in October as we only walk the 6 months of daylight saving every Thurs. night. However the day time walkers share an hour of chatter still at the Koo Wee Rup Clock Towers at 9 am every Monday and Thursday morning.

Pakenham Bushwalkers meet every Tuesday morning year round at a different location, and walk around 10 to 12 km with a great coffee and extra chats at the end. We generally carpool which reduces the travel costs and enhances the talking time. If you are interested in joining us the first 3 walks are \$3 each, to cover insurance whilst you decide if this kind of walking is for you. Then it's only \$30 insurance for the year through Bushwalking Vic our peak body. Have a look at the website for further details. <http://www.pakenhambwc.org.au/> or email the secretary: secretary@pakenhambwc.org.au





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Ben Zimmerle



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Camp Cretaceous at Gilwell Park Scout Camp. The dinosaurs broke out of their containment barriers so our Cubs, Scouts and Venturers needed to hole up in a bunker and put up a fence to keep safe for a weekend in June. We went dinosaur hunting, became paleontologists to build the dinosaur skeletons, scaled the bouldering wall and enjoyed some pterodactyl flights.

Congratulations to our Cub Scout Oscar who has earned his Grey Wolf Award – the highest achievement you can earn as a cub scout. We are very proud of you and can't wait to see where your scouting journey continues to take you.

The Rover Section headed to their annual motorsport camp – Mudbash. Those that want to participate in the motorsport on offer. If you are there to camp there was lots of other activities on offer. Abseiling, Archery, Donut eating competition, new friendships to be made and an all weekend campfire.



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July '22 news from the Men's Shed

The Men's Shed has been fund raising over the last few months and the culmination of the members' super efforts has resulted in the installation of a new split system air conditioning unit at the 'Shed. At this shivery time in winter, it is a toasty warm place to be; it's really great. It will also make the 'Shed a very cool and pleasant place to be in the summer. The new unit replaces the old evaporative system but, even this older air conditioner can still be used at any appropriate time.

Our winter vegie crop has now been planted. At harvest time there will be lettuces, turnips, parsnips and for the first time ever - carrots. For some reason before this time carrots have refused to grow in the community garden. I wrote here 'community garden' but this phrase should not be taken too literally because if you would like to use the garden's products you cannot just come into the garden and help yourselves; this is stealing. Yes, this is happening regularly. You must pay (and it's usually a very small amount compared to the supermarkets) for the produce you would like to use; just talk to one of our members on duty and he will look after your needs. You will be very happy when you realise you've got yourself a great bargain.

I am sure most of you have read the following paragraph before or something very similar. However, the population of Koo-Wee-Rup and District is increasing daily and this next bit is really aimed at the people who are new to our town and maybe have never heard of our Men's Shed and all that we offer. So ... for those of you who are new to the area, 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 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!

Now ... to all the senior citizens who have telephoned me regarding the recommencement of the senior's computer lessons on a Friday morning. After my fourteen years of teaching our older residents, these special lessons for seniors have now been discontinued much to my chagrin and sadness. Thank you to the eighty three students who have learnt to use computers with me over these years, I remember you all. However, if any of our older residents are really interested in furthering their IT knowledge please contact Brian Harlow on 5997 9687.

Geoff Stokes

Grassland Society returns to in-person conference

The Grassland Society of Southern Australia (GSSA) is returning to an in-person annual conference for the first time since 2019 and to the Gippsland region for the first time since 2008.

The three-day conference on July 12-14 will be based at Lardner Park and follow the theme 'Sowing the Seeds for Success'.

The previous two annual conferences have been held online due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The last time the annual conference was held in Gippsland was 2008 in Bairnsdale.

About 250 people are expected to attend the conference.

The conference will include a bus tour to local farms and sessions on what soil carbon means for your business, optimising pasture diversity and its benefit, and concurrent sessions on protecting and prioritising your pasture.

GSSA Board Chair Meg Bell said the conference was a great opportunity for members to learn from each other and guest speakers.

"The online conferences have been great over the past two years but members are keen to return to actual events," Ms Bell said. "The networking, the opportunity to ask questions of speakers in person and the ability to learn from other farmers and advisors can't be beaten."

Ms Bell said the theme 'Sowing the Seeds for Success' reflected the importance of grasslands to farming operations.

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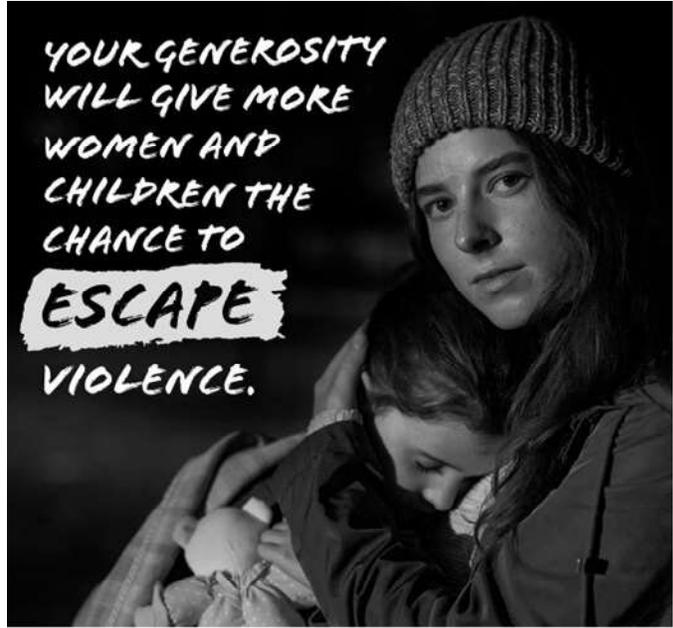
St Vinnies Winter Appeal 2022

The Vinnies Winter Appeal in the Koo Wee Rup / Iona Maryknoll Catholic Parishes will this year, focus on domestic violence support. This is the number one cause of homelessness for women and children.

By giving them the help needed to start again, we can stop women and children from staying in violent homes or spending nights on the streets. Each of our parish churches & schools will have a donation basket for non-perishable food items.

This year for the second time, we are also partnering with the Bendigo Bank branches in our catchment. Bunyip, Koo Wee Rup, Lang Lang and Tooradin. We also have support from Woolworths Koo Wee Rup, and donation baskets are in each of these locations for a month in June/July.

We have QR code scanning available for donations online. By donating locally all the support returns straight to our local community rather than via the Victorian head office.



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Koo Wee Rup Bowls Club

The new clubhouse project has now gone to tender and hopefully will be finalized July/August. The timeframe is still going to plan although there was some delay with Melbourne Water changing their requirements. We are constantly meeting with Shire representatives, Members of Parliament [Federal] to “keep the ball rolling”.

We recently conducted our A.G.M. and these members were elected to lead the Club into an exciting 12 month period. Bryan Walker [President], Gerry Fuller & Tim Katz [Vice-Pres.], Rex Alexander [Sec.], Mary Crynes [Treas.] & Pauline Gray [I.P.P]. We would like to thank those members who did not stand for re-election for their contribution over the past 12 months. At the A.G.M. the Club bestowed Life membership to Mary & George Crynes for their work over many years as Treasurer & Sponsorship Officer respectively. Thoroughly deserved by both of these members.

We recently hosted 16 year 11 students from the Secondary College who are involved in the Reclink project at the school for a session of bowls. All students who participated enjoyed the experience and hopefully may have another morning at the Club.

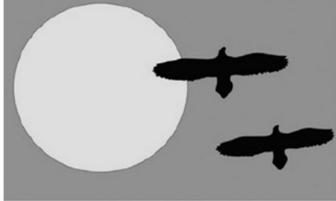
Two of our regular visitors to the Club for Friday Triples in Jim Smith [Cardinia Waters] & Graeme Wilde [Pakenham] passed away recently within a week of each other. Both had reached the 80 y.o. milestone and were extremely popular at our Club. Sincere sympathies to Lyn & Sandra and families for their loss.

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247 Rossiter Road, Koo Wee Rup

The Community Centre is used by a wide range of groups to bring people together and foster a positive community spirit in our local area.

From birthday parties to weddings, conferences to community seminars, the Community Centre caters for many different events in its three function rooms.

The centre is fully equipped with 250 padded seats, 25 tables that each seats 10 guests, a portable stage, kitchen facilities and crockery – so you have everything you need to ensure your function runs smoothly.

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Pilates @ Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service

All is back to normal with our Pilates classes, including the new chair based gentle half hour class at 5 pm every Monday evening during term time. Exercise has been a challenge as the weather deteriorates, so why not try some indoor options at affordable rates. **FIRST SESSION IS A FREE TRYOUT CLASS.** We've been in operation at the health service for almost nine years, with a focus on listening to your body and taking things at your pace. The beauty of Pilates is that there are always progressions to make an exercise more challenging, but there are regressions to lessen the challenge, as we all have injuries we are recovering from or some things we just can't do. Hence the great opportunity to get fit in ways that suit you best. Term 3 classes recommence on Monday 11th July with a gentle chair 30 minutes session, at 5 pm and then a mat class at 6 pm Mondays or 9 am Saturdays.

Enquiries to Marlene on 0429814410

Some extra info from the Community Advisory Committee

The next meeting of the Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC) is on the 16th of August 2022 and in last month's Blackfish we detailed the work being done by the Committee around Koo-Wee-Rup and District. We do realise that there are many new residents in Koo-Wee-Rup and they very likely do not know anything about the CAC. So, for them and a little brush up for our regular readers, we are sure you will find the the information below very interesting and informative.

The Committee have generally considered the following as people in our our community to whom they can offer help. Viz.:

- Patients in the hospital
- Residents in the hospital
- Carers of residents or patients
- Members of the family of a resident or patient
- Any resident of Koo-Wee-Rup and District
- The Community of Koo-Wee-Rup and District

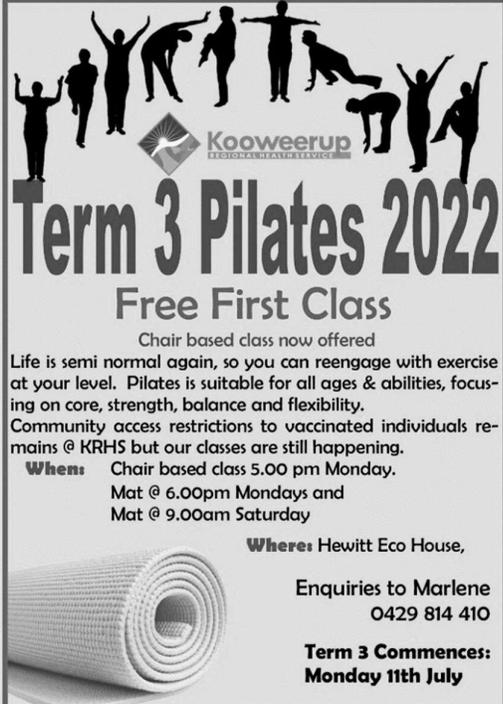
At present we either wait for someone to contact us or search out there for someone who has a suggestion of improvement for the Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service (KRHS) system, or to let us know of a nagging problem they may have with the system. We do realise that some of these potential clients are sometimes too embarrassed to approach us or maybe that, even with all our on-going publicity in "Blackfish", they may not know that we even exist! Alternately they may not be able to literally express themselves well enough in a contact sense to submit their individual problem or a suggestion to us.

The CAC Committee members are all drawn from individual Community Groups that represent and are in close touch with large numbers of the Koo-Wee-Rup and District population. The Committee members actively seek out from within and also outside of their own group activities any potential client who has some sort of issue with the services of the KRHS. In other words the Committee seeks out someone with an issue and becomes their advocate in presenting their suggestions to the CAC and thence onward to the KRHS with feedback and advice to improve and strengthen their services, information, forward planning, and the future policy development of the KHRS. To sum up; the Committee will furnish advice to the KRHS Board of Management taken from the concerns or problems of a Patient, a Resident or a Carer's point of view, and also from an individual resident or, indeed, the whole Community's point of view.

Running parallel to the CAC's overall aim is the Patient Advocate Liaison Services (PALS). PALS is a free support service for patients and their families to help them with any problems that may arise during their stay in hospital. Caroline Barr-Adams is the Volunteer Patient's Advocate. Additional resources are currently being developed to support this great project.

If you have a suggestion or some nagging thoughts about your difficulties, or your dependant's comforts or problems with KHRS then get in touch with the CAC Committee. Simply phone 5997 9679 or Geoff Stokes on 0435 085 002. Or you can email: geoffreystokes@geoffstokes.com Your email will be acknowledged.

Geoff Stokes



Term 3 Pilates 2022
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Community access restrictions to vaccinated individuals remains @ KRHS but our classes are still happening.

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Mat @ 6.00pm Mondays and
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Where: Hewitt Eco House,

Enquiries to Marlene
0429 814 410

**Term 3 Commences:
Monday 11th July**

Cardinia Shire Council celebrates NAIDOC Week

Cardinia Shire Council's Youth Services Team is hosting a free community event next week to mark NAIDOC Week.

The family event will run on Monday 4 July from 1pm to 1.30pm at Living and Learning Pakenham which is located on Henry Street, Pakenham.

The event will feature:

- Welcome to Country and smoking ceremony
- A show by Animals of Oz with native animals, such as a crocodile, possums, lizards, snakes and more
- Rock painting
- Learn about native plants and take one home with you
- 'Dance Off' with great music by various indigenous artists
- Story Time with a range of indigenous books
- Giant yard games
- Free afternoon tea

NAIDOC Week celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This year's theme is Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!

For more information about the NAIDOC Week event, visit Council's website at

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/events or call the Youth Services team on 1800 496 884.

Council adopts new Road Management Plan

A new Road Management Plan was adopted at last month's Council meeting.

The plan outlines the standards and level of service provided in maintaining the roads, bridges, footpaths and other infrastructure servicing roadways or pathways such as drainage and signage that are managed by Council.

The plan also explores how often these assets will be inspected and the timeframes in which Council will intervene to an asset deficiency or hazard.

The Road Management Plan will come into effect in August 2022.

The Road Management Plan is reviewed every four years following a Council election.

To view the policy, visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/roadmanagementplan

NBN information sessions for local businesses

Cardinia Shire Council is hosting NBN Co by running two information sessions to assist local businesses.

The informal drop-in events for businesses will run from 9am to 12pm on Tuesday 12 July at Toomah Community Centre in Pakenham and on Wednesday 13 July at the Hills Hub in Emerald.

Businesses will have the chance to speak directly with industry professionals in a relaxed atmosphere about business connectivity, access to NBN business grade fibre, and the foundations of best practice around cyber security for businesses.

The sessions will provide practical advice for working with internet service providers and ensuring that businesses receive the best plan and service possible to optimise and future-proof their business.

NBN Independent Business Advisors will also be there to help businesses select the best supplier for their needs and location.

Businesses can register their attendance at either event by going to <https://bit.ly/NBNBusinessInformation>

For more information about the information sessions, visit Council's website at www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/cardiniabusiness or call the Economic Development team on 1300 787 624 or email business@cardinia.vic.gov.au

Have your say on sport and recreation in Cardinia Shire

Community consultation is now open for the proposed Active Cardinia Strategy.

Council is asking the community to help shape the future of sport and recreation by learning more about resident's motivations, barriers, and trends to engaging in sport and physical activity in Cardinia Shire.

Through the draft Active Cardinia Strategy, Council is working to improve, develop and provide quality infrastructure to support community sport and physical activities.

Residents are encouraged to provide their feedback on the proposed strategy so Council can better understand how to support participation in sport and active recreation, encouraging a more physically active community into the future.

Community consultation closes on Monday 11 July 2022.

To have your say on the draft strategy, visit www.creating.cardinia.vic.gov.au

Harold Bould/Wilma Young (Cardinia) Kokoda Award

The Harry Bould/Wilma Young (Cardinia) Kokoda Award is available each year to Year 10 students who are enrolled in secondary schools in the Cardinia Shire. The award provides the opportunity for the winning student to join a Kokoda trek in 2023 at no cost to the winner other than his/her personal equipment and spending money. The successful student will be offered assistance with training prior to the trek.

Candidates are asked to write a short essay answering the questions:

1. Why would you like to trek the Kokoda Trail?
2. What was the importance of the Kokoda Campaign in the Battle for Australia.

Many of the past winners have had an interest in history or physical education.

Details can be found on the 39th Battalion Association website, <https://39battalion.com/harold-bould-cardinia-kokoda-award/>.

Entries close on 30 September 2022.

Open-air fires local law adopted by Council

Following extensive community and agency consultation, Council has adopted new open-air fire regulations which will come into effect on 1 July 2022.

The local law was adopted at last night's Council meeting and details the regulations for open-air fires - commonly known as 'burning off' – outside of the declared fire danger period.

The Open Air Fires Local Law aims to provide adequate provision for fuel reduction and fire prevention while discouraging unnecessary smoke health hazards.

This new law will provide the community with more opportunities to reduce bushfire risk through burning-off while ensuring public safety remains a key priority.

Cardinia Shire Mayor Councillor Jeff Springfield said he believed the new local law reflected the community's feedback received during the consultation period.

"We listened to the community and made several changes before the adoption of this new local law. The proposal initially had a restriction on open air fires on public holidays however we have scrapped this after looking at community feedback and open-air fires can now take place on public holidays. We also changed the days residents are allowed to burn-off – this is changing from Saturday to Sunday on weekends. Residents raised concerns about smoke so the distances to buildings/fencelines have been increased in this local law to take in account smoke amenity concerns when residents complete burning off. The proposal originally included a 25-metre clearance distance, but we listened to the community and this has now been amended to a 12 metre clearance distance.

"We recognise that there is a wide-range of opinions within our community concerning how this local law should best operate. Some residents would like the freedom to burn off any day whilst others wish for no burning off at all. It is our hope that this new local law will strike the balance between all the variety of views that have been communicated with us."

The local law renews focus on:

- Smoke impacts on community
- Bushfire fuel reduction and property preparation
- Burning off timeframes
- Burning off in townships
- Environmental impacts

As part of the local law, the Shire will be divided into three zones with appropriate open-air fire regulations, rather than the previous rules where regulations were based on zoning and land size.

In the Urban and Township Zone, burning off is only allowed with a permit.

In the Bushland and Peri-Urban Zone and the Rural Zone, if criteria is met, a permit for burning off may not be required.

July will be declared a 'no burn month' throughout the Shire. This means burning-off will be prohibited across the entire shire throughout the month.

This change aims to reduce hazardous smoke caused from burning wet material. This is intended to encourage an uptake of alternative methods of waste disposal during these wetter months and reduce smoke impacts over the school holiday period.

To view the new local law, visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/adopted-open-air-fires-local-law

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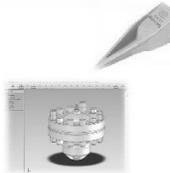
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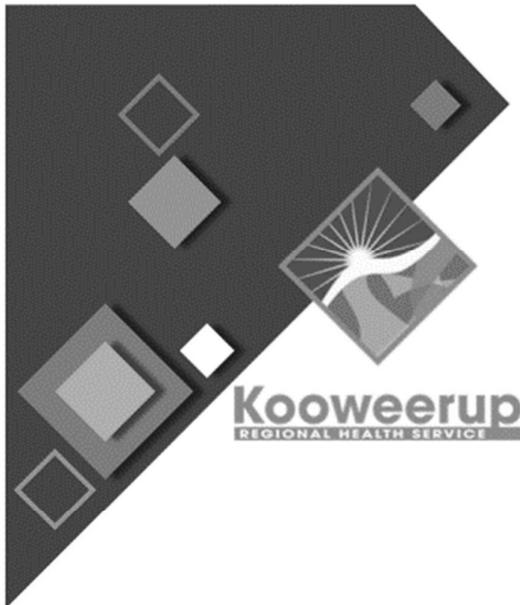
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Please visit our website for the latest information on KRHS and Covid restrictions

Bills' Troughs *from previous page*

By Heather Arnold, Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society

We have a Bills' Trough at the Historical Society Museum, here at Koo Wee Rup, and you will probably have seen others on your travels throughout Australia. They were funded from a bequest from the will of George Bills, who died on December 14, 1927. His will left various bequests to friends and employees but the bulk of his Estate was to be made available by his Executors to Societies for the protection of animals, such as the Victorian Society for the Protection of Animals (as the RSPCA was then called) and the Purple Cross Society; and for the construction of horse troughs for the relief of horses or other 'dumb animals'. These troughs were to be inscribed with the names of George and his wife Annis. The Purple Cross Society had been established in England in 1914 to mitigate the sufferings of horses in war. A branch was established in Victoria in 1915 and after the War finished it was decided that the principal aims of the Purple Cross Society should be the establishment of a rest home for horses, and the erection of drinking troughs. By November 1926 they had erected 33 troughs throughout Victoria.

Who were George and Annis Bills? An article by Tim Gibson, *Donated by Annis and George Bills - Australia: their concrete horse trough legacy* published in the Gippsland Heritage Journal (see full citation at the bottom) tells us that George was one of fourteen children and was born in Brighton in England on March 11, 1859. The family immigrated to New Zealand in 1869 and moved to Victoria in 1873. In 1880 George, and his brother Henry, commenced a wire working business in Sydney. Other brothers, Richard and Walter, later joined the business. Walter had invented a wire coiler and this led the Company into the manufacture of wire mattresses. The business became known as Bills Brothers. Various of the brothers operated factories in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane at one time. George married Annis Elizabeth Swann (b.1860) on May 18, 1885 at the Brisbane Registry Office. In 1910 the couple went on a trip to England where Annis died. They had no children.



Trough at Bunyip

Winter Waste Workshops!

Our waste team is hitting the streets with FREE community workshops and events this June and July!

Community members can learn how to reduce waste, save money and help our environment at these free workshops:

Thursday 7 July 2pm - 6pm

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Saturday 16 July, 10.30am - 12pm

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For more information about Council's waste events, visit Council's website at www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/wasteworkshops or call the waste team on 1300 787 624.

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George and his brother Henry had been supporters of the Victorian Society for the Protection of Animals and this devotion to the cause of animal welfare was continued, as we know, after George's death through his will. His Estate was administered by his sister, Daisy and her husband, William Crook. In those days the contents of Wills were reported in the newspapers and Mr Bills' will was clearly unusual as *The Age* reported on his will under the headline - *A Freakish Will*; whereas as *The Argus* started their report with *Some unusual provisions are contained in the Will*.

Tim Gibson, in his article referred to above, says that the first troughs were individually designed and constructed. The two earliest newspaper mentions of troughs connected to Mr Bills I could find concerned troughs in Williamstown and in Hawthorn. The *Williamstown Chronicle* reported on a Williamstown Council meeting in December 1928 - *At the meeting of the council, a letter was received from the Purple Cross Society of Victoria, stating that the society had agreed to supply a water trough for erection on the Strand, near the ferry. The trough would be in concrete, with a large basin for horses, a special drinking basin for dogs, and a bubbly fountain for drivers.....It was requested that when the trough was built that the words, "Annis and Geo. Bills, Australia," be placed on the structure.*

A month later, *The Herald* reported in January 1929 that - *A handsome granite trough with a dog dish and drinking fountain will be erected in Barton street, Hawthorn, as a tribute to the memory of Mr Bills.*

In the early 1930s Jack Phillips became the contractor and had a standard design of pre-cast concrete, which were manufactured in Auburn Road in Hawthorn. Rocla then took over the manufacture of the troughs around 1937. Also in 1937 the last trough was supplied to a Victorian location and erected in Buckley Street in Essendon. After that, the distribution of the troughs moved to New South Wales and finished at the end of the Second World War. All up, around



Tooradin

700 troughs were donated to towns in Australia, around 400 of those in Victoria and fifty overseas.

Where can you find the Bills' troughs? In this area, the only ones I know of are at Koo Wee Rup, Tooradin, Pakenham and Bunyip. The one at Koo Wee Rup is at the Historical Society in Rossiter road. This one was originally installed outside the Royal Hotel in January 1933. You can see both the horse trough and the dog trough at Tooradin, outside the Fisherman's Cottage Museum on the Foreshore. The two troughs can also be seen in Bunyip in High Street. The Berwick-Pakenham Historical Society has a trough on display at their Museum in Pakenham. The Bunyip and Pakenham troughs were originally installed around late 1932, early 1933.

The Bills' troughs are a lovely reminder of a by-gone day, when horses ruled the road and also a practical memorial to George & Annis Bills' community spirit and love of animals.

The original version of this article, with all the footnotes, can be seen on my blog here <https://kooweerupswamhistory.blogspot.com/2022/01/bills-troughs-in-local-area.html> The article I referred to is - *Donated by Annis & George Bills - Australia: their concrete horse trough legacy* by Tim Gibson. Published in *Gippsland Heritage Journal* No.20, September 1996.

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, July 13 at 7.30pm. The Museum generally 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



Trough and lock-up at KWR Swamp Historical Society Museum

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