

# THE KOO WEE RUP BLACKFISH



MAY 2020

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### Koo Wee Rup Marching Band's Anzac tribute



#### KWRSC marches in isolation to honour the ANZACs

Kooweerup Secondary College always marches in the Melbourne ANZAC Parade. We honour the 39th Battalion with the March "Sussex by the Sea" which its members trained to before being sent to New Guinea in 1942.

Because the March was cancelled this year, students, staff and ex students from all over including Sydney, Canberra, Paris and Melbourne have sent in videos. Together we mark the 75th anniversary of the end of World War 2. It was a joy to have ex band members take part. You might sight Janine Ilitch (Lynch) in her yellow Australian Netball uniform.

We posted our digital ANZAC Tribute on youtube.

Online link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=46ezpi-bqo&feature=youtu.be> or go to youtube and search 'KWRSC marches in isolation to honour the ANZACs'.

*Claudia Barker*

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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

**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.

**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 31<sup>st</sup> May, this includes the Monday night dog walking group. 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 face to face activities cancelled until further notice. Online Scouting programs are available.

**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** Cancelled until further notice.

**Outlook Community Centre** The Outlook Community Centre Term 2 Program is available to view at [www.outlookvic.org.au](http://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.



**Outlook**  
community centre

## Vale Frank de Haan *(by his daughter Rashelle)*

Frank de Haan passed away of a heart attack on 8 April, he was 76 years old.

Born in The Netherlands, Frank's family moved to Australia in 1952. They built a new future for themselves in Nar Nar Goon, where Frank attended Koo Wee Rup Primary School before settling into their Dandenong home in 1960.

Frank worked as a plumber and gasfitter for the Gas & Fuel Corporation for 30 years during which time he married Jan, had one daughter, Rashelle and travelled the world on cruises. They moved from Dandenong to Tooradin in 1987 and bought the Lang Lang Post Office in 1991 after Frank finished working for Gas & Fuel. In 1992 they bought the old butcher's shop in Lang Lang and converted it to a new post office. They sold the post office in 2003. During this time Frank headed the Lang Lang traders association.

They never stopped cruising. 49 in total including one around the world and two half world cruises. He loved it. He knew everything about every ship: size, crew, passengers, docks, where there are in the world, where they came from, which ship is related to which ship, etc.

He also loved playing the Sega Mega Drive & Nintendo. He was a champ at Sonic the Hedgehog & Luigi's Mansion even at 76 years old!

He was a Field Umpire "A" grade with the VFL & VFA umpiring on the MCG.

His favourite thing that he always said was "no worries" which was an opportunity not to be missed by 'Ian' who would draw pictures for the Lang Lang news.

Frank and Jan moved to Koo Wee Rup 2 years ago.

Frank had never been in hospital other than when he was a kid to have his tonsils out or taken any prescription medication until December when he developed bowel & liver cancer surgery. He didn't even have any symptoms. Before the surgery he had normal chemo & he didn't feel any side effects at all! He was superman! Double chemo though made him sick for the first time ever. Surgery really knocked him for 6. Back home day before Christmas

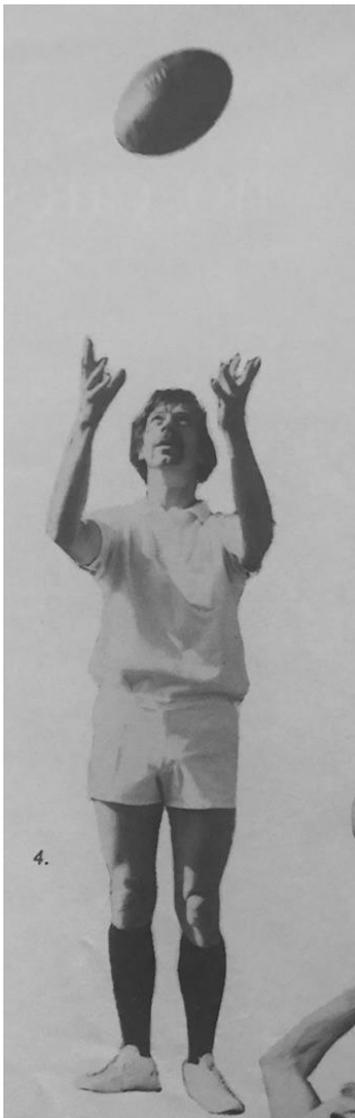
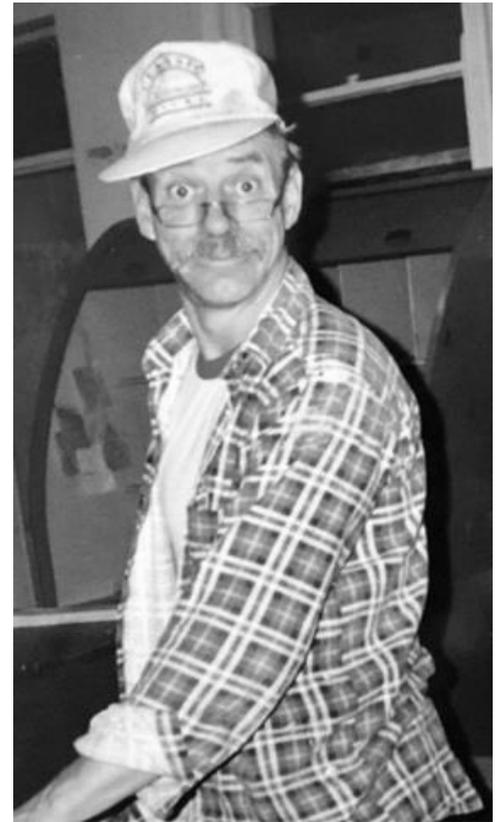
& he had the all clear for everything in March. They were to be on their first cruise back since their last 12 months ago. It would have been their 50th cruise.

Before surgery he had his first ever heart test. The doctors asked him when did he have a heart attack. He had one & never knew it! His heart grew a bypass artery around the blockage! Amazing. And it was a heart attack that got him in the end. So quick. Such a shock.

He loved his cheese & ice coffee with full cream milk, cream & ice cream way too much!

No funeral due to the virus restrictions. Memorial service, or as I like to call it...a party, will be held next year when the restrictions let us, followed by a cruise sometime later to scatter his ashes from the back of a ship.

He was very much loved.





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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**



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REGIONAL HEALTH SERVICE

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

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

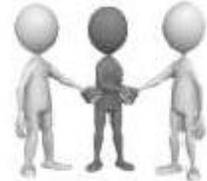


## Here's Why Shrewd Investors Use A Property Manager

A property manager does more than just advertise for tenants and collect rents. They not only act as a much needed buffer between landlords and tenants, they also assist in several other ways to make a landlord's life considerably easier.

### Thorny Conversations

A property manager provides landlords with a degree of separation. It means you have got someone who's there in your corner to take those problematic calls, to have those tricky conversations and to find solutions to challenging issues on your behalf.



### No-Brainer Maintenance

Having a relationship with good tradies is also key to smooth and timely repairs. Property managers have access to tried and tested tradies at reasonable rates so they can easily arrange to fix any emergency or maintenance issues.

### The Real Estate Commandments



If you don't have the expertise to manage all the issues that can manifest when managing an investment property, they can escalate unnecessarily and landlords will find themselves at the tribunal. A professional manager knows the fine details of the directives that govern tenancy agreements and are also required to keep up with regulation changes.

### Cherry-Picking Tenants

Of course, choosing the right tenant in the first place is paramount to setting up the tenancy for success. A property manager will not just rely on their well-honed instincts. They will perform a thorough due diligence check on prospective tenants including following up rental references, employment history and credit assessments.



### Market Gauge

Property managers are exposed to the whole of the market in their district, so they've got a pretty clear indication of rates and can advise when rents should hold, go up or go down.



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## Koo Wee Rup RSL Sub Branch Report

We were apart yet very much together in commemorating our fallen on this year's Anzac Day. Like many, I felt that we were more together in expressing our deep gratitude in our own special way, and every citizen would have been deeply touched by the number of our very young people coming forward to recite the Ode and/or to play the Last Post on various types of musical instruments. I am sure that we, as a nation, have put a big smile on the faces of our diggers.

Having obtained permission from Anzac House and the Victorian Police, we held a solemn service at the Koo Wee Rup cenotaph in the presence of one police officer, councillor Ray Brown, Brian Harlow and myself. Members of our community expressed much reverence in quietly driving up to the community hall, walking to the cenotaph, laying down their flowers, with a moment of reflection on those who laid down their lives today so we can have our tomorrow, and drove off just as quietly without as much as making the slightest noise in closing the door of their car. While not as close as we would normally be, we stood side by side in honouring our fallen.

After the Service I slowly drove through KWR in the hope of seeing some of our members as I was in search of New Zealand national flag and came across a gathering holding their own service in the middle of the street. I did not want to intrude, so I quickly backed away, only to return whereupon I was invited to a gunfire breakfast - thank you for your warm hospitality everyone.

I feel the need to sincerely apologise to any of our New Zealand brothers and sisters in not having the NZ national flag flying alongside our glorious flag; there is very little difference between those two beautiful flags unless one has an eye for small details. Anyway our NZ flag has been misplaced. I feel we can all be pleased with what we did in KWR and throughout this wonderful land we call home.

*We will remember them, Lest we Forget  
John Camilleri, KWR Sub Branch, 5629 4242*



**Alex Scott is still open and running as usual,  
while still maintaining our safe distance.**

We would like to introduce our new team member:

Brooke Webster. Brooke has joined our Rental Team and is working hard to maintain our rental properties and assist with all tenants' enquiries.

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## A message from the KWR Secondary College principal

Dear Koo Wee Rup Secondary College community

What an amazing week in education it has been for all of us. When the Premier stated that we would all be teaching and learning remotely and with flexibility for the whole of term 2, there was a collective intake of breath around the state.

Prior to the holidays schools had been gearing up for such an event but were not sure of the duration.

Now that we have reached the first mile stone together at the end of week one, we can say with some confidence that we are astounded by the abilities of our parents, students and teachers to embrace new technologies and new ways of teaching and learning.

I am so proud of the Koo Wee Rup SC community that I work and serve in. I am proud of the fact that despite some trepidations we have all jumped in and are having a go. Many of us are learning new skills each day which will serve us well when we emerge from this.

Schools are vibrant places and act as hubs for our communities, we are now finding that even though we are operating differently we can still be that focus for our community.

What we have all achieved inside of a week is truly amazing and I thank you for that.

It is important to know that as we continue this journey, we keep working with each other, checking in with each other, being kind to each other and understand that no problem is too big to resolve.

I would like to thank all staff and families for their continued support during this time.

Teachers are reporting in that students are engaging in lessons and enjoying the innovative way information is being presented.

From a parent view point I can empathise with families as I watch my two children engage with their teachers using Microsoft teams. I would also like to remind parents and carers to check in with their children and ask them what they are learning, how they are going. I walked into a Japanese class this morning, thinking I would check in, the look I got was 'NOW IS NOT THE TIME DAD' so with that I advise you to pick your time but by all means be part of the journey.

To my staff, I say thank you for all the wonderful work you have done over the last four weeks to get this happening.

TAKE CARE OUT THERE I look forward to each day that we move back to a school that has children in it, laughing, running around, singing, concentrating, and debating the rules, just the normal stuff we do.

Finally if you can work and study from home you must work and study from home.

*Best wishes, Felix Patton, Principal*



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## Welcome to Term 2

The beginning of Term 2 has seen staff and students at Bayles Regional Primary School transition to remote learning. Our staff worked extremely hard during the holidays, planning and implementing the way they would deliver learning to our students online. As you can imagine it has been a logistical challenge and the school has worked with all families to ensure that students can access the learning from home.

This week we move online with teachers recording lessons for students and providing classwork in an online format. Many students have already been exploring and uploading their work to these platforms and it's wonderful to see students leaving such positive feedback for each other.



## Bayles Regional Primary School Presents -

The staff at Bayles wanted to let the students know that they are missed and that everything is going to be OK!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5egYtxpgW0o&feature=youtu.be>



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Shane Worthington

Group leader



**Kooweerup Regional Health Service Ladies Auxiliary**

**Harewood Open Day Raffle Winners**

1st	Wheelbarrow	Daley Eager	4th	Whisky and glasses	Ian Wilson
2nd	'Giant' Boys Bike	Flynn Wilson	5th	Gumbuya World Family Pass	Y Farmer
3rd	Hamper	Brian Pitman	6th	Hamper	Christine O'Hehir

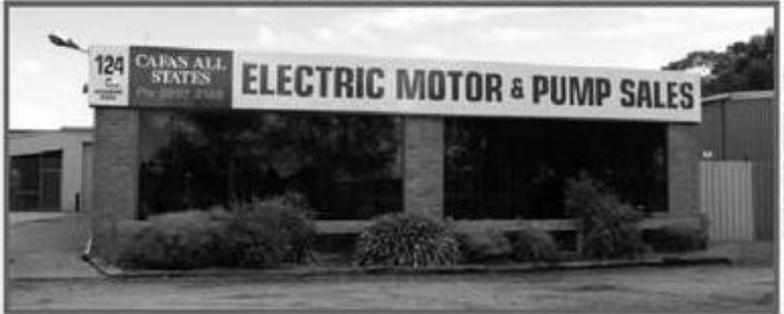
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## KOO WEE RUP BOWLS CLUB NEWS

With the onset of COVID-19 our Club had no alternative to cancel several events as the season was drawing to a close. The Ladies Invitation Gala day on 23<sup>rd</sup> March was cancelled along with days of the Friday Triples competition. The Twilight/barefoot bowls season had just been completed prior to receiving directives from Bowls Vic. & Mornington Peninsula Div. to suspend games until further notice. The Club would like to thank the public for again supporting the season & the Club members who assisted in the conduct of these nights. We hope that it will continue to attract the public to the game and ultimately to our Club. The final few games of our Friday Triples were one of the victims of the Corona virus. The Winning team was John Williams [Lang Lang] with 17 wins. Runner up was John Van Vugt's team [Cardinia Waters] with 13.5 wins & 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to Pauline Gray's team [KWR] with 13 wins. Our thanks to the sponsors in David Bull Funeral Director & One Agency Real Estate for their continued support. Players from other Clubs who played regularly, members & organizers at our Club especially Helen, Luke, Noel & Gerry together with our Greenkeeper Lindsay. Obviously, we have had to postpone our A.G.M. until a later [hopefully] date in the year.

*Rex Alexander, Sec. 03.59961862*



## What was that siren?

### April 2020

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

Our calls since the last report were:

21/3/2020 – Car Fire – McDonalds Drain Road Pakenham South

21/3/2020 – Car Fire – Number Five Drain Rd Koo Wee Rup

25/3/2020 – Gas Cylinder Leaking – Station St Koo Wee Rup

1/4/2020 – House Fire – Grange Crt Koo Wee Rup

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## Rotary Club of Koo Wee Rup -Lang Lang



The Rotary Club of Koo Wee Rup Lang Lang held its first Zoom board meeting on Tuesday night, a great success I'd say. Our main concern is for the vulnerable in our community and ways we can assist while maintaining current restrictions with social distancing and group gatherings. Also on our minds is the bushfire recovery and ongoing drought. East Gippsland Rotary Fire Aid Committee is still working under the current lockdown with some loads of hay and vouchers being delivered using appropriate social distancing measures. They are also working on a number of Global Grants which will be of wonderful benefit to many effected individuals and communities. Rotary Districts 9820 Disaster Relief Fund has also been used to assist some families whose situation is even beyond the general losses felt by so many through this crisis and will be called on again as situations arise. The East Gippsland Rotary Fire Aid Committee are calling out for knitted warm jumpers for 2 to 10 year olds, or new ones. Please contact me for the mailing address if you wish to help.



*Proof, we can do it, getting down to business on Zoom  
Oops, looks like I was talking - again.*

Before going into isolation a number of the members got chopping and filled 8 potato



bins of wood. Thank you also to James Wilson who came along with his equipment, James offered his help after a post on Facebook, the boys and girls were very grateful of your valued help. 2 bins have been earmarked for donation, one to Bayles Primary School and one to Laura McBride for her Irish Dancing Troupe, I assume most of you know our Laura from the local Bendigo Banks. They will be raffling these as fundraisers in the coming months.



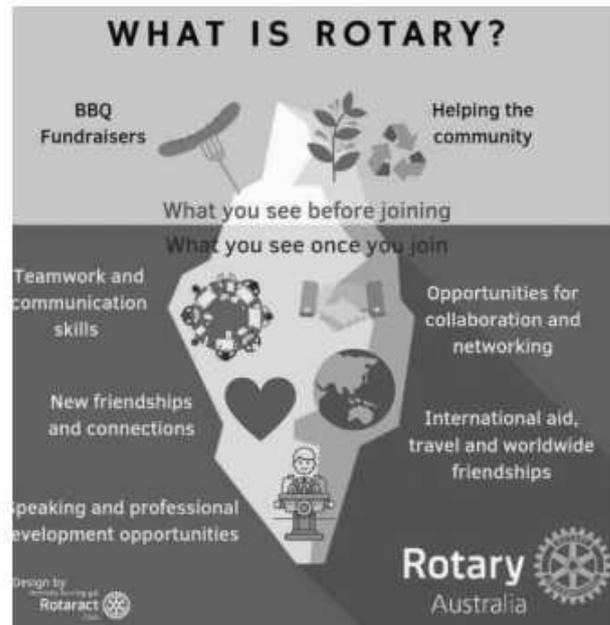
Lots of emailing back and forth in the early days of isolation on how to assist those that are vulnerable in our community in this isolation phase of COVID-19. Michael Boraston has been in talks with Brian Harlow at Koo Wee Rup Regional Health to assess ways we can assist. 5 care packages have been put together by IGA in Lang Lang in collaboration with Brian as to the contents and are being distributed to the vulnerable. When further care packages are required Brain will let us know. Hopefully this will be an ongoing project for the club. Thank you to Koo Wee Rup Regional Health, Brian Harlow, Lang Lang IGA and Michael and Val Boraston.

There will be a few of you around Koo Wee Rup that may recognise the young lady in the photo below. Mila and her husband Tomi welcomed into the world a baby boy, Eikka, on the 19th of March. Mila was a Rotary International Exchange student from Finland not so long ago, how quick they venture into the next phase of life with new beginnings. With the current COVID-19 in Finland, Tomi had to wait at home until the baby was about to pop out. Also in Finland the baby is named by the priest etc at the Christening about a month after the baby is born, with the parents consult of course. Mila's mum had to watch through the window. I'm sure once isolation is over there will be a big gathering to welcome Eikka into the family. Congratulations to you both, I know all your exchange host mums are extremely thrilled. Please don't ask me how to pronounce it.

Rotary International is at the forefront of many natural and unforeseen disasters. Below is a very small representative of how Rotary International can make a difference in the community, locally, nationally and internationally.

New members wanted, enquiries are most welcome, you can write to 'Rotary Club of Koo Wee Rup - Lang Lang, P.O. Box 18, Lang Lang. Vic, 3984 or email [rckooweeruplanglang@gmail.com](mailto:rckooweeruplanglang@gmail.com) or phone the secretary Graham Warry on 0499 101 953. On behalf of the Rotary Club of Koo Wee Rup - Lang Lang, we thank you for the continued support. I trust that you are all safe and healthy in isolation.

Please if you feel at all anxious or in need, reach out to a family member or friend.  
 President of the Rotary Club of Koo Wee Rup -  
 Lang Lang, Judy Wright. 0417 582 252.



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## News about the Men's Shed.

Since our last Men's Shed report there has been no change in the Federal Government's policy that people should stay at home during this time of Covid-19 Virus danger. All activities and togetherness in the Men's Shed have been postponed, including the Friday morning computer classes. 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 or loneliness, 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. The good news this month is that the Men's Shed garden shop will open on Mondays and Fridays, 10:00 am until 2:00 pm 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.

Remember these cancellations and restrictions are not forever and, in the not too distant future, we will look back and reminisce and say, "Remember those bad old virus days".

And to finish here's a bit of humour for you dedicated to the KRHS Art Group: -

*An art thief once stole some very expensive paintings from the Louvre in Paris. He took two Van Goghs, a couple Monets, a Degas, and some other paintings.*

*Everything went perfectly, except he was captured sitting in his van with the paintings, only two blocks from the museum, his van had run out of fuel!*

*When asked by the police how he could plan such a successful robbery and then be foiled by such a simple error, he replied...*

*"I had no Monet to buy DeGas to make the Van Gogh!"*

*Geoff Stokes.*

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## Hard and bundled green waste collections

The upcoming hard and bundled green waste collections are continuing as planned.

There is no change to the schedule and collections will run zone-by-zone from Monday 20 April to Friday 22 May.

Collection staff will be following COVID-19 guidelines and wearing extra protective equipment to ensure a safe service is provided. To reduce risk to community and staff, residents are urged to follow the 1.5 metre physical distancing guidelines if they are outside their homes when the collection staff arrive.

For information about accepted items, how to use the service, and how to check your collection week, visit [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/hardwaste](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/hardwaste)

### Free additional green waste collection in May 2020

Council is now offering Cardinia Shire residents an additional free green waste collection service, available by registration for pick-up as part of the shire-wide hard waste collection service.

This provides our residents with an alternative option to help them manage their extra green waste, in consideration of the postponement and late scheduling changes to the Pakenham and Lysterfield green waste drop off events during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

If residents wish to use this free service, they must register for it with Council in advance, otherwise it will not be collected by our collection staff.

### Register now: Free green waste collection

Residents can call 1300 787 624 or email [mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au](mailto:mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au) to register to place up to 3 cubic metres of additional green waste for collection during the current shire-wide hard waste collections.

Residents can check their hard waste collection week online at [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/hardwaste](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/hardwaste).

### More information

For more information and updates about green waste services available to Cardinia Shire residents during the COVID-19 pandemic, visit [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/greenwastedropoff](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/greenwastedropoff) or call 1300 787 624.

Council is continuing to deliver the kerbside bin collections and hard and bundled green waste collection services to our residents, with some changes and extra measures in place in line with state and federal government guidelines. Find out more online at [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/rubbishandrecycling](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/rubbishandrecycling) and [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/hardwaste](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/hardwaste)

Council is continuing to provide updates on any changes to its services, programs or events on the Council website at [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/coronavirus](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/coronavirus).

All Cardinia Shire residents are reminded to comply with the state and federal government's Coronavirus stage 3 restrictions, which require people to stay at home unless they must leave: to shop for food and supplies, medical care and caregiving, work and education, or exercise.

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## Updates on the KWR CWA:

*“Many thousands of Victorians have come through successive waves of trauma and crises, serial natural disasters and years of adapting to consequences of far too many compounding bad surprises. Victorians already know a lot about unwelcome events that permanently change lives and force people to attempt recovery afterwards...”* **Chris Kotur member for the Bushfires Royal Commission, Flood Review and the 2013 Harrierville fires.**

In the words of Chris Kotur, we Victorians are no stranger to trauma and crises, however this invisible disease has certainly challenged us all in the last few months. Many members of the KWR CWA have expressed how frustrating it is being unable to assist in the capacity that we would have previously in a natural disaster or other crisis. It is hard to comprehend that instead we have all done our part by remaining physically distant from others.

Being physically distant from others, though does not necessarily mean that you also have to be socially isolated in the sense. The branch has remained continuously active with online meetings, online crafting groups, social networks and members have reached out to each other via phone. We have not forgotten each other during this time and whether it is dropping off tins of food, craft supplies or other produce, the kinship has remained.

Whilst all of our events have been postponed and/or cancelled at present, when the restrictions are lifted, we will enjoy a resurgence in activity, including our trivia nights, the photo walk, cooking classes and craft nights.

In times like this I am proud to be Australian, a Koo Wee Rupan and a CWA member, this crisis has provided the ability to show the kindness, integrity and determination not only by the local CWA members, but also citizens of Koo Wee Rup.

But at the same time, to help others you also have to help yourself and self-care is incredibly important. Thus if at this time of “isolation” you are feeling indeed isolated, please feel free to reach out to any of our members. You can find us on social media at [www.facebook.com/kwrcwa](http://www.facebook.com/kwrcwa) or you can email at [kwrcwa@outlook.com](mailto:kwrcwa@outlook.com) or alternatively give our president Cathy Stephens a call on 0403593513.

## New community survey helping to identify and serve local needs

Cardinia Shire Council is inviting the community to help us better understand local needs throughout the COVID-19 pandemic so we can continue to support our residents and businesses.

A survey has been created to help guide our response and recovery efforts, assisting us to plan services and programs for both immediate support and recovery.

The data will also be used to understand how community needs change in relation to different stages of the pandemic, to help us plan for future pandemics.

The survey is anonymous and will take around 15 minutes to complete. Data will be analysed by locality and will not identify any individuals in the findings. This survey will be run for the duration of the pandemic.

The survey is being managed and analysed by Council’s Community Planner, an accredited social researcher with more than 20 years’ experience in undertaking such research.

To access the survey directly, visit [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/COVID19survey](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/COVID19survey).

For more information about Council’s community consultations, visit [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay).

This survey is part of a range of actions Council is undertaking in response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. For more information and assistance, visit [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/onlinehelphub](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/onlinehelphub)

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## News from the Community Advisory Committee.

I am sure you are all aware that the planned April '20 meeting of the Community Advisory Committee had to be cancelled because of the Government's ruling on meetings, social distancing and gatherings etc., due to this Covid-19 virus pandemic. However we are keen to hear of anyone who feels lonely or isolated, depressed or anxious in these dreadful times. If you need help or just someone to talk to please telephone Aileen Thoms on 5997 9679.

For those of you who are not quite sure, the aim of the Community Advisory Committee is to provide the Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service (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](mailto:geoffreystokes@geoffstokes.com) Your email will be acknowledged.

*Geoff Stokes.*

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## Free flu vaccinations available now for eligible community members

Flu vaccinations are now available for eligible community members through Cardinia Shire Council's free community immunisation service or via a local GP, subject to stock availability.

Running year-round, Council's free community immunisation service provides government-funded vaccines to eligible adults and infants under the National Immunisation Program (NIP), including the annual flu vaccinations.

The flu vaccine is free for eligible community members including:

- People aged 65 years and over.
- Children aged 6 months to under 5 years. (Please note: children in this age group who get a flu vaccination for the first time need 2 doses of vaccine, spaced by a minimum of 4 weeks).
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 6 months and over.
- Pregnant women (in any stage of pregnancy).
- People aged 6 months and over with medical conditions which increase the risk of influenza disease complications.

People outside these listed eligible groups can still receive the flu vaccine through a GP or pharmacy at a cost, subject to stock availability.

Council is following advice and direction from the Chief Medical Officer and working in consultation with the local police to continue to deliver this essential health service to the Cardinia Shire community.

Council has implemented a number of additional measures to reduce the risk to community and its health care team at this time, including and not limited to:

- Increasing instructional and directional signage at venues.
- Changing some of the venues to ensure capacity to cater for the gathering and physical distancing rules.
- Enforcing physical distancing and limiting the number of people permitted within the venues at a time.
- Employing additional hygiene measures.

Attendees are asked to be mindful that Council's Health Care Workers at the immunisation sessions are doing their best and you must:

- Follow all instructions given by Council staff and Health Care Workers at the venues.
- Wherever possible, limit the number of people from their household that attend to only those that require the immunisation/s, such as a child and their carer only.
- People who are feeling unwell or who have returned from overseas travel recently must not attend.

If you are unsure if the community immunisation service is suitable to your needs, or you do not feel comfortable attending a public session at this time, you should seek advice from your local GP.

For more information about the flu vaccinations, including eligibility and session times and locations, visit [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/flu](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/flu)

For more information about Council's community immunisation sessions, visit [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/immunisation](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/immunisation)

## Matthew Bennett, farmer and M.L.A

By Heather Arnold, Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society

Matthew Bennett was born January 20, 1862 at Carngham, near Ballarat, to Joseph and Elizabeth Ann (nee Temby) Bennett. The family later moved to Benjeroop where they farmed. As well as Matthew there were three other sons - Edward (died 1919 at Nathalia, aged 63); Richard (died 1900 at Kerang, aged 41) and Thomas (died 1914 at Kerang, aged 41) and a daughter, Emma (Mrs Chester Eagle, died 1943 at Barham). When Joseph died on March 24, 1906 he and Elizabeth were living at Kerang. Elizabeth died May 1, 1924 at Barham in New South Wales.

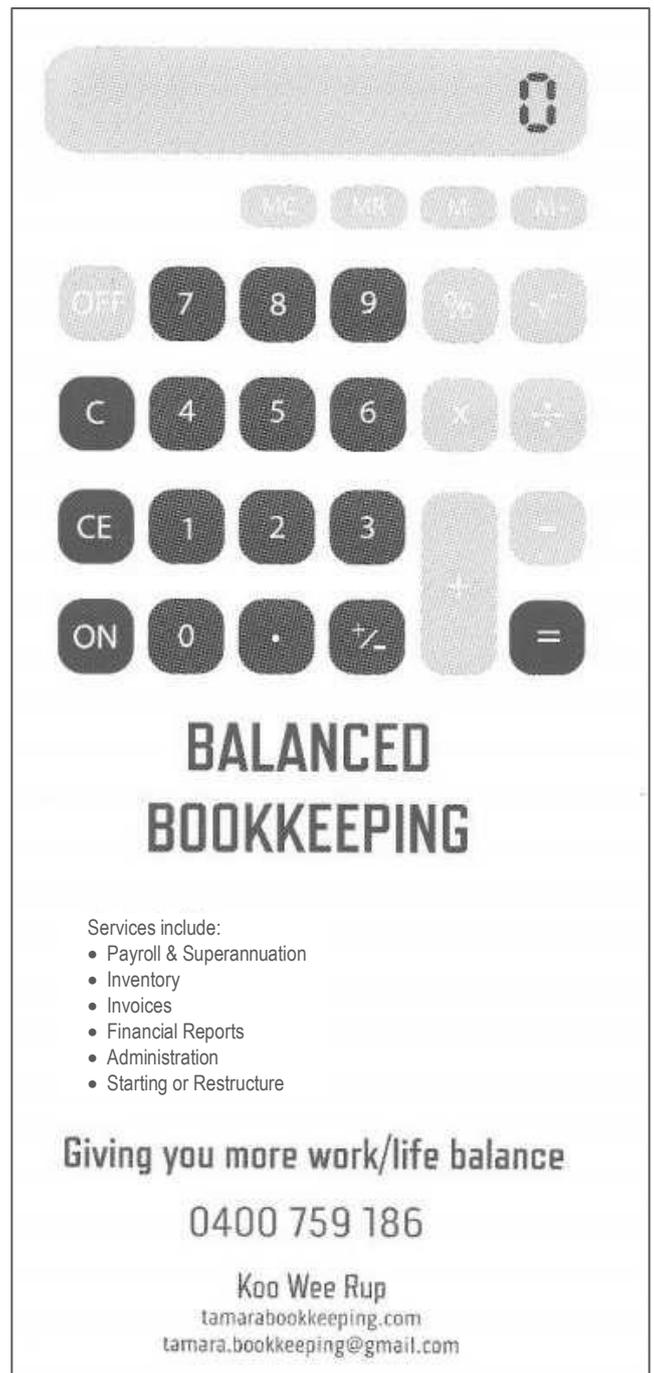
Matthew had a farm in his own right at Benjeroop and on October 31, 1889 he married Mary Simpson at the Baptist church at Benjeroop. This church had been moved in June from its original location to a more central location in the town *protected on the north and west by the high timber growing along the river, and [where] there is also a nice little grove of young trees close by, which will be a very convenient shelter for horses and vehicles, both in hot and cold weather (Kerang Times May 8, 1888).* Mary was the daughter of Charles and Emma (nee Bond) Simpson. They were also farmers from Benjeroop. Matthew and Mary had four daughters whilst they were living in the Benjeroop / Murrabit region.

Around 1893, Matthew was elected as a Trustee of the Benjeroop and Murrabit Water Trust. In 1905 the family moved 400 kilometres south to Yannathan, on the recently drained Koo Wee Rup Swamp. A 'send-off' was held for the family on March 21 and attended by 150 locals. The *Kerang New Times* reported on the occasion – *the room being decorated with evergreens, pampas grass, palm leaves, etc, and with the tables attractively laid out and laden with enticing comestibles from the substantial ham and turkey to the lighter trifle and jellies.* Many complimentary speeches were made about Matthew, as you would imagine – *He was a gentleman who was appreciated by all and had carried out whatever public duties he had performed honestly and fairly. He had original ideas of his own and endeavoured to give them effect and was not afraid to have the courage of his opinion....He was an up to date farmer, ready to adopt any new method which would improve the farming interests and had shown what could be done in the district by irrigation.*

After the speeches Matthew was presented with a *handsome gold Albert and locket* and Mary was presented with a *silver hot water kettle with spirit lamp attachment.* A 'gold Albert' I have just found out is a watch chain. The evening finished with the National Anthem, followed by a dance which *was kept up to an early hour.* (*Kerang New Times* March 24, 1905)

The family moved to Crown Allotments 28 and 29, Parish of Koo Wee Rup East. The allotments were 159 acres and 154 acres respectively - 313 acres in all. They were near Bayles on the north side of the Bayles-Modella road. When the Bennetts moved to the area it was called Yannathan, but the area was later known as Catani. Both Bayles and Catani came into existence as they were stations on the Koo Wee Rup to Strzelecki Railway line which opened in June 1922 and the towns soon developed around the stations. Catani, was, of course, named for Carlo Catani, the Public Works Department engineer who worked on the Koo Wee Rup Swamp drainage scheme. Initially Matthew was a dairy farmer, but he gave up dairying in September 1915, held a clearing sale and became a grazier.

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## Matthew Bennett, farmer and M.L.A (from previous page)

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The family took part in the life of the community, whilst they were at Yannathan. Matthew was the president of the Yannathan New Year's Day Sports Carnival; Mary was the vice-president of the Yannathan branch of the Lady Mayoress' Patriotic League and the whole family were involved with fund raising for 'patriotic causes' during the Great War. We will have a quick look at the lives of four Bennett daughters. The eldest daughter, Janey Gertrude was born in 1892. In 1917, she married Joseph Henry Carson, whose parents owned a property at Yannathan. Joseph had a property at Balldoran, north of Dubbo; Janey spent her married life in that region and died in 1984. The second daughter, Elsie Marjorie Elizabeth, was born in 1894. She married Abraham Alfred Patullo, of Lang Lang, in 1920 and they farmed some of the land that was owned by her parents. She died in 1980. The third daughter, Isabel Emma, was born in 1896, she never married and died in 1983. The fourth daughter, Josephine Eleanor was born in 1899 and married Jack Reeve Dowling, an Accountant from Melbourne, in 1936. She died in 1989.

Matthew Bennett was involved with the Victorian Farmers' Union which became the Country Party in the late 1920s – he was on the Central Council at both State and Federal level and President of the local Yannathan branch, so it was no surprise that he would stand for election. On August 27, 1925 he was elected as a councillor to the Cranbourne Shire. His platform, as published in a letter in the *Koo Wee Rup Sun* of August 20, was primarily concerned with roads *good roads are very essential in this Riding in particular, as it is one of intensive culture almost throughout. They facilitate production, which means wealth, cheapens transport, help to stop the drift to the city, brightens country life and very materially help primary producers and country townspeople to prosper.* Mr Bennett was Shire President on two occasions and remained on the Council until his death, in 1951. He was the Shire President 1931/1932 and 1941/1942. In 1953, his grandson Stewart Patullo was elected as a Cranbourne Shire Councillor.



On October 1, 1929 at a by-election, Mr Bennett was elected to the Legislative Assembly for the seat of West Gippsland, representing the Country Party. He retired from Parliament after nearly 21 years on April 1, 1950. Apart from the fact that he was then well into his eighties, his health had been affected by illness and a serious car accident in January 1949. Matthew Bennett was a farmer and had country interests at heart and one of his achievements was the establishment of the Milk Board in December 1933, which regulated the dairy industry.

Matthew's wife, Mary died on August 2, 1925. The death notice said that she died at her residence 16 Service Street, Hampton. She is buried at the Brighton Cemetery. It was just after her death that Matthew decided to stand for Council - I wonder if those two events were linked? Of interest though is the fact that in 1925, Mary Bennett was not living at Catani or Yannathan. Even though Matthew Bennett maintained property in the area, he also did not live in the country. From 1926 his residential address in the Shire of Cranbourne Rate books was 631 Inkerman Road in Caulfield, so maybe the roads still weren't good enough for them and country life was not 'bright' enough for them and they 'drifted' to the city.

However, he was still popular as he kept getting re-elected and there are various reports of 'complimentary socials' being held in various local towns. In fact, in August 1944 at a function at the Catani Hall, Mr Bennett was presented with an illuminated address, and he was congratulated *on having won such universal esteem and on having attended to his parliamentary duties in the interests of all, irrespective, of party.* (*Dandenong Journal* August 2, 1944).

Matthew Bennett died on January 16, 1951 and he was buried with his wife Mary at Brighton Cemetery. His obituary in the *Dandenong Journal* of January 17, 1951 said *he was affectionately known as "Mattie" throughout the length and breadth of Gippsland, was a wonderful character, who made friends everywhere, but never an enemy.* Matthew Bennett Park in Drouin is named after him as is Bennett Road in Catani.

**The Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society meets on the second Wednesday of each month. We are currently closed due to Covid 19. [Heather.Arnold@dcsi.net.au](mailto:Heather.Arnold@dcsi.net.au) 0407 521 637.**

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