

THE KOO WEE RUP BLACKFISH



APRIL 2020

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Interesting times

This month's Blackfish is very different to anything I've put together in the last 12 years. Every community and sporting group has either completely shut down or severely restricted their activities. This month has reports of activities that happened before the shutdown, and we've tried to pull together information about as many groups as we can.

Our local businesses have closed or restricted their activities. Many of the businesses that have closed their doors are still trading online. Check out their websites or facebook pages. If you can afford to, please try to patronise the local businesses that are still open or trading online. When restrictions are lifted we want as many of them as possible to be able to reopen.

I've done my best to make sure the information in this edition is correct, but with the situation changing daily, some information may be out of date.

Koo Wee Rup has always been a resilient community. Be kind to yourselves, and others. Keep an eye on your neighbours. Keep in touch with older family members and friends by phone and Skype. Practice social distancing and keep you, your families and your community safe.

Caroline Roff, Editor



Rossiter Road around 11am on Saturday, 28 March. Not a car or person in sight.

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We got a laugh out of them, we hope you do too.



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Bear Hunts and Rainbow Roads

One of the few outdoor activities still available is walking with your family. To make this more exciting for the younger members of our community, many people are putting bears in their front windows so that families can go on a bear hunt. If you don't have a visible front window, you can be a bit creative; there are bears in car windows and hanging over fences.

Some of the shops have joined in as well. If you've got a lot of bears, you can rotate them and have different bears to spot every day.

There are rainbows to find as well. Chalked on footpaths and driveways and pictures in windows and on fences.



KWR Cafés and Restaurants

Many of our food shops are still operating a takeaway service. To help keep everyone safe, call first if you are ordering a meal or, if you want to order in person, take a walk after you've ordered, unless it's just a coffee, rather than wait inside. If you can pay by card, rather than cash, that would be appreciated. At this time, cafés cannot use your keep cup.

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KWR Fish & Chips	Phone: 5997 1244	
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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 post to PO Box 64, KWR or phone 5997 2333

Caroline Roff, Editor



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The Township Committee Meeting Report

The Township held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, 4 March. There will be no April meeting. Township will resume once restrictions are lifted.

The Planning Amendment C240 was briefly discussed. It was noted that this is a better option than the current township strategy as overlays in the planning scheme must be addressed in any development proposal, whereas the current strategy is only a guidance document.

If you have any concerns lodge an objection or comment on the strategy and proposed amendment.

There is no longer a specific contact in the Community development Team for Port Ward. Helena and Kym Ockerby are sharing the responsibilities across the three council wards.

Council are expecting larger events to source funding from corporate grants or sponsorship to leverage community grants. This will allow council to support more events.

The council elections are this year and council will move into the caretaker period in September.

The Australia Day Grant application for 2021 has been submitted.

The order has been submitted for the sign for the Dragline.

Geoff Stokes advised that Friday computer lessons for beginners are to commence again.

The Men's Shed is applying for an Aging Well Grant for two or three new computers with updated software.

Garry Oates reported that approximately 30 people attended the first Forget-Me-Not Café for 2020. The ladies auxiliary catered the morning and there was live music. The Year 9 students from the KWR Secondary College helped out by serving the food. It was an excellent event and allowed for good conversation between all who were there.

The Koo Wee Rup Historical Society Museum has reopened. The museum is now much better organised and there is new access to the shed. Frank Crameri provided some more information on the upgrades to the Museum. New floors have been installed, the interior has been painted and repairs to completed to the outside of the building and gardens. The upgrades were partly funded by a grant from the Bendigo Bank and Cardinia Shire. Approximately 75 people attended the re-opening.

Trevor commented on the camera at the corner of Denhams Road and Moody Street, and asked if anyone knew whose camera it is and its purpose. No one in the attendance had any knowledge of the camera.

Rob requested that a letter be written to council to query the status of several issues in and around Koo Wee Rup. These issues are the upgrades to the Town entrances and the proposal for the Town Square at the front of the old PMP site. The secretary will write to council.

Lachie raised the frequency of grading of McDonalds Drain Road; it needs to be graded more frequently.

Regional Roads Victoria will be presenting at next month's meeting regarding the upgrade of Koo Wee Rup – Pakenham Road.

Garry advised that the Health Service had offered to make name badges for the Township Committee. The Secretary to email the list of committee members to Brian at the Health Service.

Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service Ladies Auxiliary

Our open day at Harewood House was cancelled for 2020.

We wish to thank our sponsors; health service staff for all their assistance; residents of Koo Wee Rup for your support in purchasing raffle tickets, loaning equipment, working at Harwood and even making us some scones.

The Gumbuya World Day Pass, our entry prize, we have added to our raffle, which is to be drawn before Easter. All winners will be notified. Good luck.

To those wonderful businesses who supply all our prizes. Many thanks.

Sponsors

Giant Bikes	Koo Wee Rup Garden Supplies	Tides
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Ponderosa	J&M Walsh	Aunty's Place
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Official guests, band, dancers, stallholders and crafts have been contacted thanking them and hope we have their support in the future.

We, the committee, will be a little older next year. So perhaps, to continue with great fundraisers, we will need to look at a new format.

Ladies Auxiliary - Harewood Committee



March has been a challenging month and we are still going to have some struggles as we go through April and into May. This is the time when we all need to come together and support each other to look after our health and the community. We have installed filtered water systems into the offices as there is a shortage on places to fill up your water bottles. If you are near one of the offices drop in to top up and keep hydrated.

This month we welcome the Stockdale & Leggo Hastings office to our group which now gives us the ability to working with people looking to invest into the Morning Peninsular with Rental Properties and holiday Rentals.

As the Economy is stretched and the Stock market falls there is still safely in the Property Market as the challenges of the past has proven. We have been working with people who have been looking to move investments and self managed super funds into bricks and mortar.

We can not open homes anymore however over the last few days we have been scanning our properties and creating Virtual Tours so you can walk through them on your phone, tablet or PC.

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Stockdale & Leggo Koo Wee Rup, Hastings and Phillip Island donate \$2 from each Rental Properties to the Local CFA located where the property is located.

Contact Rochelle Shrapnel (Koo Wee Rup), Kristy Williams (Hastings) or Kate Shannon (Phillip Island)
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What's not on in Koo Wee Rup?

Bowls

At this time all activities regarding the playing of bowls have been suspended by our Club and Bowls Victoria

South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls

Notice to all midweek bowlers, midweek bowls will be cancelled until further notice.

Soccer

Lang Lang Soccer Club have at this stage cancelled all activities related to the club until April the 15th at this stage.

We will be trying to upload activities that the players can do at home on our Facebook page in the interim.



Lions

Lions have cancelled all meetings for the foreseeable future. All our activities have been postponed or cancelled, so we have nothing to organise.

RSL

No ANZAC Day service

Coffee Club

Will not be meeting until cafés reopen.

Koo Wee Rup Senior Citizens Club

Due to the current health situation, the Seniors Club has ceased all activities until further notice. We look forward to seeing you all when we reopen. Stay healthy and safe until then.

All enquiries to: Dianne D - 0419 405 404 Diane K - 0408 663 655

Heart Foundation Walking Groups

Due to the Corona Virus the Heart Foundation has suspended all walks until at least 31st May, this includes the Monday night dog walking group. So although we were due to finish with day light saving finishing in early April, we ended up finishing mid-March. We had planned a walk and dinner anyway, as some of our members were travelling, and that ended up being our end of season dinner as well. Many thanks to other walkers and runners who say hello as they tramp the streets. We'll be visible again in October when the summer season starts again with the restart of daylight saving. In the meantime please be active and say hello as we walk the streets on our own.

Historical Society

Our meetings have been cancelled until further notice due to the restrictions put in place by the Government to combat the Corona virus outbreak.

Our Museum is also closed until further notice.

Our Annual luncheon on May 24 is also cancelled

Bayles Fauna Park

Public working bees and meetings cancelled until further notice. Any maintenance work will be carried out by committee members, as needed.

CWA

All meetings and activities cancelled until further notice.

Scouts

All activities cancelled until further notice.

Mens' Shed

Activities cancelled. For personal assistance during the closure please contact Brian Harlow on 5997 9687.

Mat Pilates classes at Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service

Term 1 classes finished a week earlier due to holiday commitments, but it has ended up being a good thing allowing us to take potential community transmission of the Corona Virus seriously. Luckily the term holidays and Easter allows some breathing space. How about getting out into the fresh air on your own and just enjoying being active in the garden or hitting the pavement. You can also do a lot of stretches and personal Pilates sessions. Classes were planned to start again for Term 2 on Saturday 18th April at 9 am or Monday 20th April at 6 pm, but we will have to wait for the restrictions to be lifted before we can. Contact Marlene 0429 81441 for further information

Outlook Community Centre

The Outlook Community Centre Term 2 Program is available to view at www.outlookvic.org.au and programs are printed. However due to uncertainty and changing restrictions surrounding COVID-19 we do not know when we will be operational.

Bookings will be able to be made once operation recommences. You are welcome to call the Centre 5940 4728 and express your interest in a proposed course if our phone lines are open. We wish you all well.



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Corona Virus Update

As you are aware the community is facing considerable challenges with the current Corona virus situation. The media is running almost continuous commentary on this item utilising the opinions of many and varied experts. I write to reassure the community that KRHS is closely following the guidelines of the State and Federal Governments. These guidelines are our single point of truth and provide the community with the best evidenced based approach available. At times this may not seem to align with the media reports but you can be assured the most up to date knowledge is being utilised to formulate our response.

Importantly we recognise that knowledge on this virus is constantly changing and as a result the governments strategies and those of KRHS will need to be adjusted to achieve maximum protection.

Recently the guidelines for visiting aged care facilities have been reinforced to protect our elderly residents.

Importantly this translates into the following exclusion criteria:

- All visitors and staff returning from overseas as of midnight 15th March 2020 are excluded for 14 days. (must stay home and self isolate)
- Those that have been in contact with a confirmed case in the last 14 days -stay home (self isolate) for 14 days
- Those that have a fever or respiratory symptoms or are unwell
- No indoor visitors to Aged Care unless by exceptional circumstances in end of life care.
- Visitors limited to a maximum of two visitors per resident, includes immediate family or professional services.
- Outdoor visiting limited to a maximum of 4 persons at any one time, so please book ahead with reception.
- Visits must be conducted outdoors through the room windows
- Large groups or gatherings have ceased.

The organisation remains attuned to complex care needs of residents and encourages families to discuss these with our senior staff.

All of our staff are well informed and are recognised for their extraordinary professionalism and willingness to respond to the organisations increasing response.

Further to this the organisation is well supported by vendors that supply food and consumable supplies.

Despite several media reports of food supplies not being available for aged care facilities this is not the situation at KRHS and is unlikely to be a concern into the future. Our staff are monitoring all aspects of care requirements very closely and plans are in place to respond to needs as the situation changes.

We support the position to cease stock piling of food and goods.

Life goes on despite the impact of this virus. I am pleased to announce that today, through the hard work of the Ladies Auxiliary, we took receipt of a large outdoor furniture delivery to further improve our residents out door amenity. Our gardens are beautifully presented and will provide an excellent area for respite as anxieties increase.

The situation continues to evolve rapidly. More communication will follow as events unfold. Our Home Care motto is "We're here for you" and this is now more important than ever as our commitment to you.

Frank Megens, Chief Executive Officer.

Early parenting unit has currently suspended the day program to ensure the safety of our residents and reduce the risk of spreading infection within the group setting. Our staff are working very hard to continue to support very distressed parents who are facing multiple challenges. They are acting quickly to take our face to face program online, phone consultations and continue with more Domiciliary care. We look forward to resuming this extremely valuable program in the future.

To stop the spread please ensure social distancing- 1.5metres apart and hand hygiene is maintained at all times

Our new Covid Café is open in the garden and allows for no more than 4 people at any one time, please call reception for bookings and more information.

Please be patient when accessing the hospital



KRHS is a small 72 bed Public Hospital Servicing outer South East Melbourne and adjacent rural areas.

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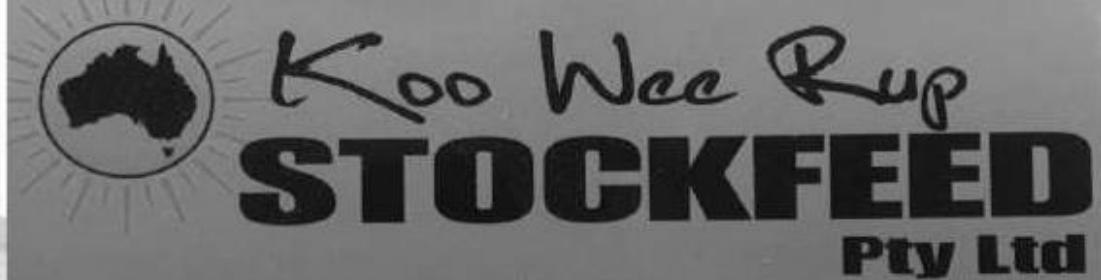
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Dear KWR Community

Due to the seriousness of the COVID-19 pandemic and all the restrictions put in place by our government and medical board, it is with much regret that turningpoint KWR has decided to cancel all of its public events for the next 3 months.

This includes our Easter Egg hunt we had planned in Koo Wee Rup and Officer, Youth group, and Koo Wee 4 Kidz. All of our usual programs including Small groups/Connect Groups, Youth and Koo Wee 4 Kidz have moved to online forums, if you would like to be part of any of these please express your interest on our website www.turningpointkooweerup.org.au, email kooweerup@turningpoint.asn.au or by phoning our office on 03 5997 2217 Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 10am and 2:30pm.

Turningpoint will endure to keep Koo Wee Rup Connect, our Food Support Service open for as long as legally possible but the systems of operation have changed.

If you require food assistance please be advised that pre booking is essential via our office. Pre-packed parcels will be given out to ensure appropriate safety measures are followed.

It is our aim at turningpoint is to continue to meet the needs of our community the best we can through these difficult times.

Our Sunday Morning Services will now be broadcast on our Facebook page every Sunday morning at 10:30am all are welcome to join us for a time of worship and hearing God's word.

We will have some special guest appearances from our seasonal workers also via media.

Given the circumstances around self-isolating, we want to remain connected to our community and will be posting different ways we can share our journeys with each other on our Facebook Page. Our aim is to encourage everyone to still have fun, find joy and hopefully bring some peace in such uncertain times. We will be communicating all updates and changes on our Facebook page, you can find us at www.facebook.com/turningpointkwr. Follow our page to stay updated.

We understand that the times ahead will be some of the toughest we have ever faced as a nation. Our leaders are working extremely hard to make sure we can provide the care needed at this time.

If you or anyone you know needs prayer, friendship or food assistance please don't hesitate to contact us via our website www.turningpointkooweerup.org.au, email us at kooweerup@turningpoint.asn.au or call us on 03 5997 2217 on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday between 10am and 2.30pm.

Blessings, Pastor Sean La'Brooy

EASTER GREETINGS

The Covid-19 Virus or the Corona Virus has changed our lives very dramatically over the last few weeks and will continue to do so over the next few months. We will not be able to carry out our normal way of celebrating Easter, whether that be Easter holidays, Easter family celebrations or even going to our church at Easter for our customary religious celebrations. This is not a pleasant prospect.

Perhaps now is a time to reflect upon the true meaning of Easter. It is far more than Easter eggs, the Easter bunny and Easter holidays. Easter is a time to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead to save us from the evil we have committed. It is the joyful part of the Easter season.

However it is also very important to remember the lead up to Easter. On Good Friday we commemorate Jesus dying on the cross for us. There could be no Easter Sunday without Jesus first having died.

At present, as we are experiencing the very extreme measures which have been put into place to fight the Corona Virus, we need to remember the agony which Jesus experienced as he was dying on the cross. He cried out with great anguish, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' (Mark 15:34) Perhaps we are feeling very much like that at this time.

It is important for us to remember when we are feeling down that, just as for Jesus his suffering and death led to the joy of the resurrection, our present very trying time will also come to an end and lead to happier times. As going to Good Friday and Easter services will not be possible this year you might like to contact your local priest, minister or pastor to find out details about podcasts or streaming of Good Friday and Easter services on the internet.

In conclusion, I would like to wish you all a very Blessed and Happy Easter. May we make it a more happy Easter by being on the look-out for and more ready to help those caught in desperate situations because of the effects of the Corona Virus.

May God bless you,

Fr. Peter Kooloos.

Parish Priest - St John the Baptist, Koo Wee Rup, and St Joseph's, Iona-Maryknoll.

P.S. Catholics who wish to follow Mass on Demand on line may access it on this link at a time suitable for you: <https://www.youtube.com/user/cathnews>



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Koo Wee Rup RSL Sub Branch Report

It is with much regret that I have to report that this year's Anzac Day commemorative service has been cancelled due to the coronavirus, this will be of no surprise to anyone as it has been the leading topic in all bulletins for several weeks. It is always very difficult when we cannot gather and collectively express our love and gratitude to those of 100 years ago who paid the supreme sacrifice including those who fell before April 25th 1915 and the many thousands that followed during the War to end all wars and all that was to come since then. And as it has always been, we are shoulder to shoulder with our New Zealand brothers.

Please forgive me for writing the obvious, but there will be no public gathering, no gunfire breakfast and no commemorative service as we know it. Unless restrictions are lifted, I would strongly discourage the general public from coming to the cenotaph. If you wish to commemorate the day, it has been suggested that people could stand in their front gardens at 5.30am to say a prayer or reflect on the past and the precious lives that were lost.

To all our Anzac Day collaborators, the Lions Club, the Scouts, KWR CFA, our local police, KWR Woolworths and those who would have assisted us in every way possible, my/our gratitude goes out to you, God willing, next year we hope to have the seas at our stern and a full sail.

More than 102,700 Australians are named on the Roll of Honour - like us, each had only one life, one chance to serve others and our nation. No Australians have given more, nor worked harder to shape our values and our beliefs, the way we relate to one another and see our place in the world than those who have worn and who now wear the uniform of the Royal Australian Navy, Australian Army and Royal Australian Air Force.

We will remember them. Lest we forget.

Yours aye, John Camilleri, KWR RSL Sub Branch 5629 4242

KOO WEE RUP BOWLS CLUB NEWS

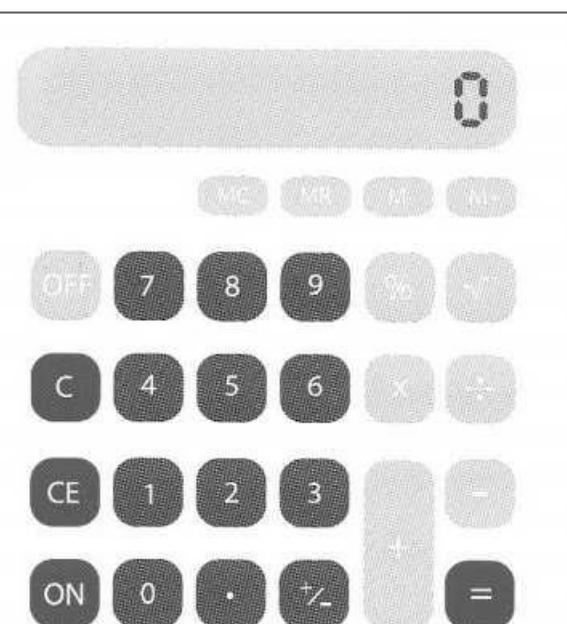
Rd. 13 results from Saturday Pennant saw a good win by Div. 3 against 2nd team Blue Hills on their Green 78-48 with all 3 rinks winning. Div. 5 were also playing Blue Hills and won 58-47 to climb off the bottom of the ladder. Both teams still have a chance of playing in the finals but results from other games will go a long way in determining the end of season position. The season finished with mixed results for both teams. Div. 3 played Yamala Park and needed to win to have a chance of finishing in 4th place. Unfortunately we were defeated 56-59 and we were hoping that Mornington had beaten Blue Hills for us but Blue Hills won by 1 shot. Div. 5 went to Belvedere and also had an outside chance of making the final 4. They came home with a 61-48 win but other results did not help us. Both teams finished in 6th place for the season but only a few points out of the finals. Considering the players missing from last year this was a reasonable season by both teams.

The final round for Tuesday Pennant has been played with Div. 2 being well beaten 48-96 by Rosebud CC. This means that they finished in 5th position for the season.

Better news for Div. 5 defeating City of Frankston 40-35 to finish in 4th position and will contest the 1st Semi Final also against City of Frankston. A week is a long time in sport with City of Frankston reversing the result from the previous round with a resounding 22-61 win to finish our season. Well done to all players who represented the Club throughout the season in both teams.

Played under cloudy skies our Friday Triples competition continues to have 16 teams each fortnight. Results from games on 6th March had the Winning rink with 38 pts. Was Ned Courtin, Ken Clifton & Vince Bevilacqua [Pakenham]. The Runner Up rink with 37 pts. Was Pauline Gray, Mary Masters & Lindsay Wealands [KWR]. Best 1st game was won by Peter Bott [Pakenham], Garry Salomons [Garfield] & John Moore [Pakenham] on 20 pts. & best 2nd game was won by Trevor, Jim & Sue Loughridge [Loch] also with 20 pts.

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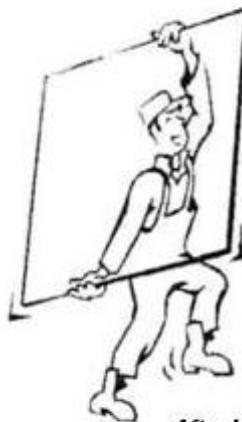


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What's Happening at the Men's Shed?

Firstly a retraction of an item written in last month's 'Blackfish'. It was reported that VCAL students from the Koo-Wee-Rup Secondary College had helped in the manufacture and refurbishment of the signage around the KWR footy ground. This report was not correct. In fact the complete signage was made by our member Jeff Warren working alone. We are genuinely sorry for this reporting error. Jeff did a fantastic job manufacturing and assembling the signs by himself and due thanks go to him for a great effort. Thank you Jeff.

The annual general meeting of the Men's Shed members was held on the 11th of March 2020 and the following executive positions were nominated vacant and the following members were subsequently elected to these positions.

President: Bernie Sheldon Secretary: Brian Harlow

Vice-president: Alan Mackenzie Treasurer: Jeff Warren

Committee members: Alf Brasher, Nevil Eastwood, John Farmer, Charlie Forrest, Barry Lynch.

Now to the sad part of this report. As it is the Government's policy that people should be encouraged to stay at home during this time of Corona Virus danger, all activities and togetherness in the Men's Shed have been postponed, including the Friday morning computer classes. This also includes the opening ceremony for the new metalwork and mechanics workshop that was to have been officially opened on the 25th of March. Remember it's just a postponement not a cancellation. However, the Men's Shed will remain open for any personal assistance or help that is really needed by any of our members or, indeed, a member of the public. They are asked to contact Brian Harlow on 5997 9687 for any serious problem causing them distress; especially for our more elderly members. Please remember that the underlying principle of the Men's Shed is the health and well-being of the men of the district; some of whom live alone at home and others who are getting age-fragile and really need some male company.



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The Men's Shed garden shop will open at selected times for the sale of vegetables and chutneys. A notice on the front of the shop will show the opening hours but, again, this is also subject to any changing Government regulations. Other mutual social activities at KRHS such as the Exercise classes and the Monday Art class have also been cancelled until further notice.

Finally you may find some light-hearted amusement in the following poem.

*The computer swallowed Grandad,
Yes, honestly it's true!*

*He pressed "Control" and "Enter"
And disappeared from view.*

*It devoured him completely,
The thought just makes me squirm,
He must have caught a virus
Or been eaten by a worm.*

*I've searched through the recycle bin
And files of every kind
I've even used the internet
But nothing did I find.*

*In desperation I asked Geoff Stokes
My searches to refine
The reply from him was negative
No trace was found on line,
So, if inside your "Inbox"
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**Cheers! Keep safe and well,
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St John the Baptist Primary School

St John's School fete was held last Friday and it was a wonderful occasion for the community to come together and have fun. The weather threatened at times but we prevailed. The money raised from the fete will go towards the purchase of a large touch screen TV and trolley which will be used throughout the school and in STEM lessons.



Throughout the term during the season of Lent, the children focused on the charitable works of the Caritas Australia. As part of this focus and lead by our Social Justice Student Leaders, a fundraising project ran across the school. The theme being "**Go Further Together**" Children were encouraged to help raise money for Caritas by trying to fill a water bottles, in their classrooms, with coins. This money will go a long way to helping those less fortunate.

Our Foundation students have commenced full time and they have settled in well to the routines and structures of school.

News about the Community Advisory Committee

The latest news from the Koo-Wee-Rup Regional Health Service (KRHS) Community Advisory Committee was published in the March 2020 edition of "Blackfish". The next meeting of the Committee will be held on the 28th of April 2020. At this time, with the threat of the Corona Virus spreading across the community, it seems highly unlikely that this will really be the date of the next meeting. More details will be known soon and will be published in the April 2020 edition of "Blackfish".

For those of you who are not quite sure, the aim of the Community Advisory Committee is to provide the KRHS with feedback and advice to improve and strengthen their services, their information, their forward planning, and the future policy development of the KRHS. The Committee will give advice to the KRHS Board of Management about problems that could be upsetting a Patient, a Resident or a Carer, and also, maybe, from an individual Koo-Wee-Rup resident or, indeed, from the whole Community's point of view.

The Community Advisory Committee will listen closely to these consumers and acknowledge their concerns and aspirations so that these alternatives that they offer are consistently understood and seriously considered. This advice, and the recommendations developed, will be broadened into balanced information to assist the complete understanding of a particular topic by the KRHS Board of Management.

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

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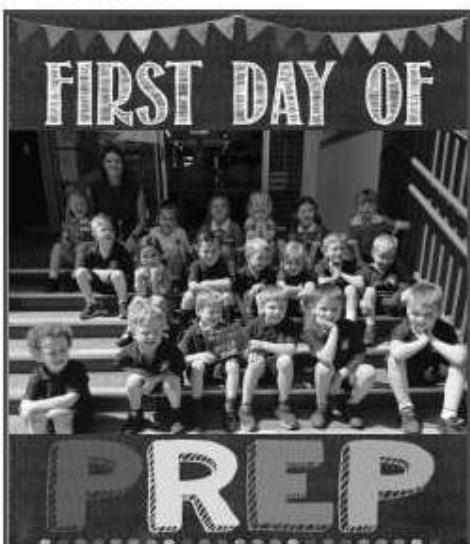
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TERM ONE UPDATE

As we go into the Easter Holidays and the uncertainty of the weeks ahead, it is good to reflect on everything we have achieved this term at Bayles Regional Primary School.

Two of our students- Tiger and Oscar - received an Australia Day Citizen Award at the KWR celebrations earlier this year. They are both very deserving of this award and we are very proud of them.



Best Buddies



Congratulations Tiger and Oscar!!

We welcomed our Foundation students to our school, and our Year 6 students made sure their "Buddies" settled in well by doing various activities together this term.

We also welcomed Mrs Harris' beautiful baby girl Ava to our school community, and sadly said goodbye to one of our dearly loved past staff members - Maureen Allen.

We had some great achievements in sport this term, with a number of our students competing in Swimming and Tennis at both District and Division level. For such a small school, we always seem to punch well above our weight!!!

Congratulations to all the students who competed, with a special mention to our Division Swimming representatives Jasmine, Sienna, Alisha, Lola and Lachie, and to Dean who made it through to Division Tennis - well done!!



Tennis was a focus during sport this term - the students enjoyed having a coach visit each Friday to show them some skills, and then put those skills to use in a Staff-Student tennis match.

Our own Ash Barty (AKA Ms Miles) certainly went to a bit of effort to look the part, and all staff were just a little bit competitive on the court, showing no mercy and winning 33 - 20!!!



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NEWS FROM BAYLES REGIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL



We held our Family Fun Day on the 15th March, which was a resounding success!!! The weather was kind, and although we did have a few challenges thrown at us, we certainly achieved the main goal of the event which was to bring the local community together. It is interesting that the most popular stall was the Sponge Throw - especially when Mr Bruce was the target!!! A big thanks to the wonderful committee who worked hard to pull it all together, and to all the generous businesses who supported this event.

We have had to get quite creative in the last few weeks of Term One by videoing special events (like our Superkid presentations) to make sure parents could still watch them, and finding some interesting ways to keep our students engaged at home while we wait for the craziness to subside.

Parents have also been getting creative while their children are at home - we have received photos of students wearing their Easter Bonnets, coming up with creative ways to learn times-tables, and even running their own Cross Country at home!!



We are looking forward to getting back to normal as soon as possible, but in the mean time will be doing our best to ensure everyone in our school community gets through this challenging time.

SUPERKIDS FOR TERM ONE

Congratulations to Pippa (F), Chelsea (1/2K), Sophia (1/2J), Faith (3/4B), Deej (3/4M), Dean (5/6 S), Lillie (5/6M) and Savannah (5/6J) - you are all SUPER AMAZING!!



Museum reopening Sunday, March 1, 2020

By Heather Arnold

After more than two years of renovations we held a gala reopening of the Museum on Sunday, March 1, 2020. Around 75 people attended - many locals from Koo Wee Rup but also representatives from neighbouring Historical Societies. The Mayor of the Shire of Cardinia, Cr Jeff Springfield, and our local ward councillor, Cr Graeme Moore, were in attendance. Liz Wade, the Manager of the Bank of Bendigo at Koo Wee Rup also attended. We are grateful to and acknowledge the support of the Cardinia Shire and the Bank of Bendigo in helping to fund our renovations.

We had also invited Russell Broadbent, Federal Member for Monash - he was in Canberra; Edward O'Donohue, member for Eastern Victoria in the Legislative Council, had a previous engagement; and Jordan Crugnale, the member for Bass in the Legislative Assembly. Jordan was coming, but sadly, her son had a sporting accident, so she had to cancel all her weekend appearances. However, all three send us their best wishes.

Here's a bit of history about our building, *Mallow* house. The original part was built in c. 1916 by John Colvin, a local builder. John's daughter Margaret married Les O'Riordan in August 1918. Les is believed to be the first white child born in Koo Wee Rup, and Les and Margaret lived in the house all their married life. The Society purchased the property in 1984 and it became our Museum and in 1998 we opened the extension. Les' mother, Elizabeth (nee O'Callaghan), was born in Mallow, County Cork in Ireland, hence the name of the property. We were thrilled that Mary Lockhart (nee O'Riordan) who grew up in Mallow, could attend our opening, with her childhood friend, Jo Pellissier.

You may remember that we closed in November 2017 as we had to replace the floor in the passageway and the front room. The major issue we had with the building was poor drainage and inadequate down pipes, which caused water to pool under the 1916 building, which rotted out our stumps and created problems with the floor. However, once we started, we decided to continue on and just get everything done. Here is a list of what we did

Interior:

- Re-stumped the floor in two rooms and the hallway and put down new floorboards in these three areas.
- Replaced the floorboards in another room.
- Repaired the plaster work and repainted the four rooms and hallway in the original 1916 part of the Museum.
- Put a new door and a ramp between the museum and the machinery display shed.
- Re-organised the entire collection.

Exterior:

- Re-stumped and put down new boards on the verandah.
- Put in sub-floor drainage.
- Replaced spouting, flashing, down pipes as required on the Museum and the machinery display sheds.
- Repaired some parts of the roof.
- Replaced the original fretwork on the front verandah in the exact same pattern; had a railing installed at the end of the verandah for safety reasons.
- Painted the verandah and exterior woodwork.
- Repainted the old lock-up.
- Undertaken some landscaping works.

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Museum reopening Sunday, March 1, 2020 *(from previous page)*

By Heather Arnold

The renovations have been a team effort and a lot of hard work, but there are some people we need to thank specifically. Firstly, the man I call the project manager, Geoff Light. Practical, organised, knows everyone in Koo Wee Rup - decides what we need to do and just gets it done. I am and we are as a Society very grateful to Geoff for the enormous amount of work that he has done. And of course, behind every great man, is a great woman - Joyce is equally as wonderful and has done so much for us. They also organised the lovely cake we had on the day.

Next is our Treasurer, Frank Crameri. Just like Geoff - practical, also knows everyone in Koo Wee Rup, always there, organising working bees and paying all the bills, like a good Treasurer. He's just been wonderful.

We also took this opportunity to re-organise the Museum and this is where I need to thank and acknowledge Marlene Weston and her daughter Donna Bombaci - who between them and Joyce and Valmai Walker have cleaned every single surface and object in this Museum. In fact, Marlene and Donna both said to me, at different times 'we just kept finding things to clean' They are the sort of member every Society needs!

Not only did they clean everything but they re-organised everything. The Museum, which was established in 1984, had been growing a bit spontaneously but it's all been reorganised and like things put together - we have a music corner, the Swamp corner, the school corner, the railway corner etc and the best thing is seeing King Spud out of the shed and on display. We cannot thank Marlene and Donna enough for what they did.

I would also like to thank Valmai Walker, Jane Coupe, Jo Power, Lockie McKay, Gavan Pellissier, Don Jewell and everyone who attended working bees and John Denholm for his plumbing expertise. It's been a real team effort.

I mentioned before that part of the funding for this project came from Cardinia Shire Grants and from the Bank of Bendigo Grants, but we also used a lot of our own funds and one of our main sources of funding is the money we get from the Lions Club Opportunity Shop. Even though we have many people who are willing to do Opp shop duty for us, Phillip and Dawn Harris kindly volunteer most of the time. I'd like to thank Phillip and Dawn for all their sterling Opp shop duty on our behalf and also the Lions Club for managing the Opp shop on behalf of the local Community.

I would also like to thank local people who have helped

- Gavan Pellissier - he has done so much for us.
- Shaun Johnston of KooWee Cabinets - replaced our fret work on the front verandah with an exact copy of the original. Shaun did a great job and only charged us for the material and not for the considerable time it must have taken him to do the work.
- Len and Carmel Huxtable - supplied sand and soil for the garden.
- Barry & Diane O'Hearn - concreting jobs.
- Garry Gray - supplied his tractor to move garden tubs.
- John Townley and Paul Johnston - financial donations.
- Peter Cole who was our builder and Chris Seuren who was our painter.

At the opening I gave a talk, the Mayor, Cr Jeff Springfield cut the cake as a symbol of the official opening and gave short talk as did Cr Moore. We then had a sumptuous afternoon tea. Thank you to everyone who provided all the wonderful food for the afternoon; made the tea and coffee and washed up and tidied up. This was also a wonderful team effort. We would also like to thank the Uniting Church for supplying

crockery for the event. Finally, thanks to Andy Nanos for coming in a World War One uniform and greeting everyone at the door - it really added to the event.



Mayor, Cr Jeff Springfield cutting the cake to officially re-open the Museum



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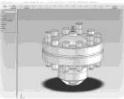
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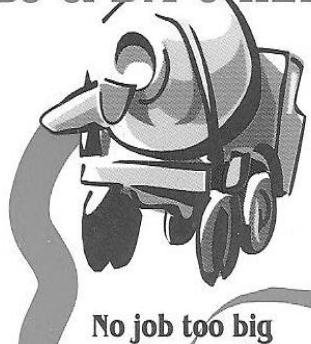
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Infectious Diseases

By Heather Arnold, Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society

With the Corona Virus/Covid 19 impacting on our lives, I thought we could look at other diseases from the past and their impact on the community. Infectious diseases had to be notified to the Board of Health and the Shire Council Medical Officers included a list of the diseases in their Annual Report. In 1912, Dr Harkness submitted his annual report to the Shire of Cranbourne for 1911 and it included - *six cases of diphtheria in Cranbourne, one at Clyde, two at Lang Lang, all of which recovered. There was one case of typhoid fever at Kooweeerup, which unfortunately ended fatally. One case of typhoid fever at Heath Hill, recovering in this instance. Measles was epidemic at Tooradin, Yannathan and Lang Lang.* (*South Bourke & Mornington Journal*, March 7, 1912)

If a person was sent to hospital with an infectious disease then it was reported to the local council and this became part of the medical officers report at Council meetings, thus we learn that in July 1910 Mr. T. Roper from Cora Lynn had typhoid and that in March 1917 Harry Evans from Cora Lynn had pulmonary tuberculosis. No privacy in those days.

Koo Wee Rup had seen a diphtheria epidemic in June 1898, in fact a newspaper had the headline *A grave state of affairs.* Dr Bennie from Berwick investigated this and the cause of the outbreak was blamed on nightsoil (sewerage) contaminating the drains which were used for drinking water. He also said the settlers *were too poor to obtain proper food and clothing, and have had a very bad season, so that with poor food, poor clothing and tainted water, it is astonishing that the outbreak has not been more extensive.* (*The Argus* June 14, 1898)

Before antibiotics, other drugs and vaccinations communities tried all sorts of methods to slow the spread of diseases including the hot issue of the moment - Should we close down the schools? In July 1919, some schools were closed due to the Spanish influenza pandemic which infected forty per cent of Australia's population, and caused the death of 15,000 Australians. The Australian population at the time was just over five million. The report of Dr Harkness to the Shire of Cranbourne in 1912 said that the schools at Tooradin, Yannathan and Lang Lang were closed for the measles outbreak and the school at Clyde for the diphtheria outbreak. There was also a diphtheria outbreak at Koo Wee Rup North State School in 1925 and the school building was condemned and classes were held in the hall.

Children were also kept home from school due to chicken pox outbreaks. The *Dandenong Journal* of October 2, 1930 reported that *An epidemic of chicken pox is raging in the town, and over 20 children are away from the school - enjoying themselves, playing in the street.* This was in Cranbourne, clearly the concept of self-isolation wasn't being heeded.

1937-1938 was an especially bad time for polio (or infantile paralysis) in Australia and the majority of the cases were children. Once again, the *Dandenong Journal* reported on parents whose children were home from school, but not isolated. *A feature of the later stages of the epidemic of infantile paralysis has been the co-operation given by parents to the expert Consultive (sic) Council in its effort to restrict opportunities for the spread of the disease. When the schools were first closed, complaints were made that parents were permitting their children to go into crowds, thus negativating the purpose of closing the schools. Since then, however, most parents have been careful to keep their children at home - in the danger area at any rate. There have been some individual cases of parents becoming panicky, but in the great majority of instances this is not so. Even in Parliament care has been taken not to encourage panic* (*Dandenong Journal*, August 19, 1937)

Another way to prevent the spread of disease was the suggestion in 1913 that all trains should have an 'ambulance' carriage attached. Before cars people would travel to hospital on the train. The Shire of Berwick's Health Officer, Dr Oliver said that *in 90 per cent of cases the infection is contracted in the germ-laden railway compartments.* Thus, isolating the sick in the 'ambulance' car would help alleviate this. During the Spanish influenza pandemic, excursion trains to country races and other events were cancelled.

Scarlet fever was one disease for which there were local reports for decades. One episode of scarlet fever was apparently transmitted by post - *In one instance the malady was traced from an infected house in Melbourne to a house in South Gembrook, and it was transmitted by a letter through the post from one person to the other,* *The Age* reported in September 1909. Typhoid was also prevalent and after the December 1934 flood there were fears of a typhoid outbreak at Koo Wee Rup, due to the pollution of the water by dead animals. It was recommended to boil all water before use.

There were some interesting cures written up in the newspapers in the 1880s and 1890s including drinking absinthe to cure cholera. Absinthe had a very high alcohol content, so maybe if you drank enough the pain of the symptoms such as headaches, nausea, abdominal cramps just went away. Another interesting cure was tobacco smoke which could be used as a disinfectant to kill the cholera germ. Of course, we do not recommend taking up the consumption of absinthe or tobacco to protect yourself from cholera or any other infectious disease.

All meetings have been cancelled due to the Government restrictions in place to combat the Covid 19 outbreak. Our Museum is also closed until further notice. Heather Arnold harnold@dcsi.net.au 0407 521 637.



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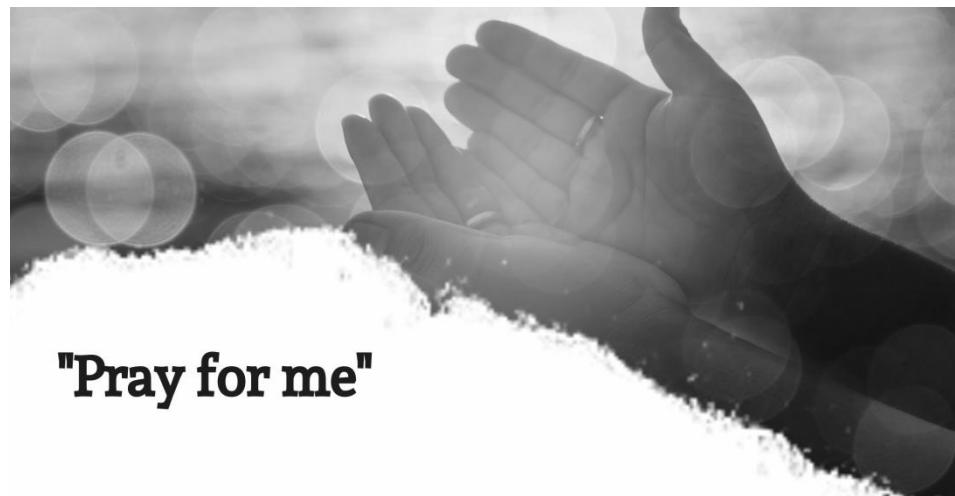
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