

# THE KOO WEE RUP BLACKFISH



SEPTEMBER 2024

## Our Major Road Project nears completion

The first clear signs of how good the upgrade to the KWR-Pakenham Road is going to be are here. The section of road that replaces the dangerous bends section at the Northern end is open. 2 lanes in each direction, a 3m hard shoulder on each side, 100kph speed limit, lovely big roundabouts, a smooth gentle bend rather than hazardous tight turns, and a bike and walking track for the length of the road.

The lower section of the road still needs to be resurfaced and lane marked, but you can see the outline of what it's going to be.

With the opening of the new bridge over the freeway at Pakenham, you can now see a bike/walking track has been built on the new section of bridge. We still need to lobby for a safe bike/walking track



into Koo Wee Rup, but the rest of the distance to Pakenham station and shops will be completed soon. We hope to see the bus stops at the South East Business Park put into operation soon, as part of the KWR-Pakenham bus service.

Caroline Roff, Editor

## Koo Wee Rup Township Committee Meeting

The Township held its monthly meeting on Wednesday 7 August at the KWR Community Centre. The next meeting will be the Township Committee's AGM, as well as a regular meeting and will be held on Wednesday, 4 September at 7:30 pm at the KWR Community Centre. Everyone is welcome to attend Township Meetings and join in the discussion.

McDonalds Drain Rd has been graded but potholes are back already and the driveable surface was not widened.

Frank spoke to the owner of Woolworths building and he has agreed to have a mural painted on the back of the building. Secretary to arrange for confirmation in writing.

The draft sketch provided by the artist for the mural was approved in principle by the committee with a couple of additions requested.

We are still waiting for the light strip at the clock tower to be replaced.

There are significant potholes opposite the general store in Bayles. These will reported to council.

Some businesses have raised concerns about the coffee van parking at the Masonic Hall and possibly impacting on the business of the cafes in town.

## Koo Wee Rup Township Committee

### AGM

Wednesday, 4 September  
7.30pm

Koo Wee Rup Community  
Centre

All welcome

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## What's on in Koo Wee Rup and District

### September

Mon	2nd	KWR Senior Citizens Games Day (members only) (page 3)	Senior Citizens Club	11am
Mon	2nd	Chair Pilates (page 25)	Eco House, Hospital	5pm
Mon	2nd	Mat Pilates (page 25)	Eco House, Hospital	6pm
Wed	4th	Coffee Club (back page)	Royal Hotel	10am
Wed	4th	Lions Club Meeting (page 8-9)	Tooradin Sports Club	7pm
Wed	4th	Township Committee AGM (front page)	Community Centre	7.30pm
Wed	4th	Chair Pilates	Eco House, Hospital	5pm
Wed	4th	Mat Pilates	Eco House, Hospital	6pm
Thu	5th	Information for Cardinia Shire Council election candidates (page 22)	Shire Council Chambers	6.30pm
Fri	6th	KRHS Ladies Auxiliary Meeting (page 3)	Education Room, Hospital	9.30am
Fri	6th	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch & Hoy (members only) (page 3)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Mon	9th	KWR Senior Citizens Games Day (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11am
Mon	9th	Chair Pilates	Eco House, Hospital	5pm
Mon	9th	Mat Pilates	Eco House, Hospital	6pm
Tue	10th	RSL Meeting (page 23)	RSL Clubrooms	7.30pm
Wed	11th	Chair Pilates	Eco House, Hospital	5pm
Wed	11th	Mat Pilates	Eco House, Hospital	6pm
Wed	11th	Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society Meeting (page 31)	Museum, Rossiter Road	7.30pm
Fri	13th	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch & Hoy (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Sun	15th	Bayles Fauna Park Working Bee (back page)	Bayles Fauna Park	9am
Sun	15th	Aussie Icons for New Arrivals (page 23)	Harewood House	2pm
Sun	15th	You Raise Me Up – Cardinia Civic Concert Band 30 years (back page)	Bunjil Place	2pm
Mon	16th	KWR Senior Citizens Games Day (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11am
Mon	16th	Chair Pilates	Eco House, Hospital	5pm
Mon	16th	Mat Pilates	Eco House, Hospital	6pm
Wed	17th	Chair Pilates	Eco House, Hospital	5pm
Wed	17th	Mat Pilates	Eco House, Hospital	6pm
Wed	18th	Coffee Club	Chandelier Café	10am
Wed	18th	Lions Club Meeting	Tooradin Sports Club	7pm
Fri	20th	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch & Hoy (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Mon	23rd	KWR Senior Citizens Games Day (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11am
Tue	24th	Forget-Me-Not Café (page 19)	Eco House, Hospital	10am
Tue	24th	Kay's Fashions Parade – KRHS Ladies Auxiliary fundraiser (page 3)	Senior Citizens Club	1pm
Fri	27th	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch & Hoy (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Mon	30th	KWR Senior Citizens Games Day (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11am

### October

Wed	2nd	Coffee Club	Royal Hotel	10am
Wed	2nd	Lions Club Meeting	Tooradin Sports Club	7pm
Wed	2nd	Township Committee Meeting	Community Centre	7.30pm
Fri	4th	KRHS Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	Education Room, Hospital	9.30am
Fri	6th	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch & Hoy (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Mon	9th	KWR Senior Citizens Games Day (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11am
Tue	10th	RSL Meeting	RSL Clubrooms	7.30pm

### November

Mon	11th	Remembrance Day Service (page 23)	Cenotaph, Cochrane Park	11am
Sat	23rd	RSL Christmas and Craft Fair (back page)	RSL, Station Street	9am

#### JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

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#### HAVE YOU GOT SOMETHING TO SAY?

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](mailto:blackfish@live.com.au) post to PO Box 64, KWR or phone 5997 2333. *Caroline Roff, Editor*

## Koo Wee Rup Senior Citizens

By Linda Sanders

### Annual General Meeting

Our AGM was held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August. Office bearers have stayed the same with Dianne Divola as President, Gary King as Vice President, and Leonie Smith as Secretary and Treasurer.

Leonie Smith was awarded Lifetime Membership which is very well deserved.

A special thanks to Andrew Slade for chairing the meeting. Also a special thanks to Caroline Roff for taking the minutes at each meeting since 2008.

Pictured are the office bearers and committee members.

We welcome new members at an annual fee of \$10. Come and give us a try at Icke Road, Koo Wee Rup (next to the Police Station). If you would like more information, please contact Dianne on 0419 405 404 or Leonie on 0477 249 000.



### Activities Include:

Monday: Board Games: 11am - 3pm

Friday: Lunch followed by Hoy (a card game): 11.30am for 12pm lunch

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month: Activities morning: 10am – 1pm.

We also have monthly outings/entertainment / activities.

All enquiries	Dianne	0419 405 404
	Leonie	0477 249 000

## The latest news from the KRHS Ladies Auxiliary

On the 2nd of August we held our Annual general meeting, and the following ladies were elected to the committee: -

President:	Marlene Weston
Vice President:	Joyce Mills AOM
Secretary:	Jan Fox
Assistant secretary:	Olive Stokes
Treasurer:	Sue Morgan
Assistant Treasurer:	Sue Potter

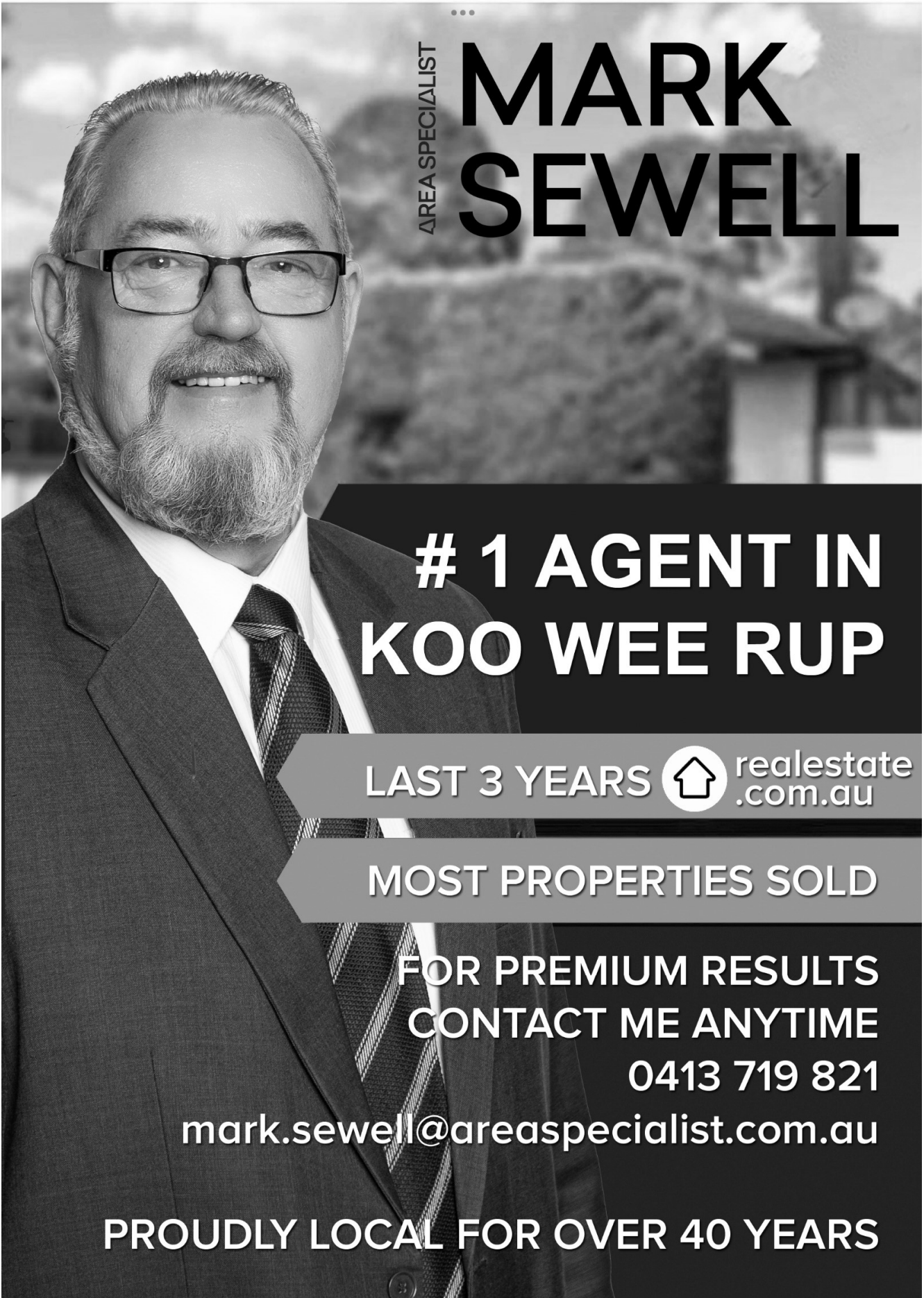
We wish them all well.

The Ladies Auxiliary calendar is in production right now and many weekends have been spent having photographs taken and laughing at ourselves in different situations. We sold out quickly with our last calendar so please get your order in early if you would like to purchase a copy. This calendar for 2025 will celebrate 70 years of the Ladies Auxiliary in Koo-Wee-Rup.

Don't forget the fashion show with Kay's Fashions on Tuesday September 24th at the Senior's Hall, Icke Road at 1 pm. The entry fee is \$5 and includes morning tea and a door prize. There will also be a raffle and a trade table. Later in the year, on November the 23rd, is the RSL Christmas fair where we will have our usual scones with jam and cream together with coffee or tea. There will be lots of competitions - best cake, best biscuits, and cake decoration etc. Please check the posters around the town to know what else is on at the Christmas Fair. There will be many stalls to purchase goods for Christmas. Please come along to support your local community and have some fun.

The president and all the ladies wish to raise a tribute to a true stalwart of the Ladies Auxiliary, May Ridgeway AOM, who has been involved with the Ladies Auxiliary for over 50 years. During this time May was the treasurer for many of these years and a great asset to our organization. May is still a member, but she is stepping back from committee duties. Thank you May, from all the Ladies, for everything you have done for the Ladies Auxiliary and the Koo-Wee-Rup community over the years.


Olive Stokes

A black and white portrait of Mark Sewell, a man with a beard and glasses, wearing a suit and tie. The background is a blurred outdoor scene.

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

### Email report from Jordan Crugnale

Firstly a big thank you to all involved in being a successful Tiny Town recipient/fabulous project and it will look amazing and add colour and life and history and more to a big blank canvas of a supermarket wall.

I was hoping to swing by tonight's meeting but now have to head home for family.

The lights in the bus shelters have been fixed and whilst I was informed the overhead lights were fixed they have not been so crews are heading back out. Hopefully the wait will not be too long.

The Pakenham - KWR duplication we hope will fully open in the next few weeks as major works are being completed. There will be ongoing finished touches (so to speak) which will continue.

I have spoken with Ausnet and escalated again a response to your letter.

The information below is what I was hoping to speak to tonight which has been emailed from Ausnet.

### **From Ausnet:**

*Koo Wee Rup Township Committee (KWRTC) discussion on reliability on the local network.*

*Our Team has been doing a bit of work looking into this - I understand the local community are looking for some information on:*

- *The causes of the outages that have impacted them in recent years;*
- *What's been done to address this; and*
- *AusNet's communications during an outage.*

*There's broad issues that have impacted the network in the last few years that we have discussed; these include*

- *The catastrophic storms in February 2024, June and October 2021 and August 2020;*
- *More vegetation and wildlife that you see in rural areas coming into contact with lines; and*
- *The significant upgrades to bushfire prevention technology across the network; which have required more prolonged planned outages to install and safely test.*

*Specifically to Koo Wee Rup, to date this year there have been three extended unplanned outages, including the February storm event.*

*The other two were thoroughly investigated by our field teams, and while no direct cause could be found for one, the other our crews observed possible lightning damage to a conductor. Another three outages of between 8 and 14 minutes were also noted. The last few years have seen varied numbers of prolonged unplanned outages, from 1 in 2021 to 8 in 2020 - with 6 in both 2023 and 2022.*

*In terms of the upgrades and local maintenance AusNet has undertaken, we undertook significant maintenance in that area in 2021 and 2022, along with the installation of a REFCL at the substation in Lang Lang in 2022 ([ausnet-powerline-bushfire-safety-refcl-overview-fact-sheet-1.pdf](https://ausnet-services.com.au/ausnet-powerline-bushfire-safety-refcl-overview-fact-sheet-1.pdf) ([ausnet-services.com.au](https://ausnet-services.com.au))).*

*On communications, please encourage your constituents to register their mobile phone numbers with their energy retailer - we get the data from them to contact people via sms during an outage. They can also follow our Facebook page where we post information and warnings ahead of extreme weather events.*

*We'll continue to monitor the local network closely to see if there's more work we can do - please let me know if you hear anything through your channels.*

*We'd also encourage the KWRTC to explore their options with AusNet's Energy Resilience Community Fund ([Energy Resilience Community Fund - Ausnet](https://ausnet-services.com.au/energy-resilience-community-fund-ausnet) ([ausnet-services.com.au](https://ausnet-services.com.au))) and look at opportunities to build resilience to the future extreme weather events we know are coming as a consequence of climate change.*

*We are happy to brief you, your office and the Koo Wee Rup Township Committee on these matters in more detail if needed, and undertake some similar work in some of the other communities in your electorate impacted by similar events.*

*Secretary to respond to Jordan and Ausnet to ask them to attend future meeting (October)*

### **Bus Service to Pakenham**

There are now signs at the industrial estate near the freeway for the bus stops. Enquiries were made to PTV who referred the enquiry to Westernport Buslines who run the service, Westernport referred enquiries back to PTV. Gary will keep following up on this, has already spoken to Jordan.

Lifts at the new Pakenham Station are not working. Taxis are being provided to take people to other stations to access trains. Or the lift on the outbound platform is working so you can take a train the Pakenham East and then board the Melbourne train there.

It was suggested that the Vline Bus should provide a late night service on Friday and Saturday nights, the last bus from Southern Cross on week nights is 9pm, and Saturday and Sunday 5:46pm. These times are not suitable if you are attending events in Melbourne such as the footy or stage shows.

Koo Wee Rup health service has a community bus that is available for community use.



# Breath testing drivers all year round

Police are out there to keep our roads safe. If you've been drinking, don't drive. Getting caught with a Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) of 0.05 and over will result in loss of licence and significant fines. Chances are you will be caught.

**Anywhere. Anytime. Anyone.**



## Rossiter Road Medical Centre celebrates first year of service

Rossiter Road Medical Centre opened its doors in September 2023. The bulk billing medical centre is celebrating their 1<sup>st</sup> birthday after providing 1 year of service to the Koo Wee Rup community.

The medical centre has grown in the past year offering many additional ancillary services and also extending their opening hours.

Situated within the Hollander House building the practice is currently open from Monday – Thursday 9am – 7pm, Friday 9am – 5pm, Sunday 9am – 1pm and Public Holidays 10am – 2pm.

There are a team of male and female General Practitioners with a range of areas of special interest including: Paediatrics, General Medicine, Orthopaedics, Women’s Health and Mental Health.

Onsite pathology collection offered 5 days per week. All pathology referrals are accepted.

Allied Health Services include: Podiatry, Psychology, Audiology, Myotherapy, Physiotherapy & Diabetes Education.

The practice provides a bulk billed service to all patients with a valid Medicare Card.

Appointments can be made via the HotDoc app or by calling & speaking to one of our friendly reception or nursing staff members.

New patients are welcomed.

The team at Rossiter Road Medical Centre wish to thank the community for their support during the first year. We look forward to supporting Koo Wee Rup & surrounds for many more years to come.



L-R: Kelsey (Reception), Emily (Practice Nurse), Dr Awad (GP), Tayla (Practice Manager), Dr Payam (GP), Dr Sawsan (GP).



# Rossiter Road

## MEDICAL CENTRE

### Medicare Bulk Billing

 **General Medicine**  
 **Podiatry**  
 **Psychology**  
 **Audiology**

 **Pathology**  
 **Myotherapy**  
 **Physiotherapy**  
 **Diabetes Education**




### 5997 9888

### Appointments via HotDoc





# Lions Club of Koo Wee Rup & District

Meet on the First Wednesday of the month for a Social Dinner at Tooradin Sports Bar,  
& Every Third Wednesday for a Business Suppa Meeting at the KWRup Men's Shed

Lions Club of Koo Wee Rup & District had their annual change over dinner on 29th June 2024 at the Stan Young Function Rooms Railway Hotel Pakenham. The installation of the 2024/2025 executive committee for the Lions Club of Koo Wee Rup was performed by a very active Lions member Graham Cockerell founder of NEED for FEED. With a new incoming Secretary and returning Treasurer being unable to attend the night, good sport RSL Secretary and JP Bev Edwards, was on duty to add a little bit of humour to the situation on the night. As Graham called for the Secretary & then again for the

Treasurer to be installed, Bev proceeded to hold up a large photo placard head shot, of each candidate. There was no way she was going to say yes in the words of the installation, which cracked everyone up with laughter. Just a little bit of fun of and light on the night. Community groups were presented with an envelope with the half year proceeds of the Lions Opp shop. Past President Liz Grulke presented retiree Lion and past Op Shop Manager Sheryl Blay with flowers.

Lions Club of Koo Wee Rup & District new executive committee has been finding their feet in the months of July & August. A lot of behind the scenes activity, such as updating to better technology, using QR codes and the like, setting up of a New Facebook page and a new email address [Kooweeruplions@gmail.com](mailto:Kooweeruplions@gmail.com).



**Craft & Patchwork EXPO**  
**KOO WEE RUP COMMUNITY CENTRE** Esplanade Road, Koo Wee Rup  
**24th June 2023**  
 9.30 till 4pm \$5.00 entry  
 Raffle Drawn 3.30 PM

Proceeds support community projects

- Retail Stall Holders
- Plenty of Free Parking
- Morning/Afternoon Tea & Lunch

Supporting our community  
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## WHERE THERE'S A NEED THERE'S A LION


We are always looking for new members. People from all backgrounds both men and women, young and old. People with a few hours a month who will actively help organize and run fundraising events and who care about others and the local community.

We hold monthly meetings to discuss fundraising and the distribution of monies. We usually have guest speakers representing some of these needy causes and it is interesting to learn more about these groups.

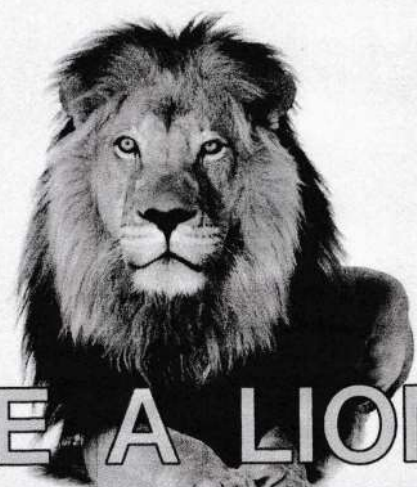
We are a friendly bunch who try to help each other and organize a few social events.

**JOIN US NOW**

How to Contact us  
 President: Shirelle Lean M/Ph: 0411248123  
 Secretary: Belinda Whelan M/Ph: 0437474946  
 Membership Co-ordinator : Jack Napier M/Ph: 0418729912  
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 **Lions Club of Koo Wee Rup & District**

## DO SOMETHING AWESOME



# BE A LION

 **Lions Club of Koo Wee Rup & District**





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Our Dinner Meeting on the 7th August had a visit from PDG Zone Chairman Norma Barnard who introduced District 2nd Vice President Roger Lurz. They both gave a speech on the night, with new President Shirelle Lean presenting a Lions of Koo Wee Rup Club bannerette to District 2nd Vice President Roger Lurz, which is one of the Lions traditions.

Our first supper meeting held at the Koo Wee Rup Mens Shed had a lot of ideas thrown around for upcoming projects too. Watch this space.

Koo Wee Rup & District Lions Club as of 2023 have been part of the Koo Wee Rup Community for 50 years. They are the invisible ordinary people doing amazing things for and in and around the community of Koo Wee Rup. We do things from Sausage Sizzles, sell Christmas Cakes & Puddings, Raffles - like win a Grocery voucher to Win the lot Trailers, sponsor school children to Licola Camp, Sponsor School Scholarships, Lions Youth of the Year, Lions Junior Public Speaking, Donate to Community Groups Like Bayles painting of the water tank, Lions Craft & Patchwork Expo, Lions Op Shop a Community Hub, Lions



**CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**

Sat 9th Dec.  
Gates open 6.30pm  
Carols at 7pm

All Welcome  
Guest Artists  
Full Orchestra  
Monster Fireworks Display

Cochrane Park  
Koo Wee Rup

Gold Coin Entry pp

Includes:  
• Father Christmas  
• Food Stalls  
• Fun for All

Presented by the Lions Club of Koo Wee Rup with Torring Point Church, KWR Secondary College, KWR SES, KWR Township Committee, KWR Men's Shed and the 1st Koo Wee Rup Street Group

We recommend pets be confined between 8.30pm and 9.30pm on the 9th of December due to fireworks



Community Carols by Candlelight, Lions Peace Poster Project in Schools, Lions Reserves and Environment enrichment tree areas, Lions helped build the John Duff Memorial Fire Brigade training track years ago, to Lions various social outings such as ten pin bowling. Around this article are some photos of what we do and have done in the past.

President: Shirelle Lean

**Licola BUSINESS RESORT SCHOOL HOLIDAY adventure camp**

**THE LICOLA EXPERIENCE:**  
Licola Village Adventure Camp provides challenging and educational experiences for all. Our award winning staff are well trained, enthusiastic and imaginative, providing a safe and supervised environment based on the principles of respect, responsibility, care and honesty.

We create a spirit of teamwork and cooperation. It is our aim to challenge participants & encourage them to exceed their expectations by organising and conducting safe and rewarding activities. We encourage participants to have respect for the facilities and staff. Central focus on promoting a feeling of self-worth in those who sometimes have little or none, encouraging them to do to their potential.

**WHO CAN PARTICIPATE:**  
Children who are 6-11 years old. Children must be able to participate in group instruction, being outdoors, sitting & functioning with a supervision ratio of 1:5. Selection of suitable children is subject to completion of an assessment providing the following processes are observed:  
1. You have fulfilled the relevant paperwork for your Lions Club representative.  
2. You have received confirmation of acceptance from your nominated Lions Club.

**ACTIVITIES:**  
These include golf swing, fishing, building, cooking, high, low, low, rock, slide, swimming pool, drinking, arts & crafts, competitive outdoor games, indoor games, archery, skip of legs, mini golf, disc golf, trampolines and camp caravan.

**We are**

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**New Members Welcome**

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Secretary Belinda (0417 721 333) or  
Service Co-ordinator Jack (0418 729 912)





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## What was that siren?

### August 2024

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 on a call.

Our calls since the last report were:

- 2/8/24 – Stove fire – Icke Rd Koo Wee Rup
- 6/8/24 - Car accident, persons trapped – South Gippsland Hwy Koo Wee Rup
- 9/8/24 – Fence fire – Ferndale Ct Lang Lang
- 14/8/24 – Smoke alarm operating – Henry St Koo Wee Rup
- 14/8/24 – Automatic alarm operating – Rossiter Rd Koo Wee Rup
- 15/8/24 - Car accident, persons trapped – Ballarto Rd Koo Wee Rup
- 16/8/24 – Car fire – South Gippsland Hwy Koo Wee Rup
- 18/8/24 - Car accident – South Gippsland Hwy Koo Wee Rup
- 18/8/24 - Car accident, persons trapped – South Gippsland Hwy Tooradin
- 20/8/24 - Car accident, persons trapped – South Gippsland Hwy Lang Lang
- 20/8/24 – Car fire – Railway Rd Koo Wee Rup
- 21/8/24 – Assist Ambulance – Ballarto Rd Koo Wee Rup
- 22/8/24 – Fusebox fire – Ferndale Ct Lang Lang
- 23/8/24 – Car accident, Powerlines down – South Gippsland Hwy 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](mailto:roger.smith7@members.cfa.vic.gov.au)

## Contact Us

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Facebook: [@KooWeeRupFireBrigade](https://www.facebook.com/@KooWeeRupFireBrigade)



### MOTHER

July 2024

When I was young, as if just hours ago in the endless heat of summer holidays there were fewer vehicles on the roads and more endless time to spend or waste. I would lay down on the cool linoleum whilst my mother vacuumed the rooms. I was so young and she was youngish too I saw nothing, not her tiredness nor tedium. Now decades later all things are scattered the floors and all items cleaned and dusted now ripped up, buried deep or never found concealed like Roman mosaics under mud even now covered but waiting to be revealed. However, my mother is nowhere to be found her life of words and action cannot be traced.

*Warren Breninger*

## Icarus Skin Cancer Clinic



**Phone:** 59 252 000

**Address:** Suite 4, Ground Floor, Hollander House, 352 Rossiter Road, Koo Wee Rup VIC 3981

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**Website :** [www.icarusskincancerclinic.com.au](http://www.icarusskincancerclinic.com.au)

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Bruce has undertaken significant further training in the field of skin cancer medicine and is accredited by the [Skin Cancer College of Australasia](#). He has developed skills in skin cancer surgery including facial surgery, skin flaps (including nose, ears and lower leg repairs) and skin grafting. He is also passionate about promoting sun awareness and [skin cancer prevention](#) with his patients

### Technology

Using dermatology software powered by artificial intelligence (AI), we can capture high quality digital images of your skin and record exact detail for future comparison monitoring suspicious lesions for any changes, resulting in earlier diagnoses so you can avoid unnecessary procedures.

### Need a skin check?

**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.

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# 1<sup>st</sup> Koo Wee Rup Scout Group

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Here we go for another monthly round up of Scouting. Koo Wee Rup Scout Group recently celebrate their Annual Reports and Awards Presentation Evening which was a great success. Many congratulations to the recipients of the awards presented, and thanks to the volunteers who helped put this evening together.

Our Joeys and Cubs had a joint talent night. The Joeys and Cubs were given the opportunity to bring a friend to the talent night. The youth members bought out their best puppet performance to show leaders their performance skills. We would love to see new youth members come and experience the opportunity of scouting.



Adventures had this month were a performance at the Drum Theatre at Dandenong that Cubs, Scouts and Venturers attended, Cubs Lawson Falls Hike in Labertouche, Scouts cooking and Scavenger Night, and the rovers doing a pottery and training night.



Our youth and leaders are very much looking forward to an upcoming district camp at Bell Park Scout Camp where youth from our group will meet a participate in a range of Activities in Phillip Island and at Bell Park from the 20 -22<sup>nd</sup> of September.

Koo Wee Rup Scouts is always looking for new youth members and are currently looking for Volunteers for our Op-shop, group leaders and parent helpers. If you would be interested in helping. Please reach out on the email above.





# Santa Sofia Festival

## Sunday 27 October'24

St John's the Baptist Catholic Church; KooWeeRup

**9.00am Rosary: 9.30am Mass**

Celebrated by Bishop Greg Bennet

St John's Choir

Followed by a procession with the Saint

### 11.30am Lunch

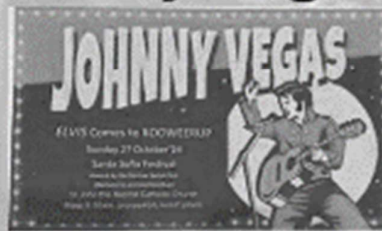
*BBQ Picnic Lunch*

*Arancini : Sausage Sizzle : Pizza*

*Gelato : Popcorn Van*

**Complimentary tea/coffee/biscuits**

### 12.00pm Johnny Vegas with *Elvis*



### 1.00pm Auction

### 2 - 3.30pm Johnny Vegas with *Elvis*

### 3.45pm Major raffle

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### 4.00pm Close



## A slice of my life in the mid-eighties *by Geoff Stokes*

We moved from Templestowe to rural Smiths Gully in 1983. We fancied a life in the country with sheep to look after and a horse for our daughter and the quietness of the countryside for our son whilst he studied for a medical degree. Life became very different to the Melbourne suburbs we had been used to. So, it was to a house at the top of a hill we moved into.

We became friendly with all our neighbours, in particular John and Julie who lived on the opposite side of the hill with Smiths Gully Road running between us and Neil and Merron who lived to our right at the bottom of the hill. Next door to them lived Mick and Bridget who eventually bought several acres of land further along the road and built themselves a substantial mansion together with several acres of vineyards. The subsequent products were very fine wines. However, we were closer to the former two couples and, together with Jane and Max our nearest neighbours, we organised several parties over the five years that we lived in the Gully. Twice Olive and I organised a 'fondue night' where we presented authentic Swiss fondues to our guests; knowledge of them gained from my business trip that country in 1979. It wasn't easy at that time to obtain real Swiss cheeses, but we had no difficulty in finding the Kirsch to stir into the fondue. Together with deserts, and with Max and Neil playing their guitars, we had real super nights. These fondue nights are still talked about by our friends to this day. John and Julia also organised parties, and one in particular I recall was that of a fancy-dress night finishing up with us all sitting around a bonfire in their front paddock. Neil and Merron also organised great nights over the years and with them, one, was a 'port night'. We all had to bring along a bottle of port and there would be a blind tasting of it to find out which of the bottles had the best and most palatable port. It was a good evening with lots of good food and eventually the winning bottle of port was revealed. It was ours! For a joke we had taken along the cheapest bottle we could find and yes, it won! We just couldn't believe it –neither could anyone else. Neil had built a wine cellar into the side of the hill, and he stocked it with fine wines and some homemade wines, in particular a homemade port made in 1965, and we still have some of it left today. Just occasionally, a large sip keeps it from going down the bottle too fast! So, this was the place for the men of the Gully to assemble on a Sunday or Saturday lunchtime for a taste (that's what we called it anyway) and a chat as men do! In other words, we were enjoying living in Smiths Gully with lots of caring friends and neighbours about us. Many times, after our get-togethers Olive and I found it difficult to negotiate the steep hill to our house on our way home up the winding drive!

Another year came and went, and our next job was to organise a party for our son Jonathan's twenty-first birthday. Jonathan's 21st birthday was on the 22nd of December 1986, too close to Christmas for us to organise a party on that date and, in any case, his friends from university and his mates from his old school were all away on holiday or, by then, far away at home. So, we decided to celebrate Jonathan's birthday in the New Year, January as I recall, with a get together in the bottom paddock of our home in Smiths Gully. This was a propitious time because my dear sister Mary decided that she and her son, would come and visit us from the UK and would be here for the party. Neither had been out to Australia before so it was an exciting time all round, what with their visit and Jonathan's twenty-first birthday celebration at the same time. So, we set a day in January for the party. One of my contacts from somewhere ran a party-hire business so we hired most of the gear from his premises in Richmond. Mick, our next door but one neighbour, lent me his USA built four-wheel drive; a Ford F250 and trailer, a huge beast of a thing, to go into town to bring back all the gear in one hit. There was a large marquee complete with dance floor and chandeliers, a bar tent and a portable loo/bathroom, tables, an amplifying system, party lighting strings, chairs and other smaller items that today I can't remember. Neil and I slashed the paddock first and then all the neighbours gave a hand to erect the marquee and install the dance floor. Ross our neighbour to the right of us (and down the hill) was, and still is, an electrician. He connected the lights in the Marquee and the power for the bar to Jane and Max's electricity supply box. We brought down the hill the spare fridge from the garage and installed it into the bar tent complete with champagne and other wines and beers. The unisex loo was put in place and the fire pumps set up discretely down near the creek. Signs were erected for parking and other info, and we were ready to go. In the meantime, Mary and David had arrived and became immediate Aussies; they simply fell in love at once with our part of Australia. The very morning, we brought them home from the airport and we were sitting in the garden having a cup of tea when an echidna walked across the lawn; we had never seen one around our place before! Not only that but, at the same time, a hairy nosed wombat waddled across the driveway and later a kangaroo came and looked over the top fence. Can you believe that? Mary and David thought that they were in heaven compared to the industrial Midlands where they lived in the UK and had left just thirty-four hours previously. We employed caterers to provide all the food for the party and to supply the very smart waiters who did an excellent job. The party went very well. The evening do was fancy dress and the theme was Rock and Roll or Pop Stars; Jonathan arriving as Freddy Mercury. The band, all Jonathan's friends from school, was the now famous group called 'Things of Stone and Wood'; at that time, they were fledgling musicians; now 'Things of Stone and Wood' are an established professional group; they were excellent. I can't resist not telling you just a couple of stories about that evening.

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**A slice of my life in the mid-eighties** *from previous page*

I had walked back up the hill to our house to pick up something and the phone rang. It was our new neighbour from next to Julia and John’s house and he was upset with the loud music. He and his family had just arrived in the community and had shown no sign of wanting to get to know any of us and they had kept to themselves – not easy to do. We didn’t know them at all, so they hadn’t been asked to the party; I realised too late that they were the only family from our local community that we had not asked! I did know he was a forensic investigator with the Victorian Police Force. I told him this was a one-off party, and it would finish before mid-night. At about half-past eleven, just as we were winding down, we had unexpected visitors; the local Bobbies turned up. They had been asked to call and check on this loud party attended, they said, by bikies and weirdly dressed people. It was the bloke across the road of course who had complained to his policemen mates, and he must have also been really upset by the clothing worn by the people he saw arriving. It didn’t dawn on him that we were all in fancy dress! I made a point of not drinking that night so that the visiting police, a lady and a man, were greeted by a very sober father of the party’s 21st celebrator. They understood the situation but not before confessing that they were very apprehensive on their way to Smiths Gully, wondering who and what they were going to encounter after the report of bikies partying and boozing in the area. In fact, not too much was drunk that night, I can’t remember any of Jonathan’s friends or him for that matter having had too much to drink. After dancing through the evening, they collapsed with fatigue after the party finally finished, spreading themselves all over the floor of our house. Ross, our neighbour however, had had far too much to drink and, as he waved goodbye to walk home across the paddock via the creek, we saw his silhouette disappear down into the water as he missed his footing and dropped into the shallow mud! As I said - a great night.

My private work for a company called Basil V Greatrex was going reasonably well but didn’t really make too much money for us. I worked alongside another private rep, Richard, who represented another of Greatrex’s products and one memorable day he brought his American agent to see us and the coun tryside around Smiths Gully. Richard and I organised a barbecue for him at our home and the main course of three was really something. Best fillet steak topped with fresh lobster and covered in Olive’s beautiful hollandaise sauce. All washed down with the best wine available – paid for by Greatrex of course. Tom was our visitor’s name, as I recall, and the afternoon wound up with Tom riding Catherine’s horse Trinity.

On his way back to Melbourne he saw a huge mob of Kangaroos in the paddocks and that really made his day. Something to tell the folks back home in the USA about, I am sure of that.



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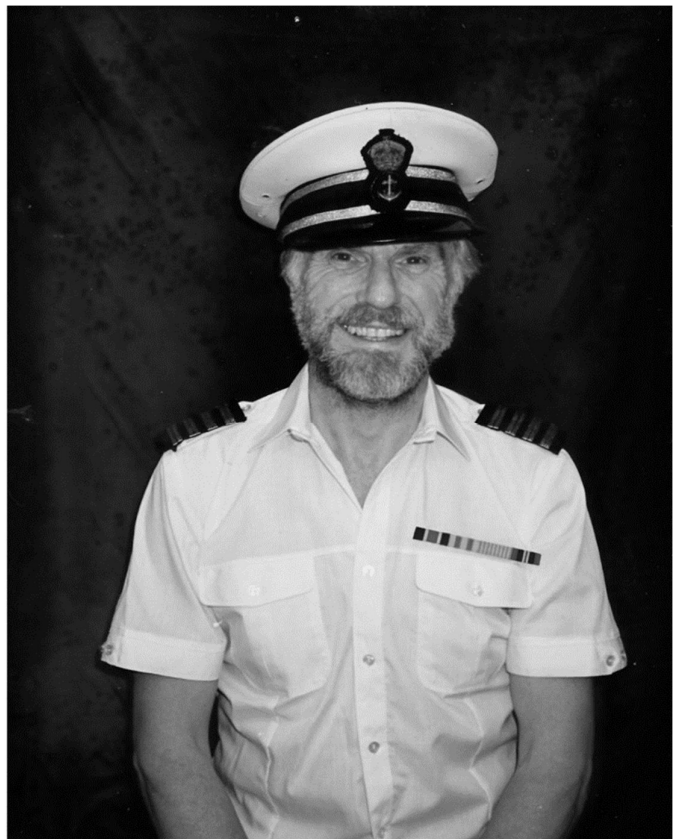
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## A slice of my life in the mid-eighties *from previous page*

It was a wonderful surprise to receive an invitation to dinner in Melbourne from the owners of Basil V. Greatrex. The patriarch of the Company would be there with his brother and their respective wives. They chose Stephanie Alexander's restaurant called 'Stephanie's Restaurant', located in the Melbourne suburb of Hawthorn. This restaurant closed in 1997 and in all those 21 years it was open it was recognized as Melbourne's finest. Olive and I were booked into a first-class hotel, and we were looking forward to a splendid meal. And it certainly was because the waiters, and it seemed we had one each, recognized that there were two obvious millionaires at the table, and nothing was too much for them. I cannot remember details of the meal only that it was very nice indeed, but I do remember that towards the end of the meal one of the bosses' wives said we should all have the best champagne in the restaurant's cellar. It was ordered and the waiter was told to keep it coming – when one bottle was finished, please bring on another. It was a super time and finally we were taxied off to our hotel a little worse for wear to finish off what was quite a romantic evening. Unfortunately, I developed a bad bout of indigestion and reflux, so I had to sit up in a chair most of the night much to Olive's chagrin! I should have recognized those symptoms then and maybe I would have had less trouble later with my future gastric misfortunes.

My theatrical life continued in my spare time – mostly evenings. Ed Seppings was an old thespian mate of mine. We had acted together in 'No No Nanette', the first show I did in Australia in 1971, and, we had acted together in other Doncaster and Templestowe shows and plays. He was now running the Foote Street Theatre Company, a vehicle for the youth of the area to help them get acting and performing experience. The Group had been very successful having been born in 1975 as a series of drama workshops graduating into a Youth Theatre. Some of their productions included, *"Once a Catholic"* and *"Under the Yum Yum Tree"* and the well-loved rock musical *"Godspell"*. Ed told me he was directing and producing their next production, *"On the Good Ship Lollipop"* to be presented at two venues, Argenti's Receptions (Doncaster) and The Doncaster Gallery. He explained to me that it was "Theatre" with a difference because neither venue was actually a theatre. This venture would be following in the tradition of the original travelling troubadours taking their own show and trappings with them to everywhere and anywhere. The show story was based on the (then) *"Love Boat"* television series – a show within a show; a Ship's Crew who put on a show for their passengers, the audience. Ed wanted to know if I would play the part of the ship's Captain; an acting, singing and dancing role important to the continuity of the other more youthful parts in the show. I said I would and so started preparation for the production to be presented in October of that year, 1987, some six months away. One of the high lights for me was tap dancing with a tiny 'Shirley Temple' whilst she sang "On the Good Ship Lollipop".



*The Captain of the Good Ship "Lollipop"*

Rehearsals were to be held in Ed and Jan Seppings house in Hawthorn, very close to my new office that I now shared with a new business friend Alan. So, after the other people in the office went home in the evening I stayed on, ate my sandwiches for tea, and practised my lines, before going on to Ed's for the rehearsal. I also knew Ed's wife Jan very well; she was also a regular in the Doncaster and Templestowe theatrical world. Eventually opening night came and it all went off very well with everybody having a good time. The show was well liked by our audiences and, indeed, I enjoyed being in it too albeit that I felt an ancient among these youthful players! We had an expert dance instructor teaching us how to tap dance – Karen Walsh – who went on to become a professional actor and to perform in many other shows around Australia, one of which was *"Nonsense"* in 1990 alongside June Bromhill. We gave six performances in all and at one of them the show was videoed. If you want to have a sneak peek at it, it's available in the family library. It is a simple video, just a static home camera on a stand and if you can forgive the amateur cameraman, it just about shows you a good sample of what we were trying to achieve. The last night arrived, and we all swore we would stay friends and get together again very soon. We never did.

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## The latest news from the Community Advisory Committee.

The Community Advisory Committee (CAC) met on Tuesday 20th of August 2024 at the Eco House, Koo-Wee-Rup Regional Hospital Services (KRHS). The Committee warmly welcomed a new member, Gwen Murrey to the group, and Gwen is representing all people who are reliant on others to take them to places and meetings. At the 'round the table' discussion, Gwen brought up a question; that of the availability of free transport to appointments by the hospital volunteers. Gwen was informed that it was available in the past, but this question will now be put to the appropriate person at KRHS for clarification asap.

The Committee were then introduced by video to the new Chair of the KRHS, Dr Andy Fordyce B.HSc, MBBS, GAICD. Dr Andy Fordyce is a Medical Doctor with a strong connection to rural communities. Hailing from Deniliquin NSW and linked to the local Bass Coast Community he understands the vital role health care plays in rural communities. His primary skill set is in clinical governance, audit and risk management. Dr. Andy introduced the new Health Service Plan to the meeting and explained its ambitions within the geographical areas of southeast Melbourne and Gippsland. At this time nothing has been finalised and the subject is up for discussion alongside a summary document of the Health Services plan. Later in the meeting Aileen Thoms, Primary Health & Innovation Director, led a lively discussion on this proposed plan which incorporates partnering in health care communication, local health services networks, effective communication and enhancement by and of mutual coordination. The plan will be an important subject for the Board of Directors at their forthcoming meetings.

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. 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](mailto:geoffreystokes@geoffstokes.com). Your email will certainly be acknowledged. The next meeting of the committee is planned for the 19th of November 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

### 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  
10.00am - 12.00pm

**Upcoming Dates:**  
**Tuesday's 2024**

24th September

26th November

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  
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# St John the Baptist Primary School

The highlights of August at St John the Baptist Primary School were the School Athletics Day and Book Week.

## Junior School Athletics

Our Foundation to Year 2 students participated in a fun morning of sporting activities that got their hearts pumping.

Our year 6 students helped our PE teacher, Ms Gridley, organise and run the activities. There was *Long Jump, Hurdles, Sprint, Gumboot Throw, Bean Bag Race & Rubber Chicken Relay*. All students had a wonderful time and were very proud of their ribbons.



## Senior School Athletics

The Year 3 to 6 students also had an athletics day. The purpose of this day was for students to participate in a variety of track and field events and for some of the students to qualify for the District Athletics day which is at the end of the month.

The day was a huge success with students showing wonderful house spirit, cheering on their friends and classmates.



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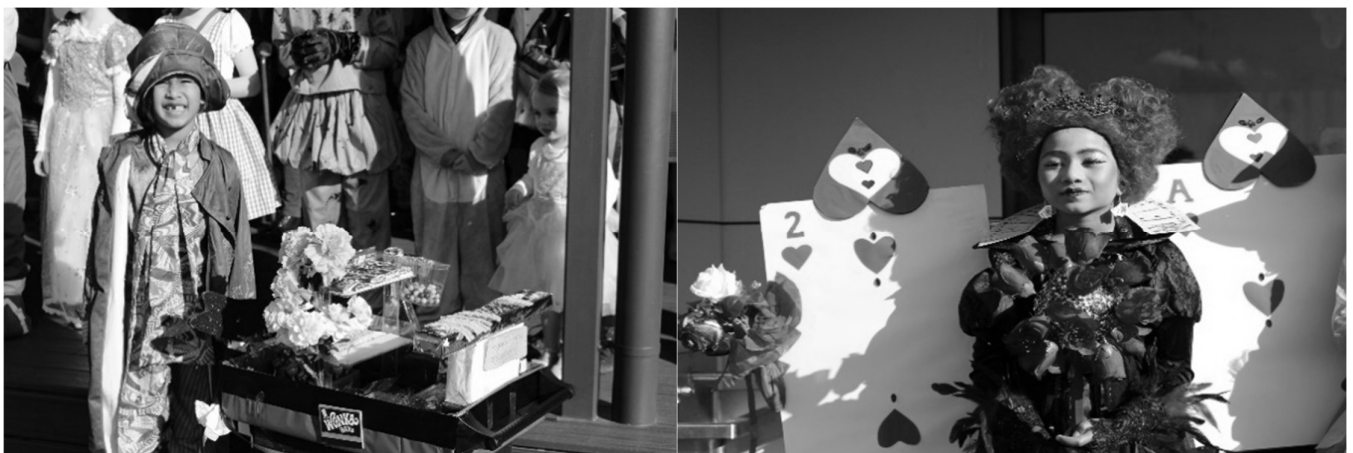
## St John the Baptist Primary School *from previous page*

### Book Week (August 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>)

We celebrated Book Week throughout the whole week. On Monday there was a progressive story that each class added a page to. On Tuesday we had a reading line, all the junior students brought books and sat in a circle with senior students on the outside of the circle. This gave our junior students a chance to practice their reading skills. Thursday was the highlight of the week with our Dress Up Day and Book Week Parade. The school was filled with the bright colours and creative costumes of our students and staff. It was fantastic to see our school community coming together and we were very lucky with some sunny weather for the parade.

Thank you to our parents and staff who put a lot of hard work into making costumes and helping our students create wonderful memories.

Book Week wrapped up with a visit from author Michael Wagner.



## Call for candidates for Cardinia Shire Council election

Candidates ready to stand in the upcoming Cardinia Shire Council postal election are urged to use the Victorian Electoral Commission’s (VEC’s) newly refreshed Candidate Helper to get their applications ready for submission when nominations open on Monday 9 September.

There are several important steps prospective candidates must complete before nominating.

If you want to represent your local community, make sure to confirm your eligibility and complete the mandatory online candidate training through Local Government Victoria before lodging your nomination. This rule applies to all candidates, including those who are currently or have previously been a councillor.

The VEC’s online Candidate Helper at [vec.vic.gov.au/council-candidate](http://vec.vic.gov.au/council-candidate) allows candidates to pre-fill their nomination forms before submitting them at their nomination appointment.

Candidates can also watch a series of videos on key topics such as the nomination process, including the rules and procedures that apply. More information is available online at [vec.vic.gov.au](http://vec.vic.gov.au). The *Candidate Handbook* is also available on the VEC website.

Prospective candidates are also encouraged to attend the candidate information sessions being held in each electorate before the opening of nominations.

Prospective candidates must make an appointment to submit their nomination forms and pay the \$250 fee in person during business hours. They must provide evidence that they have completed the online candidate training, as this is required by law and will be shown on each candidate’s nomination form.

Candidates must make an appointment to submit their nomination form in person at the election office by calling the Candidate Helpline 03 8620 1316 between Tuesday 20 August and Monday 9 September. From Monday 9 September candidates can call 131 832 and they will be directed through to the relevant election office.

Nominations close at 12 noon on **Tuesday 17 September**. Late nominations will not be accepted.

More information on nominating is available at [vec.vic.gov.au](http://vec.vic.gov.au)

## Information session for Cardinia Shire Council election candidates

Individuals who may wish to stand as a candidate in the upcoming local government elections are invited to attend an information session hosted by the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) and Council.

- **Date:** Thursday 5 September 2024
- **Time:** VEC session will run from 6.30 to 8.00pm. The Council session will run from 8.00pm to 9.30pm
- **Location:** Cardinia Shire Council Council Chamber, 20 Siding Avenue, Officer 3809
- **Registrations not required.**

The first session is facilitated by Ian Herron, the Election Manager appointed by the VEC. Attendees will receive a candidate information kit containing nomination forms and other electoral information to assist in the lead up to nominations.

The second session is facilitated by Carol Jeffs, Cardinia Shire Council Chief Executive Officer, and aims to prepare potential candidates with an overview of the roles and responsibilities of a councillor, an understanding of Cardinia Shire as a local government authority and the priority areas of Council to support its community now and into the future.

Cardinia Shire’s local government elections will be held by post this October. Nominations are operated through the VEC and will open on Monday 9 September and close at 12 noon on Tuesday 17 September. For more information on how to nominate and eligibility or on how to vote please visit [www.vec.vic.gov.au/voting/2024-local-council-elections/cardinia-shire-council](http://www.vec.vic.gov.au/voting/2024-local-council-elections/cardinia-shire-council).

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## Koo Wee Rup RSL Report

At 7.00am on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August, 22 members (of all ages from 35 to 85) from the Koo Wee Rup and Nar Nar Goon RSL sub-branches gathered at the Koo Wee Rup RSL, we boarded a mini-bus driven by our President Rodney Edwards and sat back and enjoyed the journey down the Monash Freeway to Southern Cross Station.


At 9.00am we went down to Platform 3 where we boarded a steam engine pulling the beautifully restored 1920's carriages. We were going in style, we were booked in the first class carriages complete with heating to keep us warm on our journey to Ballarat. Once we got going at about 9.30 am we passed through the suburban stations of North Melbourne, Sunshine, Deer Park onto Bacchus Marsh until we reached Ballan. We were able to enjoy a snack from the buffet car whilst we enjoyed the scenery along the way. We had a twenty-minute stop where we could hop off the train. Whilst we were waiting a couple of us started chatting to the driver who promptly invited us up into the engine and showed us the workings of the train. It was time to board the train again and continue our journey to Ballarat.

We arrived in Ballarat at about midday, we then had a short stroll up to the George Hotel a beautifully restored building from the late 1800s. Once at the George we enjoyed a delicious lunch and plenty more time for chatting.

We boarded the train again at 3.45pm and made our way back to Melbourne arriving back at about 6.00pm, then back on the bus to beautiful Koo Wee Rup. We had a beaut day out and highly recommend a journey on one of Steamrail Victoria's restored trains.


After hibernating during the months of June and July – we don't meet during the months beginning with a "J" – we had our August meeting. The meeting was a good chance to catch up with all members and start our planning for selling Poppies for Remembrance Day on the 11<sup>th</sup> November. We will be at Woolworths Koo Wee Rup in the lead up to Remembrance Day, so when you see one of our volunteers selling poppies please say Hi and consider purchasing a poppy. We will of course be having our usual Remembrance Day Commemoration Service at 11.00 am on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November at the Cenotaph outside the Koo Wee Rup Community Centre.


After our Remembrance Day Service our next big event is the Koo Wee Rup RSL Christmas & Craft Fair, this year being held on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at the RSL 13-15 Station Street, Koo Wee Rup. We are looking for stallholders, so if you make something crafty and would like an opportunity to sell your items please contact [Kooweerup.rsl@gmail.com](mailto:Kooweerup.rsl@gmail.com) and we will be happy to organise a stall space for you. In addition to the craft stalls there will be the usual colouring competition for primary school aged students and our craft and cooking competition for locals to of all ages to enter. Entry forms for the competition will be available in local shops and [Kooweerup.rsl@gmail.com](mailto:Kooweerup.rsl@gmail.com) from early October – it's a bit of fun and free to enter so why not join in the fun by putting something in the showcase. More information regarding the Christmas Fair will be around town in the coming months, so we hope to see many of the locals at the fair supporting the RSL. As always, we are looking for new members, so if you're interested in joining the RSL please get in contact with us via email or just turn up to our meeting on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm at the RSL Clubrooms, 13-15 Station Street Koo Wee Rup – opposite the post office.




### Aussie Icons for New Arrivals

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## Join the 2024 Biodiversity Blitz this September

Biodiversity Month is held every September and aims to promote the importance of protecting, conserving, and improving biodiversity both within Australia and across the world.

Cardinia Shire Council is partnering with other Melbourne councils to see who can record the most species in iNaturalist during Biodiversity month. By participating you'll learn about local plants and animals, be contributing to citizen science, creating real data that scientists and researchers can access and you'll also show the world the amazing flora and fauna found right across Cardinia.

Last year, in Cardinia 150 dedicated observers took pictures of over 2,186 plants and animals, identifying 682 unique species. This data helps scientists to identify any new wildlife as well as create baseline ecosystem data assisting with monitoring future biodiversity health.

The BioBlitz encourages residents to record local species throughout September using iNaturalist – a free app that helps you identify the plants and animals around you. So grab your camera and get out into nature.

Cardinia Shire Mayor Councillor Jack Kowarzik is excited about the BioBlitz challenge and the value it brings.

“Participating in the Biodiversity Blitz is a fantastic way to connect with nature and contribute to important scientific research. Every observation helps scientists understand and protect our local environment,”

Mayor Kowarzik said.

“Across Cardinia there are so many incredible places to see such a diverse range of animals and plants that you’ll be spoilt for choice for where to head.” he added.

To become a Bioblitz observer, simply download the free iNaturalist App and sign up to the Biodiversity Blitz 2024 - Cardinia Shire project.

Then throughout September record your observations. Don't worry if you can't

identify the plant or animal, the app can help you identify your observation, alongside a helpful friendly community.

Take care when moving around taking images; use designated paths so you don't step on plants or snakes and never disturb nesting birds. If you see young birds on the ground, they are likely to be fledglings so please leave them. If you see an animal in need of help, contact [wildlifelifevictoria.org.au](http://wildlifelifevictoria.org.au)

To help prepare you for the BioBlitz, join the free iNaturalist Community Champions Webinar on Tuesday 27 August from 7pm to 8pm. Community members from different council areas will share their stories of being a citizen scientist. You'll learn how and why they use iNaturalist and typical or unusual observations they've made.

To register visit: [https://yarraranges-vic.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_HbfrRotgRzS9sxfNgYKftg](https://yarraranges-vic.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_HbfrRotgRzS9sxfNgYKftg)

To find out more about the BioBlitz and how to get involved visit [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/environmentevents](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/environmentevents)

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**The first session is FREE** so why not give it a go and see if you like this form of exercising at your own pace. The basic exercises were developed by Joseph Pilates in the early 1900 and now grown into a worldwide program. We are now fortunate that adaptations of the original 34 exercises have been made over the years, to include thera bands, chi balls and even fit balls.

We meet every Monday and Wednesday evening with chair at 5 pm (30 minute class), and Mat at 6 pm (50 minute class). Cost is \$5 for Chair and \$10 for Mat.

Enquiries to Marlene on 0429 814410.



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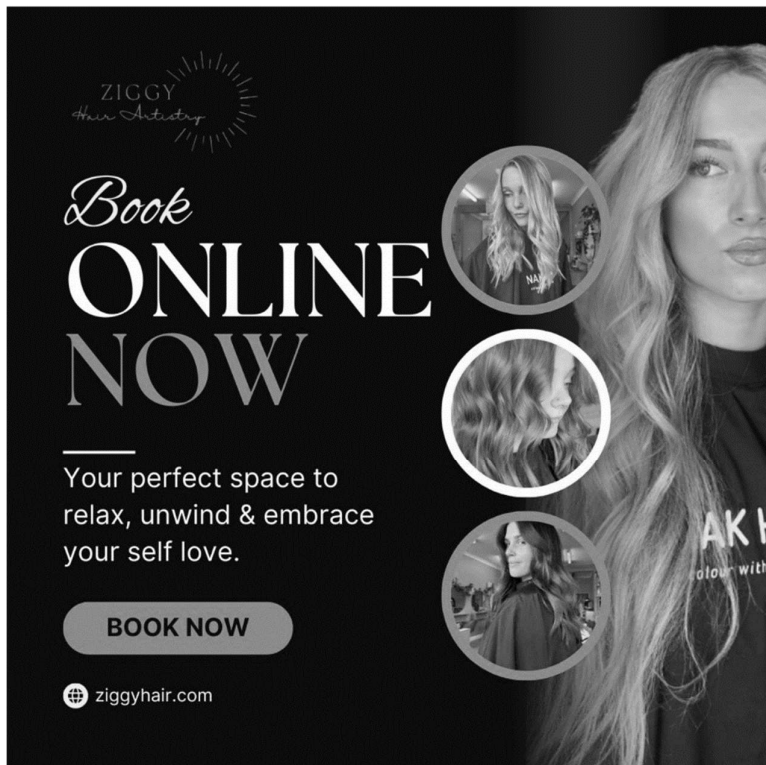
**Where:** Hewitt Eco House, Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service, 215 Rossiter Road Koo Wee Rup.

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## A new policy to support women and girls in sport

Cardinia Shire Council have adopted a new Fair Access Policy and Fair Access Action Plan to promote and support the participation of women and girls in sport and active recreation within Cardinia.

This new policy establishes a consistent framework to advance inclusivity and provide equitable access to sport and recreation opportunities for women and girls, ensuring fairness for all community members.

The Fair Access Policy strives to enhance and effectively manage Cardinia's sports and active recreation facilities, creating opportunities to strengthen women's and girls' participation.

Community consultation on the draft Fair Access Policy and Action Plan was undertaken from 25 June to 14 July 2024 to ensure the policy effectively meets the needs of women and girls in sport and active recreation. Community feedback helped shape the final policy.

The new Fair Access Policy, accompanied by the Fair Access Action Plan, reflects Council's commitment to creating an inclusive and accessible community sports sector.

The adoption of this policy and action plan is a significant step in ensuring that sporting spaces are welcoming and accommodating for all community members.

## Equestrian Strategy adopted

Cardinia Shire Council has adopted its Equestrian Strategy 2024–2034 to guide equestrian activities in the shire into the future.

Equestrian is a popular activity in Cardinia Shire with approximately 1,000 equestrian club participants and more than 20 clubs operating, in addition to informal trail users.

The Equestrian Strategy 2024–2034 sets the strategic framework for equestrian in Cardinia Shire. It includes a vision, objectives, and an implementation plan to ensure Council has a clear strategic direction for the provision of equestrian facilities and how Council can continue to support the equestrian community over the next 10 years.

Development of the new strategy was undertaken following a review of the 2014 Equestrian Strategy. As part of the review, two rounds of community consultation were undertaken, and feedback received has helped to inform the development of the new strategy.

Council listened to what was important to the community, what improvements they wanted to see, and how Council can better support the equestrian community. Council is grateful for the community’s input, which has helped to shape the vision and objectives of the new strategy.

Key changes to the strategy include a greater focus on:

- Improving safety, education and awareness for equestrians, shared trail users and motorists.
- Partnerships that support activations, events and infrastructure.
- Increased participation through improved access to public reserves.

The Equestrian Strategy 2024–2034 aims to ensure that Council can continue to address the needs of its equestrian community alongside its changing demographic and geographic landscape. It ensures Council has a clear direction for the provision of equestrian trails and facilities and how Council can continue to support our equestrian community over the next 10 years.

To view the Equestrian Strategy 2024–2034, visit [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/directory\\_record/3066/equestrian\\_strategy](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/directory_record/3066/equestrian_strategy)

## Nominate a young person for Cardinia Shire's Good Choice Awards

Nominations are now open for the Cardinia Shire Council's annual Good Choice Awards.

The Good Choice Awards recognise and celebrate young people aged 12-24 who demonstrate resilience, kindness, and strength in their decision-making throughout 2024.

This might include prioritising study, applying for a job, making informed choices about their health and safety, accessing support networks, prioritising life goals and aspirations, choosing to spend time with positive influences, and engaging in school or returning to study with confidence.

Cardinia Shire Mayor Councillor Jack Kowarzik encourages the community to nominate a young person who has made commendable choices throughout the year.

"I am always inspired by our young people's determination and decision-making. It is wonderful to have a formal opportunity to acknowledge their brave choices to reach their goals and aspirations," said Mayor Kowarzik.

Nominations for the Good Choice Awards close on Friday, 13 September.

Council will hold a celebratory event in December to recognise all young people nominated for a Good Choice Award.

Nominate a young person by completing the online nomination form. You can find the online nomination form by going to [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au) and searching for 'Good Choice Awards 2024'.

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## Experience 'Grow': A sustainable farming story told through art

'Grow' – an innovative art exhibition planting the seed for the future of farming in Cardinia Shire is on show at Cardinia Cultural Centre (40 Lakeside Boulevard, Pakenham) until 22 September 2024. Admission to the exhibition is free, and no booking is required.

Featuring powerful photographs, complemented by imaginative artworks and props, the exhibition depicts the rewards and dreams for sustainable agriculture and local farmers in Cardinia Shire. Collectively, the display offers a visually compelling narrative that bridges the present and future of this vital industry.

Earlier this month young people were invited to submit creations to the exhibition, challenging them to produce artworks aligning to the theme 'Creating a sustainable, cutting-edge farming and food sector'.

The theme incorporates the growing need for advancements in technology and creative solutions to feed our future generations amidst climate change and population growth.

Cardinia Shire Mayor Councillor Jack Kowarzik expressed thanks to everyone who contributed artworks to the Grow exhibition and commented on the exhibition's allure.



"Thank you to the lead artists, Nathan Youngusband and Clinton Plowman, and all contributors to the exhibition – who've all outdone themselves. This exhibition is a powerful and creative way for our young people to express their own interpretations of the current agricultural and farming landscape and explore solutions to the modern issues facing the industry, and our community at large.

"I think the exhibition will appeal to a diverse audience. Not just for art enthusiasts, this exhibition has grit and tells the stories of our local farmers. It's thought-provoking and will spark conversations on the broader opportunities for sustainability and innovation in our agricultural industry for greater food access and security for everyone."

Photographer and videographer for the project, Nathan Youngusband, reflected on the importance of visual storytelling in this industry.

"Considering the rich diversity of the agricultural industry in Cardinia Shire, it is crucial to honour the hardworking individuals who contribute to our community and extend their impact beyond its borders," Nathan said.

Project collaborator and local multidisciplinary artist, Clinton Plowman facilitated art workshops throughout Shire to help young people capture the essence of the industry through a creative lens.

"Nurturing the imaginative minds of our youth to invent creative solutions to modern problems within the agricultural sector was a fun and intriguing challenge," Clinton said.

### Futureproofing Farming in Cardinia Shire

The 'Grow' exhibition is part of the Futureproofing Farming in Cardinia Shire Project.

The umbrella project is a collaborative effort between Cardinia Shire Council and VicHealth under its Local Government Partnership, supporting a sustainable future for agriculture. It contributes to several key objectives outlined in the Cardinia Shire Liveability Plan, the Council Plan, and the Community Food Strategy. These include promoting local employment, addressing youth unemployment, improving access to affordable and nutritious food, and tackling food insecurity.

Futureproofing Farming in Cardinia Shire will be delivered over three years from 2023 to 2025.

### More information

For more information about 'Grow' or other exhibitions at Cardinia Cultural Centre, visit [www.cardiniaculturalcentre.com.au/exhibitions](http://www.cardiniaculturalcentre.com.au/exhibitions) or call 1300 887 624.

For more information or enquiries about the Futureproofing Farming in Cardinia Shire project, visit [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/futureproofingfarming](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/futureproofingfarming), email [livinghealthy@cardinia.vic.gov.au](mailto:livinghealthy@cardinia.vic.gov.au) or call Council's Customer Support team on 1300 787 624.



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## Bandicoot Buddies

A big shout-out to all the Bandicoot Buddies who came and helped plant 300 native grasses and low level plants for our Bandicoot habitat.

KRHS has been recognised by the Cardinia Shire as a major area for Bandicoots, we have been planting along our borders since 2010 and now have an ongoing plan with the Shire to expand the Bandicoot area, not only around KRHS but also to the rail trail and the back of Cochrane's Park.

Thank-you to everyone that helped - the Kooweerup Secondary College VET Horticulture group, Grow2Be Disability Service, Koo Wee Rup Community Toybox group, KRHS residents and staff.



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## Early Swamp Schools

By Heather Arnold, on behalf of the Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society

The first school on the Koo Wee Rup Swamp was School No. 2629 which had opened on November 1, 1884 on the corner



Koo Wee Rup School 1913 - Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society

of Bethunes Road and the Koo Wee Rup to Bayles Road. It was originally known as Yallock School and changed its name to Koo Wee Rup on July 24, 1903. The building was shifted into Rossiter Road (where the Secondary College is) in September 1910. A new building was opened in February 1915 which burnt down in May 1950. The replacement school opened as a Higher Elementary School (both primary and some secondary classes) in mid 1952. The Primary school eventually moved to its Moody Street location and was officially opened there on November 25, 1960.

For many years this was the only school on the Swamp. After four years of work the newly drained Swamp was considered ready for settlement in 1893 and families began to arrive, however it wasn't until July 1894 that the schools at Five Mile and Iona opened.

It must have been a great occasion for the swamp settlers at the eastern end of the swamp to have schools that their children could attend, however apparently some children were less than excited as they had been roaming free and not attending school for 12 months and a newspaper report at the time said that the Iona Head Teacher, Arthur Jamieson, 'found the that the children were in a deplorable condition of ignorance and barbaric wildness.'

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## Early Swamp Schools *from previous page*

*By Heather Arnold, Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society*



*Koo Wee Rup North 1927 photo - Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society*

original scholars - W. Gilchrist, W.G. De Vries and Tilly Freeman (nee O'Shea). The school parents voted for the school to close in November 1959 and the children were sent to Pakenham Consolidated School. Five Mile was the last school to join or 'consolidate' with the Consolidated School which had officially opened in May 1951.

When the Iona school opened on July 9, 1894 it had 83 pupils, which by 1895 had grown to 120 pupils. When the new Head Teacher Joseph Lyons arrived in April 1895 he had three assistants - Mr Colquhoun, Miss Alston and Mrs Lyons. Joseph Lyons remained at the school until 1907. The Teachers Residence was built in 1908; previous to this the Head Teacher had to live in Garfield. The original school building burnt down on July 6, 1913 and the new building opened on April 28, 1914 with 164 pupils.

In 1942, electricity was supplied to the school and the telephone was connected in 1964. Celebrations took place in 1964 to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the new building with between 500 and 600 people attending. Another celebration took place in 1989 to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary the 1914 building. Sadly, the school community could not celebrate one hundred years of education as the school was closed on December 17, 1993, seven months short of its centenary.

**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 September 11, 2024 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](mailto:harnold@dcsi.net.au)**

The first of these schools to open was No. 3198, just down from Five Mile Road on the Main Drain, and it opened on July 7, 1894. This School was originally called Koo Wee Rup South and changed its name to Koo Wee Rup North (and unofficially called Five Mile School). When the Iona School, No, 3201, opened two days later on July 9, 1894, on the corner of Thirteen Mile Road and Bunyip River Road, it was called Koo Wee Rup North; in 1899 it changed its name to Bunyip South and then in 1905 to Iona.

Five Mile School had Peter Norris as the first Head Teacher. At one time the school population was over 100 but in July 1954 when the School celebrated its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary there were only 20 children enrolled. However, the anniversary celebrations were a great success with over 700 people attending, including three



*Iona School 1914 - from 'On the edge of the swamp: a history of the Iona Primary School no. 3201 1894-1994' by Denise Nest*

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# Bayles Fauna Park Working Bee

Sunday, 15 September,  
9am start followed by a  
BBQ lunch and meeting.

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

**All welcome**