

THE KOO WEE RUP BLACKFISH



April 2023

Triple Premiers






Premier Division



D Grade



Under 14s

<p>KWRCC 212 def CARDINIA 129 C. Bright 66, L. McMaster 60, G. Kumara 18 A. McMaster 4/32, J. Mathers 4/54, L. McMaster 2/42</p> <p>PLAYER OF THE MATCH CHRIS BRIGHT 66 & 5 WICKETS</p> 	<p>KWRCC 8/206 def EMERALD 181 B. Wilson 74, L. Wasley 39, C. Eddington 19 N. Booth 5/57, C. Davey 2/6, L. Pirotta 1/17</p> <p>PLAYER OF THE MATCH NICK BOOTH 5/57</p> 	<p>KWRCC 3/155 def PCC 9/154 C. Davey 33, C. Wood 27*, K. Herbert 24* S. Giles 3/16, L. Loveday 2/31, A. Purvis 1/6</p> <p>PLAYER OF THE MATCH SONNY GILES 3/16</p> 
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What an amazing weekend for our great cricket club. It was a hectic few days but so rewarding at the end. To win another 3 premierships was a huge effort.

Commiserations to our U12s who went down by 1 run in what was a great game of cricket. Congratulations to Officer Cricket Club.

The U14s pulled off one of the great run chases against Pakenham Cricket Club in another impressive game of Junior Cricket. The team showed maturity beyond their years to time the run chase to perfection. Coaching junior cricket in the morning then playing seniors in the afternoon takes a huge sacrifice but Cody Miller has done an awesome job. Both clubs should be immensely proud of the way they conducted themselves on and off the field.

The D Grade premiership was something we didn't think possible after a tough season last year but Brent has persevered with the young guys and to see the smile on their faces as they arrived back at the ground to a standing ovation was awesome to see.

To watch every ball of the Premier Grand Final was nerve wracking to say the least. Doof has done a tremendous job over the last month in getting the boys to believe. Players changed their game to play for the team rather than themselves. 7 of these players played junior cricket at Koo Wee Rup and the loyalty shown by all of them is what makes us such a great club.

I'm proud of each and every one of you.

To all of our volunteers that helped out from Thursday through to Sunday I cannot thank you enough. Special mention to Mick Monckton for his tireless efforts from 7.30 in the morning Saturday & Sunday till well after stumps in the afternoon.

Thanks to Officer Cricket Club, Pakenham Cricket Club and Cardinia Cricket Club for allowing us to host you. We definitely didn't get everything right over the 4 days but we gave 100%.

Matt Davey, Club President

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What's on in Koo Wee Rup and District

April

Sat	1st	Mat Pilates (page 21)	Eco House - Hospital	9am
Sun	2nd	Palm Sunday Mass (page 3)	St John's KWR	9.30am
Sun	2nd	Harewood Heritage Day (back page)	Harewood House	10am
Mon	3rd	KWR Senior Citizens Indoor Bowls (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11am
Mon	3rd	Chair Pilates (page 21)	Eco House - Hospital	5pm
Mon	3rd	Mat Pilates (page 21)	Eco House - Hospital	6pm
Mon	3rd	CWA Meeting (page 7)	Senior Citizens Club	7.30pm
Wed	5th	Coffee Club (back page)	Royal Hotel	10am
Wed	5th	Lions Club Meeting (page 21)	Tooradin Sports Club	7pm
Wed	5th	Township Committee Meeting (page 5)	Community Centre	7.30pm
Thu	6th	Holy Thursday Mass (page 3)	St John's KWR	7pm
Fri	7th	Stations of the Cross (page 5)	St John's KWR	11am
Fri	7th	Good Friday Liturgy (page 3)	St John's KWR	3pm
Sat	8th	Holy Saturday Mass (page 3)	St John's KWR	7.30pm
Sun	9th	Easter Sunday Mass (page 3)	St John's KWR	9.30am
Mon	10th	KWR Senior Citizens Indoor Bowls (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11am
Tue	11th	Hall Committee Meeting	Community Centre	7.30pm
Wed	12th	KWR Swamp Historical Society Meeting (page 29)	KWR Historical Society	6pm
Fri	14th	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch & Bingo (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Fri	14th	Social Bowls	Bowls Club	6pm
Sat	15th	Monthly Craft and Produce Market (page 14)	Caldermeade Farm	9am
Sun	16th	Bayles Fauna Park Working Bee (page 36)	Bayles Fauna Park	9am
Mon	17th	KWR Senior Citizens Indoor Bowls (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11am
Mon	17th	CWA Craft Meeting	Senior Citizens Club	7.30pm
Wed	19th	Coffee Club	Chandelier Café	10am
Wed	19th	Lions Club Meeting	RSL Clubrooms	7pm
Thu	20th	Getting to know your family history (page 28)	KWR Historical Society	11am
Fri	21st	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch & Bingo (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Fri	21st	Friday Night Footy Talk with Warwick Capper (page 14)	Caldermeade Farm	6pm
Fri	21st	Triples Competition	Bowls Club	10.15am
Fri	21st	Social Bowls	Bowls Club	6pm
Mon	24th	KWR Senior Citizens Indoor Bowls (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11am
Mon	24th	Chair Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	5pm
Mon	24th	Mat Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	6pm
Tue	25th	Anzac Day Dawn Service	Clock Towers	5.40am
Thu	27th	Brendan Scott Show (page 18)	Bayles Public Hall	10.30am
Fri	28th	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch & Bingo (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Fri	28th	Social Bowls	Bowls Club	6pm
Sat	29th	Mat Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	9am
Sun	30th	Whole lotta Rosie (ACDC tribute show) (page 14)	Caldermeade Farm	6pm

May

Sun	21st	KRHS 100 th Birthday Celebration (page 25)	Hospital Grounds	10.30am
Sun	28th	KWR Swamp Historical Society Lunch (page 28)	Tooradin Sports Club	12noon

June

Sat	24th	Lions Craft and Patchwork Fair (page 21)	Community Centre	9.30am
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Caroline Roff, Editor

Koo Wee Rup RSL Report

How quick the months go by – here we are writing the next report for the RSL. We haven't been very busy over the past month however; we are starting to get busy in the lead up to ANZAC Day.

We did however have a Movie Night at the RSL clubrooms on Saturday night (25th March). We were treated to freshly made popcorn, choc top ice-creams and Jaffas – although we couldn't roll them down the aisle seeing as we have carpet and no sloped floor! Still, all those who attended had a great night watching that great Aussie movie Red Dog – a few tears were shed at the end!

Our next and probably biggest event on the calendar is ANZAC Day. Our dedicated team of RSL members who help out all the time will be selling ANZAC Badges at Woolworths Koo Wee Rup starting in the second week of April, please consider buying a badge, firstly to honour those brave men and women who fought for the freedom we have today in Australia and secondly to allow the Koo Wee Rup & District RSL Sub branch to raise money to assist local veterans and others in the community when the need arises. We're not all about solely assisting veterans and their families we also help others should there be a call to do so.

There will also be collection tins and boxes of badges in local businesses and schools, so if you don't see us at Woolies (although we're hard to miss) then there are other opportunities to purchase a badge or simply pop a coin or two in our collection tins at local businesses who have kindly agreed to have our tins for the weeks leading up to ANZAC Day.




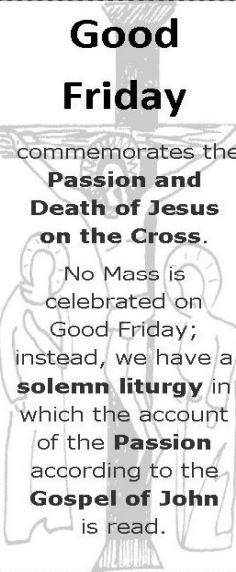

As usual we will be holding our ANZAC Day Dawn Service which we are proud to say is one of the best in the district and we are always so happy to see so many residents from Koo Wee Rup and surrounding areas attend. The march involving local school children, the scout group, community groups and of course our veterans forms up at the end of the Avenue of Honour on the Cochrane Park side of the road at 5.45 am with step off at 5.50 am, we will march down the Avenue of Honour and fall out and assemble at the Cenotaph in front of the Community Centre. The service will commence at 6.00 am and finish at approximately 6.30 am after which the traditional Gun-Fire breakfast cooked by our friends from the Koo Wee Rup & District Lions Club and served by the lovely ladies of the Koo Wee Rup CWA will be on offer.

If any person or organisation would like to lay a wreath at the Dawn Service, please contact our Secretary, Bev Edwards NO LATER than Friday 21st April 2023 at kooweerup.rsl@gmail.com so that we can include you on the list of wreath layers.

As always, we are looking for new members to join our RSL, to join as an affiliate member is very easy, again for more information please contact our Secretary by email and she can give you more details. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm at our clubrooms located at 13-15 Station Street, Koo Wee Rup (next to Duff's petrol station).

That's all from me and we look forward to seeing you at our Dawn Service on ANZAC Day.

Rodney Edwards, President – Koo Wee Rup RSL

St John the Baptist Catholic Parish Koo Wee Rup				
Sun. 2nd April 	Holy Week 2023 			Sun. 9th April
<p>Palm Sunday</p> <p>marks the beginning of Holy Week.</p> <p>At Mass we distribute palms to be blessed in remembrance of Christ's triumphal entrance into Jerusalem when palm branches were placed in his path and waved in welcome by all.</p>	<p>Holy Thursday</p> <p>marks the day that Christ celebrated the Last Supper with His disciples.</p> <p>In telling them to "Do this in remembrance of Me,"</p> <p>He instituted the Mass and made them the first priests.</p> 	<p>Good Friday</p> <p>commemorates the Passion and Death of Jesus on the Cross.</p> <p>No Mass is celebrated on Good Friday; instead, we have a solemn liturgy in which the account of the Passion according to the Gospel of John is read.</p> 	<p>Holy Saturday</p> <p>We celebrate the Easter Vigil Mass which traditionally takes place after sundown.</p> <p>We enter the Church by candlelight. During this Mass individuals may be welcomed to our faith through Baptism and Confirmation.</p> 	<p>Easter Sunday</p> <p>During Mass we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead.</p> <p>Jesus died for our sin and rose again to give us New Life</p> <p>Easter Sunday ends the 40 days of prayer, fasting and giving known as Lent.</p>
<p>9.30am Mass St John's KWR</p>	<p>7.30pm Mass St John's KWR</p>	<p>11am Stations 3pm Liturgy St John's KWR</p>	<p>7.30pm Mass St Joseph's Iona</p>	<p>8am Maryknoll 9.30am KWR 10.45am NarNarGoon</p>

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Koo Wee Rup Township Committee Meeting

The Township held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, 1 March at the KWR Community Centre. Township Meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 5 April at 7:30 pm at the KWR Community Centre. All welcome.

Rob Muré via text: there is Community Care Accommodation being built at 56 Henry St. Works have started but there does not appear to be a permit in place. He has spoken to residents in Henry St that have approached council for further information, but they haven't been forthcoming. They were told that since it was just a building permit there was no requirement to advertise but he was of the impression that if you are building in an INZ it triggers a planning permit which requires advertising, seems completely the wrong location for that type of development.

Discussion regarding Community Care Accommodation and the difference between this type of development and a boarding house. What permits are required. Why no public advertising or calling for submissions?

Mural project: Caroline contacted the artist who completed the mural at Bayles. He will look at the Woolworths building wall and quote based on old train and spud trucks. Waiting for quote and design ideas for picture based on our request.

Ellen Brown mentioned that she had her tyres punctured deliberately on Sunday night (26/02) possibly while at Woolworths car park. Police mentioned that cars left overnight had been targeted. Social media reports that cars have been targeted during the day at Woolworths, including staff vehicles.

Frank reported that the shire has been very responsive to reports of dumped rubbish and it has been collected.

Lachie said that McDonalds Drain Rd had been graded today for the first time in three months. Overhanging trees were reported and council have committed to investigate.

Koo Wee Rup Senior Citizens Club

Icke Road, Koo Wee Rup

We have started a craft activities morning every 4th Wednesday of the month. Monday indoor bowls is a lot of fun. Friday lunches followed by Hoy continue to be well attended. If you would like to join us for an annual fee of \$10, you are most welcome to give us a try. We also have outings during the year.

All enquiries:

- Dianne 0419 405 404
- Leonie 0472 729 000

Ecumenical Stations of the Cross

St John the Baptist Church



11am Good Friday - 7th April

Please join us as we gather as a Christian community to commemorate the 14 stations of the cross concluding with the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ on Good Friday.



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Koo Wee Rup Country Women's Association

Written by Linda Sanders

Meeting Dates

Our next meeting will be on Monday 3rd April at 7.30pm.

Our next craft meeting will be on Monday April 17th at 7.30pm.

We meet at the Seniors Rooms, Icke Road, Koo Wee Rup.

If you would like to join our great team of friendly ladies, please call President Kate Balcombe on 0408 203 743 for more details, or just turn up on the night.

Pakenham Show

On the 18th March our members were holding down the fort (literally) at the Pakenham show. It was very warm and very windy which blew everything around and we had to take the marquee down before it blew away. Unfortunately the event was called off at 11am because of the wind but we stuck it out until 1pm.

Part of the show was an Adventure Trail. Children could buy a showbag for \$10 and



Bayles Fauna Park

Working Bee

Sunday, 16 April
9am to 12 noon
followed by a sausage
sizzle lunch.

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

All welcome



then go around 15 of the stalls, get their sheet stamped and receive a free gift. Our free gift was a packet of seeds. We had to supply 400 bags.

We sold baby items, knitted items, baking, preserves, cards and jewellery.

Scones, Scones, Scones

At our craft meeting on Monday 20th March, members were very busy making scones to sell at the Harewood Heritage Day.

We made around 230 scones and baked them in the Senior Citizens kitchen. Thanks to the ladies who helped, it was a fun evening.



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What was that siren?

March 2023

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

Our calls since the last report were:

- 17/2/23 - Grass Fire – Nyora Estate Nyora
- 17/2/23 - Grass Fire – Swann Rd Athlone
- 21/2/23 - Power pole fire – Shelton Park Rd Koo Wee Rup
- 23/2/23 - Grass Fire – Monomeith Rd Monomeith
- 24/2/23 - Car Fire – South Gippsland Hwy Koo Wee Rup
- 5/3/23 - Fire - Jones Park Lang Lang
- 10/3/23 - Horse stuck in dam – Ballarto Rd Pakenham South
- 10/3/23 - Car Fire – South Gippsland Hwy Lang Lang
- 10/3/23 - Motor Vehicle Collision – South Gippsland Hwy Koo Wee Rup
- 11/3/23 - Motor Vehicle Collision/Fire – Ballarto Rd Rythdale
- 13/3/23 - Motor Vehicle Collision - Manks Rd Koo Wee Rup
- 16/3/23 - Automatic Fire Alarm - Rossiter Rd Koo Wee Rup

Fire Plugs – You have one nearby, you just may not know it

If you have a fire hydrant out the front, on or near your nature strip, please help us by always keeping it clear, easily visible and accessible. If a fire occurs in your home, or that of a neighbour, it is essential that firefighters can gain access to the closest hydrant quickly and easily as our trucks only carry a certain amount of water.

A blue reflective marker on the road, and a white post with a red top and blue reflective marker usually identifies the position of a hydrant.

Thank you to the local residents that already keep their hydrant nice and clear for us.

The Fire Danger Period for our area is still in force until 1st May 2023

This means you cannot light a fire in the open air unless you have a permit

You need a permit to burn-off during the Fire Danger Period, otherwise brigades will be called out unnecessarily.

If you don't obtain a permit, you could be breaking the law, police may be called and you may be prosecuted.

Search for 'Can i' at cfa.vic.gov.au for more information.

Smoke Alarm Installation Program

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

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

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

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

We Want You as a New Recruit! - No, not the Village People, the Fire Brigade

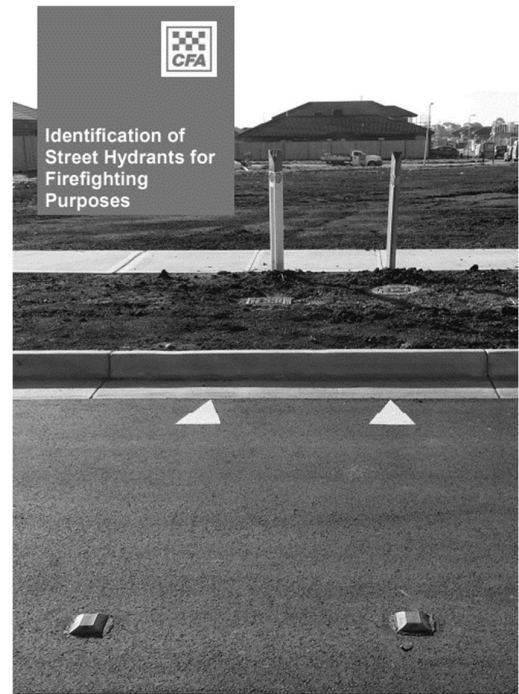
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A First Class Trip (Part 2) *by Geoff Stokes - continued from March edition*

After four weeks of intense working days, it was soon time to move on and I went first to Zurich where I met the international boss of my Company to introduce myself to him and for him to get to know me. To say these two days were a failure is an understatement. He was the quintessential 'up his nose' English boss of the thirties, full of his own importance and he saw me as someone of little consequence. These couple of days were a complete waste of time. From Zurich I caught the train and then over the Alps to Milano in Italy, magnificent scenery. This was to familiarise myself with the manufacturer of another of my Australian Company's imported products, a special valve for the Power Industry, in particular a valve to handle very high-pressure steam. My Australian colleague had told me (from experience) that it was an easy walk from the train station to the Hilton in Milano, so I believed him. In reality it was about a couple of kilometres, I guess. It was snowing when I arrived, and I set out on the walk carrying my suitcase, briefcase, and another holdall. I was almost shattered and passing out when I turned into the street where the Hilton was and as I did the Concierge from the hotel came running towards me unable to believe that this snow-covered figure carrying his own bags was one of his first-class guests. Quite a fuss was made by all as I entered the hotel lobby – I couldn't understand all the shouting in Italian, but it worked wonders and soon I was installed in a very nice suite on the first floor. The name of the valve Company escapes me now after forty-four years, but I was there for three days, and I recall I found the work very interesting indeed. I must have arrived on the Saturday because on the Sunday lunchtime I was taken out for a meal by the manager and his wife, a meal that I will never forget in more ways than one! Firstly, the restaurant was right alongside the Duomo – the Cathedral. This is the same Cathedral in the Piazza del Duomo where Olive and I had parked our 150cc Lambretta scooter all those years ago when we were last in Milano on our European tour in 1959. Secondly for the *faux pas* I made. A large table in the restaurant was set out like an Australian buffet with all sorts of wonderful different foods, so I helped myself to lots of Italian gourmet goodies. "You can have a second helping if you want to", my host said, and I did, tucking into this superb food. I remember the wine too; it was a Barolo wine from a section of Piedmont (Barolo), southwest of Alba, in northern Italy, a wonderful deep red wine called (translated into English), 'Bull's Blood'! There was a suitable interval and suddenly a waiter arrived and offering me a menu he asked me what I would like for my main course! I didn't know that the initial table food was the antipasto starter course and I had filled my tummy up on that. For the second time in my life, I had to really force down food in order not to lose face. How bad is that?

From Milano I took a plane to Vienna where I was met by a chauffeur for the journey to, Gumpoldskirchen a suburb of Vienna and the World-wide headquarters of my Australian Company. Again, my two-night two day stay concentrated on learning about the products manufactured here, that of asbestos filled jointing for pipe flanges, engine cylinder heads and brake linings. After all the latest scares of asbestos products the Company has now moved away from such materials but at that time the reason for using asbestos even in the late 70s was that the asbestos material was locked in and embedded in the mother material and was not dangerous. It certainly was dangerous in the raw material store and in the mixing and manufacturing process with the calender machine (yes, the spelling is correct!)

There were two or three other overseas agents with me for these product training sessions and all the sessions were quite normal with really interesting lectures. We all stayed at the Europa Hotel which is very close to the historic and beautiful St. Stephen's Cathedral. St. Stephen's Cathedral defines the city centre and has been the heart of Vienna for centuries. It is one of the most famous Viennese sights and was built in 1147 AD. For a long time, it was uncontested as highest building in Europe measuring almost 137 m. We were all given a guided tour one afternoon. In and around the factory, in restaurants, hotels, etc., and seemingly everywhere we went, there were large painted wooden masks hanging with varying degrees of ugliness. I admired one of these and the guy in charge of us said they were an ancient Austrian legend in that they warded off evil spirits. He said he would send one on to me in Australia which he did. I will tell you of the consequences of that some other time in another story. On the final evening we all joined the tourists at a restaurant in the Vienna Woods for a traditional Austrian feast and some folksy entertainment. We had a great evening with plenty to eat and lots of jokes to tell each other. On the table were two carafes of local wine, a red and a white (they were actually quite famous wine labels). There was a little push-up valve which allowed you to self-fill your glass by just pushing it up to the carafe. The carafe was kept topped up by an ever-attendant lady waiter. As the evening went by our host, the same guy who was lecturing us during the day, kept filling his own glass regularly until, nearly at the end of the evening, we noticed he had slumped onto the table and was fast asleep. There was no way we could wake him, and he was obviously in some sort of drunken stupor. We carried him to the front door and looked in his pockets and eventually found his business card with his address written on it. We called a taxi, pointed out his address to the driver and bundled our host on to the back seat and off home they went - we hoped. We had to do the same because we had no idea where we were so, to the next taxi driver we said, "Europa Hotel" and yes, he delivered us there about three-quarters of an hour later. The point of this story is that the next morning, our host, now our lecturer again, turned up spot on time and talked to us just as if nothing had happened. He didn't mention the night before or anything about it. Presumably he got home alright!

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Icarus Skin Cancer Clinic



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Technology

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

Need a skin check?

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

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

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

Early detection and treatment is essential

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

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

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

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

To make an appointment call 59 252 000 or book online

St John's Primary School

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 **"For All Future Generations"** Children were encouraged to help raise money for Caritas. This money will go a long way to helping those less fortunate. Our term ends with a wonderful Easter Play, performed by our Grade 5/6 students.

Our annual St John's Swimming Sports were held at the Koo Wee Rup Pool, for students from Grades One to Six. It was a very enjoyable day and great to see many parents come along to show their support. Congratulations to all students who competed hard in their events and especially to Cremin (Red) House for winning the 2023 trophy.

Our Welcome Picnic was such a wonderful evening. New families mingled with existing families, sharing a picnic dinner in our beautiful grounds. The highlight was the adult sack race. It's amazing how competitive parents can get. A huge thanks to our Friends of St John's committee for organizing the evening.

We held our Foundation/Prep Open Morning for all prospective students and their parents on 28th March.

Our school leaders took families on tours of the school informing them of the facilities and programs we offer.

If you were unable to make it on that day and are interested in enrolling your child/ren at St Johns, guided tours are available with our Principal, Mr Christopher Dortmans. Please contact us on (03) 5997 1653 to arrange an appointment.



St John the Baptist Primary School, Koo Wee Rup

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A First Class Trip (Part 2) *from page 11*

The same jackbooted chauffer delivered me back to the airport for my onward journey to London via British Airways. He even carried my bags to the first-class check-in desk and left without waiting for a tip. Problem: British Airways didn't have my name on their list even though the flight had been confirmed the previous day by the boss's secretary. They certainly panicked; they really did. They put me into the first-class lounge with a very large gin and tonic and said they would see what they could do. I still didn't know what when a lady flight attendant came to me and escorted me out on to the Tarmac to sit apart from the waiting hordes in an open shed alongside the awaiting aircraft. Finally, a name was called, "Would the Honourable Mr so and so MP, please board the aircraft by the front steps?" Next came the announcement, "Would Mr Geoffrey Stokes please board the aircraft by the front steps?" I couldn't believe it. Up the front steps I went to be met by the chief steward who also couldn't believe it when he found out that I had a first-class ticket but only an economy seat in the body of the aircraft! The aircraft had a strange seating configuration, half of the passengers sat facing the front and the other half were facing the rear of the aircraft with a wide aisle across the aircraft between the two halves. I was positioned on the aisle in the front row facing the front. In other words, I had half of the passengers facing me and looking at me. They all received the standard economy service of sandwiches and tea or coffee on the two-hour journey whilst I was given first class service, personally, by the chief steward who would arrive from the front cabin with a mincing walk, each time he was carrying a course of my three course first class sumptuous meal. Everyone's attention was grabbed when he first arrived at my seat with a glass of champagne on a silver tray which he held high in the air. Eventually, as the meal and the visits of the chief steward progressed, the male passenger next to me said, with accompanying wide-open eyes, "I'm sorry if I appear rude but...who the hell are you?"

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- 2nd May** - Morning Melodies performed by Issi Dye (**free**)
- 13th May** - Olivia Newton-John & Elton John tribute show
- 19th May** - Stand up comedy night
- 20th May** - monthly craft/produce market (**free entry**)
- 28th May** - Brown Sugar (Rolling the Stones - tribute show)

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1st Koo Wee Rup Scout Group

Group Leader – Shane Worthington

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What another busy month some of our sections have had. Joey scouts have been on a bike ride for Jamboree on the Pedals.



Cub Scouts went on a Summer Days sleepover at the Pines Scout Camp in Altona. They walked to the beach, built sandcastles, swam, and ate ice cream.

Venturers went on a survival camp in Molesworth beside the Goulbourn River. They practiced how to signal with semaphore flags, building a shelter, fishing for dinner using sticks to create a fishing rod.



The Venturer unit also invested Blake, welcome to the Swamp Rats Blake.

We currently have vacancies in all sections from 5 year olds to 25 year olds, days and times are listed below.

We are also looking for adults to join our leadership team, so if you have a passion for helping guide youth members or want to come and see what it is all about send us a message, we would love to meet you.



Our Committee meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, everyone is welcome to attend.



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8 to 11 year old
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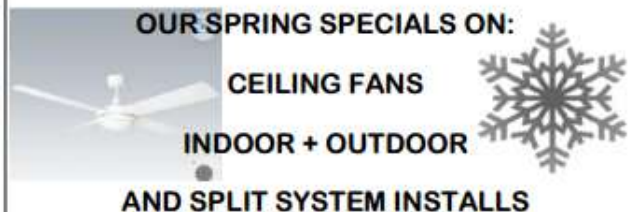
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Here is the latest news from the Ladies' Auxiliary.

The monthly meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary was held on the 3rd of March 2023. Excellent progress is being made with the details of the activities proposed for the Hospital's 100-year celebrations; we are all working hard to make this celebration a momentous success. We do hope that those of you who read this will make the effort to come along to the hospital on May 21st and really enjoy yourselves. We know that you will have an exciting and pleasurable time. We are also asking you all if you have the following games from earlier years to loan us or help us with – croquet, skittles, marbles, bocce, skipping ropes, sacks for sack races, spinning tops and whips, hula hoops etc. If you can help give me, Olive, a call on 0435 034 101.

Our next fashion parade with 'Cliche' is on Thursday April 20th. The venue is the senior citizen's hall in Icke Road. The

entry cost is \$5 which includes morning tea and there will also be a door prize and a raffle. Please come along and enjoy a happy morning with your friends.

I would like to mention here that the Ladies Auxiliary are immensely proud of four of our members. They have worked hard in many ways over the years, and they have all been awarded an OAM. Two of them are still active members – Joyce Mills and May Ridgway. The other two medal holders are Jess Ayres and Joan Beasley from earlier years. We also have an active member Doreen Green, whose mother and aunt, Edie Dwyer, and Florrie Icke, were both members of the Ladies Auxiliary.

Our next meeting has been brought forward to March 31st at 9-30am. This is because the first Friday in the month (our normal meeting day) is Good Friday this year. If you would like to make some new and interesting friends do come along and meet us and be with us on that day. We need some young faces so bring along a friend and join us to help our wonderful hospital.

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Koo Wee Rup Bowls Club

The next round of our Friday Triples competition has been completed in an eventful day with casualties on the Green.

Helen Ralph who was filling in went home after being sick and feeling very unwell. Gwen Fabris [Garfield] had a fall and broke 2 ribs, hurt her shoulder & leg but continued playing for the day. Happier note was the results for the day with the Winning rink being Peter Bott [Pakenham], George Mol & Lyn Thomas [Phillip Is.] with 38 pts. Runner Up team with 36 pts. was Graeme Burton, Lexie Taylor & Alan White [Garfield]. Best 1st game was won by Damian Brick, Gwen Fabris [Garfield] & Margaret Royle [KWR]. on 20 pts. & best 2nd game went to Vince Bevilacqua, Charles

Harris & Graham Woolstenhome [Pakenham] with 18 pts. With only a couple more rounds to play the aggregate is a "two way battle" between Trevor Kitchin [Longwarry] & Ken Clifton [Pakenham]. Another round of this competition has been run and won with the results being the Winners comprising of Vince Bevilacqua, Charles Harris & Graham Woolstenhome [Pakenham] with 38 pts. Runner up rink was John Williams, Neville & Kevin Kitchin [Lang Lang] on 35 pts. Best 1st game went to Ned Courtin, Ken Clifton & Luis Aquilar [Pakenham] on 19 pts. & best 2nd game was won by Peter Bott [Pakenham], George Mol & Lyn Thomas [Phillip Island] with 21 pts.

Some of our former/current members tasted success in various Pennant competitions this season and we congratulate these members. Robert Heus [Dandenong Club/KWR] in Metro. Div. 3 Sec. 8, Matt Stevens [Cranbourne] Metro Div. 2 Sec. 8, Charles Harris [Pakenham] Metro Div. 6 Sec. 8, Joy Jenkins [Murrumbeena/KWR] Metro Div. 8 Sec 5, Wendy Pownall [Karingal] MPBR Div. 3 South & Laurie Bell [Lang Lang] Strezlecki Sth. Div. 3. Our commiserations to Trevor Kitchin [Longwarry] losing the Grand Final by 4 shots in Strezlecki Nth Div. 2. All winners should be promoted for next season.

Members [Peter Butera, Brett Condron, Tim & Mav. Katz, Daniel Price & Ian Richardson] competed in a tournament held at Coatesville recently and finished a very creditable 4th from 32 teams, many from Metro clubs. Well done and some of this group have entered the Vic. Open to be held in the Latrobe Valley at the end of March. The Club wish them well.

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Once the CFA have declared that the Fire Danger Period will end, many residents will be eager to resume bushfire fuel reduction works using open air burning after this date. CFA fire danger period declarations can be found <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/fire-danger-period-restrictions>

Council has recently changed its open air burning regulations. On 1 July 2022, changes to local laws that may affect you came into effect to zones and days when burning off is permitted in Cardinia Shire.

The open air burning provisions are fully detailed in the Cardinia Shire Local Law 20 Open Air Fires which can be downloaded from Council's website: www.cardinia.vic.gov.au

Cardinia Shire is divided into 3 open air fire zones: Urban and Township Zone, Bushland and Peri Urban Zone, and Rural Zone. To check which zone your property is in go to: www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/burningoff

Please note: Open air burning is NOT permitted at any time during the month of July each year.

Conditions	Urban and Township Zone	Bushland and Peri-Urban Zone	Rural Zone
Days when fires are permitted. No burning off in July.	Permit required	Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday	Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
Number of fires permitted at any one time.	Permit required	2	2
Minimum distance required from the edge of the fire to any buildings.	Permit required	12 metres	12 metres
Minimum fire break size (an area clear of combustible materials around the fire).	Permit required	5 metres	5 metres
Maximum size of fire (the size of the amount of material).	Permit required	3 metres in any dimension	3 metres in any dimension

All burns, with or without a permit from Council must be registered to ESTA/Triple Zero Victoria on 1800 668 511 or www.firepermits.vic.gov.au

When do you need a permit?

If your property is in the Urban and Township Zone or you can't meet any of the relevant conditions in a Bushland and Peri-Urban Zone or Rural Zone you will need a Council-issued permit to burn off. You can apply for a permit at no charge. Go to: www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/burningoff or by calling 1300 787 624.

Properties in all zones: The following conditions must be met at all times:

- No burning on a CFA-declared Total Fire Ban Day or during the fire danger period.
- You must ensure all fires are attended at all times and be able to extinguish the fire at any time.
- No burning on severe weather warning days as issued by the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM).

To see the full list of requirements for Open Air Burning go to www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/burningoff

Fire pits, barbecues, pizza ovens and chimineas

Properly constructed fireplaces, designed primarily for food and personal comfort, are permitted to be used where they do not cause an unreasonable nuisance and basic safety requirements are met. More information: www.cardinia.vic.gov.au

Stewart Matulis, Team Leader – Emergency Management, Cardinia Shire Council



Koo Wee Rup and Districts Lions

Written by Linda Sanders

Lions Meetings

Koo Wee Rup Lions have dinner meetings on the first Wednesday of the month at Tooradin Sports Club, Tooradin and Supper meetings on the third Wednesday of the month at the RSL rooms, Station Street, Koo Wee Rup at 7pm.

We are committed to serving our local, national and international communities.

If you would like to join our merry team, please come along to a meeting to see how things are run.

Craft and Patchwork Expo

On the 24th June 2023, the Lions Club of Koo Wee Rup are running the 5th Craft and Patchwork Expo at the community centre at Cochrane Park, Rossiter Rd, Koo Wee Rup. It will be open from 9.30am till 4pm. This is a 1 day event.

There will be a raffle which will be drawn at 3.30pm on the day of the Expo. The prizes are

1st prize: Queen Size quilt

2nd prize: Lap quilt

3rd prize: Patchwork voucher

4th prize: Chandelier Café voucher

Come see what the talented people we have in our district have created. There will be many quilts and other crafts on display for you to admire.

If you have quilts or other crafts you wish to display, please do not hesitate to contact Sheryl Blay Mobile 0409 353 600 or email sherylablay@gmail.com

There will be stall holders selling their goods, a cafe where people can have a sandwich, a Devonshire Tea or Coffee and renew your energy levels and continue a fabulous day. All profits made from this function will go back into the community where we can support those in need.

Pilates at Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service

The popularity of the chair based group has increased in recent months and some progression to mat classes is occurring. All participants have learnt how to get up off the floor correctly especially after a fall. They have also learnt how to help someone else get up without injuring themselves.

Our aim however is to have some really good balance and strength through our Pilates that we can self-correct our balance and not fall.

All ability levels are catered for, and that is the benefit of Pilates. Great core and strength work, plus the bonus of good balance exercises.

You've got nothing to lose as the first class is a **FREE TASTER CLASS**. Cost then is \$5 for 30 minute chair classes and \$10 for a one hour mat classes.

Enquires to Marlene on 0429 814 410

Registrations for 2024 kindergarten are now open

Cardinia Shire Council encourages residents to register for 2024 kindergarten places by 30 June 2023, to be considered for first-round offers.

Children who attend educational play-based kindergarten develop lifelong skills that build their confidence, enhance their social and language skills, expand their physical abilities, and prepare them for schooling.

Kindergarten is free at Cardinia Shire’s community kindergartens, following the State Government’s announcement of the expansion of the Best Start Best Life program.

Cardinia Shire Council provides a central registration portal for kindergarten programs offered in Council facilities.

Three-year-old kindergarten

If a child turns 3 years of age by 30 April 2024, they are eligible to attend their first year of a funded kindergarten program. This is funded by the Victorian and Federal Governments for a minimum of 5 hours per week. Currently, kindergartens across the Shire are offering between 5 to 15 hours per week. Offers for 2024 places for 3-year-old kindergarten will be sent to residents from September 2023.

Four-year-old kindergarten

If a child turns 4 years of age by 30 April 2024, they are eligible to attend their second year of a funded kindergarten program. This is funded by the Victorian and Federal Governments, providing 15 hours per week of early years education for every child. Offers for 2024 places for 4-year-old kindergarten will be sent to residents from August 2023.

Registrations

Register online using Council’s Central Registration Portal.

Registrations received from residents by 30 June 2023 will be included in first-round offers.

Registrations received from residents after 30 June 2023 will be processed in second, and later, offer rounds.

Registrations received from non-residents will be processed from mid-November 2023.

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Lions Skin Check & Awareness Unit



The FREE Skin Check Unit was at the Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th February 2023. There were 3 Dermoscopist working for the 2 days. We had a fourth Dermoscopist helping out on the Saturday.

50 people were screened each day. There were 34 men, 66 ladies screened. 26 people were referred to a specialist to check on something that was detected. 49 of the 100 people had not been screened before.

It was a very good experience and we will hold it again when the unit is in our area.

We received the



following email from Wendy Hellebrand who helped us organise the Skin Check clinic and she is also one of the Dermoscopists and a lovely lady.

*Dear President Ian and Members of the Lions Club of Koo Wee Rup,
Thank-you for the wonderful support and kindness shown to the Team at the hosting of the Lions V Districts Mobile Skin Check and Awareness Unit at Koo Wee Rup.*

Special mention to Ian, Rex, Linda, your administration support and catering team.

Also a thank-you to the public for their generous donations of over \$126.55 which will go towards the operational costs of the Mobile Unit.

Wendy Hellebrand

Heart Foundation Evening Walking Group finishes for the summer season

We had our final walk and celebration dinner on Thu 30th March as daylight saving was finishing the following weekend. Another year done and dusted clocking up 11 years for this evening group. We have up to 10 regular walkers who love to chat and tramp around town.

Why not join us next summer. In the meantime there are still two day time group all year around. 9 am Monday and Thursday mornings from the clock towers in Rossiter Rd.

Enquiries to Marlene on 0429 814 410 Evening Group leader.



Submit your photos to win!

Cardinia Shire Council is inviting residents to share their photos of the shire to win!

The What's on Cardinia photo competition aims to showcase the diverse and unique landscape of Cardinia Shire's environment and people.

The photo competition is open to all ages, and each entrant can submit up to 10 of their own images.

The photos will be judged by a selection panel, who will select 30 final images. The 30 final images will then be posted on the What's on Cardinia Facebook page for a week from 9am Monday 15 May. The photo with the most 'likes' at 5pm Monday 22 May will be crowned the winner!

- 1st place: a \$500 Visa gift card
- 2nd place: a \$300 Visa gift card
- 3rd place: a \$200 Visa gift card

Entries close at 5pm on Thursday 4 May 2023. Winners will be announced on Tuesday 23 May 2023.

For more information, or to submit your images, head to www.whatsoncardinia.com.au or contact Council's Economic Development team on 1300 787 624.

Free waste drop off events

Council's free waste events "Detox Your Home" and "DrumMuster" are back for 2023.

Detox Your Home provides a safe, free and easy way to dispose of unwanted common, toxic household chemicals without harming your health or the environment.

The collected chemicals are safely sorted and transported to a specialist waste treatment facility. Where possible, chemicals are recycled or used for other purposes such as energy recovery.

Additionally, DrumMuster provides commercial and residential community members with disposal opportunities for eligible, cleaned agvet chemical containers.

Council's trained staff manage the event, and organise for the drums to be collected and recycled afterwards.

Detox Your Home

Date: Saturday 22 April 2023

Time: 9am to 2pm

Location: Council Depot, 18 Purton Road, Pakenham

More information and to register: [Eventbrite website](#)

DrumMuster

Date: Saturday 22 April 2023


Time: 9am to 12 noon

Location: Council Depot, 18 Purton Road, Pakenham

More information on the [DrumMUSTER website](#). No registration required.

For more information about Council's waste drop-off events and to register for Detox Your Home, visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/dropoff

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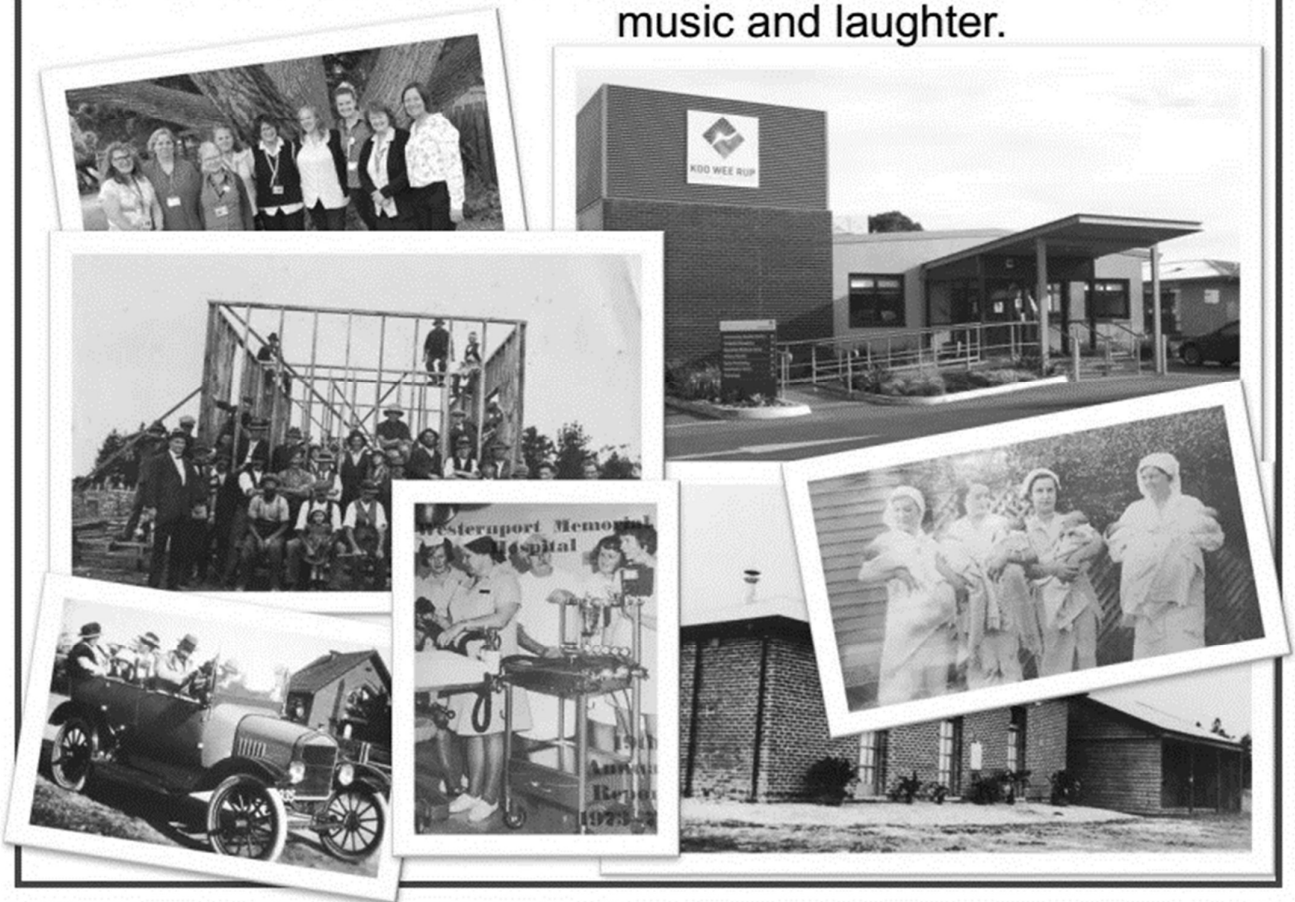
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The course includes building email skills, creating in Microsoft Word, finding information online, being social, managing information, connecting to devices, day to day technology, being safe and secure and some new online experiences.

**Tuesdays commencing 2 May for 8 sessions,
9.30am - 12.30pm Cost \$50 (includes course notes)**

Let's Talk Social Media (Social Media 101)

The good, the bad and the ugly side.

These sessions will be fun and interactive and an opportunity to share experiences.

Parents

This session will include: how to manage social media, dangers of social media and how it can influence our children. Also covers different tools to support parents and tips for discussions between parents/children about social media.

**Tuesday 30 May, 6.00pm – 7.30pm FREE
Children/Teenagers**

This session will include: how to use social media to your advantage, how does social media work and how to be safe online.

Tuesday 6 June for 3 sessions, 6.00pm – 7.00pm FREE

Crafternoons

Enjoy papercrafting in a social setting. Could include cardmaking, scrapbooking, art journaling, junk journals etc. Come along, bring your own supplies and projects, craft together, share ideas and inspirations. Danielle will be there to assist and have some project kits available for sale.

**Tuesdays once per month: 18 April, 23 May, 20 June.,
1.00pm - 4.00pm Cost \$5 per session**

Laughter Yoga

Laughter is the best medicine, it boosts your immune system, improves circulation, reduces anxiety, decreases stress and depression. A fun social class for all round health and wellness. A sense of humour is not required, but you will develop one.

**Tuesdays commencing 18 April for 10 sessions
(No class 25 April), 6.00pm - 7.00pm Cost \$20**

All Together Choir

It is proven that singing can help improve health, happiness, confidence and give a sense of belonging. Our inclusive All Together Choir welcomes you to join this fun group. If you love singing and want to meet new people then this is the group for you.

Stay and have a cuppa and a chat afterwards.

**Thursdays commencing 27 April for 9 sessions,
10.30am - 12.00pm Cost \$7 per session**

Indian Cooking and Culture (Vegetarian)

Join us at Officer Temple (Gurdwara) to learn about Indian food, flavours, spices and culture. Discover how to make those famous vegetarian dishes that smell and taste so good. The cooking experience is hands on and provides a great opportunity to immerse yourself in the great culinary delights of this culture.

Please bring a small container to take home what you make and an apron. You will receive a gift of 2 recipe books at the end of the course.

Understanding the Art of Indian Cooking

Friday 2 June, 6.00pm - 7.30pm

Let's Get Cooking

Friday 9 and 16 June, 5.00pm - 7.00pm

Cost FREE (Can make small donation)

Location: Gurdwara Siri Guru Nanak Darbar Officer, 33 Officer Road, Officer facebook.com/sgndofficer

Kitty Harris Townson & Margaret O'Riordan Hamilton of Koo Wee Rup

By Heather Arnold, Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society

When the Fallen Soldiers' Memorial Hospital at Koo Wee Rup opened on May 23, 1923 there was an extensive report in the *Koo Wee Rup Sun*. This line caught my interest - *Mrs M. Hamilton then declared open a ward to the memory of the late Mrs Townson*. This post looks at the lives of these two women.

Kitty Townson

Kate Dyson Townson, known as Kitty, was born on July 11, 1881, the eldest of the six children of William Harris (1846-1914) and his wife Mary Augusta Derrick (1860-1940). Kitty's great-grandfather, Thomas Derrick, was one of the original settlers at Kew, and her grandfather, Samuel Derrick, owned a farm on Bulleen Road (now High Street) in Kew, before he moved to Lancefield around 1880. Samuel's sister, Ellen Quick, who died at the age of 36 in March 1859, was the first person to be buried in the Boroondara Cemetery; she left behind four young children. Samuel's wife, Mary, also died young, at only 37. She was found in a waterhole on the farm at Kew and could not be revived. The Inquest returned a verdict of accidental death. Mary had been on the point of giving birth and the baby also did not survive. Mary left behind eight children aged between 18 years and 2 years old.

Kitty was born at Lancefield and her birth was followed by her siblings, William Howarth (1883-1926), Ruby Mary (1885-?), Samuel Derrick (1887-1888), John Samuel (1893-1961) and Tom Derrick (1897-1973). Her father, William, was a Music Teacher. Around September 1900, William and Mary left Lancefield for Kerang, where, as the *Kerang Times* reported, *he had accepted the offer of an extensive practice at Kerang and Pyramid Hill*. Kitty stayed in Lancefield to *continue her duties of music teaching*.



O'Riordan's Store and Margaret Hamilton's Post Office, Station Street,
August 1924 flood

Around 1910, Kitty moved to Cranbourne where she was listed in the Electoral Roll as a Music Teacher, and she later moved to Koo Wee Rup. I don't know the reason for her move from Lancefield, but Kitty was a popular personality in the area and on December 29, 1917 she married Henry John Townson at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Newport. One of the witnesses was Mary O'Riordan, more of whom below. Local historian David Mickle, describes Harry (as he was known) as *a popular young storekeeper who worked at O'Riordan's store at Koo Wee Rup*. The marriage certificate lists her age as 31 and his as 27; his age was correct but she was actually 36. Harry had been born in 1890 in Kilmore as Henry John Banks, to Sarah Banks and father 'unknown'.

Sadly, the marriage was cut short by the premature death of Kitty, who died of Spanish Influenza on June 12, 1919, when she was only 37, the same age as her grandmother, Mary Derrick and just one year older than her great-aunt, Ellen Quick. We turn to David Mickle again who wrote - *She had been a popular musician and played at most concerts and dances. Her death meant a great loss to the town and everyone felt very sad about Harry's bereavement*.

This is Kitty's obituary from *Koo Wee Rup Sun* of June 18, 1919 -

The news of the death of Mrs ("Kitty") Townson, briefly referred to in our last issue, has been received everywhere with great sorrow. There was not a more popular and deeply loved lady throughout the whole shire, and her death leaves a wide gap which will be hard to fill. The deceased lady, by her charming personality and unaffected good nature, kind and charitable disposition, endeared herself to all who knew her. When her services for sweet Charity were required they were always given with a smile. Her name will always be revered while there are loving hearts to beat and memory exists.

The late Mrs Townson attended her last public function at the Five Mile on Friday night, June 6, and presented her last programme. This function is destined to be a memorable one, as it was the precursor of much pain and sorrow, and the removal from our midst of several residents whose deaths are deeply deplored. On Saturday Mrs Townson took ill, and she lingered up to Thursday afternoon, when she passed peacefully away at the age of 37 years. The deepest sympathy is felt for her sorrowing husband, who was ill in bed, but is now fortunately recovering. To Mrs Harris almost the utmost sympathy is extended in the loss of a loving daughter.

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The funeral took place on Friday, the remains being interred in the Pakenham Cemetery. A large concourse followed the remains to their last resting place. It is certain that the cortege would have been much larger had the event been more widely known. The Rev. E.J. Evans read the Anglican burial service at the graveside. There were a large number of floral offerings. Amongst the mourners were Messrs Tom Harris and W.H. Harris, brothers of the deceased. The scene at the graveside was very affecting. The funeral arrangements were in the hands of Mr O. Smith, of Pakenham.

The details of Harry's life after the death of his wife have proved somewhat elusive. At some time he left Koo Wee Rup and in 1923 he married Elizabeth Auld Kipling. In the 1927 Electoral Roll he is listed at 26 The Esplanade, St Kilda. In 1931, the couple were at 116 Harold Street in Middle Park and he also operated a grocery store in Victoria Street, Malvern. There were no children from either marriage and I believe he died in 1931.

Margaret Hamilton

Margaret Mary O'Riordan was born December 3, 1884, in Bordertown, South Australia to John and Elizabeth (nee O'Callaghan) O'Riordan. They then moved to Victoria where the rest of the family were born – Mary 'Mollie' (1887-1980), Joseph Leonard (1890-1892). The last three children were born at Koo Wee Rup, where their father had opened the first store. John Leslie 'Les' O'Riordan was born on August 26, 1892, the first white child born in Koo Wee Rup. He married Margaret Colvin in 1918, and they lived at *Mallow*, in Rossiter Road, now the headquarters and Museum of the Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society. The house was built by her father, John Colvin. Les



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was followed by Eileen (1895 -1899), and Joseph (1899-1957). John O'Riordan died September 17, 1901, aged 44, and Elizabeth died March 9, 1910, aged 45.


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Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society

Annual Luncheon

Guest Speaker is Gerry Cunningham

~Swamp Historian, Poet and Raconteur~



Koo Wee Rup
When - May 28, 12 noon.
Where -Tooradin & District Sports Club, Recreation Reserve, Tooradin
Cost - \$30.00 per head. Drinks at bar prices.

Swamp 1894
Sunday, 2023 at


RSVP, including any special dietary requirements, by May 21, 2023 to Heather Arnold - 0407 521 637 harnold@dcsi.net.au

Getting to know your Family History:
a series of talks on the third Thursday of the month, 2023.


Presented by
Jane Rivett-Carnac, President of the Narre Warren & District Family History Group and Heather Arnold, President of the Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society.
Venue: Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society Museum, 325 Rossiter Road, cr Henry Street, Koo Wee Rup.
Talks run from 11.00am to 12 noon.

Programme-
April 20 - Military records
May 18 - Using Newspapers for family history - Trove and other sources of newspapers
June 15 - Trove: more than just newspapers
July 20 - Cemeteries: you can learn a lot in a cemetery- dead men do tell tales
August 17 - National Archives of Australia and Public Records Office of Victoria
September 21 - Photographs and Maps: where to find them and why you want to
October 19 - Irish records
November 16 - Local History Societies, RHSV, Cornish Society and similar groups and how they can help with your family history.

Gold coin donation appreciated. No bookings required.
Parking available at rear of Museum.
More information – Jane 0412 084 671 or Heather 0407 521 637



These talks are brought to you by the Narre Warren and District Family History Group and the Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society



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Margaret's husband, Henry Campbell Hamilton (SN 4719) enlisted on January 14, 1916 at the age of 39 and his occupation was 'Manager, General Store' and his next of kin was his 'friend', Miss O'Riordan of Koo Wee Rup. Miss O'Riordan soon became his wife as they were married on January 29, 1916 at the Catholic Church in Koo Wee Rup. Henry was listed in the 1914 and 1916 Electoral as a 'horse trainer' and I assume that he managed O'Riordan's store (where Harry Townson also worked); so did he get that job when he became sweet on Miss O'Riordan or did he get into the family business after they started going out? Perhaps being the manager of a general store provided a more consistent income than being a horse trainer.

The *Lang Lang Guardian* of February 9, 1916 had this lovely report of their wedding. Mollie O'Riordan was her bridesmaid, she also did the honours for Kitty Harris the next year; and Kitty played the Wedding March at the service -

A very quiet wedding ceremony was performed at St John's R. C. Church, Kooweerup, on the 29th ult., The Church was nicely decorated by the lady friends of the bride and although the day was wet and stormy, a large number of friends attended the service. The contracting parties were Miss Maggie O'Riordan and Mr Henry Hamilton, the Rev. Father Cusack was the officiating priest. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr J. L. O'Riordan, and Miss Mary O'Riordan, sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid. Mr F. Ellis being best man. The bride was daintily gowned in white embroidered organdi muslin over white silk, and wore a pink crepe de chine hat with white lancer plume. The bridesmaid was gowned in white embroidered voile. As the bridal party left the church amidst showers of confetti, Miss K. Harris played the beautiful wedding march. A reception and breakfast was given at the Coffee Palace, where the toast of the 'Bride and Bridegroom' was ably proposed by Father Cusack, and responded to by the bridegroom. The bridesmaid's toast, proposed by Mr Barlow was responded to by Mr F. Ellis. The presents were both numerous and costly. The happy couple left by the evening train for their honeymoon, amidst showers of confetti and rice, and as the train was about to start their many friends sang 'For they are jolly good fellows.'

Their daughter, Mary, was born in 1917, and she was to be their only child as Henry sadly, Died of Wounds, on October 8, 1917, sustained whilst fighting in France. As Henry had embarked in July 1916 for service overseas, he would never have met his little girl.

Mrs Hamilton died on July 20, 1938 at the age of 53. This is her Obituary from the *Koo Wee Rup Sun* of July 21

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Mrs Margaret Hamilton, which sad event occurred at 5.30 a.m Wednesday at the home of her sister, Mrs A. Grantley, Kooweerup. Deceased was the daughter of the late Mr and Mrs O'Riordan, pioneers of this district, and was born at Bordertown, S.A. Her husband, Mr Henry Campbell Hamilton, was killed in action in 1917. For the past 30 years the deceased had capably performed the duties of post-mistress at Kooweerup, and through this office as well as the great interest she had at all times taken in movements in the interest of the district and in charitable causes she had gained the friendship and love of all with whom she had come in contact, and the news of her demise has naturally created quite a gloom over a very wide area. Deceased, who had been ailing for the past two years, had so bravely borne her suffering that to many her demise was anything but expected. She leaves a daughter (Mary), two brothers (John and Joseph), and one sister (Mrs A. Grantley) to mourn her great loss. The internment will take place in the Dandenong Cemetery to-day (Thursday), the cortege leaving St. John's Church, Kooweerup, after Requiem Mass has concluded at 10 a.m.

You can imagine what a sad, but proud, occasion the opening of the Fallen Soldiers' Memorial Hospital must have been for Margaret Hamilton, having to open a ward in honour of her late friend, Kitty Townson, and also having to see the Memorial plaque unveiled for the fallen soldiers, including her late husband Henry.

The Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm at Mallow house in Rossiter Road, corner of Henry Street. The next meeting is on April 12, 2023. New members welcome. The Museum is open the second and fourth Sundays from 1.30pm until 4.00pm. Heather Arnold

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Jim and Joe Moore, Joe Morrison (Blacksmith), Margaret Hamilton and Les O'Riordan at the entrance of O'Riordan's Store. Mid 1920s. Station Street, Koo Wee Rup, Royal Hotel in the background.



**KOO WEE RUP & DISTRICT RSL SUB-BRANCH
ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE**

25th APRIL 2023

All Welcome — WEAR YOUR MEDALS

0540 am : Form up at Clock Towers— Rossiter Road Koo Wee Rup
 0550 am : March to Cenotaph along the Avenue of Honour
 0600 am : Dawn Service at the Cenotaph— In front of Community Centre
 Followed by Gunfire Breakfast in the Community Centre—All Welcome



Lest We Forget

Enquiries or Wreath laying requests : Bev Edwards (Secretary)
 Phone: 0400 584235 or kooweerup.rsl@gmail.com

3300 South Gippsland Highway - KOO WEE RUP
 (Next to Tooradin Airfield)

**HAREWOOD
HERITAGE DAY**



SUNDAY 2ND APRIL 2023 10am - 3pm

ENTRY: \$15 Adult, \$5 Concession
 \$35 Family (2 adults/2 concessions)

- Tours of Harewood House & Grounds
- Local Historical Displays
- Traditional Trades & Craft demonstrations
- Vintage Cars
- Period Costumes
- Food Stalls
- Live Entertainment
- Plus Much More...

Proceeds to Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service

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Good Friday Appeal

This year Koo Wee Rup Fire Brigade will be fundraising for The Good Friday Appeal. Please come see us in front of Woolworths on Saturday April 1st 12pm-4pm and Thursday April 6th 4pm-7pm and donate to a great cause. We accept any denomination so feel free to empty your car console and hand over a fist full of 5c pieces. We also have an online fundraising account which you can access by the below link.

<https://fundraise.goodfridayappeal.com.au/s/2133/2966/s>

**KOO WEE
COFFEE CLUB**



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

April	5	Royal Hotel
	19	Chandelier Café
May	3	Royal Hotel
	17	Chandelier Café
	31	Degani
June	7	Royal Hotel
	21	Chandelier Café



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Koo Wee Coffee Club