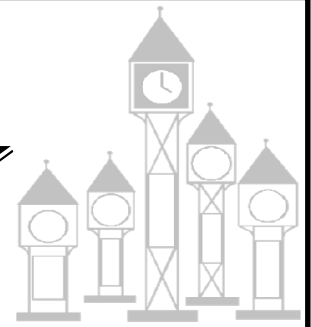


THE KOO WEE RUP BLACKFISH



JULY 2023

Craft & Patchwork Expo 2023

Late last month the Koo Wee Rup Lions presented their 5th Craft and Patchwork Expo at the Community Centre.
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Koo Wee Rup Township Committee Meeting

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

Rob Jones, Environmental Planner at Cardinia Shire Council made a presentation about the Cardinia Share Biolink Plan and opportunities for engagement in the Koo Wee Rup area from.

The Biolink Plan was developed by mapping remnant vegetation and then modelling how animals move through the landscape. This identified existing habitat nodes and connections and also where links could be improved or added.

The modelling identified Koo Wee Rup as an important area to improve and link habitat nodes. A 4 year project was developed for around \$3.5m that would work within the Koo Wee Rup Township and surrounding areas to improve habitat links primarily for Southern Brown Bandicoot. To develop this initial project further Council is seeking funding from state and federal government and will look to establish a stakeholder group to assist in guiding the project and engaging the Koo Wee Rup community.

Further information on the Cardinia Shire Biolink Plan can be found by googling 'Cardinia Shire Biolink Plan or at: https://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/directory_record/5052/biolink_plan

Discussion of lack of development of old PMP because of access requirements from Department of Transport. A controlled intersection at Moody Street may solve this issue. Cr Cameron has suggested lights at Moody St and Station St to assist with pedestrian crossing.

There was still some uncertainty over what was meant by Community Care Accommodation as proposed for Henry St.

Secretary will respond to Cardinia Council re clarification of laneway traffic direction as initial response refers to Moody St laneway not Gardiner St.

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What's on in Koo Wee Rup and District

July

Mon 3rd	KWR Senior Citizens Indoor Bowls (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11am
Mon 3rd	CWA Meeting	Senior Citizens Club	7.30pm
Wed 5th	Coffee Club (back page)	Royal Hotel	10am
Wed 5th	Lions Club Meeting	Tooradin Sports Club	7pm
Wed 5th	Township Committee Meeting (front page)	Community Centre	7.30pm
Fri 7th	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch & Bingo (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Mon 10th	KWR Senior Citizens Indoor Bowls (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11am
Mon 10th	Chair Pilates (page 13)	Eco House - Hospital	5pm
Mon 10th	Mat Pilates (page 13)	Eco House - Hospital	6pm
Tue 11th	Morning Melodies – Glenn Douglas (page 4)	Caldermeade Farm	10.30am
Tue 11th	Hall Committee Meeting (back page)	Community Centre	7.30pm
Wed 12th	KWR Swamp Historical Society Meeting (page 27)	KWR Historical Society	6pm
Thu 13th	Kids Corner with Amy (page 4)	Caldermeade Farm	10am
Fri 14th	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch & Bingo (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Sat 15th	Mat Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	9am
Sat 15th	Monthly Craft and Produce Market (page 22)	Caldermeade Farm	9am
Sun 16th	Bayles Fauna Park Working Bee (page 10)	Bayles Fauna Park	9am
Mon 17th	KWR Senior Citizens Indoor Bowls (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11am
Mon 17th	Chair Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	5pm
Mon 17th	Mat Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	6pm
Mon 17th	CWA Craft Meeting	Senior Citizens Club	7.30pm
Tue 18th	Morning Melodies – Paul Hogan (page 4)	Caldermeade Farm	10.30am
Wed 19th	Coffee Club	Chandelier Café	10am
Wed 19th	Lions Club Meeting	RSL Clubrooms	7pm
Thu 20th	Kids Corner with Amy (page 4)	Caldermeade Farm	10am
Thu 20th	Getting to know your family history (back page)	KWR Historical Society	11am
Fri 21st	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch & Bingo (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Sat 22nd	Mat Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	9am
Sat 22nd	Abba Tribute Night	Caldermeade Farm	5.30pm
Mon 24th	Morning Melodies – Paul Hogan (page 4)	Caldermeade Farm	10.30am
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	Morning Melodies – Paul Hogan (page 4)	Caldermeade Farm	10.30am
Wed 26th	Morning Melodies – Arnie Grives (page 4)	Caldermeade Farm	10.30am
Thu 27th	Kids Corner with Amy (page 4)	Caldermeade Farm	10am
Thu 27th	Elvis tribute show (page 20)	Bayles Public Hall	10.30am
Fri 28th	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch & Bingo (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Sat 29th	Mat Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	9am

August

Wed 2nd	Coffee Club	Royal Hotel	10am
Wed 2nd	Lions Club Meeting	Tooradin Sports Club	7pm
Wed 2nd	Township Committee Meeting AGM (page 5)	Community Centre	7.30pm
Fri 4th	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch & Bingo (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Mon 7th	KWR Senior Citizens Indoor Bowls (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11am
Mon 7th	CWA Meeting	Senior Citizens Club	7.30pm

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

Caroline Roff, Editor

Koo Wee Rup Lions Craft & Patchwork Expo 2023

What a successful day we had at our fifth Craft and Patchwork Expo 2023; we didn't have to worry about being shut down for covid which is wonderful for the stress levels. All monies made go directly back into our communities.

We have so many talented people in our community the quality of and the standard of entries has left me speechless.

Voters Choice winners are:

Best Quilt Peter Hartley - Roman Tiles

Best Crocheting/Knitting Cathy Stephens - Child's cardigan with hexagons

Best Embroidery Sandra Dore - Tiny treasures hexagons

Best Painting/Drawing Kaye Chaplin - Lady Shopping

Best Other Craft Bev Edwards - Dress & Cape - Homage to the winter solstice

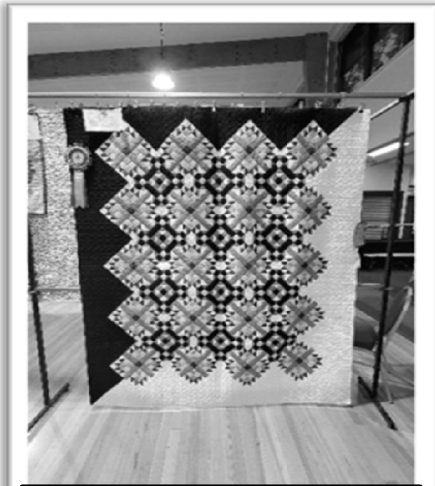
Raffle Prize winners are:

1st *Queen size quilt* Carol Stunden

2nd *Lap quilt* Peggy Fisher

3rd *Craft Quarters Voucher* Ian Gratton

4th *Chandelier Voucher* Marilyn Angus



**Quilt Section:
Peter Hartley**



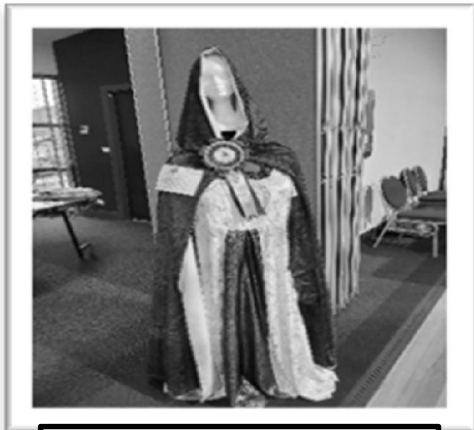
**Crocheting: Jacket
Cathy Stephens**



**Embroidery Section:
Sandra Dore**



**Painting & Drawing:
Kaye Chaplin**



**Other: Winter Solstice
Costume Bev Edwards**





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UPCOMING JULY EVENTS:

- 11th - Morning Melodies - Glenn Douglas (FREE!)
- 13th - Kids Corner with Amy (FREE!)
- 15th - Market (FREE!)
- 18th - Morning Melodies - Paul Hogan (FREE!)
- 20th - Kids Corner with Amy (FREE!)
- 22nd - Abba Tribute night (\$25+ - Eventbrite)
- 24th - Morning Melodies - Paul Hogan (FREE!)
- 25th - Morning Melodies - Paul Hogan (FREE!)
- 26th - Morning Melodies - Arnie Grives (FREE!)
- 27th - Kids Corner with Amy (FREE!)

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Here's the latest news from the KRHS Ladies Auxiliary

Our last monthly meeting was held on the 2nd of June 2023. It has been a quiet and less stressful month after all our hospital's 100-year anniversary celebrations in May.

We are now planning for our Fashion Parade on September 7th, 2023, with Kay's Fashions and, again, the venue will be the Senior Citizens' Club in Icke Road. We will have more details of this event later. Our next meeting is on Friday the 3rd of July at 9:30 am in the education room (Next to pathology).

Come along ladies and join in the fun; we need some young ladies as well to bring along fresh ideas for our fund-raising activities. If you need any information or just a chat, telephone Olive on 0435 034 101 or Marlene on 5997 1339.

Olive Stokes. Secretary.

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

Nat Noonan, Connected Communities Coordinator, Cardinia Shire Council advised on the following:

- Recent volunteer event and Stan Henwood Award was well attended.
- Council budget is being finalised and expected to be endorsed by end of June.
- 6TH July community training/information event on joining a committee.
- Community safety policy is on the council web page for comment until 2 July.
- A forum is to be held in July for the Cardinia Shire Liveability Plan.

Many groups are struggling to get volunteers and maintain viable numbers on committees, resulting in groups disbanding. This is happening across the board, except most sporting organisations. It is important that groups maintain a culture that is welcoming and friendly to encourage new participants. Many committees are older but need to encourage younger members of the community to join.

The old rail bridge across the Bunyip Main Drain is continuing to deteriorate. The Secretary will contact the Department of Transport for them to investigate options.

The lights in the carpark at the Koo Wee Rup Bus Interchange are not working. This will also be reported to DoT.

Koo Wee Rup
Township Committee
AGM
Wednesday, 2nd
August 2023
7.30pm
KWR Community
Centre




Tooradin

My name is Chelsea Scoble and I am a local Personal Trainer and Online Coach. I have started this gym with a child-friendly area so you can bring your kids along if needed. I want to provide the community with a safe space to workout, increase strength and fitness and improve quality of life with the endless list of benefits exercise has to offer.

OFFERING...

- 24/7 Gym coming soon
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- Casual Sessions
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- Personal Training
- Nutrition Coaching
- Kids area
- Remedial massage
- Kids classes 4-12 years coming soon

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9:15am: Strength <small>Chelsea</small>	9:15am: HIIT <small>Chelsea</small>	9:15am: Stepfit <small>Chelsea</small>
5:30pm: Strength <small>Jack</small>	5:30pm: HIIT <small>Chelsea</small>	5:30pm: Boxing <small>Chelsea</small>
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9:15am: Strength <small>Chelsea</small>	9:15am: HIIT <small>Chelsea</small>	9am: Boxing <small>Chelsea</small>
5:30pm: Strength <small>Jason</small>	10:15am: Over 50's <small>Chelsea</small>	



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What was that siren?

June 2023

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:

- 25/4/23 – Motor Vehicle Collision/Possible entrapment – South Gippsland Hwy Tooradin
- 26/4/23 – Child locked in car – Westernport Rd Lang Lang
- 30/4/23 – Hay Bales on fire – Walshes Rd Catani
- 13/5/23 - House Fire – Railway Rd Koo Wee Rup
- 14/5/23 – Motor Vehicle Collision – Ballarto Rd Koo Wee Rup
- 18/5/23 – Smoke sighting – Manks Rd Koo Wee Rup
- 19/5/23 - Motor Vehicle Collision/Possible entrapment – Station St Koo Wee Rup
- 19/5/23 - Motor Vehicle Collision/Possible entrapment – South Gippsland Hwy Koo Wee Rup
- 3/6/23- 19/5/23 - Motor Vehicle Collision – Rossiter Rd Koo Wee Rup
- 4/6/23 – Vehicle smoking – South Gippsland Hwy Lang Lang
- 10/6/23 - Motor Vehicle Collision/Possible entrapment – H/Koo Wee Rup Rd Koo Wee Rup
- 13/6/23 – Grass Fire – L/Koo Wee Rup Rd Bayles
- 20/6/23 - Motor Vehicle Collision/Possible entrapment – South Gippsland Tooradin



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.

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.

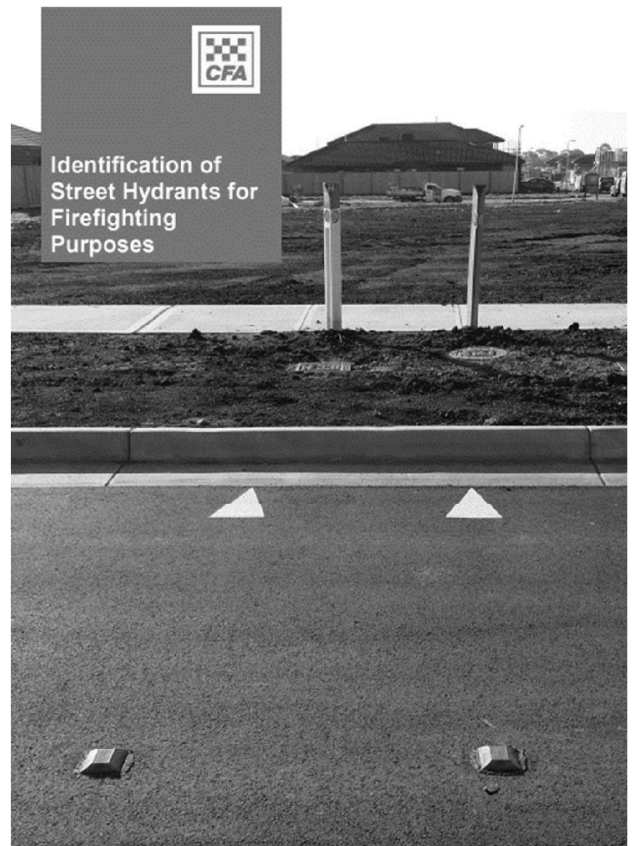
As all alarms have a 10-year service life, all alarms should be replaced if they are more than 10-years old, batteries should be replaced regularly and they should be tested monthly.

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

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Some of my earliest childhood memories *by Geoff Stokes*

It would be February 2022 when I wrote about my life as a 7-year-old and the car accident I had in December of 1939. My subsequent hospitalisation was my story in the February '22 *Blackfish* issue and I know a lot of readers liked that bit of a memoir because they rang and told me so. Although I was only seven years old, it wasn't the first time I had been sent to hospital because in 1937 I spent five weeks in our town's infectious diseases infirmary. I still remember this very well and I will now tell you about it but, first let's set the scene. I lived in a UK village called Bradmore, very close to the town (now city) of Wolverhampton. Today Bradmore is part of that city.



This is me at 4 years old. I am with my Mom and two sisters.

The lady on the right is mom's cousin. Taken in 1936.

How do you like the ladies' fashions!

Today Bradmore is part of that city.

Getting to be four and five years old was good for my ego because very soon I would be going to school like all the other big kids in our street. In fact, I started school very early, two months after I was four years old. In the UK at that time a child had to attend their first year at school in the school year that he or she turned five years old. (No pre-school or kindergarten in those years). The UK school year started in September and finished for the school holidays at the end of July of the following year. My birthday is the 16th of July! So, in September 1936 my mom walked me to Bradmore Infants' School to commence my academic studies. By this time the old local St. Philip's Day School that my mom and dad and my sisters had attended had closed (1928). This was the first and last time my mom took me to school as I was so embarrassed at the jibes of the other kids that day: jibes of, "Mommy's boy! Mommy has to bring you to school! Has to have his hand held! ...poor dear Mommy's boy!"

My first teacher was Mrs. Lewis: I can see her now, severe, and very old; perhaps twenty-

two or three I suppose when I think about it now! Meeting her gave me a sudden unceremonious jolt. You see, I thought she would be a loving and fawning female, just like my mom and my sisters and my sister's friends. No: I was faced with an alien being who not only told me what to do all the time but also relegated me to the most junior and embarrassing position in the infants' class percussion band. That of the triangle player! Gadzooks!

It was when I was five that I caught scarlet fever. How? I do not know but my mom was convinced that I caught it standing too close to the workmen cleaning out the dirty, smelly water drains at the front of our house. I always have been interested in how things work, and I remember these particular workmen showing me the filthy insides of the long, wide-necked stiff leather pipe (no plastics then) that they had lowered into the now un-covered seething pit. However, it's more likely I caught it from someone else who coughed or sneezed around me. Just before I succumbed to the disease, I was excited about having my cousins visit us from Nottingham; a city then about a two-hour bus journey away from Bradmore. It was my cousin Stella, who is a year older than me, and Brenda who is five years older: Brenda was more inclined to knock around with my two sisters rather than bother with me. Stella, however, has been my lifelong 'mate' and we both had lots of fun together at this time and in the many times she visited us, or when we visited their house in Nottingham. I also had a cousin Frank, Stella and Brenda's brother, but he didn't visit us very often because he was older and possibly had other teenage things to do. He was very upset when he did stay with us once; he and I slept in the same bed one night due to lack of family bedroom space and, during the night, I was ill and vomited all over the sleeping Frank. He was not amused!

I had been given a 'fairy cycle', as it was then called, for a birthday present and on this very small 'toy' bike I quickly learned to ride. When Stella and Brenda arrived, there was no way they were going to ride my bike, I wouldn't let them, but mom fixed my childish selfishness all right. I awoke this one morning of their holiday to look out of my bedroom window and, with horror, saw Stella riding my bike up and down the footpath. They had made sure that I had slept in that morning!

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Some of my earliest childhood memories *from previous page*

It was during their short holiday that they were having with us that I agreed to go for a ride with a friend who lived with his grandmother just up the road from us. His name was Freddy Cull. He had a very large bike, and he was a big lad about thirteen or fourteen years old: he asked me to go with him to visit his Aunty who lived in a village called Dimminsdale. I said yes because I could ride very well now and off we went. Problem. I hadn't told my mom where I was going, mainly because I didn't know where Dimminsdale was anyway. Freddie was very good he rode very slowly whilst my little legs were whizzing around trying to keep up with him on my fairy cycle. To cut a long story short it took us a long time to get to Dimminsdale; in fact, it is about seven miles (11.5km) from where I lived. I was exhausted; I was only five years old and there was seven miles to ride back. Then a strange thing happened. As we were talking to Freddy's Aunty at her front gate, a car, a rare thing in those days, came around the corner. In it was my Aunty Gwen, my mother's sister, and Uncle Geoff out for a Sunday excursion in their brand-new automobile. They were not at all surprised to see me, neither were they particularly concerned to notice that I was miles away from home; they just waved, didn't speak and off they went with a toot-toot on the horn of their car. I cannot remember my ride home, but I can remember arriving at the top end of Victoria Road where I lived and there were lots of people out looking for me. I was officially lost and missing. My dad was one of the first to see me and I fell off my bike and into his arms: he just held me very tight and carried me home. Stella was with him, and she was crying and being comforted by my sisters. I was put straight to bed. I was ill during the night; my temperature soared, and I was in a bit of delirium, so I was told. Over the next day a vivid rash appeared all over my body and my very white furry tongue turned a strawberry colour. Dr. Charles Spackman was called, and he arrived on his horse quite soon after which he tethered to the iron railings fixed to our front garden wall. There were no telephones in our area in 1937 so Dad had had to cycle to the doctor's house to alert him of my condition. I was diagnosed with Scarlet Fever and off I went to the infectious diseases' infirmary in Wolverhampton; colloquially called, with much awe and wonder by the locals, 'The Fever Hospital'. Presumably I went by ambulance, but I cannot recall this now.

I was in the hospital for about five weeks, completely isolated from outsiders and, presumably, from all others as well during my infectious and contagious period. Mom and Dad used to come and look at me through the window in the ward door; this was as near to me as they could get. They brought toys for me, and I was devastated when I found out that, when I was better, I couldn't take home any of my playthings that I had collected. In fact, I could take home nothing at all; no clothes, no personal items or, as I said, no toys and books etc., none of these items were allowed outside of the infirmary. I wasn't too lonely in there and there were lots of boys around me mostly my age but there was one lad in the next bed to me whom I thought spoke in a very funny way. Amongst other things, he told me was, that, "Is owed mon kep the black os pub in Pakfeld". What he was saying was, "My father is the landlord of the Black Horse public house inn in Parkfield". His way of speaking absolutely fascinated me and it wasn't too long before I was copying every word he said, and I developed what I thought was a new and novel way to express myself. When I finally returned home my sisters were horrified to hear my new, broad, uneducated West Midland's dialect and it was quickly knocked out of me by the fact that they refused to understand me or even acknowledge me when I spoke to them. I then had to re-pronounce the English words that I previously knew before they would condescend to even consider my requests and questions.

I was looked after by several lovely nurses in the hospital, one, Nurse Smith, was my favourite. She used to read to me and play games with me and generally spoiled me. You may recall Nurse Smith was the nurse who also looked after me two years later following my accident with a car. Time passed and I was getting better, so my little mates and I were

allowed out into the walled garden. I liked being there because there were lots of pretty colours and vegetables and plants that I had never seen before. We got into trouble with the gardener when he caught us eating some of his veggies and the fruit that we had scrumped from his trees! He was not amused.

The legacy left with me from this bout of Scarlet Fever, was a continual ear infection after I arrived back home, namely otitis media, followed by otorrhoea and an ear membrane perforation and this problem went on for some months. There were no antibiotics available for me in those years, so I had to put up with the pain that came with this affliction. I used to go to Dad in the middle of the night crying with extreme discomfort and he used to heat up a teaspoon of pure olive oil with a lighted candle and when it was warm enough he would pour it down my ear with a loud crackle and pop! My ear would then be packed with cotton wool and off I would go to bed again to try and sleep. During the day my

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Bayles Fauna Park

Working Bee

Sunday, 16 July

9am to 12 noon

followed by a sausage sizzle
lunch.

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

All welcome

Some of my earliest childhood memories *from previous page*

ear would discharge with a thick strong-smelling puss, much to my horror. Remember, there were no paper tissues in those years! Eventually the infection subsided, and I could finally get back to school, to Mrs. Lewis and the triangle in the infants' percussion band, albeit a little bit deaf!

My hospital bout must have been after May 1937 because I remember the coronation day of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth and all the festivities that were held in our school playground. It was also the first day that I really noticed a girl! I had no idea what her name was, but I was overwhelmed by the sight of this lass and couldn't take my eyes off her. I later found out her name was Olwyn Muggleton; she was very much older than me and I didn't speak to her or anything, but I couldn't sleep that night thinking about her. By the next day, of course she was forgotten as the morning game of football (soccer) started in the schoolyard. At that time my dad used to sing a well-known little ditty of the time about the abdication of Edward VIII which I recall went something like "...Hark the herald angels sing. Mrs. Simpson's pinched our King. Peace on earth and mercy mild. Mrs. Simpson's had a child ". There also must have been a local council election on at the same time because he sang another one for that "...Vote, vote, vote for Charlie Mander / He's the greatest fellow in the land..." etc., etc. Dad must have been a supporter of him! I still have the Coronation Mug presented to me on that day in May 1937, it was carried in my hand carefully and without dropping it, whilst my little mates and I pushed and shoved each other all the way home from school. It now has pride of place on a shelf in our stand-alone dresser.



Form two at Bradmore Infants' School was presided over by Miss Steed, a strict disciplinarian. At the end of this year, we were expected to be able to read, write (stringed writing not allowed), and do some multiplication, adding and subtraction. It was here that we all learned to 'sing' together our mathematical tables, going up to twelve times twelve with melodious tones. Poetry was learnt by rote, and she also taught us some very old traditional songs to further our musical education. Miss Steed had undisputable rules for her class of boys and girls. You had to always keep your eyes on her, not talking unless spoken to by her, and your hands always to be above the desk. No dirt was allowed in fingernails and boys hair had to be combed and neat at inspection time before commencement of the morning's work. Any dissension to her orders or bad work was met with swift justice: a smack around the ears. Thinking of that now, I realize that this would have been a rather dangerous practice; all the other teachers used either a ruler or a short cane to keep order and sometimes only to show who was boss. Fortunately for me, Miss Steed remembered my two sisters passing through her hands a few years before me. Especially Eileen, a very clever student who, with a scholarship, had gone on to Wolverhampton Girls' High School, a private school, and with her scholarship of course, no fees; no mean feat for someone from our side of the tracks. So, I had a 'passport' or something like that provided by Eileen that 'whispered' to Miss Steed that it was possible that Geoffrey could follow in Eileen's footsteps and bring yet further glory to Miss Steed's own credentials. Whatever, I certainly was luckier than most lads and managed to keep out of trouble and eventually I was very proud to be appointed a milk monitor! The government decree of the times said that each child at school had to have a third of a pint of milk a day and this milk was brought to the classroom by the duty milk monitors at the morning break and distributed by them to the pupils free of charge. These small glass bottles of milk had a large diameter neck, and the top was a bright silver coloured metal-foil material (no aluminium foil then). The senior monitor had, in his hand, a brass disc lid with a collar around the circumference; the collar fitted closely over the unopened bottle. A metal spike in the centre of the lid punched a hole in the foil and the second monitor inserted a drinking straw made of paper into the hole and gave the bottle of milk to the seated student. In later years as we got older, we just helped ourselves. My final memory of this year is being asked to stand out in front of the class and whistle for them the song, "The Bluebells of Scotland". I can still remember the words of the song and, of course, I can still whistle it! In retrospect, thinking about the above little story, I must have started musical whistling at a very early age. I can't recall who taught me to whistle but those of you who know me now will understand that the he or she who taught me did a very good job!

A year later and I was in Miss Simmonds' class at the school, and I was now feeling very senior indeed. She was a complete contrast to Miss Steed; she was quiet, warm, and very friendly with all of us. I cannot think of any upsets or anything that stands out during the year I was with Miss Simmonds. Unlike Miss Steed, who was tall and thin and wore horn-rimmed spectacles, Miss Simmonds was much older and somewhat plumper. World War II was now in full swing and, if you recall, I have written about these ongoing years, and on to the end of the war, in previous issues of 'Blackfish'. My life was changing very, very quickly. I am now 8 years old! Wow!

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Koo Wee Rup CWA

The chill is here! And we are all feeling it! Once again laying low this month we have had enjoyed our monthly meeting and our craft night with our BYO projects. A couple of our members entered some of their craft items in to the Koo Wee Rup and Lions Craft and Patchwork Expo 2023 and were lucky enough to have won some of the voters choice awards. This included Cathy with her crocheted cardigan and Kaye with her painted lady. It was lovely to see so much talent in our little community.

One of our craft night discussions this month turned to winter comfort food. My personal favourite is absolutely anything in a pastry shell. So below you will find the recipe for both a basic pastry shell as well as Quiche Lorraine. There are plenty more famous CWA recipes available to download at www.cwaofvic.org.au under the Cookery section. From salad ideas to aussie favourites and of course many, many desserts.

Stay warm Koo Wee.



News from the Community Advisory Committee

The next meeting of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) will be held in August but, in the meantime, any of our members will be available to you if you want to communicate with the Koo-Wee-Rup Regional Health Service (KRHS) Board of Management about problems that could be upsetting you, as a patient, a resident or a carer, and also, maybe, as an individual Koo-Wee-Rup resident or, indeed, from the whole community's point of view. The Community Advisory Committee members will listen closely to you and acknowledge your concerns, so that any problem you may have is understood and seriously considered.

In May, two of our members, Aileen Thoms and Tina Kendall, attended the 'Partnering in Healthcare Outcomes Summit 2023' hosted by 'Safer Care Victoria (SCV)', in partnership with 'Health Issues Centre (HIC)'. The aim of the event was: -

- To highlight gains, gaps and barriers experienced by Victorian Health Services in partnering with consumers and implementing SCV's 'Partnering in Healthcare Framework'.
- Bringing Victorian Health Services and consumers together to establish the 'new norm' for partnering jointly in a post-pandemic world.
- Understanding the key patterns, priorities and challenges shared through the 'Statements of Intent'. Tina's presentation showcased the 'Persons Advocate Liaison Service' (PALS) at KRHS and the importance of patients and residents having someone to speak with and share small concerns which can be actioned by staff when they are aware of them.

Now, if you as a consumer/customer, have a suggestion or some nagging thoughts about your difficulties, or your dependant's comforts or problems with any aspect of the KHRS, then get in touch with the KHRS CAC.

Simply phone KRHS on 5997 9679 or Geoff Stokes on 0435 085 002. Or you can email: geoffreystokes@geoffstokes.com. Your email will be acknowledged. As stated above, the next meeting of the committee is planned for the 15th of August 2023 at 10:00 am. Before then we shall have informal meetings with each other to check on any problems that may have arisen.

Geoff Stokes

BASIC QUICHE PASTRY

2 cups Plain flour	½ tea spoon salt
125 gm butter	1/3- ½ cup water
1 egg yolk	¼ tea spoon lemon juice

Place flour, butter, salt into your food processor, and process until mixture is soft. Add egg yolk water and lemon juice process until it forms a ball. Roll out and place into your flan dish. This mixture will fit 1 large and 1 small quiche flan.

Add your favourite filling and bake at 180 for 30 minutes.

QUICHE LORRAINE

from CWA of Country Treasures

4 rashers bacon	1 cup grated cheese
3 eggs beaten	1 cup cream ½ cup milk
Salt and pepper	

Mix eggs, cream and milk salt & pepper. Place bacon & cheese, into the quiche pastry, add eggs, cream, milk. Sprinkle with parsley or sliced tomato and bake at 180 for 30 minutes.

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00-Scout Spy camp was our first ever Group Camp. We had youth from every section at camp, learning new skills and making new friendships. We learnt some needed skills to be a spy and solved the mystery of who stole the jewels. We all had a fabulous weekend and look forward to doing it again in the future.

As we are headed into the school holidays our volunteers are keen to have a small break while we get ready for the new term. Lots of activities have already been planned.



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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

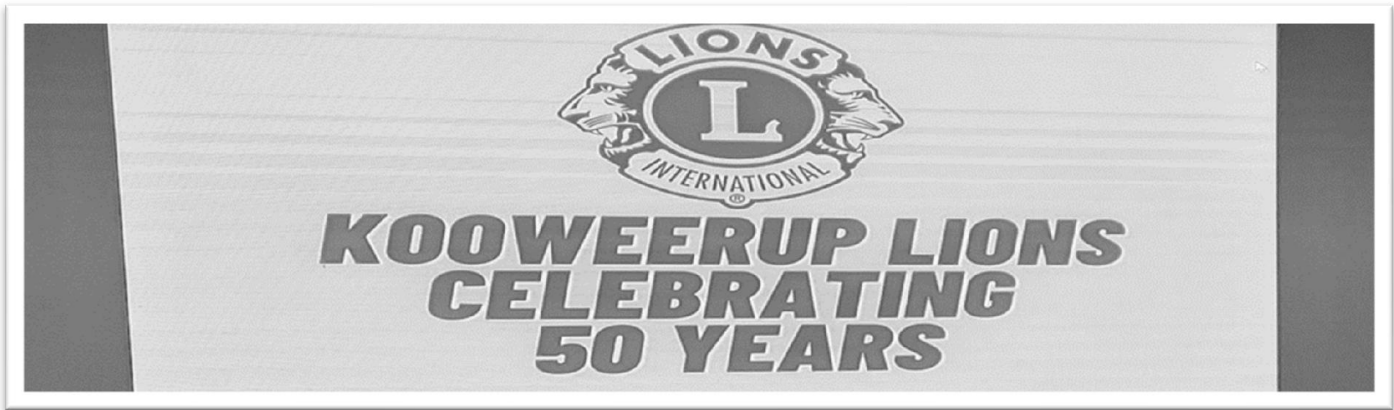
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On Friday 16th June 2023 Koo Wee Rup & District Lions Club witnessed the past Executive Committee out and the new Executive Committee in.

Our Executive Committee now comprises: President Liz Grulke (Bendigo Bank KWR Branch Manager), Secretary Jack Napier, Minutes Secretary Bill Williams, Treasurer Angela Cox, Membership Chairman Paul Whelan, Tail Twister Belinda Whelan, Lion Tamer Geoffrey Gee, 1st Vic President Jack Napier, 2nd Vice President Belinda Whelan and 3rd Vice President Ken Blay. Best of luck to you all for the coming year with the



Lions.

Our Venue was the Tooradin Sports Club for a 2-course meal. Unfortunately, the Master of ceremonies Mr Ken Blay was up against the odds with the Raffle being drawn in the next room. He was constantly drowned out by the next-door crowd, as they had the microphone.

The Sports Club helpfully supplied a microphone, but that was problematic due to interference, we tried to salvage the night but to no

joy. Not all events go to plan!

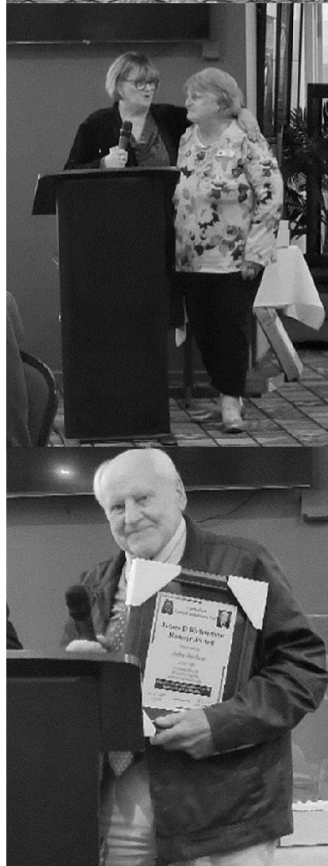
The outgoing President Ian Gration announced that Koo Wee Rup & District Lions Club had reached a milestone in the community with their 50th Birthday in 2023. Presenting to the room a large birthday cake for dessert. Past President Ian Gration and current President Liz Grulke sang Happy Birthday to The Lions Club and cut the 50th birthday cake.

Community Groups were rewarded with their cheques from Sheryl Blay for all their efforts throughout the year of the Lions Opportunity Shop and thanked for their involvement. Sheryl also surprised Lions Member Mary Wilson with a special thank you and appreciation award; she was overwhelmed.

Outgoing President Ian Gration thanked everyone for all their hands-on hard work during a very busy year. Gladly presented the Lions inter-club bowling trophy to Norma Barnard Casey Lions Club and wished them success in running next year's bowling event.

One of Our Long-standing Members Mr. John Burhop was awarded one of Lion's Higher Accolades by Outgoing President Ian Gration, the James D Richardson Honour Award in appreciation of Service to Lions & the Community.

So, until the next Lions Change Over in 2024, Lions will be out doing their best to serve the community.



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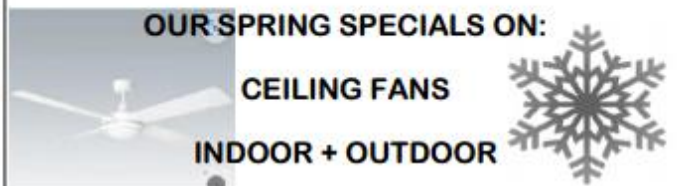
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Our AGM is on Thursday 10th August, all members are encouraged to attend to have a say in the running of your Club.

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Thursday 10th August

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Senior election officials are responsible for coordinating elections for entire council areas and will work for almost 4 months during the local council election period leading into and following October 2024.

Acting Electoral Commissioner Dana Fleming said that while managing elections could be challenging and unpredictable, it was also a rewarding experience, with many current senior election officials sticking with the job for over 20 years.

‘You don’t need previous election experience. It’s all about the skills and life experience you can bring to the role – if you’re a strong communicator, organised, and bring a positive attitude, we want to hear from you,’ Ms Fleming said.

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Enjoy all things local this Winter!

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To encourage the community to stay, explore and enjoy all things Cardinia Shire, What's On Cardinia have partnered with local businesses to deliver deals and showcasing their amazing products and services at Winterfest.

From 24 June, local businesses will be offering deals, discounts, activities, events, and experiences as part of Winterfest.

Cardinia Shire Deputy Mayor Councillor Jack Kowarzik is encouraging the community to enjoy these school holidays close to home, by supporting their local businesses at Winterfest 2023.

“Winterfest will be a great opportunity for residents to explore and engage with their local community.”

“Winter is generally a much-quieter trading period for local businesses, so it’s important that we as a community, get out and support our ‘local’, especially now, during these challenging economic times.” Cr Kowarzik said.

Winterfest events and deals may include:

- School Holidays at Gumbuya World
- Paint Your Own Pottery Workshop at Robert Gordon Pottery
- Soup And Cider at Bellevue Farm Gate
- Kids Eat Free at Caldermeade Farm
- And more!

“We have so many talented local creatives and impressive businesses within Cardinia Shire, and I’m proud to see them showcased throughout the festival.” Cr Kowarzik said.

Winterfest events will run across a two-period week and will end on Sunday 9 July.

For more information about Winterfest and the events on offer, visit whatsoncardinia.com.au/winterfest

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No burning off during July in Cardinia Shire

Cardinia Shire residents are reminded that no burning off is allowed across the shire during the month of July without a permit.

This regulation applies every year to all zones across Cardinia Shire.

Lighting open-air fires in July has been prohibited since a new local law relating to open air fires came into effect last year.

This rule is in place to prevent excessive smoke being produced due to wet fuel.

Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) data indicates that on average, a combination of weather factors cause bushfire fuel to be wetter in July than in other months of the year. These factors include high rainfall, low temperatures and high relative humidity.

The wetter your bushfire fuel is, the more smoke it tends to create. This poses a risk to people's health.

At all times of the year, residents should consider using one of these methods to reduce fuel loads:

- Kerbside food and garden waste bin collection
- Hard waste collection
- Waste drop-off days
- Composting or mulching (Council offers waste reduction rebates)
- Take green waste to a local tip, transfer station or waste facility

If you believe you still have a good reason to burn off in July, you can apply for a permit via Council's website.

For more information about burning off or to apply for a permit to burn off visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/burningoff

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100 years ago on May 23, 1923, the Fallen Soldiers Memorial Hospital was opened in Station Street with six medical surgical and four midwifery beds.

Over the century the hospital has had a number of name changes including Westernport Memorial Hospital, Kooweerup and District Memorial Hospital and in 2005 became Kooweerup Regional Health Service.

Since opening in 1923 KRHS has continued to deliver its vision of a healthier community. The provision of unique care across the life course beginning with early years, through our Early parenting unit, Primary and Community Care Programs and Services to our excellent residential aged care and inpatient care, we continue to thrive. Our eighty strong volunteer program complements and supports our staff.



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NAIDOC Week community art: 'Celebration of Hands'

Cardinia Shire Mayor Councillor Tammy Radford and Deputy Mayor Councillor Jack Kowarzik are inviting residents to get involved in creating a community artwork to celebrate NAIDOC Week.

The artwork – named 'Celebration of Hands' – will be displayed at the Cardinia Cultural Centre, Pakenham Library and Emerald Library throughout NAIDOC Week, from Sunday 2 to Sunday 9 July 2023.

Community members are encouraged to visit an art station at Cardinia Cultural Centre, Pakenham Library or Emerald Library to create their own art to contribute to the installation. Artwork produced will be included with art by local schools.

The 'Celebration of Hands' art installations aim to raise awareness of the significance of NAIDOC Week. Information displays at each of the sites will highlight this year's theme 'For Our Elders'.

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William Lyall introduces the hare to Victoria

By Heather Arnold, Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society

William Lyall (1821-1888), the owner of *Harewood*, on the South Gippsland Highway at Koo Wee Rup was an enthusiastic member of the Acclimatisation Society which was established in Victoria in 1861. The object of this Society was *the introduction, acclimatisation, and domestication of all innocuous animals, birds, fishes insects, and vegetables, whether useful or ornamental; - the perfection, propagation and hybridisation of races newly introduced or already domesticated; - the spread of indigenous animals, &c. from parts of the colonies where they are already known, to other localities where they are not known.*

William Lyall introduced many species to his property, *Harewood*, including deer, partridges, pheasants and hares. There was a thread of letters to the Editor of *The Argus* in August 1873, about the last mentioned animal, the hare, and who was responsible for its introduction - the Acclimatisation Society or William Lyall. William Lyall and his business partners, John Mickle and John Bakewell, were the owners of large tracts of land in this area from 1851 and Lyall's claim was supported by Bakewell's nephew, Edward Howitt.

From J.R. Godfrey, Zoological and Acclimatisation Society, August 21, 1873

"Honour to whom Honour is due"

Sir,- I observe that my name is mentioned in connexion with that of Mr. Lyall, at the dinner given by the Coursing Club to Mr. W.J. Clarke, in connexion with the introduction of the hare into this country and though it is true that this animal was imported by us at considerable expense, I would be sorry to claim to myself the merit of their success, as they had been introduced by the Acclimatisation

Society, and were sent to various parts of the country before any were imported privately from Europe. I have often been surprised on looking over the list of subscribers to the above society, to notice the absence of the names of those gentlemen who derive most pleasure from the sport of coursing - a sport for which the Acclimatisation Society is mainly to be credited. Had the sporting community waited until the hares imported by Mr. Lyall and myself were numerous enough to afford a day's sport, they would not have been enjoying this amusement so freely at the present day.

From William Lyall, August 22, 1873

"Honour to whom Honour is due"

Sir, - Referring to Mr. Godfrey's letter in this day's Argus, I beg to say that I imported hares, pheasants, and partridges long before the Acclimatisation Society had an existence, and that the county of Mornington and a great part of the Western district of this colony are stocked with hares from Harewood.

From Edward Howitt, August 23, 1873

The Acclimatisation of Hares

Sir, - I observe opinion is divided with regard to the credit of first introducing hares into this colony. I am not aware of the date at which they were just imported by the Acclimatisation Society However, I send you the particulars with reference to (I believe) those introduced by Mr Lyall. In 1860, when in Yorkshire, I was partly instrumental in procuring - at the request of my uncle, Mr John Bakewell, then resident in London - 16 hares from the gamekeeper of Lord Middleton, at Rethington-house. Thirteen of these were shipped and five of them I believe arrived alive in Hobson's Bay. I mention this to show the probable date of their introduction by Mr. Lyall.

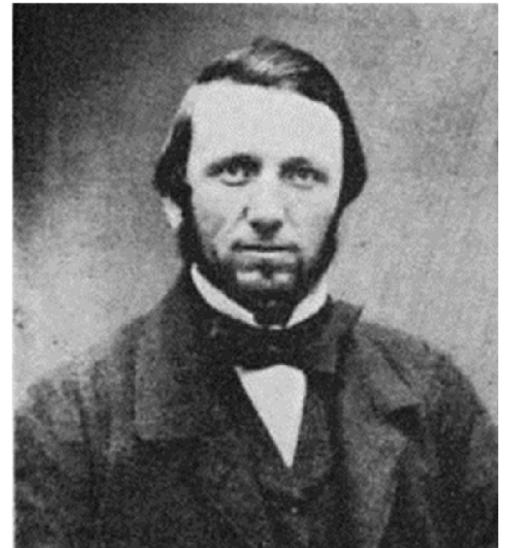
Edward Howitt's account is confirmed by *The Argus* of June 9, 1860, where this short report appeared - *By the Norfolk, which came into the bay a few days ago, we may add, five English hares arrived in good condition, out of ten embarked, for W. Lyall, Esq., of Yallock, where they are now.*

In fact, so proud was the Lyall family of introducing the hare to Victoria that William's daughter, Margaret, wrote to *The Argus* in June 1937, 64 years after her father did, also noting the Lyall role in this matter

Sir, - In her letter on "Horsemen and Hounds" in 'The Argus' of Saturday, June 12, Mrs M. L. Drought is mistaken in thinking that Mr Godfrey was the first to bring hares into Victoria as my father, the late William Lyall released hares on his property at Western Port in the year 1858. Mr Lyall was also a member of the Victorian Acclimatisation Society. The station property was named Harewood from that date. -

Yours &c, Margaret M. Timms, Warragul, June 14.

I feel that we can conclusively confirm that William Lyall should receive all the 'credit' for the introduction of the hare into Victoria and that it was in 1860. Interesting that Margaret says that the hares gave the Lyall property its name, *Harewood*. I did not know that.



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William Lyall introduces the hare to Victoria *(from page 25)*

By Heather Arnold, Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society

The following is a report from April 1862, of William Lyall's project to introduce hares at *Harewood* (referred to in this article as his property at Western Port) and the casual manner in which some early settlers sought to eradicate native fauna to protect the introduced species. *Frogmore* was the Lyall property at Carnegie.

Hares - Mr. Lyall, of Frogmore, turned out some English hares a year or two ago on his property at Western Port. The spot he selected lies between the shore of the bay and some cultivated ground. About the spot there is plenty of clover in the form of low bushes and tall grass and solsolaceous plants. Since the hares were first turned out they have been occasionally seen, have bred, and have also appeared to be thriving well. We regret to learn, however, that an enemy has lately attacked and killed one or two grown ones. This is a species of hawk, which either strikes them when running or darts down upon them. We should like to know what hawk it is for there are very few here large enough to attempt anything of the kind. The Australian eagle commonly called an "eagle-hawk" has been known to stoop and carry off kangaroo rats, &c, and we suppose it is this bird which has killed Mr. Lyall's hares as it is also often very destructive to young lambs.



Harewood House: State Library of Victoria collection.

Photographer: John T. Collins, taken 1975.

Strychnine is the best remedy, and in many parts of the colony it has been so much used in that eagles are not so numerous as in former years. The best mode of applying it is this - Place the skinned carcase of any dead animal on an open piece of ground that it may be seen easily; score the fleshy parts with a knife, making the cuts within half an inch of each other, and sprinkle into them a few grains of strychnine crushed to a fine powder between two pieces of writing paper. We have seen five or six poisoned a single day.

This is a letter, written to the Acclimatisation Society, from William Lyall about his success with some of his introduced species -

Yallock, Sept 29, 1865.

Dear Sir - A sight of the Sambur deer has just put me in mind of my duty to the Society - that is, to report progress. The animals entrusted to my care have, I am happy to say thriven remarkably well. The three does have three fine fawns, and all are in fine condition. To-day, a doe and a buck were enjoying themselves by taking a swim in a waterhole - indeed, they appear to be fond of the water: so much so, that I am bound to believe that swamps must be their natural habitat. I feel certain that all the islands in the great swamp will, in time, become stocked with the magnificent Sambur deer. At present there is rally one of the bucks (the youngest) remaining with the does: another has taken possession of the garden here, and a very bad gardener he has proved himself to be, I propose having him taken over to join the does in the swamp, where he will be out of harms way. I believe that this part of the colony is, perhaps, better adapted for a home for the pheasant than any other part of Victoria. If the council will send a few down, I will take charge of them. My hares are doing well and are spreading over the country. Wishing the society every success, believe me, dear sir, yours very truly, William Lyall.

So successful were his efforts at introducing hares to *Harewood* that, as reported at an Acclimatisation Society meeting held in December 1867, Mr Lyall had some spare ones that he was willing to give away -

A letter was read from Mr. W. Lyall, stating that the hares were so numerous on his property at Harewood that he thought several might be safely caught now for distribution in other localities. The council decided to at once avail themselves of Mr. Lyall's kind offer, and send down men to trap the hares.

Fast forward to over 160 years since William Lyall introduced the hare to his *Harewood* property and there are still multitudes of hares in this area. However, by 1919 another of his acclimatised species, the deer, was said to be in short supply; *The Argus* reported that that deer are to be found in the scrub around Koo-wee-rup Swamp and Lang Lang, but they are scarce now, having been thinned down by settlers

The original of this article, with references, can be read here - <https://kooweerupswamphistory.blogspot.com/2019/08/william-lyall-and-acclimatisation.html>

The Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society meets on the second Wednesday of each month at Mallow house in Rossiter Road, corner of Henry Street. The next meeting is on July 12, 2023 and over winter we are starting at 7.00pm. New members welcome. The Museum is open the second and fourth Sundays from 1.30pm until 4.00pm.

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