

THE KOO WEE RUP BLACKFISH



MARCH 2022

Bandicoot spotted in Koo Wee Rup's underground crossing

Last month, the Southern Brown Bandicoot was photographed for the first-time, scurrying the underground crossings in Koo Wee Rup.

7 trial bandicoot crossings were installed in 2021 as part of the project to seal Boundary Drain Road and Main Drain Road in Koo Wee Rup. The Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne delivered the project in partnership with Cardinia Shire Council. The underground crossings are built under the road to help the bandicoots cross safely. The crossings aim to reduce road deaths of this nationally endangered species.

The Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne will be conducting follow-up studies to monitor how well the crossings are working. If they are being used by bandicoots, these crossings will become the new standard across the state.

Although populations of Southern Brown Bandicoots still exist in the Koo Wee Rup, Bayles, Cardinia, Lang Lang and the Garfield/Bunyip areas, numbers of Southern Brown Bandicoots are generally declining. This decline in population is due



to land clearing for agriculture and housing, predation by feral and domestic animals (foxes, cats, dogs), disruption of movement corridors, and isolation from other bandicoots.



The best habitat for Southern Brown Bandicoots is dense understory vegetation, such as small shrubs and long grass. This provides protection from predators, especially if plants are prickly. Weeds such as blackberry, logs and woody debris also provide shelter and nesting sites. Weed control and site clean-up should therefore be done in stages, so there is always protective cover available while waiting for newly revegetated plants to establish. Linear strips of vegetation (both native and exotic weeds) along drains, waterways, roads, rail reserves and private property are vital in connecting fragmented patches of habitat.

To learn more about the Southern Brown Bandicoot and what you can do to help protect this endangered species, go to www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/southernbrownbandicoot.

Koo Wee Rup Township Committee Meeting

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

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What's on in Koo Wee Rup and District

March

Tue 1st	Pennant	Bowls Club	1015am
Wed 2nd	Coffee Club (<i>back page</i>)	Royal Hotel	10am
Wed 2nd	Lions Club Meeting (<i>page 3</i>)	RSL Clubrooms	7pm
Wed 2nd	Township Committee Meeting (<i>page 1</i>)	Community Centre	7.30pm
Thu 3rd	South West Gippsland	Bowls Club	11.00am
Thu 3rd	Heart Foundation Walking (<i>back page</i>)	Clock Towers	7pm
Fri 4th	KWR Regional Health Service Ladies Auxiliary Meeting (<i>page 7</i>)	Education Room, Hospital	9.30am
Fri 4th	Triples	Bowls Club	10.15am
Fri 4th	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch & Bingo (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Fri 4th	Social Bowls	Bowls Club	6.30pm
Mon 7th	Heart Foundation Walking	Clock Towers	9am
Mon 7th	Chair Pilates (<i>page 25</i>)	Eco House - Hospital	5pm
Mon 7th	Mat Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	6pm
Mon 7th	CWA Meeting (<i>page 7</i>)	Senior Citizens Club	7.30pm
Mon 7th	KWR Senior Citizens Indoor Bowls (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	12.30pm
Tue 8th	Pennant	Bowls Club	10.15am
Tue 8th	Have a Chat Chuesdays (<i>back page</i>)	UA Church Hall	2pm
Tue 8th	RSL Sub-Branch AGM (<i>page 17</i>)	RSL Clubrooms	7.30pm
Wed 9th	KWR Swamp Historical Society Meeting (<i>page 29</i>)	KWR Museum	6pm
Tue 9th	Hall Committee Meeting	Community Centre	7.30pm
Thu 10th	Heart Foundation Walking	Clock Towers	7pm
Fri 11th	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch & Bingo (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Sun 13th	Bayles Fauna Park Working Bee (<i>page 23</i>)	Bayles Fauna Park	9am
Sun 13th	Social Bowls	Bowls Club	12.30pm
Mon 14th	Heart Foundation Walking	Clock Towers	9am
Mon 14th	Chair Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	5pm
Mon 14th	Mat Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	6pm
Wed 16th	Coffee Club	Chandelier Café	10am
Wed 16th	Lions Club Meeting	RSL Clubrooms	7pm
Thu 17th	Heart Foundation Walking	Clock Towers	7pm
Fri 18th	Triples	Bowls Club	10.15am
Fri 18th	KWR Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Fri 18th	Social Bowls	Bowls Club	6.30pm
Mon 21st	Heart Foundation Walking	Clock Towers	9am
Mon 21st	Chair Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	5pm
Mon 21st	Mat Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	6pm
Mon 21st	CWA Craft Meeting	Senior Citizens Club	7.30pm
Thu 24th	Heart Foundation Walking	Clock Towers	7pm
Sat 26th	Mat Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	9am
Sun 27th	Social Bowls	Bowls Club	12.30pm
Mon 28th	Heart Foundation Walking	Clock Towers	9am
Mon 28th	Chair Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	5pm
Mon 28th	Mat Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	6pm

April

Sun 3rd	Harewood Heritage Day (<i>back page</i>)	Harewood House	10am
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Caroline Roff, Editor



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 Bill Williams, Maree Hand, Ross Davis and Kim Powell. We are very happy to have new people join our club and welcome your new ideas, energy and enthusiasm.

Meeting with a Difference

Instead of our regular meeting at the RSL clubrooms, we were invited to Ron and Lyn Ingrams home. Rex took the bbq trailer along and cooked dinner for all the members who attended. What a lovely setting for a get together. Many thanks to Ron and Lyn for a very enjoyable evening.

Lang Lang Show and Shine

On Sunday 13th February 2022, Koo Wee Rup Lions had their bbq trailer at the Rotary Clubs Show and Shine at Lang Lang Showgrounds.

Oh, my goodness – what a day!!!

It was a beautiful day, and thousands attended the show.

There were roadblocks and traffic jams, taking some of us over an hour to get in the gate.

We started cooking as soon as we were set up (around 7am) and then the queue started – and didn't stop until around 1pm. We were selling sausages and onion in bread, egg and bacon sandwiches and hamburgers

(in bread) with the lot. We sold out of hamburgers halfway through, then sausages. We had three people

cooking, one taking the money and three serving. We needed more people to help but we coped. We were exhausted by the end of the day. It was a lot of work. A huge thank you to everyone who helped. Well done team!!!!



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

Cr Moore reported that Council has started work on the new budget.

The design for the new Bowling Clubrooms were presented to the club in January and a design agreed. The tender is being prepared for March. The issue of parking on the CFA running track was raised with Cr Moore, he will pass that on again to council. It was noted there is a general shortage of parking around Cochrane Park to service the Bowling Club, Community Centre, Pool and Tennis Courts at peak times.

The Skate Park community consultation period closed 31 January 2022. The concept plan to be presented to council in late February or early March.

The toilet at the Koo Wee Rup Seniors has been upgraded to an Accessible facility, this was an initiative promoted through CAIAC.

Questions to Councillor Moore:

The Men's Toilet at the Swimming Pool frequently blocks up, especially in times of high use for example they have blocked the last three years of Carols by Candlelight. Graeme will refer to facilities.

There was a suggestion that toilets be constructed at the Swamp Tower on the South Gippsland Highway, especially with the Donut van being there regularly and this encouraging people to make it a stopping point. Submit through Jordan Crugnale's office as this is a VicRoads road and land.

It was suggested to Graeme that the pedestrian laneway beside Woolworths (between Station St and Cochrane Park) be named in honour of the late Ray Brown. Ray instigated the negotiations with the landowner to have the area donated and pushed council to construct the path. Graeme urged that we submit this idea to council. (Secretary to email relevant council officer).

The hall extension is not included in the budget for 2022 but some initial drawings have been completed. Funding for the project will be a problem as it will rely on state or federal government contribution as too expensive for council to fund but is still some years away.

The President reported that last year's Christmas Lights winner was unanimous. There were suggestions for a Best Street Award that would not have a prize but could be promoted on Facebook or other media.

Question was put about a business competition. The Business Association ran one in the past and it didn't encourage any businesses to decorate who wouldn't have done so anyway, so probably not the best spend of Christmas decoration money. Last year Bev and Rod Edwards did a great job for the committee with decorations in RSL and the window at Lights garage. Offering to help businesses with their windows is probably a better approach. Suggestion to get sponsorship for next year from Bunnings or similar.

Australia Day: A big thank you to all that helped out beforehand and on the day. Attendance numbers increased from 2021 (approx. 180). Consider not putting in for an ambassador in future and maybe look for local speakers.

Carols by Candlelight was very well attended and well organised by Lions.

Fences are starting to go up along Koo Wee Rup – Pakenham Road. We will ask for an update from Major Road Projects Victoria.

Men's Shed talking with Health Service to arrange for RATs to be available for older people and those on low income or vulnerable.

Restore Rup Rail Facebook push. There are plans to extend the rail to Clyde from Cranbourne but no plans to extend beyond that. Casey, Cardinia and South Gippsland Shires all have plans for rail trail along the rail corridor.

Bendigo Bank Koo Wee Rup presents Staying Safe Online

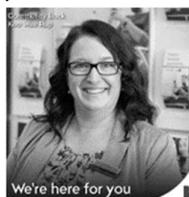
Did you know?

Australians lost over \$851 million* to scams in 2020, a record amount, as scammers took advantage of the pandemic to con unsuspecting people and cause serious emotional harm to those impacted, and their families.

With that in mind Bendigo Bank Koo Wee Rup will be running the below information sessions to help you stay safe online

- Koo Wee Rup Bowls Club – Friday 4th March 12.30pm
- Koo Wee Rup RSL – Tuesday 8th March at 7pm
- Koo Wee Rup Men's Shed –
Wednesday 16th March at 11am

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Koo Wee Rup Country Womens Association

Written by Linda Sanders

Meeting Dates

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

Our next craft meeting will be on Monday 21st March 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.

First Meeting for 2022

On Monday 7th February we had our first meeting of the year. Ten members attended and our new committee held their first meeting. Well done ladies, you look like you have it all under control.

CWA Member Wins Citizen of the Year

At the Australia Day Awards held on 26th January, CWA member Dianne Divola was awarded with Citizen of the Year.

What an outstanding achievement Dianne. This is well deserved as you are a hard working and dedicated member of the Koo Wee Rup community.

We appreciate what you do for our club and enjoy your friendship.

Harewood Heritage Day

Harewood Heritage Day (formerly 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 ask to make scones and sandwiches to sell at the event. We will also have other baking for sale on the day.

On Monday 21st February, instead of having our normal craft night, we had a scone making night. We made about 20 dozen scones at the Senior Citizens kitchen. It was a start and we will be having other cook ups so that we are well prepared for the day.

See History of the Scone and recipes on pages 23 and 25.



KRHS Ladies Auxiliary

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Time: 10am

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Icke Road KWR

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Here is the happiest of news about the Men's Shed

At last, the Men's Shed is fully open again. After all these months of being shut, open again and then to be half closed yet again, we are now truly in full swing once more. Within the last couple of months, we have welcomed five new members to the 'Shed and three of them have spent quite a lot of time working in the community garden. They were helped by some of our local ladies, volunteers from our Koo-Wee-Rup neighbourhood. These ladies and the new members are really enjoying bringing the garden back to life; the garden has been somewhat neglected by the Covid restrictions of recent months. It's taken two weeks of loving care to bring it, once more, to its original splendour and lots of vegetable seedlings and seeds have been planted. It won't be too long now before it's time to harvest and taste wonderful garden fresh produce again.

If you keep your eyes roving as you come through the Men's Shed car park you will notice that the old lawn mower hut in the corner has been replaced by a converted shipping container. This gives to us so much more storage and working space. The concept and the physical work has been organised by Alf Brasher from the Melbourne Truck Centre of Dandenong South. Many, many thanks to Alf from all of us.

The Men's Shed café is once again in full swing and is open for lunch on Fridays between 11:00 am and 2:00 pm to 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. I mean that!

Now to something just a little more serious. It's the Annual General Meeting of the Men's Shed on April the 6th 2022 at 12 noon. 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.

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. 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, watch this space!

Finally: - *So, my friend sees me kneeling down, busy working in the Men's Shed garden and asks me what I am doing. "I'm putting my plants in alphabetical order" I reply to him.. "Really", he said, "I don't know how you find the time". "It's right next to the sage", I told him. Now, with extra soil on the garden, the plot thickens.*

Geoff Stokes

Here's why Desktop PCs just won't die

With Covid-19 restrictions still in place, the computer lessons for seniors held at the Men's Shed on Fridays are still in limbo. Because there has to be close contact with pupils, these lessons were the first of many activities to be suspended by the Koo-Wee-Rup Regional Health Service (KRHS). The Men's Shed is within the grounds of KRHS hence the suspension. Hopefully it won't be too long before we can recommence this very popular activity. In the meantime I have been contacted by quite a few budding enthusiasts to explain why I teach pupils using a desktop computer and yet it seems to them that iPads and Tablets are now more popular, more useful, and easier to handle. The first and important reason for me, the teacher, is that the monitor on a desktop PC is large and so it is easier for all participants to see everything that is displayed during lessons. This question also allows me to explain now why the desktop PC reigns supreme. Let me go back in time ...

Shag pile carpet and encyclopedias! Yes, there is a connection. As a practising fluid flow mechanical engineer before the advent of computers, I would spend hours sitting on a shag pile carpet in our lounge room, leafing through the 26 volume set of Encyclopedia Britannica, that occupied a prominent place on our living room bookshelf. But these things, and the electric typewriter that I used to create my engineering reports in the office are, alas, obsolete. Things are so different now with Google and Microsoft Edge to tell you everything you need to know - oh so quickly - instantaneously really.

It's true that mobile computing devices are gaining market share at the expense of deskbound PCs. However, the number of desktop PCs sold per year has actually been rising for the past two years. Statista, a USA statistics company, has looked at desktop PC shipments worldwide from 2009 through to the end of 2021. Statista reports a definite decline from the peak of 2011 to 2012, to the low point of 2019 but the total number of desktop units sold in both 2020 and 2021 has risen sharply, almost to the peaks of a decade ago.

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Here's why Desktop PCs just won't die *from page 9*

There is a steady demand for desktop PCs and it's unlikely to go away. Over 88 million were sold in the first four months of 2021 alone; sales for last year topped 340 million units worldwide. This happened despite supply chain issues, global chip shortages and the many workers banished to home because of Covid restrictions. Here are five reasons why desktop PCs will not die.

Comfort Design: Tablets and Smartphones literally cause pains in the neck when used for extended periods. They're harder to use for typing than a desktop PC which has an expansive keyboard. Their displays are much smaller than those of typical desktop PC. Fine cursor control is difficult or impossible on tablets and smartphones. Have you ever created a spreadsheet, a presentation or a 10 page document on a smartphone or Tablet? When faced with a choice between mobility and comfort, mobility often wins, but when people don't need mobility, they usually choose comfort over saving space.

Computer Power and Storage: Desktop PCs can accommodate faster, more powerful processors than mobile devices and can control more peripherals simultaneously. A peripheral device is generally defined as any auxiliary device such as a computer mouse or keyboard, that connects to and works with the computer in some way. Other examples of peripherals are expansion cards, graphics cards, image scanners, tape drives, microphones, loudspeakers, webcams, digital cameras and printers etc. They are almost infinitely expandable. If you need several terabytes of storage in a PC or Mac desktop it's not a problem. Tablets and smartphones can't come even close in either raw power or storage capability.

Work habits: When you really need to settle down and push out the work, a desktop PC helps you to achieve the maximum output. It stays in a specific space called a 'workspace' at home or at the office; just going there and sitting down at your 'workstation' helps put you in a productive frame of mind. Conversely, when it's time for a break you can escape your immobile desktop PC easily. You don't have to take up time packing it up with its cables, and you don't have to lug it around while you're not using it! However, the mobile gadgets with their incessant pings, beeps, and notifications will constantly demand your attention and distract you from getting things done. One of the must-haves in my own computing environment at home is dual screen capability. Mobile devices are designed to be small and portable, so you are never going to replicate a dual 27 inch monitor setup on a smartphone or Tablet. Once you have had the experience (and productivity boost) of working on dual screens, you will find a single monitor setup (even with one large screen) very restrictive. I always work with a web browser on one screen and a word processor, spreadsheet or email account on the other. Programmers benefit from having a source code on one monitor and the actual running program on the other.

Expendability/Repairability: If your desktop PC needs more RAM (RAM is Random Access Memory and its purpose is to store the short term data that a PC requires to properly operate), you can open the case and pop it into your hard drive, you can even put in a larger one or just add a second one or indeed a third one if required. Desktop PCs and laptop computers use mostly commodity (off the shelf) parts, so if one component fails, you can always find a replacement part and fix it yourself - usually with a simple screwdriver. Hard drives, RAM memory, video cards, power supplies, monitors, the CPU (central processing unit), and even the motherboard can be replaced without too much trouble. You can even use different brands if you have to. Mobile devices such as your iPhone, iPad, or your Android device are typically sealed up tight. You can't replace or upgrade the SSD (Solid State Drive) in your mobile device. If the screen cracks on your smartphone or tablet you can't just buy just a new one and fix it yourself. If any component breaks or fails, you have to send it away for repairs which can be more expensive than buying a new one. You can't even replace the battery yourself in most smartphones. Finally consider external peripherals. Try connecting a scanner or an external drive to your mobile device. What about a second monitor? Where are the USB ports? And ... it's quite a hassle to print anything directly from a mobile phone or tablet.

Cost: Miniaturisation is always expensive. You will never see a tablet that costs as little as a desktop PC of comparable capabilities. As mentioned before, buying a desktop PC is cheaper than comparable repairs of a tablet or even a smartphone. Oh, and you have never dropped your desktop PC in the toilet or jumped into the swimming pool with your laptop!? Now I know I said 'five' reasons, but it's always good to exceed your expectations - OK? So, here's one more I thought of whilst writing on this topic.

Security: Have you noticed how many news reports of hacking and data loss involve mobile devices? Public Wi-Fi is a security risk that most users don't understand (including me sometimes and it's much easier to lose a smartphone than a desktop PC).

Desktop PCs have an important role in both home and business environments and I just can't see that situation changing for many years to come. For many people a good laptop is the ideal compromise between mobility and the advantages of a desktop PC. Of course, the ideal thing is to own a desktop PC, a laptop, a tablet and a smartphone - except your budget might not cope!

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Koo Wee Rup Bowls Club

Playing on a Grass Green for the 1st time this season Sat. Div. 3 extracted a "little revenge" against City of Frankston winning 63-51 reversing the result from Rd. 1. Getting a good start and despite dropping 7 shots on the 20th end Trevor Kitchin, Charles Harris, Steve Haines & Peter Butera held on for a 21-21 draw. Also having a good start Brett Condron, Tim Katz, Rex Alexander & Noel Speight let their opponents back into the game before winning 22-13. The close rink for the day was Bryan Walker, Pauline Gray, Arthur Giaccotto & Julie Walker who won 20-17. Div. 6 went to Mornington Civic and were well beaten 27-54. Betty King, Jim Jenkins, Peter Stevens & Helen Ralph could not contain their opponents losing 14-32. Our 2nd rink of Margaret Royle, Pat Carlin, Mary Masters & Jacqui Butera were defeated 13-22. A very good win for Div. 3 against Belvedere who had beaten us early in the season. This time we recorded an impressive 78-42 win. The rink of Bryan Walker, Pauline Gray, Arthur Giaccotto & Julie Walker "fell" away over the last few ends losing 11-23. Leading 22-8 after 14 ends, Trevor Kitchin, Charles Harris, Steve Haines & Luke Monckton [last minute replacement] continued on their way to win 34-10. Almost an exact replica for Brett Condron, Tim Katz, Rex Alexander & Daniel Price leading 19-6 at the 13th end to go on and win 33-9. Div. 6 had the Saturday off with a bye. With 2 rinks having good wins we were able to cover for our 3rd rink to defeat Mt. Eliza 69-45. Brett Condron, Tim Katz, Rex Alexander & Daniel Price led the way with a 23-12 win. An even performance by the rink of Trevor Kitchin, Charles Harris, Steve Haines & Luke Monckton scored a 32-12 win. Our 3rd rink of Bryan Walker, Pauline Gray, Arthur Giaccotto & Jill Roissetter [sub.] lost 14-21.

Our Div. 6 team went to Balnarring and put in a good effort losing 41-49. Betty King, Jim Jenkins, Peter Stevens & Frank Grant scored a 28-20 win. A 13-29 loss for Margaret Royle, Pat Carlin, Ken Hammond & Jacqui Butera couldn't get the overall win. Playing top team Mornington Civic at Civic Div. 3 were unable to repeat our earlier win against them losing 50-69. In a low scoring game scoring 2 shots on the final end was sufficient for Trevor Kitchin, Gerry Fuller, Arthur Giaccotto & Noel Speight to draw 17-17. Not a good day for Charles Harris, Steve Haines, Pauline Gray & Luke Monckton well beaten 15-33. Never in front after the 1st end Brett Condron, Peter Butera, Rex Alexander & Daniel Price nearly "pinched" the game losing 18-19. Div. 6 at home scored a good win 43-39 to keep their hopes of playing finals alive. An impressive 30-12 win for Betty King, Jim Jenkins, Helen Ralph & Gary King secured the win. A hard struggle for Margaret Royle, Jill Roissetter, Frank Grant & Ken Hammond losing 13-27.

Tuesday Pennant results were a little disappointing with both teams losing. Div. 3 lost to Karingal 45-70 & Div. 6 went down to Belvedere 29-49. For Div. 3 the bright spot for the day was the rink of Gerry Fuller, Bryan Walker, Joy Jenkins & Julie Walker winning 19-15. A difficult day for Noel Speight, Jill Roissetter, Betty King & Steve Haines losing 13-30. A similar result for Pauline Gray, Jim Jenkins, Mary Masters & Helen Ralph 13-25. Both Div. 6 rinks were comfortably beaten with Margaret Royle, Pat Carlin, Ken Hammond & Joe Barlow losing 14-27 and Luke Monckton, Iain Caig, Frank Grant & Charles Poulsen beaten 15-22. The next round had Div. 3 go to Balnarring and only managed to win 1 rink but an overall 72-61 win for the day was a very good performance. In the close game Noel Speight, Jill Roissetter, Betty King & Iain Caig were beaten 23-24. A strong 32-11 win for Gerry Fuller, Bryan Walker, Joy Jenkins & Julie Walker was instrumental in the overall result. Struggling for the past couple of games, Pauline Gray, Jim Jenkins, Mary Masters & Helen Ralph lost 17-26. A visit from Rosebud CC Div. 6 team and a 28-51 loss for us was the result. Margaret Royle, Pat Carlin, Charles Poulsen & Joe Barlow lost 19-25. A tough day for Luke Monckton, David Talbot, Peter Stevens & Gary King beaten 9-26. Rd. 10 and Div. 3 continued their good form of late with a 68-57 win over Mornington. All 3 games were close with us gaining maximum points. Gerry Fuller, Bryan Walker, Joy Jenkins & Julie Walker won 26-21. A 21-16 win for Trevor Kitchin, Jill Roissetter, Betty King & Noel Speight. Finally Pauline Gray, Jim Jenkins, Mary Masters & Helen Ralph, after a couple of losses, scored a 21-20 win. Div. 6 had their game against Dromana cancelled due to one of our members testing positive to Covid-19 so shared points was the result. What a "black" day for both teams in the next round with 2 hidings handed out to us. Div. 3 went to Somerville and were soundly defeated 41-81, however we did gain 2 points for the game. Gerry Fuller, Bryan Walker, Joy Jenkins & Julie Walker were well beaten 12-25. Not a great day for Trevor Kitchin, Jill Roissetter, Betty King & Noel Speight losing 8-38. Bright spot for the day was a 21-18 win for Pauline Gray, Jim Jenkins, Arthur Giaccotto & Helen Ralph. A trip to Mt. Eliza for Div. 6 did not have a happy end easily beaten 26-71. Both rinks suffered big losses with Margaret Royle, Iain Caig, Frank Grant & Charles Poulsen beaten 17-30. One of those very forgettable days for Luke Monckton, David Talbot, Joe Barlow & Ken Hammond beaten 9-41.

Covid-19 forced 4 teams to withdraw from our Friday Triples competition on 4th Feb. however we did play with 12 teams. Results for the day the winning rink was John Williams, Graham Wooly & Kevin Kitchin [Lang Lang] 35 pts. Runner Up rink with 33 pts. was Geoff Barber, Robert Balmont [Korumburra] & Jim Garnham [Loch]. Best 1st game went to Trevor Kitchin, Noel Speight [KWR] & Ken White [Longwarry] on 19pts. and best 2nd game was won by John Van Vugt, Jim Smith & Graham Wilde [Cardinia Waters] 17 pts.

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Some facts on the workings of the KRHS Community Advisory Committee

As we are all aware the awful Covid-19 restrictions in Victoria are now slowly being rescinded across the state. Nevertheless, within a hospital environment, the Board of Management has to be very careful not to accidentally override these new easier guidelines. That being so, the committee's next meeting to be held on Tuesday March the 15th at 10:00 am will still be a virtual meeting on the Zoom program format. Future meetings of the committee will hopefully be in real time and face to face. For your interest the other dates of the committee's meetings this year are, Tuesday the 17th of May 2022, Tuesday the 16th of August 2022 and Tuesday the 15th of November 2022.

At the March 8th meeting the CEO of the Koo-Wee-Rup Regional Health Services (KRHS), Noni Burke, will talk to the committee about the ongoing role the committee represents; that of 'Consumer Participation', the emphasis being on the word 'consumer' to mean - you - the customer. By consumer we mean a patient, a resident or a carer, and also, maybe, an individual Koo-Wee-Rup resident or, indeed, the KWR community as a whole. That is why we are called the Community Advisory Committee (CAC). In other words, the CAC provides a voice for the community and for consumers to provide the KRHS with feedback and advice to improve and strengthen their services, their information, their forward planning, and the future policy development of the KRHS. The Committee will offer advice to the KRHS Board of Management about problems that could be upsetting a consumer. The Community Advisory Committee will always listen closely to these consumers and acknowledge their concerns and aspirations so that any alternatives that they offer are consistently understood and seriously considered. To summarise the above information, the role of the Koo-Wee-Rup Community Advisory Committee is to: -

- Represent and advocate (recommend) for the community.
- Engage with the community to understand their needs, including consumers and carers who use the KRHS.
- Advise the KRHS Board of Management on consumer, carer and community views on KRHS development, planning and quality of care improvement.

Your Community Advisory Committee helps the consumer to coordinate their engagement and feedback strategies. The CAC can also provide insights and advice about how the KRHS is meeting the needs of its consumers and, indeed, its community.

Across Victoria a lot of work has been done to draw Community Advisory Committee members from differing communities, including culturally and linguistically diverse people, LGBTIQ persons and people with disabilities. Our committee here in Koo-Wee-Rup is very low on the number of male members, in fact we have just one! That's a twist to the more common call usually for more ladies. So ... gentlemen, whatever your diversity, specially, or calling is, please put your hand up and volunteer as a committee member of the KRHS Community Advisory Committee. Also, 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

Koo Wee Rup Bowls Club

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Next round of Triples was played in a potpourri of weather conditions with the Winners for the day being Damina Brick, Gwen Fabris [Garfield] & Margaret Royle [KWR] with 36 pts. Close behind on 35 pts was the team of Mal Newman, Graeme Burton & Lexie Taylor [Garfield]. Best 1st game was won by Colin Scales, Brian Barns & Maryanne Scales [Lang Lang] on 18 pts. & best 2nd game was won by Pauline Gray, Jim Jenkins & Julie Walker [KWR] with 21 pts.

We have commenced social bowls on Friday evenings/Sunday afternoons. We are using social media to inform the public when these games are being played so keep a look out for information or contact the Club.



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Sale Avg Days	10

Well I have to say I was very pleased to be awarded the Koo Wee Rup agent of the year from Rate My Agent. Its an achievement that I'm quite proud of and I would like to thank everyone who has supported me over the year. 2021 was an interesting journey for all of us and 2022 is looking like it will get back to some sort of normality.

In 2022. January started well with 5 properties sold and February currently has 4 sold with 2 or 3 more that should be done by months end. There are a number of new properties getting ready to launch at the end of Feb / Early March. Keep an eye out for those on our real estate site.

There are whispers about interest rate rises towards the end of the year and a coming softening of the market. At this point the impact of that media coverage hasn't overly affected anything. Days on market are still quite short with buyer activity still good.

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Koo Wee Rup RSL Sub-Branch Report

We have recently commemorated the 80th anniversary of the bombing of Darwin, and now we look to commemorating the 80th anniversary of what took place in Papua New Guinea on the Kokoda Track.

The Kokoda Track story has been told in more than one book and those who rose to the challenge have my admiration; but there is much to be said for sitting beside someone, senior to oneself, who has spent his entire adult life in the service of our country and has served alongside the survivors of the Papua New Guinea campaign. They will tell you of the 39th Battalion, a group of 550 men, part time militia (Army Reservist) with an average age of 18½, some of whom had not fired a gun, let alone thought they would have to face a highly trained, experienced, battle-hardened enemy who had been waging successful campaigns throughout Asia for over 8 years. A body of men whose khaki uniforms made them targets against the jungle green backdrop. At the end of the Kokoda campaign, when they arrived at Ioribaiwa Ridge, of the 550 only 86 men and 5 officers were able to stand and fight the enemy and, of those who survived the war and stayed on, they went on to serve our nation in Korea and in Malaya only to lose their lives in the jungle of Borneo, some 20 years after the New Guinea campaign.

I can only repeat what has been said to me and that for four days they were able to hold the enemy at bay. They were not to know that these 4 days would enable their relief to come from the burning deserts of North Africa. They were not to know that their gallantry in that four days would save Australia from the invading Imperial Army. Four days was all that was needed to defeat the enemy, outnumbered by up to 14 to 1, the best these diggers ever had was 6 to 1 against them.

During one day of the campaign, around 150 successive attacks were beaten off. If Gallipoli was Australia's baptism of fire, then Papua New Guinea was her confirmation.

During this coming Anzac Day, please remember the 100,000 who paid the supreme sacrifice and the 3,500 Australians who will forever be at the Bomana Cemetery in Papua New Guinea.

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This year, we also welcome two new staff members to our school: Miss Raelee Browning (Grade 1/2) and Mrs Megan Briganti (Librarian and Learning Support Officer).

We also welcome our new Parish Priest Father Avinash George. He has spent the last couple of years in Bairnsdale. We look forward to getting to know him and celebrating Masses with him throughout the year.

Australia Day Awards

Congratulations to students Indy Brady and Luke Pugsley on receiving the Junior Citizenship awards at the Koo Wee Rup Australia Day celebrations.

Student Leadership

Our senior students went through the process of selecting School and House Leaders for 2022. A large number of students prepared and delivered fantastic speeches in front of staff and students. The Social Justice Leaders were also chosen after having to write a letter of application to the Principal. The student leaders for 2021 are:



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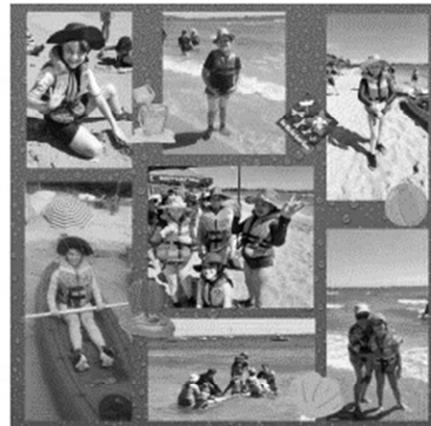
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Venturers - 7:00 to 9:00pm Friday
Rovers - 8:00 till late Friday



It has been fantastic to be back in our Scout Hall with the youth members. We will be holding an open day so watch this space for more details.

Joey Scouts have travelled to Werribee Open Range Zoo. They went on the Safari bus, saw a lot of giraffes, spied a lion on a jeep and had a chuckle about all the poo.

Cubs Scouts have had their annual water night which was a blast. Followed by a trip to Sorrento beach. Sorrento Sea Scouts ran a beach day for the Cardinia District Cub Scouts. Cubs were able to go swimming, kayaking and play water games. One of the highlights was seeing how many cub scouts fit on a paddleboard.



Scouts have ventured to Pakenham to try Augustus Ice Cream whilst doing their planning. They joined Cardinia District Scouts at the Annual Tactics night. Great fun had had with water guns.

Venturers had an evening of fishing in Tooradin, they were unlucky in catching dinner. They are also busy in planning and making over the new Venturer Den.

Rovers have been a great help in putting some of the finishing touches on the scout hall. They have helped with the painting and laying floorboards.

We are looking for more adult members.

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The History of the Scone

By Linda Sanders, on behalf of the KWR CWA



The history of scones suggests that this quick bread originated in Scotland. The original scone can be traced back to 1513 because of a poet's mention and was cooked on a griddle and made of oats which have of course, given way to flour, baking powder and an oven in the modern-day. Scone (pronounced Skoon) is a small village outside Perth in Scotland which at one time was the capital of Scotland and where the kings were crowned.

The history of scones shows that the modern-day version is quite different from the original ones. Scones in the earlier days were more disc-like in shape as opposed to a lump. It was also much larger in size as compared to the scones of today. Given the lack of media in those days, culinary historians rely on literature to understand the history of scones.

That, however, does not mean that the origin of the scone is limited to one particular country. One can also trace the history of scones to a Welsh tradition.



This involved the cooking of tiny cakes made of yeast or leavened bread on bakestones.



The recent history of scones suggests that scones were in fact popularized by the Duchess of Bedford – Anne. Anne (1788-1861) reportedly ordered her servants to fetch her some scones along with some tea and other delicious, baked accompaniments. The delectable array of scones, shortbread, and tea so rejoiced the Duchess of Bedford that she thereafter ordered it every afternoon.

This kickstarted the tradition of the English afternoon teatime, at precisely four in the afternoon. And with this, scones gained the popularity that they continue to enjoy as of today.

Today scones look nothing like those one finds while reading about the history of scones. Thanks to the baking powder that is used, modern-day scones resemble the titular 'stone.'

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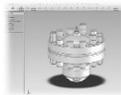
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CWA Scone Basic recipe

4 cups Self Raising Flour
 good pinch of salt (for flavour)
 300ml milk
 300ml cream

Mix all together, cut out and place on a tray, bake in a hot oven (220 deg C/220 deg C fan) approx. 12 minutes. When cooked and well risen, the bottom of the scone should sound hollow when tapped.



Hints

1. 1 tbsp of cornflour added for each cup of Self Raising Flour helps to give a light texture to the scone.
2. Always sift the flour for aeration
3. Use a stainless steel knife to mix as it helps with aeration
4. Dip the cutter in flour when cutting out the scones—never twist the cutter or you will end up with “leaning towers of pisa”
5. You may need to vary the amount of liquid as flours can vary. You need a soft dough not a stiff dough
6. Bake in a hot oven (220 deg C/220 deg C fan)
7. When they come out of the oven, brush off any flour on the outside of the scone and wrap in a clean tea towel which helps to keep them soft.
8. Never cut the scone in half—pull apart with your fingers.
9. Serve with jam and whipped cream or my favourite—a good blob of butter melting on the hot scone with golden syrup also melting into the hot scone.



Now you have mastered the basic scone try a few variations

1. Fruit scones - add chopped dates and ginger or sultanas and currants with a sprinkle of mixed spice to the basic mixture.
2. Savoury scones - add chopped chives, parsley, some chopped ham, grated cheese and a little chopped red pepper to the basic mixture
3. Herb scones - add finely chopped cook onion, a sprinkle of dried mixed herbs and finely chopped parsley to the basic mixture
4. Roll out the scone mixture and put on a pizza tray and use as a pizza base, top with your favourite toppings.
5. Make into savoury dumplings by adding finely chopped parsley and chives to the basic mixture. Roll into small balls and drop onto the top of a casserole for the last 15 minutes of cooking the casserole.
6. For a comforting pudding to blow away the winter blues try a fruit Roly Poly - roll out the basic scone dough quite thin, spread over any flavour jam, peel and grate 2 apples over the mixture, roll up like a swiss roll. Place the roll into a baking dish. Pour over a syrup made of ½ cup sugar, 1 tbsp butter and 1 cup boiling water and bake in a moderate oven for 30 minutes. Serve with custard and whipped cream.
7. Scone swirls—roll out a basic scone mixture, sprinkle with brown sugar, cinnamon and sultanas, roll up like a swiss roll, cut out rounds, place face side up in a large, round greased cake tin. Bake in a hot oven 15 minutes. When cool, spread with a little icing.

Pilates Term 1 2022
Free First Class

Chair based class now offered
 Coming out of Covid-19 yet again, you can reengage with exercise at your level. Pilates is suitable for all ages & abilities. Community access restrictions @ KRHS mean we delay our start for the term.

When: Chair based class 5.00 pm Monday.
 Mat @ 6.00pm Mondays starting
 Mat @ 9.00am Saturday

Where: Hewitt Eco House,
 Kooweerup Regional Health

Enquiries to Marlene
 0429 814 410

Commences:
Monday 21st Feb ring to confirm



Outlook Community Centre is pleased to offer our Community a selection of Information Sessions to assist you or someone you know in everyday life. Everybody is welcome. Book by phone, email or online for these sessions. We hope to see you soon!

HOW TO ENROL IN A PROGRAMME

In Person: 24 Toomuc Valley Road, Pakenham, **Online:** www.outlookaust.org.au/book-online, **Telephone:** 5940 4728, **Email:** communitycentre@outlookaust.org.au, **Payment:** Credit Card - online, over the phone or in person, Cash, cheque or EFTPOS

Caring for Carers Group

Let's get together!

Share a cuppa – meet and greet. For carers aged 55 years and over. Join us for some fun, learning and laughter. Let's take some time out together! The aim of these sessions is to build new friendships and continue with regular weekly social connection.

Tuesdays commencing 15 March for 4 sessions,

10.30am - 12.00pm.

Cost FREE

RETIREMENT SESSIONS

Retirement Workshop

The retirement tune up!

Are you new to retirement and need a tune up?

You get your car serviced and you have dental check-ups, so why not a retirement check-up?

This fun, friendly, informative session covers seven core principles of a happy and fulfilling retirement. You will feel invigorated, empowered, and energised! Includes presentation by the Financial Information Service, Services Australia.

Refreshments provided.

Tuesday 8 March, 10.00am - 12.00pm.

Cost FREE

AND

Get Retirement Ready

If you are thinking about retiring in the next five years, this workshop is for you. Packed with fresh ideas and helpful information, it will prepare you for this significant change in your life. Become your own retirement expert! Includes presentation by the Financial Information Service, Services Australia.

Refreshments provided.

Tuesday 22 March, 6.00pm - 8.00pm.

Cost FREE

How to Read Food Labels

Part 1: Basic information on food and drink labels

Includes exploring information you will find on labels, their importance and how they can help you, understanding health star ratings, nutrition and health claims, what to look out for in ingredient lists and when and how to use nutrition information.

Part 2: Using food labels to make informed choices

A fun and hands on workshop, so bring in some labels of your favourite foods and drinks and learn in a fun way.

Monday 21 March and Wednesday 23 March,

10.00am – 11.00am.

Cost: FREE

Facilitated by Joanna Aaron, Accredited Practising Dietitian



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AGED CARE SESSIONS

Aged Care: Be Informed Be Prepared - Session One

Do you need help to understand and navigate the aged care system – for yourself, a family member or friend? This session will provide an overview of what you need to know during the journey, what types of services are available, how to be prepared for assessment and financial considerations.

Wednesday 16 March, 10.00am - 12.00pm.

Cost FREE

AND

Aged Care: Be Informed Be Prepared - Session Two

Join us for a presentation that reflects on how to get support in your home, assessment and services available. This will be followed by an opportunity for individual support to discuss needs and what will work for you. This is a free, confidential service that gives you independent information about home services and how to access them.

Wednesday 23 March, 9.30am - 12.30pm.

Cost FREE

The Aged Care Navigator Trial is delivered in partnership with COTA Vic and Outlook Community Centre as part of a consortium led by COTA Australia and funded by the Australian Government. For more information go to www.AgedCareNavigators.org.au



Forget-Me-Not Café

This Café style program aims to bring together people living with dementia and their loved ones in Pakenham and surrounding areas. The Café is a nurturing space that offers enrichment, support and understanding, where you can share experiences with others living with the challenges of dementia. Come along and enjoy activities, entertainment and refreshments.

Tuesday 15 March, 10.00am - 12.00pm.

Cost FREE

(bookings required)

Computer Maintenance and Internet Safety

We rely more and more on technology in everyday life, therefore gaining an understanding of computer maintenance and tools is paramount. Learn how to protect yourself, your computer and privacy on the internet and discuss some security concerns when using your computer. BYO USB stick.

Mondays commencing 21 March for 2 sessions,

9.30am - 1.00pm.

Cost \$15



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March 2022

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Grief and Trauma effects all of us

As a result of Covid-19 many people may be suffering grief and loss from the passing of a loved one or significant changes in lifestyle.

Also experiencing trauma as a result of isolation, physical distancing and visitor restrictions.

There are free support and advice services available for residents in aged care, home care recipients, families, friends and loved ones of senior Australians and aged care staff.

Follow these links: <https://www.health.gov.au/health-topics/aged-care/advice-on-aged-care-during-covid-19/grief-and-trauma-support-services>
<https://www.headtohealth.gov.au/mentalhealthaccess@each.com.au>

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/mental-health-hub>

Mental health support, funded by the Australian Government is inclusive and respectful of people's culture, religion, identity and lifestyle.

Forget-Me-Not Café

The Forget-Me-Not Café is an opportunity to make new friends and nurture old ones, share experiences and create new ones in an environment of support and understanding.

Join us at the Forget-Me-Not Café

Hewitt Eco House Community Room

215 Rossiter Road, Koo Wee Rup

Tuesday 29th March 2022

9.30am - 11.30am

The Café aims to bring together people living with dementia and their loved ones in Koo Wee Rup, and surrounding areas.

The Café is a nurturing space that offers enrichment, support and understanding, where you can share experiences with others living with the challenges of dementia.

Contact Joanne for more information 5997 9655 Joanne.Cain@krhs.net.au

Upcoming Dates:

- Tuesday's 2022
- 29th March
- 31st May
- 26th July
- 27th September
- 29th November





Strength Exercises with Angela



Come and join Angela to help improve your strength and balance with exercise

When: Every Monday 9.00 - 10.00am, or Thursdays 8.30 - 9.30am, 10.00 - 11.00am (not public holidays)

Where: Hewitt Eco House Community Room
215 Rossiter Road, Koo Wee Rup

Cost: Gold coin donation

Bring: Water bottle, hand towel, appropriate shoes

You must have a medical form completed and clearance from your Doctor/Physiotherapist

Please call Angela for more information 5997 9756



ART for ADULTS

KRHS invites artists and 'would be' artists to this fun and friendly painting group

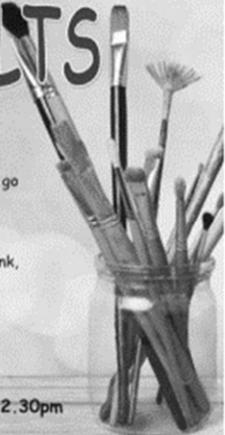
If you're a beginner and have always wanted to have a go at painting, come along we can get you started.

If you're a painter who would like to paint in a great group atmosphere, this is the space for you.

If you'd just like to check us out and see what you think, come along too, everyone's welcome.

Enquiries: Lea 5997 9790

Mondays (during school terms) 10.30am - 12.30pm
 Hewitt Eco House Community Room
 215 Rossiter Road, Koo Wee Rup
 Cost: gold coin donation





We provide a range of centre and community based services: Acute Care, Early Parenting Unit, Transitional Care Program, Respite and Residential Aged Care, Community Health, District Nurses, Home Care, Pathology and Allied Health for example: Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy and Social work. There is also Specialist Medical Services such as Cardiology, Podiatry and a Diabetes Clinic. KRHS is a member of the 'International Health Promoting Hospitals Network' and 'Global Green and Healthy Hospitals'.

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

The Koo Wee Rup to Strzelecki Railway line: 100 years of history

By Heather Arnold, President Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society

The railway line which used to run from Koo Wee Rup to Strzelecki opened officially on June 29, 1922. At the time it was known as the Koo Wee Rup to McDonald's Track Railway. McDonald's Track had been surveyed between 1860 and 1862 by George McDonald. It ran between the Tobin Yallock Bridge (where the South Gippsland Highway crosses the Lang Lang River) to Poowong, over Mt Worth to Morwell, with the aim of providing a stock route through to Sale. The Gippsland Railway line through to Sale was completed in 1879 and early McDonald's Track settlers, especially those around Poowong, soon began to agitate for a railway line to help ease their transport problems through the densely forested, damp hills as the 32 kilometres (20 miles) of track between Poowong and Drouin took over a day's travel and all the goods and produce were carted on pack horses or drays.

Various routes for a railway line were suggested including one from Drouin to Welshpool via McDonalds Track or Drouin to Poowong or Monomeith to Warragul. The Great Southern Railway line to Port Albert via Koo Wee Rup, Leongatha and Foster was opened in 1892, by-passing Poowong. The opening of this line coupled with the draining of the Koo Wee Rup Swamp saw fresh demands from the McDonald Track settlers and the Swamp settlers for a new line. The Swamp was a large producer of dairy products and vegetables and there was also a growing sand mining industry. In 1912 a new Railway line was proposed from Koo Wee Rup to McDonalds Track via areas of the Koo Wee Rup Swamp.

Much of the following information comes from *Steam to Strzelecki: the Koo-Wee-Rup to McDonald's Track Railway* by Merilyn Ramsay. Published by the Australian Railway Historical Society in 1991. It is out of print, but well worth tracking down if you are interested in Railway history or Gippsland history.

The Koo Wee Rup to McDonalds Track Railway Construction Act was proclaimed on October 12, 1914 and construction began on August 4, 1915. Construction of the line was slowed by the re-allocation of resources during the First World War and didn't resume with any pace until 1919. Construction was carried out in three stages. The Swamp area from Koo Wee Rup to Heath Hill, the foothills area of Heath Hill to Triholm and the mountain area from Triholm to Strzelecki. The finished line was 30¼ miles in length. Unfortunately for the people of Poowong they were bypassed once again.

The first timetable had three trains per week carrying both passengers and goods, Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. The official opening of the line was as we said June 29, 1922 but the line was in use earlier. The Bayles Station commenced limited operation over a year earlier on February 10, 1921 and Catani had opened for limited operations from May 1921. The opening of the Bayles Railway Station was the catalyst for the opening of a General Store in the town, which was opened by George Murdoch in January 1921. George also owned the Cora Lynn Store and he initially employed Thomas Keys as his manager at Bayles. *The Argus* of March 9, 1922 also reported that the *construction of the Koo-wee-rup to McDonald Track line is sufficiently advanced to enable the railway construction branch to haul goods in truckloads (minimum weight three tons) to or from the following stations: Bayles, Catani, Yannathan, Heath Hill, Athlone, Warneet, and Topiram. Goods will be earned at owner's risk, and as construction work permits.* Merilyn Ramsay writes that Topiram was known as Warneet during construction, but named Topiram when opened for traffic. Triholm was known as Topiram during construction, but changed to Triholm when the line opened for traffic. Bayles was named after Frederick Bayles, the first man from the Victorian Railways construction branch killed in World War One. Catani is named for Carlo Catani, Public Works Department engineer who worked on the drainage of the Koo Wee Rup Swamp.

The *Koo Wee Rup Sun* of April 20, 1922 reported on the revenue already gathered from the soon to be officially opened railway line - *Interesting figures. The revenue derived from the M'Donald Track to Kooweerup railway line, which is not yet completed, amounted to £844 last month. The inward and outward tonnage reached 1615 tons. At the Kooweerup station the revenue for the month of March last year totalled £1261, but for the corresponding month this year it almost doubled the figures, being £2400. Goods*

amounted to £954, passengers £277, parcels £125 and livestock £44. Although the department reaps such a revenue, the present station is totally unsuitable for the conducting of business and an eyesore to the township, and it is about time the commissioners gave practical consideration to the erecting of a new building.



Catani Railway Station - image is from Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society

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The opening ceremony took place on June 29, 1922, at Strzelecki. The official opening was performed by the Minister for Railways, Samuel Barnes. Lady Mackey, the wife of the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Sir John Mackey, cut the ribbon. The first train to leave Koo Wee Rup for the ceremony carried over 300 passengers from stations along the line.

These are the stations and sidings on the line, starting from Koo Wee Rup, with the dates of official operation from *Steam to Strzelecki* -

Plowrights Siding	- June 1, 1926 to May 12, 1931
Water Washed Sand Siding	- March 9, 1926 to May 5, 1931
Bayles Station	- June 29, 1922 to February 4, 1959
Catani Station	- June 29, 1922 to April 25, 1950
Yannathan Station	- June 29, 1922 to April 25, 1950
Heath Hill Station	- June 29, 1922 to August 7, 1941.
Athlone Quarry Siding	- October 1922 to 1925
Athlone Station	- June 29, 1922 to August 7, 1941.
Topiram Station	- June 29, 1922 to August 7, 1941.
Triholm Station	- June 29, 1922 to August 7, 1941.
Strzelecki Station	- June 29, 1922 to November 24, 1930.

Almost as soon as the line opened there were complaints about the lack of services on the line. In August 1923 it was reported that at the meeting of Yannathan branch V.F.U., - a report was received from Mr. Barnes, Minister for Railways, re deputation's request for a daily service to be run from Strzelecki to Koo-wee-rup. - Request refused on advice of Railways Commissioners. This report led to a long discussion regarding the unsatisfactory way the present service met the requirements of the district. Mr. Warren considered the present service did not suit



Bayles Station - image is from the Bayles Fauna Park collection

more than 10 per cent, of the population along the line. To help dairymen to get their milk to town it was absolutely useless. Mr. Wildes considered that the requirements of the district would be met if a daily motor rail service was run from Koo-wee-rup as far as Yannathan. Mr. Bennett said he thought they should go further than just taking steps to get their milk daily to town. Statistics had been gathered quite recently showing there were about 2000 dairy cows between Bayles station and Yannathan station, which proved conclusively that this small area was a compact block lending itself admirably to the dairying industry.

As you can see from the dates of operation, above, the service to Strzelecki lasted less than 8 years; and to Athlone, Topiram, Triholm and Heath Hill less than 20 years. The passenger service closed in August 1941, but the line continued to carry goods such as livestock and milk, until it was closed completely in 1959. It was a short-lived railway line. You can still see some remnants of the line. *Steam to Strzelecki* describes what was still visible in 1991 when the book was published. The Bayles Fauna Reserve has a small Museum with some photos of the line.

A version of this article which has footnotes and sources is on my blog

<https://kooweerupswamphistory.blogspot.com/2021/12/koo-wee-rup-to-strzelecki-railway-line.html>

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, March 9 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

HAREWOOD HERITAGE DAY



3300 South Gippsland Highway
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 (Next to Tooradin Airfield)

Sunday 3rd April 2022

10:00am until 3:00pm

Entry : \$10.00 Adult, \$5.00 Concession or \$25.00 Family (2 adults/2 children)

Proceeds to Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service

Featuring: Local Historical Displays – Period Costumes – Traditional Trades and Craft Demonstrations – Food Stalls – Vocalists – Dancers – Tours of Harewood House & Grounds – Landcare – Vintage Cars & Machinery – Sandwiches/Cakes/Scones (CWA) – plus much more

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Information:

Bev Edwards 0400 584 235 email: bev.edwards@hotmail.com

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WHEN? Tuesday 8th MARCH

Then monthly on second Tuesday.

TIME.? 2pm-4pm.

This month's theme is

A BEETLE DRIVE.

THIS IS AN EASY, FUN, DICE GAME, requested by those who came last month.

Come and have afternoon tea and some fun with us, you can also make a suggestion of what you think we could do next month.

We are a non threatening friendly group.

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For more info please contact.... **Jenny 0409009529**



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Starting 28th October 2021 until end of March 2022.

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 FREE daylight saving group. Ring Marlene 0429 814410**

Visit walking.heartfoundation.org.au for more information



KOO WEE COFFEE CLUB



Catching up with locals to have a coffee and a chat from 10am onwards on the following days:

March	2	Royal Hotel
	16	Chandelier Café
April	6	Royal Hotel
	20	Chandelier Café
May	4	Royal Hotel
	18	Chandelier Café
June	1	Royal Hotel
	15	Chandelier Café



Enquiries ph Jo on 0428 557 411



Koo Wee Coffee Club