

THE KOO WEE RUP BLACKFISH



JULY 2024

Koo Wee Rup Train Mural

The Koo Wee Rup Township Committee has received a grant from the state government through their Tiny Towns Fund program. The program aims to strengthen community connections and encourage people to explore Victoria. The plan is for the committee to use the funds to paint a mural on the back of the Woolies building. The mural will be of a train pulling into Koo Wee Rup station with spud trucks waiting to unload. The wall is opposite the recently restored train platform.

Left: Member for Bass, Jordan Crugnale and Township Committee President, Caroline Roff in front of a blank canvas.

Below: Spud trucks waiting to unload.



Koo Wee Rup Township Committee Meeting

The Township held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, 5 June at the KWR Community Centre. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 3 July at 7:30 pm at the KWR Community Centre. Everyone is welcome to attend Township Meetings and join in the discussion.

Jordan Crugnale's office was contacted regarding the disability access crossing at the pedestrian lights at the corner of Rossiter Road and Station Street. Jordan's office referred to VicRoads to see if they can assist.

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What's on in Koo Wee Rup and District

July

Mon	1st	KWR Senior Citizens Games Day (members only) (page 13)	Senior Citizens Club	11am
Wed	3rd	Coffee Club (back page)	Royal Hotel	10am
Wed	3rd	Lions Club Meeting	Tooradin Sports Club	7pm
Wed	3rd	Township Committee Meeting (front page)	Community Centre	7.30pm
Fri	5th	KRHS Ladies Auxiliary Meeting (page 13)	Education Room, Hospital	9.30am
Fri	5th	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch & Hoy (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Mon	8th	KWR Senior Citizens Games Day (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11am
Tue	9th	Community Centre Committee Meeting	Community Centre	7.30pm
Wed	10th	KWR Swamp Historical Society Meeting (page 19)	KWR Historical Society	6pm
Fri	12th	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch & Hoy (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Mon	15th	KWR Senior Citizens Games Day (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11am
Mon	15th	Chair Pilates (back page)	Eco House, Hospital	5pm
Mon	15th	Mat Pilates (back page)	Eco House, Hospital	6pm
Wed	17th	Coffee Club	Chandelier Café	10am
Wed	17th	Chair Pilates	Eco House, Hospital	5pm
Wed	17th	Mat Pilates	Eco House, Hospital	6pm
Wed	17th	Lions Club Meeting	RSL Clubrooms	7pm
Fri	19th	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch & Hoy (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Sun	21st	Bayles Fauna Park Working Bee (back page)	Bayles Fauna Park	9am
Mon	22nd	KWR Senior Citizens Games Day (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11am
Mon	22nd	Chair Pilates	Eco House, Hospital	5pm
Mon	22nd	Mat Pilates	Eco House, Hospital	6pm
Wed	24th	Chair Pilates	Eco House, Hospital	5pm
Wed	24th	Mat Pilates	Eco House, Hospital	6pm
Fri	26th	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch & Hoy (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Mon	29th	KWR Senior Citizens Games Day (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11am
Mon	29th	Chair Pilates	Eco House, Hospital	5pm
Mon	29th	Mat Pilates	Eco House, Hospital	6pm
Tue	30th	Forget-Me-Not Café (back page)	Eco House, Hospital	10am
Wed	31st	Coffee Club	Chandelier Café	10am
Wed	31st	Chair Pilates	Eco House, Hospital	5pm
Wed	31st	Mat Pilates	Eco House, Hospital	6pm

August

Fri	2nd	KRHS Ladies Auxiliary Meeting (page 13)	Education Room, Hospital	9.30am
Fri	2nd	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch & Hoy (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Mon	5th	KWR Senior Citizens Games Day (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11am
Mon	5th	Chair Pilates	Eco House, Hospital	5pm
Mon	5th	Mat Pilates	Eco House, Hospital	6pm
Wed	7th	Coffee Club	Royal Hotel	10am
Wed	7th	Lions Club Meeting	Tooradin Sports Club	7pm
Wed	7th	Township Committee Meeting	Community Centre	7.30pm
Thu	8th	Senior Citizens Club AGM (page 13)	Senior Citizens Club	10.30am
Fri	9th	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch & Hoy (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Mon	11th	KWR Senior Citizens Games Day (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11am
Mon	11th	Chair Pilates	Eco House, Hospital	5pm
Mon	11th	Mat Pilates	Eco House, Hospital	6pm
Tue	13th	Community Centre Committee Meeting	Community Centre	7.30pm

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

Letting the 'yip run free

At the end of last month, one of the last original timber railway bridges was removed from the Bunyip River (Main Drain). VicTrack provided the following statement:

Works to remove the former railway bridge at Koo Wee Rup were carried out by a VicTrack contractor from Saturday 22 June. They involved demolishing the bridge and removing all the debris from the site.

The bridge was demolished as it was no longer used for rail operations and was in a dilapidated and unstable state, meaning it was not feasible to repair or rebuild it.

Recent independent inspections confirmed that the bridge was in danger of collapsing due to failing timbers. Although signage and fencing was in place to prevent access, trespassers were seen on and near the bridge on several occasions, presenting a significant safety risk.

For these reasons, emergency removal of the bridge was required to prevent further access to the bridge by members of the public and potential damage to the waterway if the bridge had failed.

As there is no longer a requirement for a railway bridge in the area, there are no plans by VicTrack to replace the bridge.



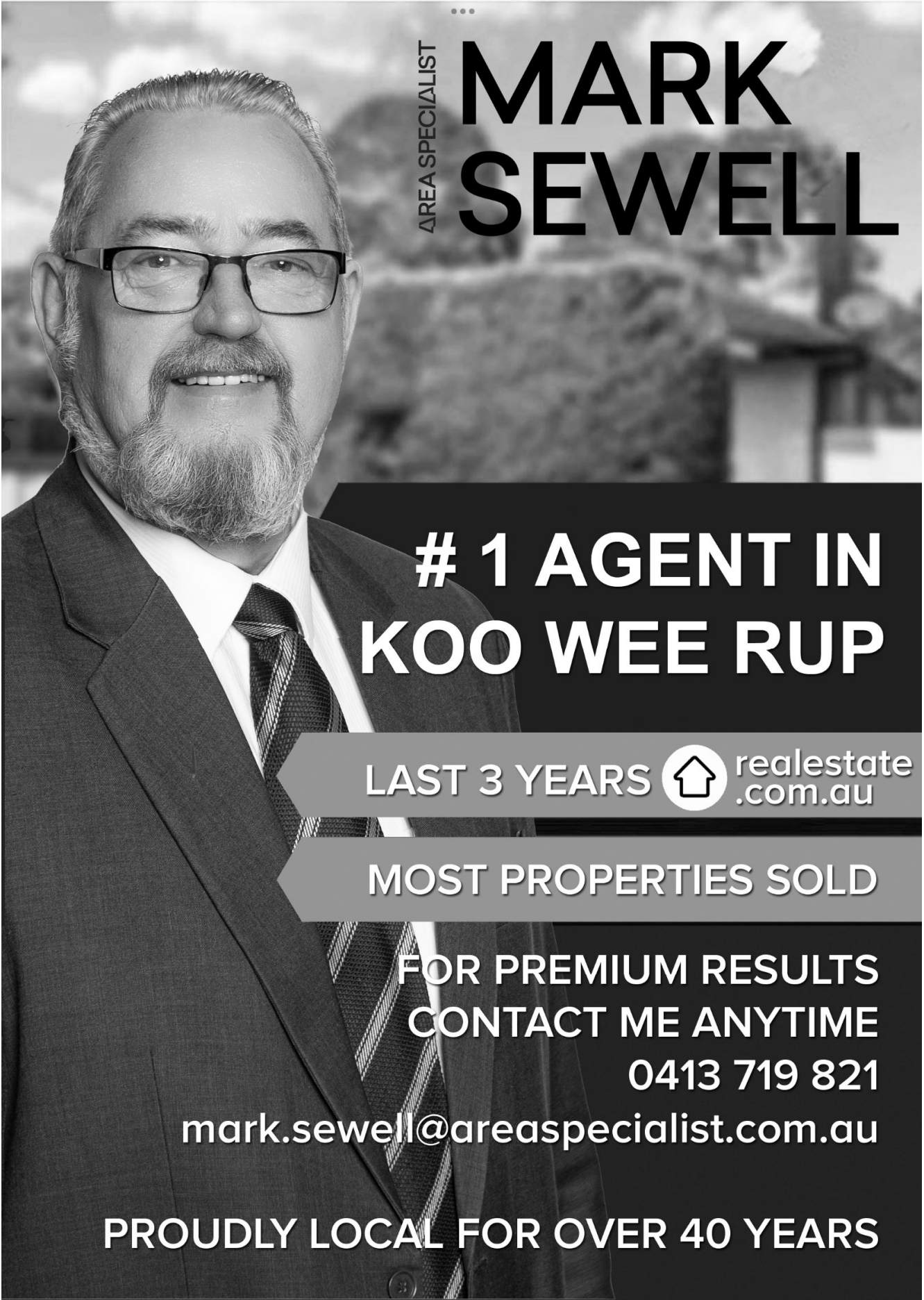
Pictures show

Top left: The damaged bridge

Centre left: The demolition in progress

Bottom left: All that is left of the old timbers

Right: The Bunyip River running unencumbered towards Western Port



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Koo Wee Rup Township Committee Meeting *continued from front page*

The meeting discussed the issue raised recently regarding the state of the netball courts at the Koo Wee Rup Recreation Reserve and the suggestion that council had pulled funding to repair and upgrade the courts. *[Post meeting, council have reinstated funding for repairing the surface of the netball courts in their Budget.]*

The comment was made that the street sweeper only seems to do Station Street and Rossiter Road.

The President paid tribute to three high profile members of the community who had made significant contributions to the town who had recently passed away. Vale Leonie McGinley, Pat Nunn and Tobe Florence.

Construction of the new Bowling Club rooms has commenced and are expected to be completed in July.

Improvement works are under way on the old toilet block on the corner of Rossiter Road and Alexander Avenue.

Forget Me Not Cafe was again well attended. The attendees heard a very informative talk from trainee Occupational Therapist, Lilli, who operates out of the KRHS. There has been more COVID through the KRHS site, so no residents were able to attend the cafe this time.

McDonalds Drain Road – the road has gradually moved over the years of grading there is now not sufficient room for cars to pass each other in opposite directions where there are power poles on the roadside.

Pilates @ Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service

In the middle of winter, it is really hard to get motivated. How about group exercise in the form of Pilates, sharing with others also keen to stay fit or get fit. Plus a warm room to work in.

The community room at Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service offers a great space to work in, and you still get home in time for tea. We focus on core engagement work, whether you are focused on chair based exercise, or a mat on the floor. We also work a lot around strength, using our own body as the resistance, plus we use props such as weights, TheraBands and chi balls, to make the exercises simple and interesting, because every class is slightly different depending on how you feel on the day. You work at your own pace.

Chair classes are really taking off, as they are essential in any low impact injury rehab, as well as prevention and general wellbeing. We all have niggles at times. Mat classes focus on whole of body workouts and include some great balance work.

There is a **FREE taster class** and then the cost is \$5 for a half hour chair class, or \$10 for a 50 minute mat class.

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79 Denhams Rd Koo Wee Rup
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Koo Wee Rup Bowling Club redevelopment rapidly progressing

The Bowls Club Pavilion is progressing at an astonishing rate. Last month's Blackfish featured a photo of the old clubrooms being demolished in the last week of May. The first sod was officially turned on 3 June and, by the end of June, a huge structure is already dominating the site.

The official sod turning saw Cardinia Shire Mayor Councillor Jack Kowarzik, with Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale and Westernport Ward Councillor Kaye Cameron.

The Koo Wee Rup Bowling Club and Community Pavilion project is supported and funded by Council, the Victorian Government's Growing Suburbs Fund and the Federal Government's Building Better Regions Fund.

The existing pavilion will be replaced with a new facility that features:

- Two social rooms
- Three community meeting rooms
- Kitchen and bar servery



HERE

Jan 2024

Here there are no mountains, not even rolling hills to mythologize the landscape with twists and turns dips and rising forms that ever reveal and conceal. Here all is seen, dire distances penetrate and spill.

Far horizons are to be observed as diverse blues ranges that normally are beyond any line of sight at times clearly visible, a short walk away it seems but this appeal as something close is wholly untrue.

Yet you feel the allure, the invitation to travel there the call is heard as if you were standing in the past amid much darker inhabitants, their wives and children among strange voices, with face and frame no longer fair.

Warren Breninger

- Two change room areas and toilet facilities
- Storage area and first aid room
- Office area

For more information on the Koo Wee Rup Bowling and Community Pavilion project, please visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/majorprojects

Top left: L-R: Cardinia Shire Mayor Cr Jack Kowarzik, Koo Wee Rup Bowling Club President Tim Katz, Westernport Ward Councillor Kaye Cameron and Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale turn the sod

Centre left: Demolition at the end of May

Centre right: the old clubrooms

Bottom: The new clubrooms pictured in the last week of June



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

Our calls since the last report were:

- 19/5/24 – Flames and smoke sighted – McDonalds track Lang Lang
- 25/5/25 – Smoke sighted – Caldermeade Rd Caldermeade
- 26/5/24 – Rescue/Motor Vehicle Collision – Sth Gippsland Hwy Lang Lang
- 27/5/24 – Motor Vehicle Collision – Sth Gippsland Hwy Lang Lang
- 27/5/24 – Structure fire – Ballarto Rd Pakenham South
- 27/5/24 – Motor Vehicle Collision - Sth Gippsland Hwy Koo Wee Rup
- 28/5/24 – Car Fire – Edies Rd Yannathan
- 29/5/24 – Motor Vehicle Collision – Koo Wee Rup bypass Koo Wee Rup
- 1/6/24 – Smoke sighting – Sth Gippsland Hwy Tooradin
- 3/6/24 – Smoke alarm operating – Shelton Park Drive Koo Wee Rup
- 5/6/24 – Motor Vehicle Collision – Ballarto Rd Koo Wee Rup
- 5/6/24 – Smoke alarm operating – Henry St Koo Wee Rup

Firefighter Stair Climb

On 7th September this year, two of our members are doing the 28 floor stair climb with 25kg of kit to raise funds to remove stigma and raise awareness of mental health issues like depression, and suicide for those in emergency services and defence.

Let's see if we can raise more this year than previous years.

If you can spare a dollar, please donate via the below link. All donations are tax deductible.
<https://www.firefighterclimb.org.au/station/cfa/koo-wee-rup/>

Smoke Alarm Installation Program

CFA has a free Smoke Alarm Installation Program happening where suitably trained volunteers will come to your house, do a survey on what smoke alarms you currently have installed, give you a few tips and information on the care of your alarms and then, if needed install new alarms.

As all alarms have a 10-year service life, all alarms should be replaced if they are more than 10-years old, batteries should be replaced regularly and they should be tested monthly.

The new smoke alarms installed by CFA have a lithium 10-year battery in them so they don't need changing but the whole alarm should be replaced after 10 years.

If you are interested in Koo Wee Rup CFA volunteers coming to your residence to look at your smoke alarms and, perhaps install new one, please contact roger.smith7@members.cfa.vic.gov.au



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Anyone with changing spots, or spots that look very different to others on their body, should have them assessed by an accredited skin cancer doctor as soon as possible.

Even if you are unsure if your spots have changed, it's worth having a doctor check your skin to ensure nothing is amiss. If you have a history of sunburn, multiple spots, previous skin cancer, or a family history of melanoma, you are at risk of skin cancer. The same is true if your family has light-coloured skin, even if you yourself have darker skin.

Remember that the damage may have been done when you were young, so just because you don't get sunburnt any more doesn't mean you're safe from skin cancer.

Early detection and treatment is essential

Melanoma is the third most common cancer in Australia, and more people are being diagnosed with skin cancer every year.

The good news is that, if detected early, there is approximately a 99% chance of survival as the melanoma can be confined to the skin. Delayed diagnosis, however, may result in the melanoma spreading to other parts of the body. Once this occurs, it becomes a highly aggressive cancer which makes it difficult to treat.

Unfortunately, melanomas don't present symptoms so the only way to find them is to examine your skin.

A full-body skin check by an accredited skin cancer doctor is the best aid in early diagnosis.

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News from the Consumer Advisory Committee.

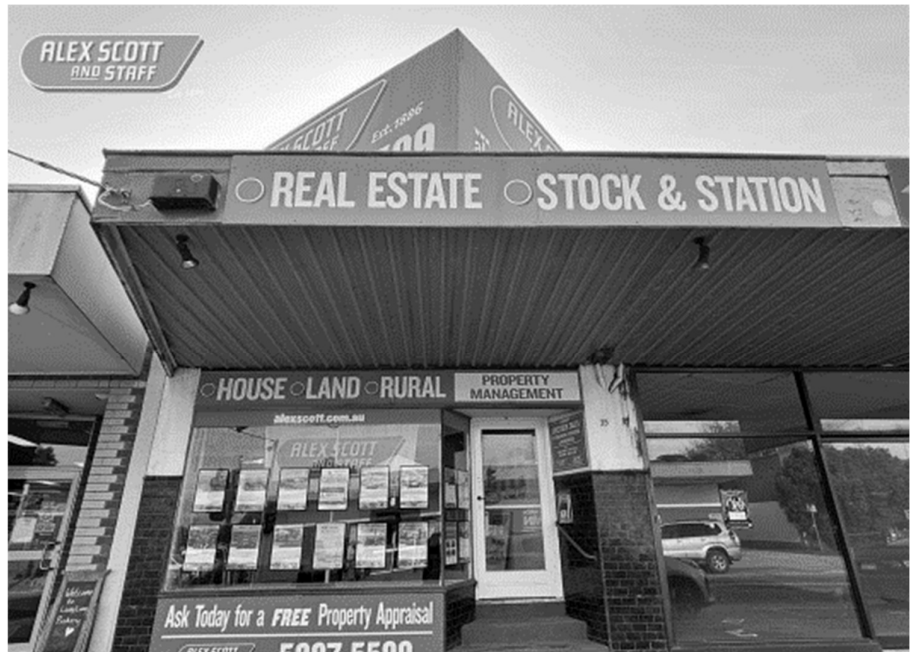
The next meeting of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) will be on the morning of Tuesday the 20th of August when we will discuss some interesting subjects concerning patients, residents, and support people of the Koo-Wee-Rup Regional Health Services. Now, if you are new to the township, I am sure you will be saying to yourself, "What is the CAC; what's it all about?" Well, the Committee looks at problems that may have arisen between the Koo-Wee-Rup and District Regional Health Services (KRHS) and any of its users. These users could be for instance, patients in the hospital, residents in the hospital, carers of residents or patients, nurses in the hospital, members of the family of a resident or patient and any resident of Koo-Wee-Rup and District. The single aim of our Community Advisory Committee is to provide the KRHS Board of Management with feedback and advice from users to improve and strengthen the KRHS services, provide information, forward planning, and future policy development of the KRHS; not necessarily complaints of individual bad service because there is already a system in place to handle sudden instances of mismanagement. At the same time, we will have a guest speaker to talk to us about relevant problems or highlights of the KRHS system and the wider world of the South Gippsland area system.

Now, to our friends and neighbours in Koo-Wee-Rup and District, remember, any of our Committee members will be available to help you if you want to communicate with the Koo-Wee-Rup Regional Health Service Board of Management about problems that could be upsetting you, as a patient, a resident or a carer, and also, maybe, as an individual Koo-Wee-Rup resident or, indeed, from the whole community's point of view. Any Community Advisory Committee member will listen to you closely and acknowledge your concerns, so that any problem you may have is understood and seriously considered. We are your best advocates always. Further to that please have a serious thought about you, joining us as a committee member; your thoughts and opinions of these subjects would help us a lot so do have a go. 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 Geoffrey Stokes on 0435085002. Or you can email:

geoffreystokes@geoffstokes.com

Your email will certainly be acknowledged. The next meeting of the committee is planned for the 20th of August 2024 at 10:00 am. Before then we shall have many informal meetings with each other to check on any community problems that may have arisen or are arising.

Geoff Stokes



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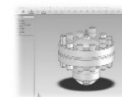
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Koo Wee Rup Senior Citizens Club

Icke Road, Koo Wee Rup

Three of our members have passed recently:

Mrs Tobe Florence, a long time member, was awarded life membership in 2011 for her contribution to the club over many years.

Mrs Pam Ridgeway was a very kind and friendly lady who, with her husband Ian, regularly attended lunch and our other activities.

Mrs Pat Nunn, who with her husband Jack (deceased) contributed to the very successful running of the club over many years. Pat was awarded life membership in 2012. Pat was still active with the club until the day of her passing.

We send our most sincere sympathy to all families. All ladies will be remembered with great fondness.

In May, members went by bus to the Officer Club for lunch, a very enjoyable day. We welcome new members at an annual fee of \$10.

Activities: Monday	Games	11-2pm	
Friday	Lunch	11.30-1pm	Cost \$10
Friday	Hoy	After lunch	Cost \$3

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**KWR Senior Citizens
AGM**

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at the Club Rooms

News from the KWR Health Services Ladies' Auxiliary.

At our last meeting we were happy to greet two new young members, Learne and Rosemary. We look forward to other young people coming along to join our happy group. We would also like to thank Bendigo Bank for our Community Company boxes.

This month, with the wonderful donations and funds raised, we are now in the process of purchasing five new king-size single beds for the hospital. We try and help with all requests from the differing sections of the hospital as there is always someone who needs replacements for their worn-out equipment and we do our best by purchasing this new equipment for them. The Ladies' Auxiliary will always support a needy cause for the hospital.

Our next meeting is on Friday 5th of July at 9:30 am in the education room at the hospital. Why not come along ladies and join us at our happy meetings. We are now organising next year's printed calendar to celebrate seventy years since the Ladies' Auxiliary began – it should be fun.

Olive Stokes

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Council endorses design for Pakenham Revitalisation project

Cardinia Shire Council endorsed the detailed design for stage 1 of the Pakenham Revitalisation Project at the June 2024 Council Meeting, following extensive community consultation.

Stage 1 works will see upgrades take place along Main Street, Pakenham, from the railway line to the John Street intersection, which will transform the town centre to encourage more people to stay longer and spend local. The project aims to increase outdoor dining opportunities, create safe pedestrian and cyclist movement, and provide more spaces for events and activities.

The plans include the following upgrades and changes to Main Street, Pakenham:

- Wider, more accessible footpaths
- Two-way road with new pavement and kerb and channel
- 28 parallel parking bays
- 9 raised pedestrian crossings
- 24 trees
- 22 seats
- 107 pedestrian safe bollards
- 20 light poles with feature lighting display
- 4 bike racks
- 22 bins
- New accessible drinking fountain with drinking bowl for dogs
- Yakkerboo statue to remain at the heart of Main Street
- Numerous garden beds
- Speed limit change from 50km/h to 40km/h



The finalised plans mark a major milestone for the project, which will pave the way towards building a vibrant precinct that will benefit all those who live and work in Pakenham and greater surrounds.

Key features include the widening of footpaths to encourage street activation and enhance safety. The required shift to parallel parking will enable pedestrian safety and encourage activation. Other elements include the design of the street, furniture, the future of the street trees and the construction of a lighting display that will act as a precinct-marker.

The speed limit will be lowered from 50km/h to 40km/h, which will result in enhanced safety for both pedestrians and commuters. The reduction will support a more enjoyable space to walk, cycle and socialise.

Cardinia Shire Mayor Councillor Jack Kowarzik said the design considers diverse demographics within Pakenham and will create a vibrant, active and safe town centre that is accessible and welcoming for everyone.

"Pakenham has changed dramatically over recent time, but our town centre has been left behind. Our community has been calling for an uplift in the look and feel of central Pakenham, and as someone who grew up in the area, I'm really pleased to see serious investment go toward improving Pakenham for people first and foremost."

"Design features aim to improve accessibility, safety, functionality and to provide for a flexible Main Street that encourages the growth of a night-time economy, through the opportunity to host events and festivals," Cr Kowarzik said.

"The functional design will encourage walkability and access to and from key destinations, such as the community hospital, train station, walking to the PB Ronald Reserve, and activation of the wider precinct."

Broadly, these works will support ongoing development in the precinct over the next decade, including the Pakenham train station, the development of a community hospital, further revitalisation works in the surrounding streets and the creation of additional car parking.

Council will complete less-invasive set-up and preliminary works from September to December 2024, before the peak Christmas period to minimise disruptions to local business. It is expected that more involved works will start from January 2025, conditions permitting.

For more information about the Pakenham Revitalisation project, visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/prp.

A Fair Access Policy to support inclusive sport

Cardinia Shire Council has developed a Fair Access Policy to support women and girls in sport.

This new policy establishes a strong and consistent framework to promote and facilitate the participation of women and girls in sporting activities within the Cardinia Shire.

The policy aims to enhance, develop, and effectively manage the sport and active



recreation facilities and opportunities available in Cardinia to ensure equitable access for all members of the community.

Council developed the policy in direct response to the Fair Access Policy Roadmap, a strategic initiative introduced by the Office for Women in Sport and Recreation in collaboration with Sport and Recreation Victoria. The roadmap aims to foster a more inclusive and accessible environment within the community sports sector, ensuring that sporting spaces are welcoming and accommodating to individuals from all walks of life.

Council are committed to creating an inclusive and supportive environment for women and girls in sports, and the Fair Access Policy is a significant step towards achieving this goal. They want to ensure that all members of our community have equal access to sports and the opportunity to participate.

Cardinia Shire Council is seeking feedback and ideas on the draft policy to improve and enhance access to sport and active recreation opportunities in Cardinia.

Visit Creating Cardinia to have your say before consultation closes on Sunday, 14 July 2024.

<https://creating.cardinia.vic.gov.au>



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A warm, safe Cardinia Shire for all seniors

Cardinia Shire Council and community came together to raise elder abuse awareness through the Warm Safe Home project in the lead up to World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, celebrated annually on 15 June.

The Warm Safe Home project, led by Seniors Rights Victoria (SRV), Council on the Ageing (COTA) Victoria, and Housing for the Aged (HAAG) encouraged organisations and community groups to create small-scale model houses that represent what a warm, safe home means to them.

The project aims to raise awareness of elder abuse, housing affordability, and other issues that face seniors across Victoria, and focuses on increasing and improving awareness of the rights of everyone to a warm safe home, free from elder abuse.

As part of the project, Cardinia Shire Council facilitated workshops, including a community event with the Pakenham Senior Citizens Centre, where participants discussed elder abuse, including recognising signs, promoting awareness, and emphasising the right to a safe home.

Each of the houses built include a message about what a warm safe home means to the creator, including for example, what made them feel safe and loved at their grandparents' homes and what brings them happiness in their own homes.

To view a collection of artworks from across Victoria, including those from Cardinia Shire, [visit the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day website's Warm Safe Home online exhibition.](#)

Cardinia Shire Mayor Councillor Jack Kowarzik said Council was proud to facilitate local participation in this event, emphasising the collective role of Council and community in creating a safe community for all, especially for vulnerable seniors.

"Supporting World Elder Abuse Awareness Day each year is part of Council's demonstrated commitment to supporting vulnerable seniors and promoting their wellbeing within Cardinia Shire," Mayor Kowarzik said.

"As an Age-Friendly Community, we recognise that community safety for all is a shared responsibility. We must work together to give seniors a voice, be prepared to listen, advocate for their needs, and support them to live healthy and fulfilling lives within a safe Cardinia Shire.

Elder abuse can take many forms and it is usually committed by someone familiar to the victim, with two thirds of abusers being an adult child. Abuse may be physical or come in the forms of financial, emotional, psychological, sexual, or social harm. Additionally, the severity of the abuse can vary and it may be an isolated event or ongoing.

"The unfortunate reality for some older people in the community, is that they cannot feel safe or supported in their own homes, within their families or out in their community," the Mayor explained.

"Safeguarding our seniors from elder abuse is crucially a collective role of governments and community. Addressing factors that contribute to the problem, such as working to ensure affordable housing options are available, particularly for vulnerable people, and creating awareness about elder abuse, how it happens, and what support is available – it all helps.

"By participating in and supporting WEAAD each year, and working to increase affordable housing availability within Cardinia Shire, we are creating awareness and improved conditions for our local seniors to speak out, avoid or leave situations where they are vulnerable to elder abuse."

Find out more about elder abuse, including resources and support, from [Seniors Rights Victoria online.](#)

Getting help

If you or someone you know in Victoria is experiencing elder abuse, help is available.

Older people experiencing or at risk of elder abuse can contact Seniors Rights Victoria's confidential helpline on 1300 368 821.

Concerned friends or family can visit the Seniors Rights Victoria website at www.seniorsrights.org.au for information, support, and education to help prevent elder abuse and safeguard the rights, dignity, and independence of older people.

For nationwide assistance, and to access additional resources in 20 different languages, please contact the Australian Human Rights Commission on 1800 ELDERHelp (1800 353 374).

If it is an emergency, call 000.



Rob Trevena (President U3A), Heather Sherwell (Secretary U3A), Councillor Jack Kowarzik (Cardinia Shire Mayor), Moira Eveleens (Literacy Librarian), Kelly West (Library Program Officer), and Gineivra Antal (Cardinia Shire Council Social Inclusion Officer - Ageing and Disability)

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Social benefits of Volunteering You can find connection and community through volunteering. There are so many benefits to volunteering which may surprise you. Most people focus on the benefit to those in need, but on top of this, volunteering has also been shown to increase your self-worth, connectedness, and improve your overall mental health.

Volunteering is a great way to make new friends and build long-lasting connections. This is particularly true if you are new to an area or finding it hard to meet new people. By meeting regularly with others sharing a common interest, your community ties will strengthen and your friends and contacts will very quickly grow. If you would like to volunteer at KRHS email info@KRHS.net.au or call 5997 9679



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The old ANZ Bank Building in Koo Wee Rup

By Heather Arnold Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society

Banking in Koo Wee Rup started in 1905 when an agency of the London Bank at Garfield was established in the town. In 1920, the London Bank amalgamated with the English, Scottish & Australian Bank (E.S. & A Bank) who in turn amalgamated with the ANZ in 1970.

The Garfield agency of the London Bank was established in July 1904 and it was converted to a full Branch a year later and the first manager was Clarence Adeney. So successful was the Garfield Branch that the Koo Wee Rup agency was established in August 1905 and the next year agencies at Yannathan, Iona and Tynong. By September 1906, the Koo Wee Rup agency was also successful enough to be converted into a full Branch, and the Garfield manager, Clarence Adeney, was placed in charge and he was in charge until 1920. A Branch, as opposed to an Agency, had full-time operating hours and its own manager.

Also in 1906, Banking Chambers were constructed in Station Street, as the *Lang Lang Guardian* reported in September-

Mr A. Woodman had accepted a contract from the London Bank of Australia Ltd to erect a Bank chambers and Dwelling at an estimated cost of £600. The construction is to be of oregon and plaster and it is also proposed to use tiles for the roof.

Another report of the new building was in the *South Bourke & Mornington Journal* -

The authorities of the London Bank Australia have decided to erect a bank here, and to that end plans and specifications have been prepared by a Melbourne firm of architects. It is estimated that the structure will cost between £600 and £700, and will be an undoubted acquisition to the district.

In October 1912, the London Bank purchased the site of their building for a satisfactory price as noted by the *South Bourke & Mornington Journal*.

On October 22, 1917, around 10.00 am there was a tragic accident at the branch when 25 year-old William Lees McClure, the Bank clerk at Koo Wee Rup was shot. The Bank's loaded revolver had been on the counter, William removed it from the counter and placed it on a stool and when opening the cash drawer had accidentally knocked the gun off the stool, it hit the ground and exploded, and a bullet entered his groin. He was taken to Nurse Campbell's Private Hospital in Dandenong, operated on, however the wound became septic and he died on November 6. Evidence was given at the Inquest by Mr Adeney, who said *it was usual for me to place the automatic pistol in the counter, there was also another revolver for the use of the bank officials.* William was the son of William Lees McClure and his wife Catherine (nee Hallinan) of Clericote, Springvale; he had a sister Florrie and a brother, Tom. William was buried at the Cheltenham Pioneer Cemetery. The Inquest determined the incident was an accident. It was a senseless death and as William's father noted in his evidence - *My son left my home at Springvale at 6.45 am in good health and spirits, and he had no financial or other troubles.*

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The old ANZ Bank Building in Koo Wee Rup *from previous page*

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In 1919, the original building was expanded, by building out to the footpath and adding a second storey. The architects for the renovations were Oakden, Ballantyne and Hare. In October of 1919, the *Koo Wee Rup Sun* reported that - *The contractor for the alterations to the London Bank at Koo-Wee-Rup has the work well in hand and will complete it in a few weeks. It speaks well for Koo-Wee-Rup when the local bank has to enlarge its premises. The extra room will be needed in anticipation for the next record season.*

In December, the *Koo Wee Rup Sun* could report on the finished building - *Bank Improvements*

Another exemplification as to the soundness of this district has been shown by the London Bank of Australia, for this financial Institution has had big alterations carried out in their Kooweerup premises, and tenders were recently called for the erection of another building at Dalmore. For some time past the officials have been hampered in their work by the want of more room, and this, coupled with the fact that no banking company indulges in any expenditure unless fully assured that the possibilities ahead are of the best, it is a good guarantee as to the potentialities of the swamp area.

The alterations carried out consist of more room being made for the conduct of general business, a manager's office, and rooms upstairs to be used as residential quarters. The work has taken longer to carry out, than anticipated, owing to labour troubles, strikes and railway delay, but despite all these inconveniences the contractor has performed his task in a quick and thorough manner, and has earned the appreciation of the authorities in Melbourne.

The ceilings are made of picton fibre panels and moulded, and the plastering of the walls have been neatly done. New office fittings have been provided, the timber used being Queensland maple, nicely finished with french polish. A new strong room has also been erected and the building renovated throughout.

During all this time Clarence Adeney was the Manager. Described in one report as the *genial Mr Adeney* and described by David Mickle as *a kind and gentle man*, he left the manager's position at Koo Wee Rup in early 1920 and was replaced by William Kerr Paterson, whose wife Margaret was to become the inaugural President of the Koo Wee Rup CWA when it was established in 1929. Clarence then took up the part-time position operating the Yannathan bank. In January 1923 *The Argus* reported that -

Mr. C. Adeney, J.P., of Yannathan, has been granted extended leave of absence from the E. S. and A. Bank on account of ill health. During the last 22 years Mr. Adeney managed a number of branches of the London Bank (now the English, Scottish, and Australian Bank). He has been intimately associated with the development of the closer settlement areas, more particularly the Koo-wee-rup swamp.

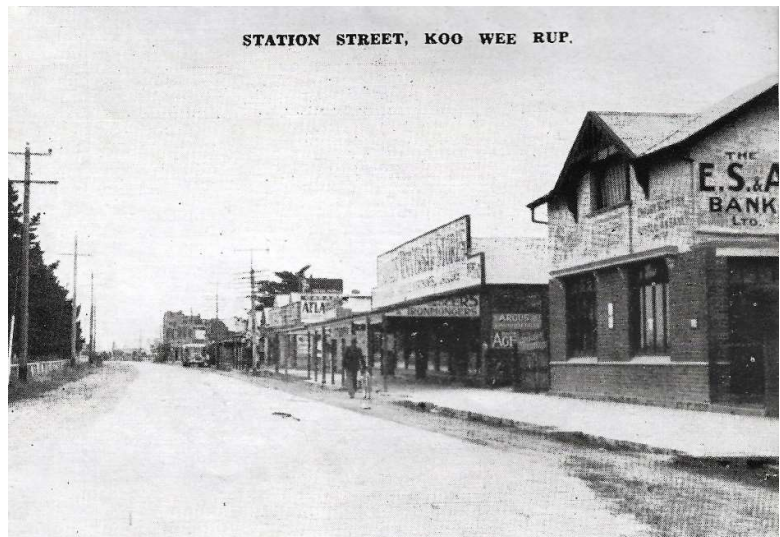
Clarence Adeney was born in 1869 to Henry William Howells Adeney and his wife Sarah (nee Pitman). His father was an Anglican Minister and his mother, as a matter of interest, was the niece of Sir Isaac Pitman, who invented Pitman shorthand system. Clarence married Angelina Treweek in 1895 and they had four children - Arnold (1901 in Maryborough), Henry Allen (1903 Warragul), Dorothy (1905 Warragul), Marjorie (1906 Garfield). Clarence died aged 79 on July 10, 1948; a year after Angelina who died July 24, 1947.

The Cardinia Shire Heritage Study describes the Koo Wee Rup Bank as an early example of the architectural style known as *towards modernism* and it is one of three former E.S. & A Banks in the Heritage Study. The other ones are the Garfield Bank, which was built in 1931 and the Lang Lang Bank, which was built in 1929.

The ANZ closed the Koo Wee Rup Bank in May 2016, and the building is currently occupied by a Pharmacy.

The original version of this story with references and footnotes can be read here <https://kooweerupswamphistory.blogspot.com/2016/04/koo-wee-rup-anz-es-bank.html>

The Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society meets on the second Wednesday of each month at Mallow house, 325 Rossiter Road, corner of Henry Street. The next meeting is on July 10 at 7.30pm. New members welcome. The Museum is generally open on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Heather Arnold ☎0407 521 637 or harnold@dcsi.net.au



The bank in Station Street in the 1940s

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