

THE KOO WEE RUP BLACKFISH



MARCH 2023

Ray Brown Walk

You may have noticed that the signposts that appeared late last year in the laneway running beside Woolworths from Station Street to the rail trail. The lane has been named 'Ray Brown Walk'.

Why is this the way we chose to honour Ray Brown? There were many reasons. Like the man himself, the walkway isn't glamorous, but it is incredibly useful. It leads to the old railway platform; Ray came to Koo Wee Rup in the early 70s as Station Master. But most importantly, the lane wouldn't have existed without Ray's persistence.

Ray Brown was a passionate advocate for the laneway. Shortly after the rail trail opened in 2012, he began lobbying council to create it. The landowner was supportive and offered to gift the land for the laneway to the council, but council was reluctant to accept it. Council offered to make a walkway from the rail trail into the Woolies carpark instead, but there was no suggestion of making a safe footpath around the carpark. By this time, enterprising locals had detached the fence at the end of the services access path beside the building to create a laneway of sorts with rather a high jump at one end. Clearly, this was where the foot traffic wanted to go, so that was where Ray was determined to get the laneway. After countless phone calls and several face to face meetings, it became clear that Ray wasn't going to stop badgering anyone who could help with the decision until the lane was created, so Council agreed to make it happen.

After the lane opened in 2016, Ray suggested, at a Township Committee meeting, that we needed to name the lane. I said the only name it could have was 'Ray Brown Lane', Ray objected that you could only name things after people who had died. I said we could wait. Ray laughed and moved on. I didn't forget.

Caroline Roff



Change to Blackfish delivery

Due to changes in legislation, community newspapers will no longer be exempted from 'No Junk Mail' stickers. This is the last month we will be delivering to those boxes. If you would like to continue to receive the Blackfish, you can write 'Blackfish OK' on your No Junk Mail sticker, or collect a copy from KWR Newsagent.

Koo Wee Rup Township Committee Meeting

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

Councillor Kaye Cameron reported that there was a briefing for councillors last Monday night. There was discussion of the mowing of council reserves and parks in wet periods. Citywide contracted to do the work but have not been able to access parks because they are too wet. Councillor Cameron has raised issues with council managers and Citywide regarding the lack of maintenance and that smaller machinery or hand held mowers and whipper snippers could be used to manage at least some areas.

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What's on in Koo Wee Rup and District

March

Wed 1st	Coffee Club (back page)	Royal Hotel	10am
Wed 1st	Lions Club Meeting	Tooradin Sports Club	7pm
Wed 1st	Township Committee Meeting (front page)	Community Centre	7.30pm
Thu 2nd	South West Gippsland Assn.	Bowls Club	10am
Thu 2nd	Heart Foundation Walking (page 11)	Clocktowers	7pm
Fri 3rd	KRHS Ladies Auxiliary Meeting (page 23)	Eco House	9.30am
Fri 3rd	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch & Bingo (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Fri 3rd	Social Bowls	Bowls Club	6pm
Sat 4th	Mat Pilates (page 3)	Eco House - Hospital	9am
Mon 6th	KWR Senior Citizens Indoor Bowls (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11am
Mon 6th	CWA Meeting (page 23)	Senior Citizens Club	7.30pm
Mon 6th	Chair Pilates (page 3)	Eco House - Hospital	5pm
Mon 6th	Mat Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	6pm
Wed 8th	KWR Swamp Historical Society Meeting (page 27)	KWR Historical Society	6pm
Thu 9th	Heart Foundation Walking	Clocktowers	7pm
Fri 10th	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch & Bingo (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Fri 10th	Social Bowls	Bowls Club	6pm
Sat 11th	Mat Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	9am
Mon 13th	KWR Senior Citizens Indoor Bowls (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11am
Mon 13th	Chair Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	5pm
Mon 13th	Mat Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	6pm
Tue 14th	Have a Chat Chuesdays (back page)	UA Church Hall	2pm
Tue 14th	Hall Committee Meeting	Community Centre	7.30pm
Wed 15th	Coffee Club	Chandelier Café	10am
Thu 16th	Getting to know your family history (back page)	KWR Historical Society	11am
Thu 16th	Heart Foundation Walking	Clocktowers	7pm
Fri 17th	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch & Bingo (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Fri 17th	Social Bowls	Bowls Club	6pm
Sat 18th	Mat Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	9am
Sun 19th	Bayles Fauna Park Working Bee (page 36)	Bayles Fauna Park	9am
Mon 20th	KWR Senior Citizens Indoor Bowls (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11am
Mon 20th	Chair Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	5pm
Mon 20th	Mat Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	6pm
Mon 20th	CWA Craft Meeting	Senior Citizens Club	7.30pm
Tue 21st	RSL Sub-Branch AGM (page 9)	RSL Clubrooms	7.30pm
Wed 22nd	Lions Club Meeting	RSL Clubrooms	7pm
Thu 23rd	Olivia Newton John Tribute (page 20)	Bayles Public Hall	10.30am
Thu 23rd	Heart Foundation Walking	Clocktowers	7pm
Fri 24th	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch & Bingo (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Fri 24th	Social Bowls	Bowls Club	6pm
Sat 25th	Mat Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	9am
Mon 27th	KWR Senior Citizens Indoor Bowls (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11am
Mon 27th	Chair Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	5pm
Mon 27th	Mat Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	6pm
Tue 28th	Forget-Me-Not Café (page 6)	Eco House - Hospital	10am
Wed 29th	Coffee Club	Degani	10am
Thu 30th	South West Gippsland Assn.	Bowls Club	10am
Thu 30th	Heart Foundation Walking end of season walk and dinner	Clocktowers	7pm
Fri 31st	Social Bowls	Bowls Club	6pm

April

Sun 2nd	Harewood Heritage Day (back page)	Harewood House	10am
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HAVE YOU GOT SOMETHING TO SAY?

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

Caroline Roff, Editor

Cover Girls

Three popular locals have made the cover of the latest edition of Council’s Ageing Well newsletter. Ageing Well highlights a range of services and exciting opportunities for seniors to stay healthy and connected in Cardinia Shire. Three thousand copies have been distributed to more than twenty-five locations across the shire, including the Cardinia Shire Council Civic Centre and Cardinia Cultural Centre, community houses and libraries.

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For more information about Ageing Well, visit Council’s website at www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/ageingwell or call the Ageing Well team on 1300 787 624.

Cover girls - Dianne, Lina and Tina appreciating one of the many opportunities to enjoy life in Cardinia Shire.

Pilates @ KRHS

Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service to offer half hour Chair Pilates on Mondays at 5pm and one hour Mat Pilates classes (6pm Mondays and 9am Saturdays).

Remember you are listening to your body and are doing a series of progressive exercises that address your core, balance, and resistance. So on days that you are not up to much you will work at your own pace and ability level. **FREE first session** allows a great introduction to see if you like this form of exercise. We run during school term times in the community room with access off Rossiter Rd next to the community garden.

Cost is \$5 for chair and \$10 for mat classes.
Enquiries to Marlene on 0429 814 410



Pilates Term 1
Free First Class

Chair based class now available
Reengage this spring with exercise at your level. Pilates is suitable for all ages & abilities, focusing on core, strength, balance and flexibility.

When: Chair based class 5.00 pm Monday.
Mat @ 6.00pm Mondays and
Mat @ 9.00am Saturday

Where: Hewitt Eco House, Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service, 215 Rossiter Road Koo Wee Rup.

Cost: \$5 (chair class; 1/2 hr) and \$10 for mat.

Enquiries to Marlene
0429 814 410

Term 1 starts: Mon 30th Jan 2023

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Koo Wee Rup Township Committee Meeting *from page 1*

Comment to Cr Cameron regarding piles of rubbish outside Commission Units in Icke Road and opposite the Health Service. Rubbish needs to be collected from the street. Cr Cameron advised that rubbish in the street should be reported to council for collection if left on the street for more than a week.

Police report to Township Committee

Please find below a list of reported crime for Koo Wee Rup for the month of January:

- BWS in Station Street took a hit for the month with 3 separate thefts of a substantial amount of alcohol that occurred over a five day period being 23/01/23, 25/01/23 and 27/01/23. The thefts occurred during opening hours with the brazen thieves entering the store selecting their alcohol of choice before leaving without paying. There was also an overnight Burglary at the store on the night of 21/01/23 where a group of males forced entry and stole cash and alcohol. To top it off on 18/01/23 a disgruntled prospective customer smashed the glass door when he arrived to purchase alcohol only to find the shop closed with a note indicating the staff member was on a short brake.
- 17/01/23: The Shell Servo on station street was also a victim of the theft of petrol. The young male offender filled up a stolen car before decamping without making payment.
- 06/01/23: There was an overnight theft from the rear of a work truck parked at the Koo Wee Rup Motel. Work related equipment was stolen.
- 22/01: There was a substantial incident which occurred at the Cochrane Park skate ramp involving a number of people. All parties are known to each other with ongoing disputes between families. Police are investigating with the possibility of charges arising from the incident. No one not directly a part of either of the families were involved. If anyone has any information in relation to any of these incidents, can they please contact local police or Crime Stoppers.

The Christmas decorations looked great this year; Bev is doing a great job assisting some of the businesses to decorate their windows. The Tinsel Terror Elf had lots of tinsel donated to the Chandelier Cafe, and the old Nativity Scene which was set up in the window of the Wattle Theatre building. People really responded to the decorations around town. The residential lights were very good again this year.

Australia Day ceremony went well this year. The Township Committee thanks all those that helped out especially Lions with the BBQ, CWA putting the Bacon and Egg rolls together and preparing the morning tea, and the RSL for the flag raising ceremony.

There was a discussion of whether we still wish to continue with the Australia Day ceremony. It is well supported by town residents and the schools. And the celebration of our community and those that contribute is a great thing for Koo Wee Rup. But it is becoming an increasingly contentious date to celebrate Australia and the effort to organise and run the day is falling on fewer and fewer people. The meeting decided that the event will continue but we will need the assistance of others to make it work.

Ellen Brown received an email from council advising that the Oak tree in Cochrane Park between the Tennis Courts and the old Railway Platform had been added to the Heritage Overlay.

Blackfish Medical Centre has been sold. The Family Doctor Group has purchased the practice and also the one in Nyora. The practice will change from bulk billing to mixed billing.

The Township entry signs still need repairing or replacing. The Secretary will follow up with the Men's Shed regarding the construction of the replacement parts.

The Mural project at the old railway station needs to be moved forward.

Forget-Me-Not Café

The Forget-Me-Not Café is an opportunity to make new friends and nurture old ones, share experiences and create new ones in an environment of support and understanding.



Join us at the Forget-Me-Not Café
Hewitt Eco House Community Room
215 Rossiter Road, Koo Wee Rup
10.00am - 12.00pm



Upcoming Dates:

Tuesday's 2023
31st January
28th March
30th May
25th July
26th September
28th November

The Café aims to bring together people living with dementia and their loved ones in Koo Wee Rup, and surrounding areas.

The Café is a nurturing space that offers enrichment, support and understanding, where you can share experiences with others living with the challenges of dementia.

Contact Joanne for more information 5997 9655
Joanne.Cain@krhs.net.au



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Show 'n' Shine 2023



Rotary's Lang Lang Show 'n' Shine car show yet again proved to be a very popular and successful event, with many members, past members and volunteers, neighbouring Rotarians and community groups contributing to the Show n Shine car event.



It demonstrates that we can bring together many local community groups for a common goal. It is a wonderful event for so many people.



Over 600 cars were displayed and probably over 3000 attendees.

Such events do not occur without precise preparation and efficiency. For this we thank Jan and Rosemary Kruizinga and family, Rudy and Joy de Jong, Sam and Judy Loughridge, John, Tania and the McDonell family, Bob and Di Comber, Graham Warry, Hayden and Judy Giles and many other supporters, male and female, who worked tirelessly up front the scene and also behind. The club had a wonderful contingent of workers. It was great to see new members Michelle and Robbie Hird in action and Casey and Megan as well. Also George Anastasios, Alan Laughton,

Laura Healey, John and Val Williams and Brian Candy. We thank them all!

We also acknowledge the Lang Lang Show committee for providing the Showgrounds for the occasion.

The best job for the day - Geoff Reeve for riding on the 4-wheeler all day.

The worst job for the day - Hayden Giles for giving Bruce Thomas 10 kg of onions to peel and slice for the barbecue.

Well done to all; a great team effort- a day of satisfaction, fun and laughs.

Bruce Thomas

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Koo Wee Rup RSL Report

We were very busy in the lead up to Christmas.

Our Remembrance Day Service at the Cenotaph outside the Koo Wee Rup Community Centre went off very well and was well attended by members of the community considering it was a Friday. As part of the proceedings for the morning we were assisted by Councillor Kaye Cameron to present our annual Remembrance Day Community Spirit and Mateship Awards to local children nominated by their school teachers. After the conclusion of the service the members were treated to a delicious lunch prepared by the chef at the Koo Wee Rup Mens Shed and we would like to thank them for their hospitality. It's very heart warming to be part of a small community where the different community groups in the area get together and help each other out when we put out the call. So, if you're interested in joining one of those groups we are always looking for new members to join the RSL and you will be made very welcome. It's never been simpler to join, to become an affiliate member you just need to have a relative who served in any branch of the military. If you're considering joining and you would like more information please send us an email at kooweerup.rsl@gmail.com. We're not a big club with pokies and a bistro but we do have a great group of members and enjoy the odd social function in and out of our premises and a monthly Friday night get together as well as other community activities with the Lions Club, the CWA and Scouts to mention a few.

Our Christmas Fair was fabulous, we were overwhelmed by the attendance and support by members of the community. The stallholders said they had a great time and some even sold out of all of their wares. It was decided unanimously by the members of the RSL at our last monthly meeting that we will be holding the event again this year. The only disappointing side of the fair was the craft and cooking competition, we had only a total of about 12 entries across all of the sections. However, what was entered was very good and the judges were impressed. Maybe consider having a go this year – I know there are lots of talented people in Koo Wee Rup and you never know you might just win a prize and it's free to enter and a bit of fun. We made a neat little sum of money that will go towards the wellbeing of our members and veterans in the district.

Our AGM is coming up on the 21st March so once we get that over with we will be back to our busy selves with ANZAC Day coming up and Harewood Heritage Day to keep us busy.

Don't forget to keep an eye out for information about the Koo Wee Rup RSL ANZAC Day Dawn Service which is always so well attended by everyone in Koo Wee Rup. Also, in the lead up to ANZAC Day our volunteer members will be out and about selling ANZAC Badges, as well as badges available at the local schools and some businesses so please consider buying badge they range from \$2 to \$50 each and all monies go directly to your local RSL, no amount of money is too small. It's the least we can do to honour those men and women who fought so gallantly – some paying the extreme sacrifice for the freedoms in Australia that we have today.

There will be more to report about what we have planned in the coming months so stay tuned.

That's all for now.

Rodney Edwards, President – Koo Wee Rup RSL



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

25th APRIL 2023

All Welcome — WEAR YOUR MEDALS

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



LEST WE FORGET

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



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Koo Wee Rup & District RSL will be held on Tuesday 21st March 2023 at 7.30pm at the RSL clubrooms, 13-15 Station Street Koo Wee Rup.

All financial members are eligible to vote.
New members welcome.

For further information please contact Bev Edwards, JP (Secretary) at kooweerup.rsl@gmail.com

Icarus Skin Cancer Clinic



Phone: 59 252 000

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Bruce has undertaken significant further training in the field of skin cancer medicine and is accredited by the Skin Cancer College of Australasia. He has developed skills in skin cancer surgery including facial surgery, skin flaps (including nose, ears and lower leg repairs) and skin grafting. He is also passionate about promoting sun awareness and skin cancer prevention with his patients

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

Need a skin check?

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

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

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

Early detection and treatment is essential

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

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

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

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

To make an appointment call 59 252 000 or book online

Heart Foundation Walking Groups

The evening walking group will continue throughout March and will finish with the end of daylight saving on Thursday 30th March with a social end of season walk and dinner.

Remember we walk at 7pm on Thursdays but only during daylight saving. The daytime groups are at 9am Mondays and Thursdays with Diane as the walk leader. All groups meet at the KWR Clocktowers.

Enquiries to Marlene on 0429 814 410.



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What: Thursday Evening Walkers.
When: 7.00 pm every Thursday during daylight saving.
Starting Thu 6th October 2022 until April 2023

Where: Koo Wee Rup Clock Towers Rossiter Rd KWR
FREE daylight saving group.
Ring Marlene 0429 814410

Visit walking.heartfoundation.org.au for more information



Latest info from the Community Advisory Committee

The next meeting of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) will be held on the 21st of March 2023. In the meantime, the Committee will offer advice to the KRHS Board of Management about problems that could be upsetting you, a Patient, a Resident, or a Carer, and also, maybe, from an individual Koo-Wee-Rup resident or, indeed, from the Community's point of view. The Community Advisory Committee will listen closely to consumers and acknowledge their concerns and aspirations so that these alternatives that they offer are consistently understood and seriously considered.

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 K RHS 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 21st of March 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

Head to Garfield for West Gippsland Railtowns Food and Wine Festival

Eat, drink and relax the day away at the West Gippsland Railtowns Food and Wine Festival!

Held on Sunday 5 March, 11am – 5pm in Garfield, enjoy a day of live music, local wineries and producers from across West Gippsland.

You'll even have the chance to indulge in wine tastings, charming market stalls, lawn games, gourmet produce and food trucks.

The not to be missed event is presented by West Gippsland Progress Association and supported by Cardinia Shire Council.

For more information about the West Gippsland Railtowns Food & Wine Festival and to secure your ticket, visit the What's on Cardinia website at

www.whatsoncardinia.com.au



A First Class Trip (Part 1) by Geoff Stokes

You may recall, in one of my previous stories, that one of the highlights of my adventurous life was a trip around the world travelling first class. Yes - not business class, but first-class air travel and I still have a copy of my first class itinerary from CBA Travel.

The first leg of my trip was a visit to Georg Fischer GMBH of Switzerland and it was arranged for the end of February 1979. I would spend four weeks there with GF before going on to Milan preceding a visit to my Company's head office in Vienna (in the local district of Gumpoldskirchen). From there I would go on to visit my Company's UK marketing operation in London then on to Madrid and from there to Los Angeles to view GF's USA production plant and also their marketing organisation returning back to Australia via New Zealand. An around the world trip first class, why? Because of our International Company rules that said, "All flights over four hours by senior management personnel would be seats in the first class section". (Note! First Class not Business Class!). My flights were all a complete pampered luxury.

Olive and the children saw me off from Tullamarine and because the kids were not allowed in the first-class lounge at the airport, I boarded the aircraft from the economy lounge. This caused some concern at the check-in desk where I was promptly whisked off to my first-class seat by a very concerned Qantas lady. She brought me a glass of champagne to make up for their lack of understanding. The flight to Zurich via Singapore was an experience, especially the leg from Singapore which was by Singapore Airlines. After quite an exotic, personal gourmet dinner with top label wines, it was eventually time to settle for the night. Two quite beautiful female flight attendants adjusted my seat into a sort of bed and brought along a balloon glass of brandy for me to sip. Finally, they started to tuck me in with a blanket and puffed up my pillow till I felt sure they would eventually kiss me goodnight because their attention to detail was so perfect. I am not sure I slept too well but it didn't seem too long before breakfast and we were flying over the snow-covered mountains of the Swiss Alps. I was met at the airport by a chauffeur with a Jaguar saloon to take me to my hotel in Schaffhausen; it was Sunday morning. He said he would pick me up the next morning to take me to the Georg Fischer offices and factory. I spent most of the day getting my bearings and sleeping. The hotel I was booked into was a sort of very old boutique private hotel run by a lady who installed me into an attic room that didn't have an ensuite. I had to use the communal one down the hall. I have to say though, I never saw anyone else there because I found out later that all the other rooms had their own facilities! Schaffhausen is a medieval walled town and is an enclave of Switzerland in southern Germany. It would be my home for the next four weeks. From the local tourism website of today I quote: -

"Capital of the northernmost Swiss canton that shares its name, Schaffhausen has one of the most captivating medieval town centres in the whole of Switzerland. In addition, just 3km down river are the mighty Rhine falls, a blockage to shipping on the otherwise navigable river that to this day forces boats making the journey from the Bodensee to unload their goods (or passengers), and then load up again beyond the falls for the journey on towards Basel. Almost as if too far north to be of concern to most visitors to Switzerland, Schaffhausen is nonetheless an unsung, uncelebrated gem".



I spent my time gaining product knowledge of all the GF products and I don't intend to go into any detail, but I will highlight one or two

events that might be of interest during that time. I was one of several overseas agents attending this specialist training course and the lectures were very authoritarian just as if we were schoolboys again. The other guys were all living at a hotel in the town centre; it was just me who was out in the suburbs in an ancient hostelry! We all became good friends, and I was lectured to and looked after most of the time by the senior GF engineer, Raymond Rahm. How did I get him to do that? Well, I suppose it was my first day in their office and I noticed that each individual GF employee of any standing had a candlestick on his/her desk. This candlestick was made from a piece of PVC pipe, a base flange, and a socket to hold the candle, all part of GF's range of pipeline fittings. However, some individuals had more than one socket on their candlestick, and one person, (the boss) had a display of five sockets displayed like a Jewish Menorah. I asked about this, and the answer was that the candle stick and the number of sockets on display indicated your position in the Company.

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A First Class Trip (Part 1) *from previous page*

The boss had a five-candlestick holder on his desk and next down to him had four the next three and so forth. When I mentioned, with tongue in cheek, that if we had a similar system in Melbourne then I would be entitled to a four-socket candlestick on my desk, things immediately changed. I became much more 'VIP' and was looked after every day and wined and dined in the best of places, much to the chagrin of the other international agent attendees. Raymond asked me if I would like to go rifle and pistol shooting with him one Saturday and I said yes; it was quite a day. I didn't know then that shooting, next in rank down to skiing, is a national sport of Switzerland and that there are hotly contested leagues throughout the country. This particular shoot was to be between his village and the next village, a local derby.

Raymond picked me up from my hotel quite early as I recall, and off we went into the magnificent countryside to his own local village hall. It was set out with long tables and benches and most people were already there when we arrived. Schnapps and coffee were served to all whilst we watched the parade of the pigs. Two live fat pigs had been chosen as the prizes and here they were being shown to us, little realising that they were about to be slaughtered and cut up into pieces to be awarded as prizes to the successful shooters. Soon after, we made our way to an outside shooting field that consisted of a pistol range and a rifle range; the morning session was to be the pistol shoot. I had already seen Raymond's large collection of medals for this event presented in a huge picture frame at his house, so I knew he was the favourite in this competition. Indeed, he was and over the morning session he collected enough points to win yet again. I just sat and watched, and I couldn't believe how serious everyone was about the event. I am not talking about the safety aspect, which was taken as read; I mean the competitiveness of everyone and of the two teams. Soon it was time for a very late lunch and what a lunch it was. The freshly killed pigs; pork cooked all ways. Roast, stir fried with noodles, sweet and sour with rice, pork sausages and most of the cooked offal was available for you to pick over; all to be washed down with wine or ale. The starter or entrée was blutworst, a blood-filled sausage, and I was told that it is a delicacy of Switzerland. It had a very thick outside skin, white in colour with the ends of each link tied with fine string. Everyone watched me as I, the only outsider, considered how to get into it. Raymond showed me how and that was to open one end of the sausage and, stroking the back of your knife along the sausage, force out the contents on to your plate. The contents really did look like congealed blood but tasted quite nice with the herb infusion it had in it. No worse than black pudding of UK I suppose, and I love that!

In the afternoon they had the rifle competition, and I was invited to have a shoot for the home team. I didn't do too badly; it was enough to win a minor prize in the celebrations later that evening. The winner, then number two and number three, could go up and choose their parcel of meat in that order and so on down to the last man standing. I was somewhere in the middle and made my choice to pass on later to Raymond's wife waiting at home. I was also presented with a medal, and I still have it albeit looking rather tattered these days. The evening finished off with more schnapps, wine or ale and thick, thick coffee. It was quite late when Raymond drove me back to the hotel; I know I couldn't have driven. Incidentally, Raymond's village team did win the competition!

The hotel I stayed at grew on me because I was somewhat pampered by the lady manager. She was much older than me and mothered me somewhat always ensuring things went right for me during breakfast and the odd dinner she put on now and again. Twice during my stay a certain specialist doctor visited the hotel and stayed there and several of his patients would also stay at the same time. They had come here from all over Switzerland. Presumably he saw them during the day because during the evening when I was there, they all had a super banquet for dinner to which I was invited. There were lots of exotic foods and drinks on the menu, so he certainly wasn't a dietician! As the time drew near for me to move on the lady manager made some remarks about nice restaurants in the town and sort of excitedly suggested I take her to one. So, to calm her down I did, and she took me (at my Company's expense!) to her favourite haunt where some of her lady friends were also dining, and they could goggle at me which they certainly did. Then something amazing happened. As I was talking to her, she fell asleep falling across the table, much to the delight of her so called friends. It was very embarrassing for me and didn't do my ego much good. I thought my conversation was quite fascinating! Obviously not! She must have woken up at some time because I remember her refusing to give me a brandy and dry when we arrived back at her hotel bar. I wonder why!



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1st Koo Wee Rup Scout Group

Group Leader – Shane Worthington

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Wow what a start to 2023. All sections have returned to scouting. We joined all groups in Cardinia District to celebrate Founders Day. This is Lord Badens Powell’s birthday and celebrated across the world as Founders Day.



Joey Scouts started the year with a water night and followed it up with swimming in Pakenham. They had a Venturer join them at their swimming night and help to start earning their swimming badge.

Cub Scouts would like to congratulate Holly on earning her Grey Wolf Award. This is a fabulous achievement of the highest award you can earn as a cub scout.



Cub scouts had an adventurous start to the year with a visit to the Melbourne Zoo. It took 3 trains and a bus but we all made it there safely. Cub scouts had a great time seeing all of the animals. We ate icy poles whilst watching the giraffes. Then made the trip home taking another 3 trains and a bus.

Scouts have had a visit to the beach and Venturers had a duck hunt around Koo Wee Rup.

Rovers have been out to dinner and are trying hard to complete their Rover den.



There are vacancies in all section at Koo Wee Rup Scout Group. Youth wanting to have a look at we do get to come along for 3 nights for free. Contact Shane for more information.



Joey Scouts
5 to 7 year old
Monday
6:30 - 7:30



Cub Scouts
8 to 11 year old
Tuesday
7:00 - 8:30



Scouts
11 to 14 year old
Wednesday
7:00 - 9:00



Venturers
14 to 17 year old
Friday
7:00 - 9:00



Rovers
18 to 25 year old
Thursday
7:00 - 9:00

What was that siren?

February 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:

- 23/1/23 – Motor Vehicle Collision/possible entrapment – Dalmore Rd Tooradin
- 23/1/23 – Burn off out of control – Obriens Rd Bayles
- 29/1/23 – Automatic Alarm – McDonalds Drain Rd Pakenham
- 13/2/23 – Burn off during Fire Danger Period – Icke Rd Koo Wee Rup
- 13/2/23 – Incident – Charles St Koo Wee Rup
- 14/2/23 – Motor Vehicle collision – Rossiter Rd Koo Wee Rup
- 17/2/23 - Grass fire - Nyora Estate Rd Nyora
- 17/2/23 - Grass fire - Swan Rd Athlone
- 21/2/23 - Power pole fire - Shelton Park Drive Koo Wee Rup

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

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

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

Help us help you in times of emergency.

Please:

- Keep grass and soil clear from around and on top of the hydrant
- Do not landscape over the hydrant
- Do not park your vehicle over, or in front of, the hydrant
- Report any faults or damage to the hydrant emailing us or contacting us on facebook
- Don't remove any covers on the hydrant or try to clean it. Spiders and other things that bite often like living there and we don't want you to get bitten!

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

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The Fire Danger Period for our area is currently in force

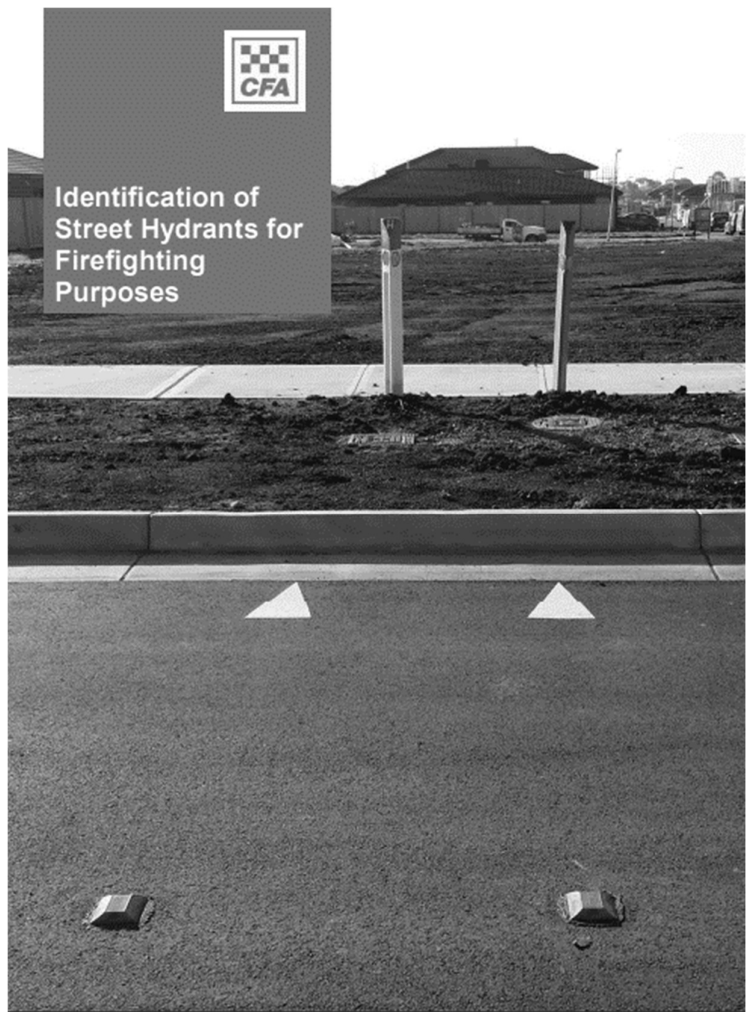
This means you cannot light a fire in the open air unless you have a permit

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

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

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

On days of Total Fire Bans, please AVOID using tractors, balers, slashers etc near grass/stubble etc. The heat or a spark can easily start a fire that can spread very quickly. If it is ESSENTIAL you use them, follow the CFA guidelines which include having at least 9 litre water knapsack or water extinguisher with you.



What was that siren? *from previous page*



Australia Day

Koo Wee Rup Fire Brigade joined in the fun at Turning Point Church's Australia Day celebration last month.



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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You can contact us for non-emergency enquiries via email. Call Triple zero in an emergency kooweerup.sec@members.cfa.vic.gov.au or facebook [@KooWeeRupFireBrigade](https://www.facebook.com/KooWeeRupFireBrigade)





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News from the Shed

Jan 2023 happenings at the Koo Wee Rup Men's Shed

At the shed

As the summer heat visits us on the occasional day over the past weeks, the Men's Shed has been nice and cool thanks to the air-conditioning installed last year. This was made possible with the help of our local Kooweerup Community Bank and funds raised by the Men's Shed members. Wednesday lunches continue to be well attended and we continue to welcome new members. With free internet access on our computers, the lounge area to relax, games to play and people to chat too, the Men's Shed is a great place to be. A few of the guys have been doing woodwork projects and now that school is back, we will soon see students on the tools. We're again seeing sparks fly in the metal work area as members start building the Time Capsule for the Hospital 100 year celebration.



Serving up an amazing Wednesday members lunch



Fresh vegies available at the shed

In the Community Garden

The weather continues to be kind to us with bumper crops of fresh produce coming up. The vegetables are available for sale each day while the shed is open. Just see one of the guys and they'll get you a bag of wonderful fresh vegies straight from the garden and take your donation. There is also an honesty table outside the shed or choose from a selection on Friday while at the Café. We have a growing number of members who enjoy getting out in the community garden. So, if you're after some fresh air with good company, please pop down and join them. There are also the surrounding native gardens if vegetable growing is not for you.

Friday Café

The Men's Shed café creates healthy meal options for your Friday lunch-time enjoyment. Open from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm, we have our regular (made in house) pies, pasties, sausage rolls, vegie rolls and apple or apple and rhubarb pies, with much of the contents straight from the garden. The last few weeks we've seen the return of the Vegetarian sausage roll. An invention of our chef using many of the Community Garden vegetables. Come on down for a great meal and social catch up.

Tuesday Tech Class.

Want to better understand your smart phone, tablet or computer? Do you need help completing online forms? Our Tuesday Tech Class could be the answer. Running Tuesday morning from 9-30am to 11-30am, our member Andrew is happy to help you with all your technology needs.

The Men's Shed is open on Mondays to Fridays from 9:00am to 3:00pm and on the weekend 9:00am till 1:00pm.



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Council's free green waste drop-off events are back for 2023!

Council's free green waste drop-off events are back in Pakenham and Lysterfield!

The service helps Cardinia Shire residents to clean up and reduce the fire fuel load on their properties.

Council's green waste drop-off events are a free service accepting residential amounts of green waste including garden prunings, tree branches and trunks (up to 30 centimetres wide and 1 metre long), weeds, grass clippings, leaves, and flowers.

Residents must present photo ID as proof of residence within Cardinia Shire to access the free service.

Waste will only be accepted from residential vehicles and trailers; commercial business operators cannot use this service.

Pakenham – Friday 24 to Monday 27 March 2023

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Monday: 8am to 4pm

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Have your say on the draft Active Cardinia Strategy!

Council is inviting the community to review and provide feedback on its draft Active Cardinia Strategy.

The draft Active Cardinia Strategy has been prepared based on feedback received during the initial round of community consultation undertaken in mid-2022.

Providing a framework and direction for the long-term planning, development and management of sport and recreation facilities across the municipality, the draft Strategy also identifies programming and activation opportunities to increase participation in sport and active recreation across the shire.

Consultation closes Tuesday 7 March 2023.

Our community can provide input and feedback in a number of ways including:

- Online engagement platform:
www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay
- In person at our Civic Centre, 20 Siding Avenue, Officer
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Koo Wee Rup Bowls Club

As we get towards the finish of the Pennant season Sat. Div. 3 continue to find it hard to win a game albeit some close losses during the season.

Rd. 12 saw us visit Mt. Eliza and were narrowly defeated 51-57. In a game where there was only a total of 29 shots scored Jim Jenkins, Jill Roissetter, Rex Alexander & Stephen Payne had a 16-13 win after being level after 19 ends. Dropping 4 shots on the final end was not a good finish for Arthur Giaccotto, Gerry Fuller, Pauline Gray & Helen Ralph beaten 17-22. Being down most of the game but staging a comeback losing 7 shots in the final 4 ends did not help Brett Condron, Peter Butera, Mary Masters & Daniel Price losing 18-22.

Div. 6 were to play Beleura but for the 2nd time in 3 weeks the heat rule had the final say with the game being cancelled and both teams sharing the points. Playing the top team City of Frankston and we had an absolute shocker on 2 rinks to lose overall 37-84. An embarrassing day for Jim Jenkins, Jill Roissetter, Rex Alexander & Jacqui Butera "thumped" 6-40. A steady fight back by Brett Condron, Peter Butera, David Talbot & Daniel Price before dropping 15 shots over the last 5 ends was the end of their chance losing 13-30. Down early in the game Arthur Giaccotto, Gerry Fuller, Pauline Gray & Noel Speight hit the lead on the 15th end and held on well to win 18-14. A daunting task for Div. 6 playing top team Belvedere away and needing a win to stay in finals contention resulted in a 36-31 win with an all round team effort. Father & Son rink of Tim & Mav Katz well supported by George Crynes & Peter Stevens had a 16-16 draw. Margaret Royle, Charles Poulson, Steve Payne & Erin Price scored a well earned 20-15 win to finish the day.

Final Round and Div. 3 played top team Dromana and gave them a "fright" losing 48-61 but winning 2 of the rinks. Another humiliating day for Jim Jenkins, Jill Roissetter, Rex Alexander & Jacqui Butera "belted" 5-34. Establishing an early lead, Brett Condron, Peter Butera, Noel Speight & Daniel Price had a comfortable 20-13 win. A steady 2nd half of the game for Arthur Giaccotto, Gerry Fuller, Pauline Gray & Helen Ralph winning 23-14. In a game where a place in the finals beckoned Div. 6 "fell" at the last hurdle losing 31-41 to Yamala Park. Never looking like they would win, Margaret Royle, Charles Poulson, Joe Barlow & Erin Price lost 14-24. A 17-17 draw was the result for Tim Katz, George Crynes, Peter Stevens & Mav Katz. This team finished in 5th place for the season which was a good effort considering changes made to the team weekly. We must thank our Match Committee who had the task of finding players for 4 teams each week. No easy task with the number of unavailable players on a regular basis.

Tuesday Pennant only had Div. 3 playing with a bye for Div. 6 Another loss in a game we should have won losing to Mornington 53-64. Leading for the majority of the game Joy Jenkins, Jill Roissetter, Gerry Fuller & Joy Herbert let this one slip on the final few ends losing 17-26. In a close game that we should of won Jim Jenkins, Rex Alexander, Pauline Gray & Helen Ralph were defeated 14-17. A big lead was steadily eroded which resulted in Trevor Kitchin, Betty King, Mary Masters & Steve Payne being level playing the final end. One shot was the requirement and this was achieved winning 22-21.

The penultimate round was played with another hefty loss for Div. 3 at Rosebud & an agonizing 1 shot loss for Div. 6 at Karingal. After leading for a short time Trevor Kitchin, Noel Speight, Betty King & Steve Payne faded to lose 15-22. Another 1 shot loss on the final end for Joy Jenkins, Jill Roissetter, Gerry Fuller & Joy Herbert going down 20-21. Playing against a "skip" who was always into the head and having a little luck with conversion shots Jim Jenkins, Rex Alexander, Pauline Gray & Helen Ralph lost 13-32. A win & a loss was the result for Div. 6 losing to Karingal 35-36. Even the inclusion of our Club Champion in this rink Margaret Royle, George Crynes, Jacqui Butera & Peter Butera were comfortably beaten 13-19. The rink of Charles Poulson, Joe Barlow, David Talbot & Pat Carlin continued the good form with a 22-17 win. Final Pennant round & Div. 3 went to Mt. Martha and suffered a big 44-83 loss to finish in 8th place.

After being with their opponents for the early part of the game Noel Speight, Betty King, David Talbot & Stephen Payne were well beaten 12-40. Never quite able to bridge the gap Jim Jenkins, Rex Alexander, Pauline Gray & Helen Ralph lost 12-21. Coming from well down Joy Jenkins, Jill Roissetter, Gerry Fuller & Joy Herbert hit the lead on the 20th end only to drop 3 shots on the final end to lose 20-22.

A trip to Somerville for Div. 6 to play on their tricky green and with a breeze resulted in a 30-40 loss to finish in 4th position and will play in the finals. With a little bit of shuffling Margaret Royle, Pat Carlin, Jacqui Butera & George Crynes were beaten 14-22. A narrow 16-18 loss was the end score for Charles Poulson, Joe Barlow, Margo Dillon & Gary King. Well done everyone who played in Div. 6 this season & making the finals. A trip to Mt. Eliza for the 1st Semi-final resulted in a 28-48 loss finishing the season for Div. 6 Margaret Royle, Jill Roissetter, Margo Dillon & George Crynes were beaten 25-14. Faring a little better was a 23-14 loss for Charles Poulson, David Talbot, Joe Barlow & Gary King. Dropping 11 shots in 2 ends did not help their cause.

Long standing members were saddened to hear of the passing of Pauline O'Brien on 28.1.23 at the grand old age of 103 yrs. Pauline served as President of the Ladies section also winning the Ladies Pairs competition on 2 occasions. In recent years the Club had not seen much of Pauline who was living at Cowes. Our sympathy to her family.

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Koo Wee Rup Country Women's Association

The Country Women's Association of Koo Wee Rup enjoyed our first meeting back for 2023 on the first Monday of the month. We had plenty to discuss as even though we were only just resuming our monthly meetings after the Christmas break there was still plenty of events occurring in between.

The success of the Christmas tree at Woolworths is always a great topic of discussion. We love how involved the community gets and the decorations get more and more impressive every year. Every year for the month of December the tree is erected in the foyer and receives a lot of

attention and creates some great Christmas spirit.

Our January event was the community awards on Australia Day. The CWA help the Lions with providing egg and bacon rolls, fruit platters and lamingtons as well as refreshments. This is a free community event organised by the township committee and all are welcome. It's always a great morning celebrating our community with some very interesting speeches from some treasured locals.

Coming up we will be attending the Pakenham Show on Saturday March 18th where we will have baking, preserves and hand crafts for sale, our next craft nights will be centred around making creating for this market. We would love to see you there!

Our next meeting is Monday the 6th of March at 7.30pm, Senior Citizens Club Rooms, 1 Icke Rd, Koo Wee Rup.



News from the KRHS Ladies Auxiliary

Our first meeting after the Christmas break was held on February 3rd. The Ladies Auxiliary are taking part in the 100 year celebration of the hospital being opened. At this celebratory event we shall have a cake stall with cakes of the 1920s era to be enjoyed. Also, there will be sales of memorabilia items. The date for the open day is May 21st and we do hope that local residents and friends will support this tremendous event of a hospital's 100 year 'birthday'.

As mentioned in last month's 'Blackfish', two fashion parades have been booked. The first parade is with 'Cliché on Thursday April 20th. The second parade is on Thursday September 7th with Kay's fashions. Both parades will be held at the Senior Citizens' Hall in Icke Road. Full details will be published in next month's 'Blackfish'.

We would love to see some more new young faces join us. Our meetings are every first Friday in the month starting at 9:30 am. For details contact Olive Stokes on 0435034101 or Marlene Watson on 59971339.

Olive Stokes

KWR Senior Citizens Club

Icke Road, KWR

Another month has passed us by. Our Friday lunches continue to be well attended. Monday indoor bowls is going well. We welcome new members at an annual fee of \$10. Come along and give us a try.

Friday lunch followed by Hoy at 11.45am

Monday indoor bowls at 11am

All enquiries to:

Dianne 0419 405 404

Leonie 0477 249 000

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EVERY THURSDAY !
Community Hall, Nar Nar Goon
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Special Bingo Dates:
Easter Bingo - 6th April 2023
Birthday Bingo - 24th August 2023
Christmas Bingo - 21st December 2023

Bigger game prize wins!
2 x additional raffle draws

Heated / Cooled venue. Canteen. EFTPOS available.
1st Session - book sales from 6:30pm (\$2 games), or
2nd Session - book sales from 8:00pm (\$4 games)
2 Bingo flyers plus Rays Raffle (win \$50 cash or \$50 meat tray from The Butcher With the Chef, NNG)
\$1,000 in the final Jackpot (if sufficient books sold)

Not for profit organisation where all profits go to local clubs / organisations!

EYES DOWN at 7.30pm
For more information call Sharon ph: 0417 446 840



Join a course or session at Outlook Community Centre. The Centre offers various Certificate and training courses, information sessions and social groups. To view the complete Term 1 program, please visit www.outlookaust.org.au, or drop in to collect a booklet. There is sure to be something to interest you or someone you know.

HOW TO ENROL IN A PROGRAMME

In Person: 24 Toomuc Valley Road, Pakenham, **Online:** www.outlookaust.org.au/book-online, **Telephone:** 5940 4728, **Email:** communitycentre@outlookaust.org.au, **Payment:** Credit Card - online, over the phone or in person, Cash, cheque or EFTPOS

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Refreshments provided.

Tuesday 28 March OR Thursday 30 March

6.00pm - 8.00pm

Cost FREE

Supported by Australian Government. Services Australia.



Scrabble

Do you love playing scrabble or like a bit of healthy competition? Join this friendly group and give your brain a good workout.

Mondays, 1.00pm - 3.30pm (No class 13 March or 10 April)

Cost \$5 per session payable on the day

Hospitality Certificate Courses

Training and assessment provided by CFT International RTO provider No. 21120 Nationally recognised. USI number required.

Cardinia Shire Council subsidy applies to these courses if you volunteer in the Cardinia Shire and the course will assist you in your role. Contact the Centre for details.

Food Safety Level 1

Choose one of the following certificates:

Hospitality and Retail (SITXFSA005)

Community and Health (HLTFSE001)

Food Processing (FBPFSY1002)

Monday 20 March, 5.00pm - 9.00pm

Cost \$95

Responsible Serving of Alcohol (SITHFAB021)

Increase your opportunities for employment in the hospitality industry. Once you complete your training, you will receive the VGCC RSA Certificate (required for working in Victoria) as well as the national Statement of Attainment for SITHFAB021.

Monday 20 March at Outlook, 9.30am - 1.30pm

Customer Service

Customer service is the assistance you offer your customers from the moment they first contact your business to the months and years afterward. Learn how to boost your customer service skills in exceeding customer needs and improve customer satisfaction and retention. Knowledge as well as strategies for exceeding customer expectations, understanding and retaining relationships.

Wednesdays commencing 22 March for 3 sessions,

6.00pm - 9.00pm

Cost \$30

Canva - Online Design Made Easy

Cardinia Shire Council subsidy applies to these courses if you volunteer in the Cardinia Shire and the course will assist you in your role. Contact the Centre for details.

Use Canva to market your business or promote your celebration. This platform is free to use and can be used to create professional social media posts, posters, business cards, invitations etc.

Fridays commencing 24 March for 2 sessions,

9.30am - 12.30pm

Cost \$30

First Aid Certificate Courses

Training and assessment provided by Livcor/APL Health RTO provider No. 3586 Some homework prior to classes. USI number required.

Cardinia Shire Council subsidy applies to these courses if you volunteer in the Cardinia Shire and the course will assist you in your role. Contact the Centre for details.

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (HLTAID009)

This course provides the skills and knowledge to be able to handle cardiac emergency situations.

Saturday 18 March, 9.30am - 11.30am

Cost \$70

Provide First Aid (HLTAID011)

This course provides the skills and knowledge required to provide a first aid response, life support and management of the casualties until the arrival of medical or other assistance.

Saturday 18 March, 9.30am - 2.30pm

Cost \$175

Provide an Emergency First Aid Response in an Education and Care Setting (HLTAID012)

For educators, support staff and carers working within an education and care setting who are required to respond to a first aid emergency, including asthma and anaphylaxis.

Saturday 18 March, 9.30am - 3.00pm

Cost \$175

Crafternoons

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

4th Tuesday of the month - 28 March, 1.00pm - 4.00pm

Cost \$5 per session payable on the day

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KRHS is turning 100


The Fallen Soldiers Memorial Hospital officially opened on the 23rd May 1923 in Station Street Koo Wee Rup. The hospital had 6 medical beds and 4 maternity beds and the event was celebrated with an afternoon tea, a jumble sale, sideshows and music. Special buttons were sold and ladies were asked to bring a linen gift or a cheque to purchase requisites for the hospital.

We are hoping you will share your past memories and photos of your connection to the hospital, as we piece together it's long and rich history. Send your information and photos to Leanne Duff 5997 9790 or email info@krhs.net.au or drop into reception.

SAVE THE DATE on Sunday 21st May we shall celebrate with the community 100 years of KRHS with a centenary festival. Keep an eye out for more information on this coming soon



KRHS is 'feeling the love' in Feel Good February, a month dedicated to lifting the positive feelings of others by promoting good deeds and random acts of kindness.

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

Local Cemeteries

By Heather Arnold, Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society

The Koo Wee Rup Swamp doesn't have a cemetery, I presume because it was too wet and swampy, so residents of the Swamp could be buried at Cranbourne, Pakenham, Bunyip or Lang Lang depending on which area of the Swamp they lived. Of course, for those that didn't wish to be buried, from April 1905, people could be cremated at The Necropolis at Springvale. As a matter of interest, the first person to be cremated at Springvale was an Edward Davies who had specifically requested this in his Will and also that his ashes *be scattered to the four winds of heaven*. This article presents a short history of the four Cemeteries.

Cranbourne Cemetery

The earliest cemetery was the Cranbourne Cemetery. The site for the Cemetery was reserved on December 11, 1857 and the following Trustees were appointed at the same time - Alexander Cameron, Patrick Thomson, James Smith Adams, William Sykes and Edward Malloy.

William and Annabella Lyall are both buried at Cranbourne - they were the owners of *Harewood* house on the South Gippsland Highway which they built from 1857. William was a Shire of Cranbourne Councillor, first President of the Mornington Pastoral and Agricultural Society, a founder of the Victorian Agricultural Society, the Zoological Society, the Acclimatisation Society and the



William Lyall

Victorian Racing Club. A report of the content of his Will (it was once quite common for newspapers to report this type of information) says that William Lyall *directs that his body be buried in the allotment set apart on his property as a private burying ground and that as little expense as possible be gone to in connection with his funeral*. It doesn't appear that his wishes were adhered to in the matter of the burial as he has a substantial grave at Cranbourne. William died on January 20, 1888 and Annabella on November 15, 1916.

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Also buried at Cranbourne Cemetery are Charles and Ellen (nee O'Shea) Rossiter, the source of the name Rossiter Road. They lived at *Hawksdale* at Koo Wee Rup from 1873. Charles was an original Committee member of the Mornington Farmers Society from 1856, a Cranbourne Shire Councillor from 1869 to 1884 and Shire President on four occasions. Charles and his brother, Thomas, bred horses amongst their other agricultural pursuits. As he had many children, Charles was interested in having a school established in the area and was one of the local land owners to sign a petition for its establishment. Subsequently, Yallock State School No. 2629 (later called Koo Wee Rup State School) was opened on November 1, 1884 at Bethune's Road. Charles died on February 6, 1895 aged 74 and Ellen died June 3, 1909 aged 73.

Pakenham Cemetery

The site for the Pakenham Cemetery was reserved on February 13, 1865 and the first trustees were appointed on May 8, 1865 and they were John Startup, Richard Fortune, Michael Bourke, Thomas Mulcahy and George Ritchie. It is believed that the first burials actually took place in the 1850s, before the official gazetting.

The owner of the Royal Hotel at Koo Wee Rup, Denis McNamara, was buried at Pakenham after his death on July 27, 1925. Mr McNamara had started a business in Koo Wee Rup in 1891, then left the area and returned in 1904 when he purchased O'Riordan's store and in 1915 he built the Royal Hotel. His obituary in *The Advocate* of August 20, 1925, describes his funeral as one *of the largest in the district, representative of every class and creed*.

Charles Wadsley who died on September 12, 1944 at his home *Strathallan* in Koo Wee Rup is also buried at Pakenham. His obituary (*The Argus*, September 14, 1944) notes that Mr Wadsley was a Past Master of the Koo Wee Rup Masonic Lodge, a Shire of Berwick Councillor for eleven years, as well as Shire President and *an expert on asparagus growing*.

Bunyip Cemetery

The Bunyip Cemetery site was officially reserved on November 22, 1886 and on December 6, 1886 the first Trustees were appointed - William Harry Webb, Lawrence Finch, James Mortimer, Christian Hansen, Peter Gillespie and John Reynolds. This cemetery was used by people living on the eastern end of the Koo Wee Rup Swamp such as Cora Lynn and Iona.

The first official burials did not take place until eight years after the Cemetery was officially gazetted with the first one in March 1894. Of the first 20 burials in the register, 19 were children. This was a result of the high infant mortality rate at the time before vaccinations and antibiotics came into widespread use. Here is a sample of this depressing and sad list: William Barnes aged 6 - cause of death Diphtheria; Ethel Wayneith, 9 months - Marasmus (severe undernourishment); John Peart, 2 months - Marasmus; David Fallon 9 weeks - Maramus; Ann Benham 10 months -Pneumonia; Lily Norton 10 weeks - Whooping cough; William Heuson 4 months - Whooping cough; Denis McIvor 20 days - Meningitis; Mary Anne Mulligan 3 years - Diphtheria.

Lang Lang Cemetery

Lang Lang Cemetery site was reserved on December 5, 1887 and the first Trustees appointed December 10, 1889 were Thomas Poole, William Jones, Prosper Henry Victor Le Roux, Joseph Foster, William Norquay, Patrick McGrath, Edmund McGrath and Alexander McMillan.

Christopher Moody, who died November 17, 1920, is buried at Lang Lang. He is the source of the name Moody Street in Koo Wee Rup and Moody's Inlet on Western Port Bay. In 1890, Mr Moody who owned what was to become the site of the Koo Wee Rup township sub-divided the land between Rossiter Road and the Main Drain and Denham's Road and the Highway. Very little of the land was sold due to the 1890s depression. The sub-division set out Moody, Gardner (called Koo Wee Rup Street by Moody), Henry (called Christopher Street by Moody) and Salmon Streets. Christopher Moody was also a Shire of Cranbourne Councillor and donated the land for the Presbyterian Church and the Public Hall in Rossiter Road in Koo Wee Rup.



Christopher Moody

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 March 8, 2023. New members welcome. The Museum is open the second and fourth Sundays from 1.30pm until 4.30pm. Heather Arnold harnold@dcsi.net.au

☎0407 521 637.

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

Presented by
 Jane Rivett-Carnac, President of the Narre Warren & District Family History Group
 and Heather Arnold, President of the Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society.

Venue: Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society Museum, 325 Rossiter Road,
 or Henry Street, Koo Wee Rup.

Talks run from 11.00am to 12 noon.

Programme-

March 16 - Shipping Records

April 20 - Military records

May 18 - Using Newspapers for family history - Trove and other sources of newspapers

June 15 - Trove: more than just newspapers

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

August 17 - National Archives of Australia and Public Records Office of Victoria

September 21 - Photographs and Maps: where to find them and why you want to

October 19 - Irish records

November 16 - Local History Societies, RHSV, Cornish Society and similar groups and how they can help with your family history.

Gold coin donation appreciated. No bookings required.

Parking available at rear of Museum.

More information – Jane 0412 084 671 or Heather 0407 521 637



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



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For more info please contact.... **Jenny 0409009529**