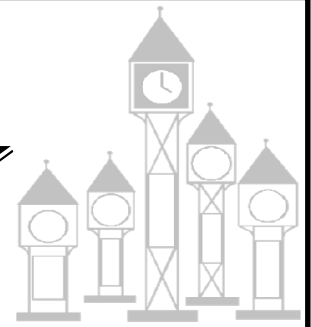


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JUNE 2023

100 years of Community Care in Koo Wee Rup

On Sunday, 21 May Kooweerup Regional Health Service celebrated the hundredth anniversary of the opening of the Fallen Soldiers' Memorial Hospital in Station Street on 23 May 1923. The hospital moved to its present location in the 1950s. More information on the history of the hospital can be found in Heather Arnold's article on pp 23, 25. Hundreds of locals, and former locals, gathered in the hospital grounds to enjoy live music, historical exhibitions, food stalls, horse and carriage rides and plenty of good company.



Pictured clockwise from top left are: Cr Kaye Cameron with Dr Ian Hewitt (for those of you newer to town, Dr Hewitt and his father before him, were doctors in Koo Wee Rup for many years, many babies were delivered by Dr Hewitt at the Koo Wee Rup hospital); Cr Graeme Moore; Nurse Cathy Sutton and KRHS Customer Advisory Committee Chair Geoff Stokes; Rats of Tobruk Pipe Band



Koo Wee Rup Township Committee Meeting

The Township held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, 3 May at the KWR Community Centre. Township Meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 7 June at 7:30 pm at the KWR Community Centre. All welcome.

Garry Oates has been accepted as the Township Committee's representative Melbourne Water Koo Wee Rup Flood Protection Advisory Committee.

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What's on in Koo Wee Rup and District

June

Fri 2nd	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch & Bingo (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Mon 5th	KWR Senior Citizens Indoor Bowls (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11am
Mon 5th	CWA Meeting (page 3)	Senior Citizens Club	7.30pm
Tue 6th	Morning Melodies (page 8)	Caldermeade Farm	10.30am
Wed 7th	Coffee Club (back page)	Royal Hotel	10am
Wed 7th	Lions Club Meeting	Tooradin Sports Club	7pm
Wed 7th	Township Committee Meeting (front page)	Community Centre	7.30pm
Fri 9th	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch & Bingo (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Mon 12th	KWR Senior Citizens Indoor Bowls (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11am
Tue 13th	Hall Committee Meeting	Community Centre	7.30pm
Wed 14th	KWR Swamp Historical Society Meeting (page 25)	KWR Historical Society	6pm
Thu 15th	Getting to know your family history (back page)	KWR Historical Society	11am
Fri 16th	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch & Bingo (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Fri 16th	Comedy Night (page 8)	Caldermeade Farm	7.30pm
Sat 17th	Monthly Craft and Produce Market (page 22)	Caldermeade Farm	9am
Sun 18th	Bayles Fauna Park Working Bee (page 7)	Bayles Fauna Park	9am
Mon 19th	KWR Senior Citizens Indoor Bowls (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11am
Mon 19th	CWA Craft Meeting	Senior Citizens Club	7.30pm
Tue 20th	Morning Melodies (page 8)	Caldermeade Farm	10.30am
Wed 21st	Coffee Club	Chandelier Café	10am
Wed 21st	Bowls Club Lunch (page 7)	Tooradin Sports Club	1pm
Wed 21st	Lions Club Meeting	RSL Clubrooms	7pm
Thu 22nd	Roy Orbison tribute show (page 20)	Bayles Public Hall	10.30am
Fri 23rd	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch & Bingo (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Sat 24th	Lions Craft and Patchwork Fair (page 24)	Community Centre	9.30am
Sat 24th	Dolly Parton/Patsy Cline tribute show (page 8)	Caldermeade Farm	7.30pm
Mon 26th	KWR Senior Citizens Indoor Bowls (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11am
Fri 30th	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch & Bingo (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am

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	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 17)	Eco House - Hospital	5pm
Mon 10th	Mat Pilates (page 17)	Eco House - Hospital	6pm
Tue 11th	Hall Committee Meeting	Community Centre	7.30pm
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Caroline Roff, Editor

What's been happening at the Koo Wee Rup CWA?

Our May meeting was a lovely discussion of how successful Koo Wee Rup's Anzac Day morning was. It was so nice to see so many people turn out to respect those who came before. With hundreds of attendees enjoying our Anzac biscuit offerings.

As the weather starts to cool down, so does our social calendar. We hibernate to work on our various crafts in preparation for our exhibition in October. Our May craft night was a bring your own project event which can be great if you need another set of eyes to look over your work. We are all working on very different projects that included quilting, dreamcatcher weaving, colouring and mosaic crochet.

We then finished our month by attending the Koo Wee Rup regional health services 100 year celebrations. We had a front seat to all of the talented entertainers and enjoyed a little dance along, we had a great day along with everyone else.

Our next meeting is Monday the 5th of June at 7.30pm at 1 Icke Rd, Koo Wee Rup



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The latest news from the KRHS Ladies Auxiliary

The monthly meeting of the Koo-Wee-Rup Regional Health Service (KRHS) Ladies Auxiliary was held on the 5th of May.

Our ladies have all worked extremely hard planning their contribution to the 100-year celebration which was held and open to the public on the 21st of May in the Hospital grounds. We were lucky – we had the warm spot in the ‘Men’s Shed’! In the Shed we had lots of appetising things for sale: cakes, biscuits, sandwiches, Devonshire teas and a trading table. The weather was kind to us; cold but dry.

The 100-year celebration was very special and well supported by the public – thank you to everyone. The Ladies Auxiliary were happy with the sales and, once again, our Devonshire teas were extremely popular.

Our next meeting is on Friday the 2nd of June ‘23, and we would invite and welcome new members to join our happy group to help and support this wonderful hospital. Just ring Olive on 0435034101 or Marlene on 59971339 or simply turn up on the day and say hello to us.

Olive Stokes

Koo Wee Rup Township Committee Meeting

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Tiny Towns grants will be available from State Government in the near future, some projects identified as suitable are: railway platform mural, streetscape improvement, Gary King has raised improving entrance to town from bridges on Pakenham Rd. Bendigo Bank grants could also contribute to these projects.

Cardinia Shire has been allocated \$29M for public housing. We need to remind council of land available in Icke Rd for seniors housing.

It was commented that it was nice being able to drive on the new roundabout at Ballarto Road, it makes it feel like the road project is really moving ahead.

Secretary to contact Mens Shed about fixing the signs at the entrances to town.



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The Club has held our A.G.M. with these members taking on positions for the ensuing 12 months. The new President is Tim Katz, Vice-President is Erin Price, Sec. Rex Alexander, Treas. Mary Crynes & Immediate Past Pres. Bryan Walker. Many of the other positions have been taken on by members either new to the Club or have not held a position previously. The next 12 months is going to be exciting but challenging.

Longer-standing Club members were saddened to hear of the passing of Life Member Norm Threadgold on Tuesday 9th May aged 97 years old. Norm was a member of our Club between 1991-2015 after transferring from Pakenham BC then he transferred to Blue Hills BC. After his move to Blue Hills he used to wander over when we were playing them at Blue Hills to "catch up" with members he knew. He served as President of our Club and was a long time Green keeper before we went to synthetic green.

Progress on the new Club house & Community Hub is moving [albeit very slowly]. The Shire still has a December deadline in mind. It appears as if the preferred option, by the Council, is now modular buildings.

We are intending to hold a monthly luncheon during the Winter months. The first lunch will be held on Wednesday 21st June at the Tooradin Sports Club at 1.00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend as with the Club not playing during Winter, it is a good way to keep in touch with members.

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Another story about my working days - Part 2 *by Geoff Stokes*

Continued from May edition

Back at work on the Monday in Noble Park I had to front up to my direct managers and tell them I was leaving the Company. The news didn't go down very well at all and their lectures to me very nearly made me change my mind, but they couldn't match my new salary and a quite surreal expenses package. They suggested that I leave that very evening so I had to pack up what I could, leave the company car in their workshop, and get a lift home.

It took a while to rent an office, buy furniture, hire a car, and set up the paperwork and soon I was ready to really get going with a Jamesbury presence in Australia. First though, a very strange thing happened. I had been ensconced in my new office in Wellington Parade, East Melbourne, for about two weeks when I received a telex (No fax or mobile phone then in 1982) telling me that Seng, the accountant from Singapore, would be coming over to visit me. The telex said he would assess if I was really suitable for the work and had hired the services of KMRP (I am sure you must have heard of them) a world-wide accountancy firm who specialised in 'Knowledge Management Research & Practice' to interview me, whatever that meant. *I couldn't believe it; hadn't we discussed all this in Singapore, it's a bit late now to cancel everything I thought. I was convinced it was all signed up and delivered. Nevertheless, Seng came over and stayed at the Southern Cross Hotel, a five-star establishment in the city but now no longer there. The meeting was held around a huge circular table in the KMRP office atop of Nauru tower-house and there were three people from KMRP, me, and Seng. Seng immediately took over the meeting, much to the chagrin of the other three KMRP people. He started off by placing a tape recorder in the middle of the desk and spouted forth about what he expected of everyone. I could see that the KMRP people were extremely embarrassed, and it was not long before the meeting fizzled out with one of the guys saying to me as an aside, "Don't worry we have more worries about Mr. Seng than we have about you". Seng stayed on for another two days and I had to take him around to see all the local tourist sites etc. He was a pain in the bum, he really was. I met him one morning for breakfast at his hotel – five stars remember – and he ordered a boiled egg, "Just coddled", he told the waiter. Well, in total the waiter brought in five eggs until there was one sufficiently undercooked that satisfied Seng; all the other eggs were rejected by him and sent back to the kitchen with increasing ire by the extremely patient waiter. It was a very embarrassing experience for me. Below is an example of their strange ways. I sent in a bill I had paid a Company for printing. Read it and you will see the way Seng's accounts people thought!*

You can just imagine me trying to access Federal Government gazetted enactments and laws in pre-computer or pre-mobile phone days. As soon as I started to search the relevant clauses and associated regulations, I realised what a waste of time this was, it was so difficult I just ignored their request. In Singapore a red mark went alongside my name! As I said, this was one of many such-like requests from Singapore head office and all were somewhat foreign to the usual Australian way of conducting an engineering supply business.

After several appointments with my regular customers in Melbourne to whom I explained that I was now representing Jamesbury, the call came for me to visit the Jamesbury Corp's head office in Worcester, Massachusetts. At last I thought, I will now be visiting the Mecca of valve manufacturing, something I have always wished to do. It was the beginning of December before I flew over to the USA and this time it was a long flight; Melbourne to Boston via Los Angeles then by road to Worcester. It was planned that I stay there for three weeks. In other words, it would be almost Christmas before I was home again. It's pointless going into too much detail but there were about seven or eight USA distributors who were at Jamesbury Corp for product training and there was me, the only Jamesbury employee on the course. That being so I was lodged at a much lower star rated hotel than all the others who all met for breakfast every day and boozed together every night.

JAMESBURY SINGAPORE		
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From:	Judy Chua	
Subject:		Memo: 109/03/83/JC

I refer to the Bill from J&P Printing Service (Vic) Pty Ltd. (a photocopy attached).

I noticed you had a footnote indicating sales tax applicable to company not incorporated.

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Judy

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Another story about my working days - Part 2 *continued from page 9*

I joined them a couple of times I think, but most of the time I was a lone operator as before. I did catch up with Bill P, my old mentor who was now chief Engineer, and he and his dear wife Dorothy made a fuss of me a couple or so days of the two weekends I was there. I recall she cooked steak and kidney pudding one night and it was with real suet. It was very nice indeed. The other weekend I was invited to their neighbour's home to join them all in an American style Christmas Day lunch. The neighbour would be away on the official day. I also visited a facility in Boston and took the opportunity of visiting the old battleship of the early 1800s, The USS Constitution – Old Ironsides. In the War of 1812, the Constitution won battles with the British frigates Guerriere and Java; the former battle took place about 1,200 km (750 mi) north of Boston on Aug. 19, 1812, and the latter off the coast of Brazil on Dec. 29, 1812. The Constitution made its last combat tour in 1814-15. The ship was scheduled to be scrapped in 1830, but Oliver Wendell Holmes's poem "Old Ironsides" inspired a public movement to save it. Restored in 1925, the Constitution is now the oldest commissioned vessel in the US Navy. Moored in Boston it is presently serving as a museum ship at the Charleston Navy Yard, Boston, MA. The product training went well, and it was interspersed with tests and exams along the way. All done with great aplomb to make you feel and know that Jamesbury is the best and finest valve manufacturer in the world; I came away raring to go. The weather was cold and one morning the temperature dropped to minus 26 Deg. F (minus 32 Deg. C); thankfully it was also dry and crisp. That morning I went outside and walked somewhere through the icy slush in my best Aussie shoes and the soles fell off. Bill and Dorothy were members of a choir and just before I returned home the choir headed up a carol and Christmas fare evening. One of the items they sang was the Hallelujah Chorus from 'The Messiah' and way back in the audience I joined in with them with gusto! Soon it was time to come home again, and I planned it so that I could stop off in Los Angeles for a couple of days to see my old friends Stan and Sue and Mo and Jim Zinger. We had a great weekend together and I remember very well being taken for a ride (literally) in Jim's hot rod car. What the make was I have no idea, but it was fitted with a very powerful V8 engine, and the car stood up on its back wheels when Jim stood on the accelerator. A short business stopover in New Zealand on the way home and I was soon back in my Olive's welcoming arms again and having a big hug from our kids, Jonathan, and Catherine. I was home!

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Another story about my working days - Part 2 *continued from page 11*

Everything appeared fine on the surface, orders were coming in to everyone's satisfaction, and after a few weeks I appointed a well-known West Australian company as our distributor for Australia. Business gradually built up and all was very satisfying to me. During this early time several visitors from Jamesbury USA arrived for their obligatory tour of our more important customers. I invited one of them, the Jamesbury USA Sales Manager, to our home in Smiths Gully for dinner as a bit of change from his motel and hotel touring life. I recall he was most amused by the word 'Gully' because in the USA a gully, he said, is a drain! We all got on very well and I am sure he was impressed by the work that we were all doing for Jamesbury in Australia and New Zealand. I think I have forgotten to mention that I was still travelling to New Zealand and I had taken on the same agents who were the +GF+ distributor in NZ, so there was no clash of loyalties. The Company was Taylors Engineering Ltd, Taylors were doing well with Jamesbury, mostly in the paper industry but the petroleum refinery and associated sites were also quickly coming on board. Our clients were always interested to hear about Jamesbury's speciality valves, i.e. large valves for cryogenic services and valves for the space exploration industry, especially the valves for aiding blast off. Talking to clients about these unusual services always gave us an opening to show off our everyday general industrial ball valves.

It was late in the morning of Monday the 9th of April 1984; a pleasant day weather-wise as I recall. I was sitting in my office at 64 Wellington Parade doing the usual paperwork for Singapore when the phone rang. It was Tony, the WA Valves representative in Victoria and of course a friend from my earlier working days. He was very agitated and said that he had just left a meeting in Melbourne at the Melbourne Hilton Hotel with Don Jones (the CEO of WA Valves) and Ed Wong and both of them were on their way to my office to sack me! They had decided that there was now no need for any one person to directly represent Jamesbury Corp in Australia, WA Valves could do all that. I was now a nonentity. I thanked

Tony for his information and fidelity and prepared for the inevitable. It was after lunch when Ed Wong arrived; presumably nothing could stop him enjoying a mid-day repast at the Melbourne Hilton, just down the road from my office, before he started on his dastardly act. Accompanying him was an (I say 'an' because Jamesbury had several) International sales manager, a fellow I knew ever so slightly from my visit to Jamesbury USA a couple of years or so ago. The first thing Ed Wong said, before any explanation of his surprise visit was to ask me to hand over my company Diners Club card, I couldn't believe it! Was I going to run off straight away and buy something? He said that, as WA Valves was now clearly operating the market well, there was now no need for me to be doing the same thing. I was not needed any more; my work for Jamesbury was over. Could I please arrange to sell the office furniture and hand over all the paperwork and customer details to Don Jones, cancel my Company car rental with Avis immediately, and take notice of dismissal of a month. He tempered this statement somewhat by saying maybe a month before they would want the car sent back. It was as quick as that and within say about an hour they were gone, and I never saw Wong again and Jones maybe a couple of times over the next three or four years but more of that later. I did try to argue my cause with them, but their minds had been made up a long while and they did not listen to me in any way. Another chapter in my working life had passed and I was now very much on my own and over 50 years old. Not good! However, the world moves on, and I joined it and now entered a new stage of my working life. More later.



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Minnie Eason’s story recognised

Minnie Eason, whose story was shared in the November 2022 Blackfish, has been honoured in Australia’s first statewide women’s commemorative tour, called Finding Her. Her granddaughter, and biographer, Karen Collins was incredibly exciting to attend Her Place Museum in East Melbourne, for the launch of this significant project and to be presented with a QR code to attach to the base of Minnie’s headstone in Rosedale.

This state-funded project is a result of the scarcity of permanent markers of women, particularly First Nations women and gender diverse women; only 4% of statues in Victoria are of women. There are more statues of animals than of



women.

Minnie is honoured alongside some incredible women, living and deceased, who have contributed to Victorian life. Minnie’s tragic story is recognised for the lack of mental health knowledge, brutal asylums, sectarian divisions and patriarchal power during her lifetime in the early 1900s.

Minnie’s summarised biography can now be viewed by the public at her grave via the attached QR

code or by visiting the website: www.findingher.org.au.

Karen thought Koo Wee Rup residents may like to know of this news, particularly the secondary school community, as the William Eason’s Memorial Gates continue to stand proudly at the front entrance without any reference to his wife’s story.

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1. **Determine Your Budget** – Before you start looking for homes, it's important to determine your budget. This will help you narrow down your options and save you time and effort. Be sure to consider all of the costs associated with buying a home, such as deposit, legal costs, and insurance.
2. **Work with a Real Estate Agent** – A good real estate agent can help you find a home that meets your needs and fits your budget. They have access to properties that may not be available to the general public, and they can negotiate on your behalf.
3. **Get Pre-Approved for a Loan** – Getting pre-approved for a loan before you start house hunting can give you a competitive edge. It shows sellers that you're a serious buyer and gives you an idea of how much you can afford to borrow.
4. **Research the Neighborhood** – Before you make an offer on a home, make sure to research the neighborhood. Check out the local schools, parks, and amenities. Drive around at different times of the day to get a feel for the neighborhood and see what it's like. You can also check online for information about crime rates and other important data.
5. **Don't Rush** – Buying a home is a big decision, so make sure to take your time. Don't rush into anything and be sure to ask questions and get advice from professionals. It's also a good idea to attend open houses and visit properties multiple times before making an offer.

By following these tips, first-time home buyers can make the home buying process go smoothly and find the perfect home for their needs and budget. Good luck with your home search!

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Pilates @ Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service.

There are no classes in June due to extended holidays. However, we are restarting at the beginning of Term 3 on Monday 10th July.

Remember there is a lot you can do to keep active without attending formal classes.

Try to

- Move whenever you can in whatever way you can. This is called opportunistic exercise. Eg park the car that bit further away from your destination and walk a bit.
- Carry your shopping bag instead of using the trolley at the supermarket. This is weight bearing exercise.
- Whilst waiting in the car at the traffic lights why not do a few pelvic floor lifts.
- Golden rule is that any movement is better than none. Do what you can.

Help create a healthier, more liveable community

Residents in Cardinia Shire will soon be invited to take part in a Liveability Survey, to help inform the steps towards creating a more liveable community.

Six thousand households have been randomly selected to participate in the survey, to ensure representation of urban and rural areas, and a variety of household types.

Cardinia Shire Council is conducting the survey from May to June, to monitor the progress of work based on Cardinia Shire's Liveability Plan 2017 – 2029, which has 7 long-term goals:

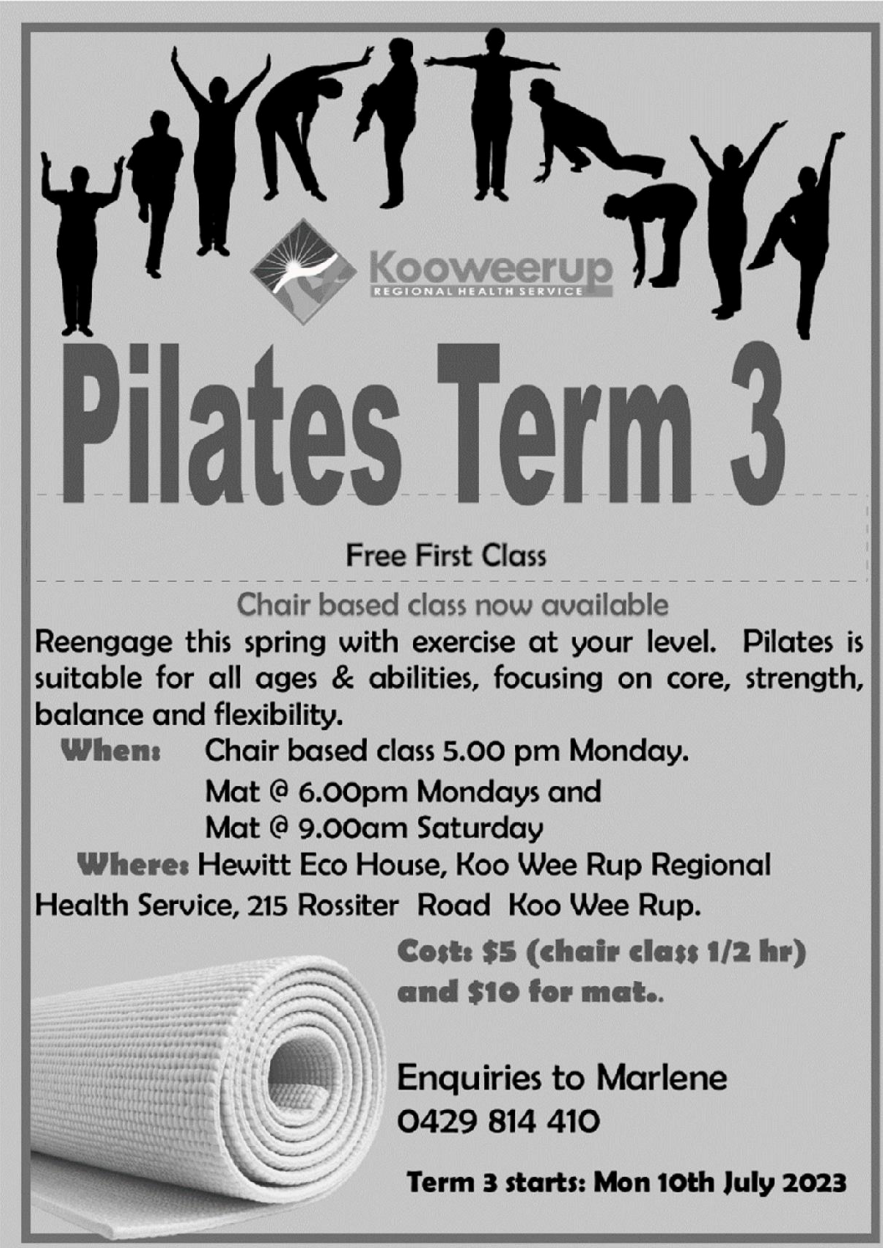
- Improve mental health and wellbeing
- Improve social cohesion
- Improve safety
- Improve healthy eating and active living
- Reduce family violence
- Improve financial wellbeing and resilience
- Reduce harm from alcohol, tobacco, drugs, and gambling.

"The vision of the Liveability Plan is a liveable, resilient community where the environment flourishes and residents are healthy, included and connected," said Cardinia Shire Mayor, Councillor Tammy Radford.

"We've been tracking research and publicly available data to monitor how we're going – but real insight and value will come when we hear from the community. It will add richness to our understanding of how the community is going and allow us to prioritise efforts to improve liveability in Cardinia Shire," said Councillor Radford.

Survey responses are anonymous. Monitoring progress of the Cardinia Shire Liveability Plan is a requirement of the Victorian Government under the Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008.

For more information about the Liveability Survey, please visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/liveabilitysurvey or call the Community Strengthening team on 1300 787 624.



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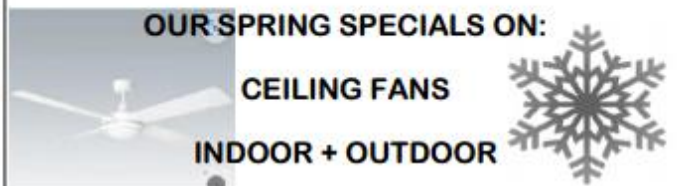
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Cardinia Community Leadership Program Applications open

Applications are now open for the 2023 Cardinia Community Leadership Program.

This fully funded program provides up to 22 participants with an opportunity to build or enhance their leadership skills and networks, and learn from a host of guest speakers, local leaders and program alumni.

"This program covers topics to help participants build their capacity as leaders within their local neighbourhoods, groups or organisations," said Cardinia Shire Mayor, Councillor Tammy Radford.

"If you are someone who guides, motivates and inspires others, keeps a team together and united in working towards a common goal, or aspires to do this in the future, then this program is for you. I encourage you to apply for this incredible opportunity."

The course runs from July to December 2023 and is designed to prepare participants for success in their community leadership roles. The program encompasses learning through a diverse range of methods, so that participants can learn more about themselves, others and their community in their pursuit to lead more effectively.

Places in the 2023 program are limited to 22 participants. To be eligible, applicants must be:

- a Cardinia Shire Council resident
- 18 years or over
- already involved in the local community in some way
- able to attend all program sessions.

Applications close at 5pm, Sunday 4 June. Applicants should review the information available on Council's website, including the FAQs, to ensure they are eligible and able to commit to the program requirements.

For more information and to apply, visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/leadershipprogram

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Building sustainable local roads across Cardinia Shire

Cardinia Shire Council is making ground-breaking strides in sustainable road construction practices, using ground penetrating radar (GPR) to survey underground tree roots.

In a world-first collaboration, Cardinia Shire Council partnered with Australian spatial data services provider, Veris to identify underground tree root systems using the latest GPR technology, and mobile laser scanning to capture an unsealed road corridor in 3D.

The GPR technology was first trialled along Dore Road, Nar Nar Goon, as part of environmental investigations under **the Strategic Sealed Roads program**.

These surveys have enabled arborists and council to determine the location and depth of existing tree roots, and which tree roots will remain viable throughout construction and which trees will need to be removed.

Working in a similar fashion to a submarine sending signals down to the ocean floor, surveyors equipped a car with cameras and radar software, which then travelled along Dore Rd emitting



signals to capture a complete image of what lies below and around the existing path.

Cardinia Shire Council CEO Carol Jeffs is proud to see the progressive initiatives being introduced to help build a better Cardinia.

“We are proud to be introducing new, sustainable practices and initiatives to reduce our environmental impact during roadworks and help conserve our native wildlife and vegetation.”

“Previously using arborist surveys alone, would mean that we would need to remove an excessive number of trees and vegetation, as we couldn’t see below the surface. Now utilising ground penetrating radar, we can create a map to help us save more trees, habitats, time, and ratepayers money.” Carol said.

There are 1000s of trees that line Dore Rd, and arborists estimate that over 340 trees could have potentially been removed as part of sealing upgrade works and using traditional surveying methods. However, thanks to these GPR surveys, 95% of these identified trees along Dore Rd will now be saved.

For the innovative work along Dore Rd, council recently won an Excellence Award for Innovation from Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia.

The Strategic Sealed Roads Program will deliver 40 kilometres of new, sealed roads across Cardinia Shire. This will reduce environmental impacts associated with unsealed roads including run-off and dust, while improving comfort and service levels for road-users.

Due to the successful results along Dore Rd, council is now rolling out the GPR surveys on other Strategic Sealed Roads projects such as Mt Lyall Road in Heath Hill, Bessie Creek Road in Gembrook, and Evans Rd in Bunyip.

Works to seal the full 6km length of Dore Road, Nar Nar Goon will start from June 2023 and are expected to be completed by December 2023.

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A short history of the Koo Wee Rup Hospitals

By Heather Arnold, Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society

The Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service has just celebrated its centenary and this is a short history of the Hospitals in Koo Wee Rup.

The Bush Nursing Centre opened in July 1918 and a nurse's cottage was built in 1921 and it was on May 23, 1923 that the Bush Nursing Hospital, named the Fallen Soldiers' Memorial Hospital, officially opened in Station Street.

The *Koo Wee Rup Sun* report of the opening noted that much of the credit for the Hospital goes to the long serving Secretary, George Burhop, who joined the committee in 1918. As they reported - *Now that the hospital is an accomplished fact, we cannot conclude without saying that one outstanding personality in bringing the scheme to a successful consummation has been the untiring zeal and devotion of Mr G.R. Burhop. He has been absolutely absorbed in the work. The most difficult task did not daunt him, and he has given time, money and labor and he must feel highly elated that the object for which he has been striving is now a practical reality. He has worked in a splendid spirit and has been suffused with "the white heat of a passionate enthusiasm" for the centre.*

George Randall Burhop was born in England on October 16, 1873 and died in Brisbane on May 30, 1949; he married Dorothea Pausacker in 1898 (she died 1962, aged 87) and they had four children - Dora, Amey, George and Thomas. George was a Cranbourne Shire Councillor 1921-1941 and Shire President 1927-1928. George arrived in Australia with his parents when he was 13 years old and after living in New South Wales and Queensland took over his parent's farm on McDonald's Drain Road in 1914 and later purchased a large allotment in Lea Road. Mr Burhop was the Secretary of Hospital for 29 years until his retirement in December 1947.

The Hospital was opened by Cr E. Sinclair Hill, who also unveiled a tablet in memory of the local fallen soldiers - Jacob Bambury (listed as Banbury on the plaque), David Bethune, Sydney Blake, John Bryan, Thomas Bryan (both listed as Bryant on the plaque), Michael Callanan, Lawrence Coates, Percy Davis, John Davy, George Garbellini, Henry Hamilton, John Hannaker, Richard Martin, George Osborne, John O'Shea, James Randle, Bernard Slocombe, Arthur Williams and Charles Woods.

One of the results of the Hospital opening was that in May 1923, the first Resident Doctor, Dr Lyell Andrews, arrived in the town. In February 1925, Dr Alan Hewitt and his wife, Vera, who was a trained nurse, took over Dr Andrew's practice. Dr Alan retired from practice in 1963; his son Dr John worked in Koo Wee Rup from 1951 until 1955 and another son, Dr Ian, commenced practice in the town in 1955 and retired in 1995, ending 70 years of service from the Hewitt family to the town. I wonder how many babies they delivered in that time?

The Age reported that on October 26, 1929, the hospital accommodation was increased by the *addition of an enclosed verandah of the type common to the majority of bush nursing hospitals in Victoria. As it was of liberal dimensions, the verandah has ample room for 10 beds, which means the accommodation of the hospital has been doubled.*

Drama struck the hospital in December 1934 when the patients had to be evacuated through the roof as the Hospital *was flooded to a depth of 7ft within a few minutes.* In October the next year a new operating theatre was opened. The Hospital relied on subscriptions and local donations but the Pakenham Racing Club was also a large donor and every year, in the 1930s to the 1950s, they held a Hospital Race Meeting to raise funds for both the Koo Wee Rup and the Pakenham Bush Nursing Hospitals.

In late 1945, the Westernport Memorial Hospital Provisional Committee was formed for the *purpose of establishing a modern public hospital in the Koo Wee Rup locality and it appeals for the support and loyal co-operation of every person residing in the area.* The immediate objective was to raise £5000.

A major problem facing Hospitals after the War in the late 1940s and early 1950s was a shortage of nurses; in fact it was so dire that it was reported that some hospitals, including Koo Wee Rup, would have to close.

One innovative solution to the nursing shortage was this, as *The Herald* reported - *Staff shortages in Victorian hospitals could be eased if male nurses were accepted generally, several trained male nurses had come from England recently and there had been several Australian ex-servicemen with provisional registrations, but, with the exception of one training school, metropolitan and country hospitals did not appear to be interested in employing them.....There were between 30 and 40 trained male nurses in England willing to migrate. Some were highly qualified. One had a special certificate as a male tutor, and would give the opportunity to establish male nurse training in Victoria.*

The Westernport Memorial Hospital Committee continued their fundraising and in 1953 Bates, Smart and McCutcheon were appointed as architects and the Trusteel Corporation was the successful tenderer for the new hospital, in Rossiter Road. The local community had raised £20,000 towards the cost of the building the hospital and the nurses' home, which cost £200,500 and was constructed in seven months.

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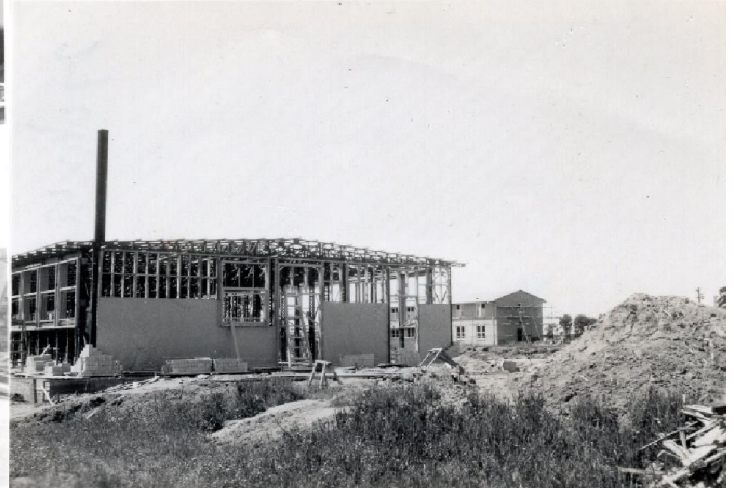
A short history of the Koo Wee Rup Hospitals *(from page 23)*

By Heather Arnold, Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society

The *Koo Wee Rup Sun* reported on July 20, 1955 that Matron Laird had been appointed and that the Hospital would be ready for occupation the next month, and would be officially opened on August 22. A Meeting to form a Ladies Auxiliary was held on July 28. The visiting hours for the hospital were set at 10.30am - 11am, 2.30pm - 3.30pm and 7.15pm - 8.15pm and *no children under 14, except babes in arms, would be admitted as visitors*. August 22 came and went and there was no official opening, however on August 24, 1955 the hospital was opened for business with the patients in the old building transferred by ambulance to the new building. The Hospital Secretary, Mr Pollock, could advertise that *the hospital was open to receive patients for all kinds of nursing*.

It wasn't until December 4, 1955 that the official opening of the Hospital and Nurses' Home took place. The *Koo Wee Rup Sun* could report that *despite inclement weather conditions there was a large attendance on Sunday afternoon to witness the official opening of the new 23-bed Westernport Memorial Hospital, costing £200,000, excluding furnishings. The ceremony was performed by Dr. H. J. Lindell, chairman of the Hospitals and Charities Commission.*

The focus of the Hospital changed from the 1990s - the Killara Hostel opened in 1997, the operating theatre closed in 2004. However what didn't change was the need to raise funds and Hospital Balls were a regular feature and a major fundraiser was the Koo Wee Rup Potato Festival held from 1973 until 2000. However, the jewel of the Crown is the Ladies Auxiliary, formed in July 1955 and still going strong and still raising money for the Health Service. Coming up for their 70th anniversary, a Platinum Jubilee, in two years time. It is an anniversary well worth celebrating for their consistent dedication to their cause and to the town of Koo Wee Rup and surrounds. The Ladies are truly worth their weight in platinum, gold and diamonds.



1954 Dec 4 - Hospital under construction;

1954 27 Nov - Construction of Hospital and 2-storey Nurses Home

1955 Dec 4 - Opening Ceremony Westernport Memorial Hospital; 1955 Dec 4 - Opening Day Westernport Memorial Hospital - interesting they were flying the Union Jack.

Photographs by Margaret Robinson.



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 June 14, 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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Talks run from 11.00am to 12 noon.

Programme-

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July 20 - Cemeteries: you can learn a lot in a cemetery- dead men do tell tales!

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