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SEPTEMBER 2023

Gangster and Flappers Casino Night

The Koo Wee Rup RSL, Lions Club and Masonic Lodge hosted a gangster and flappers night late last month. A fantastic night was had by all who attended.

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Koo Wee Rup Township Committee Meeting

The Township held its AGM and monthly meeting on Wednesday, 2 August at the KWR Community Centre. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 6 September at 7:30 pm at the KWR Community Centre. Everyone is welcome to attend Township Meetings and join in the discussion.

At last month's AGM, Caroline Roff, Gavin Brock and Garry Oates were re-elected as President, Secretary and Vice President. Other committee members are Ellen Brown, Frank Cramer, Joyce Light, Lachie McKay, Gus Moore, Geoff Stokes and Trevor Westmore. President's Report to the AGM on page 9.

The committee discussed the issue of potholes in the carpark near the Bayles Hall, and the still missing shelter over the BBQ and table at the eastern end of the Bayles tennis courts. Part of this area is the responsibility of the Department of Transport and part is council land. Councillor Cameron will follow up.

Cr Cameron advised on the following shire matters:

- The Planning Permit for the Community Care Home was issued on 19TH July 2023. This development was not required to be advertised because it is NDIS compliant specialty disability suitable accommodation.
- Council has been discussing accessing future funding from the Federal Government to replace the roads funding that was removed.
- The Building Better Regions fund has also been discontinued.
- There is still funding for the Pakenham revitalisation project to improve Main Street and attract shoppers back to the Pakenham CBD. Garry mentioned that the CAIAC had reviewed the plans. They can be viewed here: <https://creating.cardinia.vic.gov.au/pakenham-revitalisation-project>. One of the proposals is for Main Street to be one-way.

Some questions for Cr Cameron:

Is there a bike path, code of conduct?

Some paths have signs reminding people to use bells but no code of conduct.

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What's on in Koo Wee Rup and District

September

Fri 1st	KRHS Ladies Auxiliary Meeting (page 23)	Education Room, Hospital	9.30am
Fri 1st	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch & Hoy (members only) (page 19)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Sat 2nd	Mat Pilates (page 24)	Eco House - Hospital	9am
Sat 2nd	Bowls Club Working Bee (page 23)	Bowls Club	10am
Mon 4th	KWR Senior Citizens Indoor Bowls (members only) (page 19)	Senior Citizens Club	11am
Mon 4th	Chair Pilates (page 24)	Eco House - Hospital	5pm
Mon 4th	Mat Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	6pm
Mon 4th	CWA Final Ever Meeting (page 13)	Senior Citizens Club	7.30pm
Wed 6th	Coffee Club (page 24)	Royal Hotel	10am
Wed 6th	Lions Club Meeting (page 21)	Tooradin Sports Club	7pm
Wed 6th	Township Committee Meeting (front page)	Community Centre	7.30pm
Thu 7th	VicPol – Cardinia Community Safety Forum (back page)	Cardinia Cultural Centre	9.30am
Thu 7th	Kids Corner with Amy (page 6)	Caldermeade Farm	10am
Thu 7th	Ladies Auxiliary present Kay's Fashion Parade (page 23)	Senior Citizens Club	10am
Fri 8th	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch & Hoy (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Sat 9th	Mat Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	9am
Sun 10th	A Touch of Class – Cardinia Civic Concert Band (back page)	Cardinia Cultural Centre	2pm
Mon 11th	KWR Senior Citizens Indoor Bowls (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11am
Mon 11th	Chair Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	5pm
Mon 11th	Mat Pilates	Eco House - Hospital	6pm
Tue 12th	Morning Melodies (page 6)	Caldermeade Farm	10.30am
Tue 12th	Have a Chat Chuesdays (back page)	UA Church Hall	2pm
Tue 12th	Community Centre Committee Meeting	Community Centre	7.30pm
Wed 13th	KWR Swamp Historical Society Meeting (page 29)	KWR Historical Society	6pm
Thu 14th	Kids Corner with Amy	Caldermeade Farm	10am
Fri 15th	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch & Hoy (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Fri 15th	Comedy Night (page 6)	Caldermeade Farm	7.30pm
Sat 16th	Monthly Market (page 6)	Caldermeade Farm	9am
Sun 17th	Bayles Fauna Park Working Bee (page 28)	Bayles Fauna Park	9am
Mon 18th	Sensory Garden Opening (page 3)	Cnr Rossiter & Station Sts	11am
Mon 18th	KWR Senior Citizens Indoor Bowls (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11am
Wed 20th	Coffee Club	Chandelier Café	10am
Wed 20th	Lions Club Meeting	RSL Clubrooms	7pm
Thu 21st	Kids Corner with Amy	Caldermeade Farm	10am
Thu 21st	Getting to know your family history (page 24)	KWR Historical Society	11am
Fri 22nd	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch & Hoy (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Tue 26th	Forget-me-not Café (page 27)	Eco House, Hospital	10am
Wed 27th	Craft Morning (page 19)	Senior Citizens Club	10am
Thu 28th	John Denver tribute show (page 20)	Bayles Public Hall	10.30am
Fri 29th	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch & Hoy (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Fri 29th	Soul Chisel (page 6)	Caldermeade Farm	7.30pm

October

Mon 2nd	KWR Senior Citizens Indoor Bowls (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11am
Wed 4th	Township Committee Meeting	Community Centre	7.30pm

November

Sat 11th	Remembrance Day Service (page 15)	Cenotaph, Cochrane Park	11am
Sat 25th	RSL Craft & Christmas Fair (page 15)	RSL, Station Street	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*

Sensory Garden

Many of you will have seen the rapid transformation of the neglected outside space between PRDS and Divine Finds near the traffic lights.

PRDS, a local NDIS provider, have appointed project manager Linny Jenkins to develop a Sensory Garden which Linny describes as a creative, colourful, positive place of play, calming and regulating for children with disabilities from age 3 to 16. Support workers will encourage, guide and support children and their parents in play therapy. Linny says it has been a total privilege to be the project manager and to be able to create a place like this.

Local businesses have given generous support to the project with Koo Wee Rup Garden Supplies donating soil, sand, bark and plants, Rustic Rubble donating seating, Pondarosa donating Fence Posts, and the labour to put them up, Divine Finds donating herbs, KWR Primary School donating fencing and Briemar Nominees donating drums.

Opening day is set for Monday 18 September at 11am. All welcome. If you see Linny working there before opening day, she would be proud to explain to you what they are doing.



Community Centre

The Biennial meeting for the Koo Wee Rup Community Centre was held last month with president, Gus Moore, re-elected for a third term. Seven new members were welcomed, with a new secretary and hall booking officer appointed, and thanks going to the previous long-standing Secretary, Lisa Van Dord.

This council asset for the community remains one of the increasingly smaller number of facilities run by volunteers in the shire, and this committee believes it is imperative to remain so not only for its management, but its maintenance and usage responsibilities.

The committee meets at 7:30 on the second Tuesday of the month with new members always welcomed. Enquiries or hiring. 03 5997 2001



Frank Crameri, Gus Moore and Georgia Sharp

Biennial General Meeting



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Would there be a neighbourhood code of conduct?

Cardinia Shire participates in the Good Neighbour Day every year but there is no specific code. Building neighbourhoods and community is included in the Shire Liveability Plan.

Garry reported on his first attendance at the Koo Wee Rup and Longwarry Flood Protection District Advisory Committee: The Koo Wee Rup Longwarry Flood Protection District Advisory Committee had a meeting on the 20th July, which commenced at the KWR Community Centre. About 13 attendees, some being MW, Cardinia Shire, Baw Baw Shire, and reps from the community (2 of whom were new to the Committee). 5 apologies (including Casey Council).

After introductions and formalities, a works update was presented.

KWR is unusual as we have all these drains and waterways to stop us flooding. The only other areas in Vic are Geelong and Kinglake that have additional requirements compared to metropolitan.

We pay a special levy on our water rates to help maintain the drainage works serving the district. Called a Precept rate, which is in addition to the Waterways & Drainage charge that all landowners pay across greater metro Melbourne.

There is a team of workers, lots of equipment such as tractors, mowers, excavators required.

There are co-ordination requirements between VicRoads, councils and landowners for access and accountability.

Hence the works schedule. This does not include Reactive emergency Maintenance.

We then headed off for a field trip. Aim to give a better understanding of what is involved.

1st stop Cora Lynn Ford, where we discussed:

- The actual capacity of the drainage system protecting KWR is greater than the design capacity required
- How sediment/ sand is trapped through a diversion at the Ford
- Proposed new flood warning system on the road to replace gates, to be transferred to Cardinia Shire for ongoing management

then to the footy club for lunch that had been organised and brought along by the team.

2nd stop McDonalds Drain-Fechner Rd where we discussed the maintenance, concept and profile of the drains,

3rd stop Gum Scrub Creek-Wenn Rd. Viewed a floodgate and discussed its operation and purpose.

The day started at 10am and finished at 2pm. Was very informative, those that attended were passionate about what was involved, and as a result a great committee to be on.

There were a couple of issues raised regarding the drains and minor flooding around town. Garry and Gavin will contact

Melbourne Water and arrange an inspection of the drains downstream of the Koo Wee Rup Pakenham Road and the connection of stormwater drains to Southern Boundary Drain at the end of William Street

Ellen thanked Caroline for her wonderful work on producing the Blackfish every month.

Frank has contacted the owner of the old PMP site and he has no objection to the idea of beautifying the area and improving the seating, but has asked that we wait a few months before doing anything.



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- 12th - Morning Melodies (FREE)
- 14th - Kids Corner with Amy (FREE!)
- 15th - Comedy Night (\$15+ - Eventbrite)
- 16th - Market
- 21st - Kids Corner with Amy (FREE!)
- 29th - Soul Chisel (\$45+ - Eventbrite)

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Koo Wee Rup RSL, Lions Club and Masonic Lodge Gangsters & Flappers Casino Night

Some months ago we decided to hold a combined social night between the Koo Wee Rup RSL, Koo Wee Rup Lions Club and Koo Wee Rup Masonic Lodge with friends from all groups also invited. The event was held on Saturday 26th August at the Koo Wee Rup Masonic Lodge. Like many local community groups the numbers are dwindling and it's getting harder to recruit new members to join our groups and events like this take considerable time and effort to organise by a dedicated few so we decided to use the "divide and conquer" approach. We thought by having members from all three groups come along rather than just from one group it would make a well attended night. Unfortunately the numbers were a bit disappointing.

However, I think we can safely say that we had a fantastic night. Most people came dressed up in some fabulous Roaring 20's Gangsters & Flappers outfits. Upon entry everybody was given \$1,000 play money to "go wild!". Laughter and cheering was coming from the Roulette Wheel, the Blackjack Table, the Big Wheel, the Crown and Anchor table and the Sic Bo table throughout the night.

The most fun was when the horse races were run, the "ANZAC Stakes", the "Masonic Mile" and the "Lions Club Canter" just to name a few. Bids were made at the beginning of each race to own a racehorse for the race with the combined bidding for the horses put into the pot and the 1st, 2nd and 3rd placegetter received 50%, 30% and 20% of the pot respectively. Then, punters placed bets on which horse would win. The race was started and a roll of the dice by each owner determined how many places each little wooden horse moved around the board until a 1st, 2nd and 3rd placegetter was determined.

A huge amount of money was won throughout the night by a certain few and just as well, because at the end of the night after a yummy supper we had an auction of some neat prizes all to be bid for using the accumulated winnings of play money, others pooled their money to obtain the prize that somebody particularly had their eye on! Meg from Chandelier Café bid



\$2,300 for a cup of coffee and a bickie (in the form of three packets of Tim Tams and a box of Moccona Instant Caramel Latte sachets), others paid several thousand dollars for a bottle of wine or other neat prizes.

We also had a raffle, this time for real money to raise a few dollars for each group which was well supported by all in attendance with some nice prizes on offer – in particular a nice prize (snapped up very quickly) which was donated by the lovely ladies from Keen on Beauty in Koo Wee Rup – thanks ladies.

All in all a great night was had by all who attended and most seemed to go away with a nice prize and most of all a bit of fun – so to you we say THANK YOU SO MUCH for supporting our event.

WINTER GARDEN

July 2023

Cold penetrating garden, body and home.
Slanting light slashing across the backyard
a lush magnolia splashed in pink blood.
The Silver Princess sways in the erratic wind
its slender hanging branches slowly moving
as jellyfish tendrils in invisible ocean currents.
Brilliant down turned bell flowers rise into light
then fall into shade. All the while a sun-shower
leaves every surface glistening, the light shimmers.
A broad branch of a Gum is bleached in brightness
yellowed by dampness, bark blistered like old paint.
Dappled moving shadows camouflage the whole sight.
There is a pause, stillness, nothing in the garden moves
until a Noisy miner glides silently through the spaces
between branches with the deftness of a remote drone.

Warren Breninger

Bev Edwards (Koo Wee Rup RSL)



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President's Report to the 2023 Township Committee AGM

I thought this year I would start by outlining the role of Township Committee as I see it. The purpose underlying everything the committee does is to make Koo Wee Rup a better place to live. We advocate to local, state and federal government and other organisations for improvements to the town and on other issues affecting the township. For small things like rubbish removal, footpath improvements, sealing open drains, patching roads, and for larger things like the duplication of the road to Pakenham, which took years of advocacy. We build a sense of community through the production of the Blackfish, through the community awards presented on Australia Day and through our support of other community groups working towards to the same end.

Koo Wee Rup used to be a small country town largely populated by people who had lived here all their lives. Today we are also a dormitory town where young couples and families move to find a nice 3 or 4 bedroom house with a garden in a safe and pleasant community while working out of town. We need to make sure that we keep all relevant demographics in mind when advocating for improvements.

Some notable events of the last year have been:

- Watching the duplication of the Pakenham Road; each new section opened makes it feel that one day we really will have a safe and reliable road to Pakenham. The three new roundabouts on the road at the abattoir, Hall Road and Ballarto Road have all been completed, as has the widened drain crossing at Ballarto Road. You can now see the outline of the road for its full length.
- Two of our local institutions have marked significant milestones. The Hospital celebrated 100 years of service to Koo Wee Rup and the Senior Citizens Club celebrated 50 years (albeit a little delayed because of Covid). Both institutions have lasted in large part because of their willingness to change to meet the needs of a changing community.
- The naming of Ray Brown Walk in honour of the Township Committee's long time President and local Councillor.
- The Historical Society, together with Council, have erected signs on the old railway platform telling the history of rail in Koo Wee Rup.

There are still many projects we'd like to see actioned, including:

- Improvements to the streetscape on Station Street. Creating a screen for the vacant land of the old PMP site until it can be developed.
- Creating a train mural on the back of the Woolworths building to acknowledge local history and to create a feature for the town.'
- Working with council to improve the habitat of the Southern Brown Bandicoot through the Koo Wee Rup area and designating KWR the 'home of the Southern Brown Bandicoot'.
- Once the road to Pakenham is completed, connecting the new bike and walking track that will run from Pakenham to Manks Road to the town's footpath network.
- Getting adequate public transport so that people can commute without a car. We see this as increasing the Pakenham bus shuttle service, making sure all services are Myki accessible and making Koo Wee Rup part of Metro Zone 2, so a bus to Pakenham won't add anything to the cost of a train trip to town.
- Updating the clocktowers. Some of the history panels have never been filled and some need additional or revised information.
- Although not something Township can help with, we have our fingers crossed that the Bowls Club upgrade will happen this year.

Thank you to our Ward Councillor, Kaye Cameron, who has been such a positive advocate for our community and such a helpful resource for the committee.

Thank you to the Australia Day subcommittee and all who helped out on Australia Day, contributing to an important celebration of our local volunteers.

Thank you to Gavin Brock and Garry Oates for taking on the workload of Secretary and Vice President. Gavin unfailingly has the minutes ready to publish in each month's Blackfish and deals with the correspondence with calm efficiency. Garry has subbed as Chair at meetings and continues to encourage us to look at the committee in a different way, questioning our role and asking how we can reach out more to the community.

Thank you to Gus Moore and Garry Oates for their continued work on trying to improve the town's Christmas decorations.

Massive thank you to Bev Edwards for her work setting up the Christmas displays at the RSL, Light's garage, Stockdale & Leggo and in the old Wattle Theatre window and to those who helped her. Thanks also to the KWR Tinsel Terror Elf(Elves) who add a bit of Christmas sparkle to the town.

To the members of the Township Committee and to others who come along to our meetings; thank you for your support, your interest in the welfare of our community and your regular attendance throughout the year.

Caroline Roff

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What was that siren?

August 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:

- 2/8/23 – Diesel spill – South Gippsland Hwy Koo Wee Rup
- 7/8/23 – Gas bottle explosion – Whitstable St Lang Lang
- 9/8/23 – Large burn off – Westernport Rd Lang Lang East
- 14/8/23 – Motor vehicle collision – Rossiter Rd Koo Wee Rup
- 18/8/23 – Fire alarm operating – Rossiter Rd Koo Wee Rup
- 22/8/23 – Truck fire – Shelton Park Drive Koo Wee Rup
- 24/8/23 - Large burn off – Westernport Rd Lang Lang East
- 26/8/23 – Smoke sighting - Monomeith Rd Koo Wee Rup



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

We're looking for people all ages, and backgrounds who want to be operational fire fighters. Do you want to give back to the community in which you live or work? Are you a shift worker? Do you work or live in town and can get away every so often if the siren goes off? Are you a retiree available during the day and up for the challenge? Are you around town on weekdays or weekends, during work hours or after hours and looking for something different and exciting to do?

We don't just attend fires, we attend all sorts of incidents, car accidents, spills, rescues etc. We offer full training and gear.

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- You must live or work near Koo Wee Rup to volunteer with us.
- You may be placed on a waiting list.
- We will contact you in a few weeks to discuss your application before you join.
- A police check and medical check will be required as part of the application process.
- You must have a Working with Children Check unless an exemption applies

Firefighter stair climb

This year, not one, but two of our members are doing the firefighter stair climb. Let's see if we can raise more this year than previous years. All donations are tax deductible.

Donate via Koo Wee Rup Fire Brigade here:

<https://www.firefighterclimb.org.au/donations/donate/cfa/koo-wee-rup/>

This year, every cent you donate goes to Lifeline, Peter MacCallum Cancer Foundation and 000 Foundation to improve support services, fund research, remove stigmas and raise awareness of cancer and mental health issues, especially for those within the Emergency Service and Defence communities.

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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Koo Wee Rup Country Womens Association

Written by Linda Sanders

CWA Membership

At our last meeting on the 7th of August, the decision was made to close the Koo Wee Rup branch of CWA. This decision was made because we could not fill the positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer. September will be our last meeting.

We all lead very busy lives and most of our members work, have children or volunteer in our community and belong to other community groups.

The money that we have in the bank will be divided up between schools and local community groups with 20% going to CWA head office.

Scone Queen

On Monday 7th August we held this year's competition.

Not all scones are equal, especially my rock cakes and they were over-shadowed by Kershel Elliot's high, light-weight pillows of goodness.

Congratulations Kershel on winning the last ever trophy as Scone Queen.



The latest info from the Community Advisory Committee

The August '23 meeting of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) was held on August the 16th and was extremely successful in that many subjects were discussed, and decisions were taken on a problem or three brought to the meeting by members for a conclusion. After a welcome by the chairperson Geoff Stokes, and the confirmation of the previous minutes, Aileen Thoms reiterated the successful representation that Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service (KRHS) made at the partnering in Healthcare Outcomes Summit that KRHS participated in, through involvement in the planning and then as 1 of 8 presenters at the summit. Tina Kendall was the presenter for KRHS.

Other items discussed and debated were: the new official terms of reference for the CAC and the recent very successful government accreditation of the KRHS hospital system. The accreditation was a very pleasing result bearing in mind that the accreditors made a complete surprise visit to the hospital. - no previous notification of a visit date had been given. The new strategic plan for the CAC and the stated priorities came next and included updated reports and recommendations for resident's experiences whilst under care. Noni Bourke, our CEO, then gave feedback on the GSCGC report especially the area of ensuring patients do not get the wrong medicines given to them.

The next meeting of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) will be held on Tuesday the 21st of November 2023. But, in the meantime, any of our members will be available to you if you want to communicate with the Koo-Wee-Rup Regional Health Service (KRHS) Board of Management about problems that could be upsetting you, as a patient, a resident or a carer, and also, maybe, as an individual Koo-Wee-Rup resident or, indeed, from the whole community's point of view. The Community Advisory Committee members will listen closely to you and acknowledge your concerns, so that any problem you may have is understood and seriously considered.

If you as a consumer/customer, have a suggestion or some nagging thoughts about your difficulties, or your dependant's comforts or problems with any aspect of the KHRS, then get in touch with the KHRS CAC. Simply phone KRHS on 5997 9679 or Geoffrey Stokes on 0435085002 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 November 2023 at 10:00 am. Before then we shall have informal meetings with each other to check on any problems that may have arisen or are arising.



Geoff Stokes

Icarus Skin Cancer Clinic



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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

Technology

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

Need a skin check?

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

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

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

Early detection and treatment is essential

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

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

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

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

To make an appointment call 59 252 000 or book online

Koo Wee Rup RSL

As we start to move towards the end of the year things are starting to get busy for us at the Koo Wee Rup RSL.

We will be organising our roster for Poppy selling at Woolworths in addition to preparing our boxes/tins placed at various shops, business and schools around the district. Thank you to those businesses who allow us to put our tins and boxes of Poppies in their premises for the month of November, it is very much appreciated. If you see our poppy sellers in Woolworths stop and say hello and please purchase a poppy.

Then of course there is our Remembrance Day Service where we commemorate the ending of WW2 and remember all of those men, women and animals who served their country so proudly, some paying the ultimate sacrifice sadly never returning to their loved ones.

This year the Koo Wee Rup & District RSL will be holding the Remembrance Day Service on Saturday 11th November at 11.00am at the Cenotaph outside the Koo Wee Rup Community Centre on Rossiter Road. If you have a few minutes to spare, please come along and join us in paying tribute to all those who served their country and those still serving today.

You might remember a lovely photo that appeared in Blackfish in April and also on Facebook of the Koo Wee Rup Avenue of Honour at Dawn on ANZAC Day – 25th April 2023 taken by local resident Damien Grange. The members of the Koo Wee Rup RSL were so moved by the photo that contact was made with Damien to try and obtain a copy of the photo (just the file for us to print out ourselves would have been enough), however Damien and his family did more than that, they got an enlarged version of the photo printed and had it professionally mounted in a beautiful frame and presented it to the members of the RSL at a recent monthly meeting – the members in attendance were in awe of the photo so it now sits in pride of place in our sub-branch where all can see it – thank you so much Damien and family.

Koo Wee Rup RSL Christmas & Craft Fair
– Yes, due to the huge success of the event last year, we will be holding it again this year – on Saturday 25th November at the RSL in Station Street. We are now taking bookings for stall holders, so if you would like to have a stall selling your crafts and other new items suitable for our Christmas Fair please contact the RSL at kooweerup.rsl@gmail.com and we will send you the stall registration form – it only costs \$20.00 per stall, I'm sure you'll agree that's good value.

Just for starters, we'll be having photos with Santa again – lots of children and furbabies had some lovely photos taken last year. We'll also be having our cooking and craft competition, so look out in early October for entry forms – more information in the October edition of Blackfish and on the Koo Wee Rup RSL Facebook page. Of course, we'll again be having our colouring competition for primary school aged students with nice prizes on offer. There will also be the Lions Club – Great Sausage Sizzle available and the Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service Ladies Auxiliary doing their yummy sandwiches, cakes and tea/coffee.

For now that's about it, but stay tuned in Blackfish for more information about what we're doing or you can follow us on Facebook.

Rodney Edwards (President)



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Saturday 25th November 2023

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A Tale of Steam and Cornwall *by Geoff Stokes*

My regular readers will recall that my recent stories in 'Blackfish' have been about my memories of my early childhood and my business ventures in my adventurous life over the past years. This month I am going to be different and write about Cornwall in Southwest England and my historical research about engineering in this county and, yes, also 'steam', and I hope all this will interest you to read on to the end.

It all starts with my lifelong interest in steam. My own working life started in 1948 as a raw indentured apprentice with a company called John Thompson Water Tube Boilers who designed and installed power station boilers, producing steam for the generation of electricity. At the end of my working life, I was running my own company, 'Geoff Stokes - Fluid Control Pty, Ltd,' (liquids, gas and steam) this over recent years until I retired. Coincidentally some of the drawings for the boilers and pipework at Hazelwood power station in Victoria were scribed by me when I was a rooky draughtsman before I became a fluid control engineer after graduating from Wolverhampton Technical College in 1953 (Now Wolverhampton University) as a fluid control engineer. My enthusiasm into the world of steam engineering and its history led me to some interesting research, all centered around the county of Cornwall in the Southwest of England generally known as the best and most beautiful holiday area in the UK especially my own family's favourite holiday areas of St. Ives, Cape Cornwall, and Land's End where we holidayed almost every year.

My hobby of research led me to Sir Goldsworthy Gurney (1793–1875), an ingenious Cornish inventor who had picked up his enthusiasm for engineering from a chance meeting with Richard Trevithick a fellow Cornishman and pioneer of steam propulsion. In 1825, Gurney invented a steam carriage that could carry passengers. This wasn't entirely successful as people were reluctant to sit beside the unstable boiler, so Gurney subsequently designed a separate passenger carriage, and this became known as the 'Gurney Drag'. In 1829 the steam carriage travelled from London to Bath at an average speed of 15 mph (24 kph) – the first long journey by a self-propelled vehicle at a sustained speed anywhere in the World. Gurney also invented the World's first practical road engine, but he was before his time. The government-imposed taxes on steam-driven vehicles to protect the owners of horse-drawn carriages, and he went bankrupt! The high-speed trains made possible by Gurney's steam engines, and the resulting need for timetables, made necessary the creation of a uniform time, covering the whole of Britain. It was decided to set a standard time from Greenwich and so Greenwich Mean Time, or GMT came into being, another of Gurney's legacies. Gurney also invented 'Limelight' by forcing a mixture of oxygen and hydrogen through a blowpipe to produce a hot flame and then adding lime to create a bright light. He lit the whole of Bude Castle with one light using a series of mirrors to reflect the beams into different rooms. This was known as the 'Bude Light' and Gurney went on to light the Houses of Parliament using three light sources and an arrangement of prismatic mirrors, saving the cost of thousands of candles in the process. He also put it to use in lighthouses, where the single source was placed on a revolving platform to provide a flashing beam. In addition, the light was used in theatres to light the stage, as it was safer and brighter than traditional gas lighting, hence the phrase to be 'in the limelight' or 'centre stage'.

The first house in the world to be lit by gas is also in Cornwall at Redruth. William Murdock (1754–1839) was an engineer working for Boulton and Watt, who made steam engines in Birmingham. Many of them were used in the Cornish tin and copper mining industry and Murdock came to live in Redruth in 1782, as a local manger for the company. He had a brilliant mind and was often years ahead of others in his ideas. In 1794, he built a closed coal fire in his garden and ran a pipe from it into the house, where he lit the gas coming through from the burning coal – the world's first gas lighting system. In 1784, Murdock devised a method of using steam pressure to drive a piston inside a cylinder and he used this to drive a small model carriage for over 2 miles (3.2 km). He also invented, albeit on a small scale, a locomotive, 20 years before Richard Trevithick's full-scale version. It is still possible to follow the route he took, late at night, from his house in Cross Street past Redruth church, where the terrified vicar thought the hissing, fiery apparition was the Devil! Unfortunately, Murdock failed to persuade his employers of the potential for this invention and turned his talents elsewhere, leaving Trevithick to take the accolades as inventor of the steam engine. Murdock House, as it is now called, stands in Cross Street, Redruth, and is marked with a plaque.

Richard Trevithick, (b. April 13th, 1771, Illogan, Cornwall, England – died April 22nd, 1833, Dartford, Kent), British mechanical engineer and inventor who successfully harnessed high pressure steam and constructed the world's first steam railway locomotive (1803). In 1805 he adapted his high-pressure engine to driving an iron-rolling mill and to propelling a barge with the aid of paddle wheels. Trevithick spent his youth at Illogan in the tin-mining district of Cornwall and attended the village school. The schoolmaster described him as "disobedient, slow and obstinate." His father, a mine manager, considered him a loafer, and throughout his career Trevithick remained scarcely literate. Early in life, however, he displayed an extraordinary talent in engineering. Because of his intuitive ability to solve problems that perplexed educated engineers, he obtained his first job as engineer to several Cornish tin ore mines in 1790 at the age of 19. In 1797 he married Jane Harvey of a prominent engineering family. She bore him six children, one of whom, Francis, became locomotive superintendent of the London & Northwestern Railway and later wrote a biography of his father.

A Tale of Steam and Cornwall *from previous page*

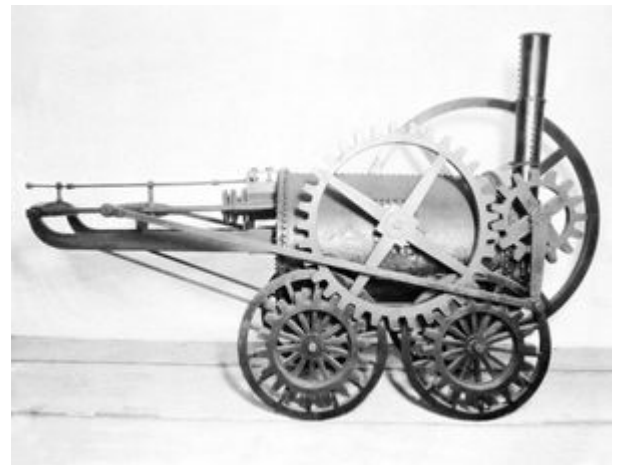
Because Cornwall has no coalfields, high import costs obliged the ore-mine operators to exercise rigid economy in the consumption of fuel for pumping and hoisting. Cornish engineers, therefore, found it imperative to improve the efficiency of the steam engine. The massive engine then in use was the low-pressure type invented by James Watt. Inventive but cautious, Watt thought that “strong steam” was too dangerous to harness; Trevithick thought differently. He soon realized that, by using high-pressure steam and allowing it to expand within the cylinder, a much smaller and lighter engine could be built without any less power than in the low-pressure type.

In 1797 Trevithick constructed high-pressure working models of both stationary and locomotive engines that were so successful that he built a full-scale, high-pressure engine for hoisting ore. In all, he built 30 such engines; they were so compact that they could be transported in an ordinary farm wagon to the Cornish mines, where they were known as “puffer whims” because they vented their steam into the atmosphere.

Trevithick built his first steam carriage, which he drove up a hill in Camborne, Cornwall, on Christmas Eve 1801. The following March, with his cousin Andrew Vivian, he took out his historic patent for high-pressure engines for stationary and locomotive use. In 1803 he built a second carriage, which he drove through the streets of London, and constructed the world’s first steam railway locomotive at Samuel Homfray’s Penydaren Ironworks in South Wales. On February 21, 1804, that engine won a wager for Homfray by hauling a load of 10 tons of iron and 70 men along 10 miles of tramway. A second, similar locomotive was built at Gateshead in 1805, and in 1808 Trevithick demonstrated a third, the *Catch-me-who-can*, on a circular track laid near Euston Road in London. He then abandoned these projects, because the cast-iron rails proved too brittle for the weight of his engines. In 1805 Trevithick adapted his high-pressure engine to driving an iron-rolling mill and propelling a barge with the aid of paddle wheels. His engine also powered the world’s first steam dredgers (1806) and drove a threshing machine on a farm (1812). Such engines could not have succeeded without the improvements Trevithick made in the design and construction of boilers. For his small engines, he built a boiler and engine as a single unit, but he also designed a large wrought-iron boiler with a single internal flue, which became known throughout the world as the Cornish type. It was used in conjunction with the equally famous Cornish pumping engine, which Trevithick perfected with the aid of local engineers. The latter was twice as economic as the Watt type, which it rapidly replaced. Trevithick, a quick-tempered and impulsive man, was entirely lacking in business sense. An untrustworthy partner caused the failure of a London business he started in 1808 for the manufacture of a type of iron tank Trevithick had patented; bankruptcy followed in 1811. Three years later, nine of Trevithick’s engines were ordered for the Peruvian silver mines, and, dreaming of unlimited mineral wealth in the Andes Mountains, he sailed to South America in 1816. After many adventures, he returned to England in 1827, penniless, to find that in his absence other engineers, notably George Stephenson, had profited from his inventions. He died in poverty and was buried in an unmarked grave.

From my research into the subject, I hope you liked your few minutes of time back into the 18th and 19th centuries.

Geoff Stokes



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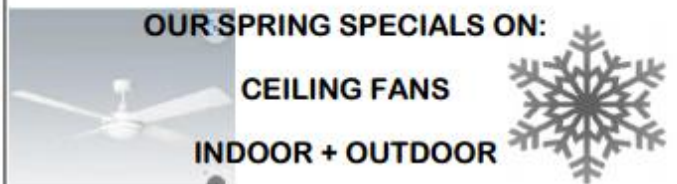
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Koo Wee Rup Senior Citizens

By Linda Sanders

We welcome new members at an annual fee of \$10. Come and give us a try at Icke Road, Koo Wee Rup (next to the Police Station). If you would like more information, please contact Andrew on 0420 326 691 or Leonie on 0477 249 000.

Annual General Meeting

Koo Wee Rup Senior Citizens held their AGM on Thursday 10th August.

The new office bearers are:

President: Andrew Mortimer,
 Vice President: Linda Sanders,
 Secretary: Leonie Smith,
 Treasurer: Andrew Mortimer,
 Social Secretary: Leonie Smith,
 Council Liaison: Gary King,
 Facebook/Blackfish: Linda Sanders.

A big thank you to the outgoing committee especially Diane Di Volta for her many years as President. Lucky for us, she is staying on the committee and continuing with all the other jobs she does. A very big thank you to Caroline Roff for taking the minutes and keeping us in line. We look forward to a social and fun year at Seniors.

Activities:

Monday: Indoor Bowls: 11am -3pm

Friday: Lunch followed by Hoy (a card game): 11.30am for 12pm lunch

4th Wednesday of the month: Activities morning: 10am – 1pm

We also have monthly outings / entertainment / activities.



Members playing Hoy after lunch

Upcoming Events

MORNING MELODIES: Tuesday 12th September at 10.30am at Tooradin Sports Club. Cost is \$25 per person and includes morning tea, lunch and entertainment with Jeff Patterson singing Elvis, Johnny Cash and Neil Diamond. We will be making our own way by car.

Please call Leonie on 0477 249 000 if you are interested or need a lift.

Princes Freeway overnight closures

Outbound overnight closures

The Princes Freeway will be closed outbound overnight between McGregor Road and Healesville-Koo Wee Rup from Tuesday 5 September to Friday 15 September, **between 8pm and 5am each night.**

Detours will be in place via McGregor Road, Southeast Boulevard and Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road. Delays of up to 5 minutes are expected.



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- Thu. 26/1 - Judith Durham Seekers Tribute
- Thu. 23/2 - Neil Diamond Tribute
- Thu. 23/3 - Olivia Newton John Tribute
- Thu. 27/4 - Brendan Scott Show
- Thu. 25/5 - SHIRLEY BASSEY/TOM JONES Tribute
- Thu. 22/6 - Roy Orbison Tribute
- Thu. 27/7 - ELVIS Tribute
- Thu. 24/8 - John Rowles/Engelbert Tribute
- Thu. 28/9 - John Denver Country Tribute
- Thu. 26/10 - Johnny Cash Tribute
- Thu. 23/11 - Legends & Love Songs
- Thu. 28/12 - Back to the 70s & 80s Disco Classics

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Koo Wee Rup and Districts Lions

Written by Linda Sanders

Lions Meetings

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

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

If you would like to join our team,

please come along to a meeting to see how things are run or call Paul Whelan on 0400 240 724.

Grocery Grab

The Club has decided to create a fund raiser with a grocery grab with the winner getting a \$500 Woolworths voucher. Normally a Grocery Grab would be the winner having to collect as many groceries in a certain time. Unfortunately, with Occupational Health and Safety, this is no longer an option.

Tickets to be sold for \$2 each for a \$500 grocery voucher. 50% of the profits will be going to Lions Cord Blood.

Ticket sales from 7 September to early October outside of Woolworths.

Emergency Medical Information Book

This book contains all of your information and medical records which is needed if or when an ambulance is called and you need to be transported to hospital.

When paramedics are called, a typical scenario is that distraught family members may be unable to give correct details of the patient's




condition or the medication they may be on. The paramedics physically have to collect all the patient's medication in the house, try and obtain a medical history and take it to the hospital with the patient.

This small book, which should be attached to the front of the refrigerator, contains patient contacts, service or carer provider information, medications and any medical condition, so a paramedic is able to treat and ready a patient for transport to hospital.


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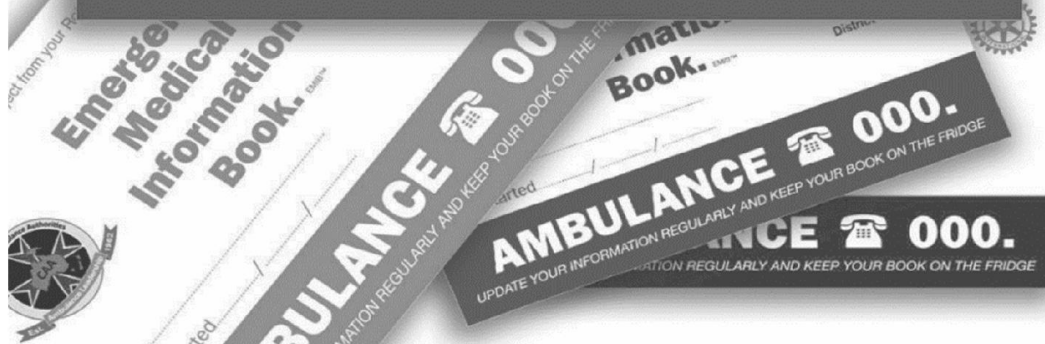


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New art exhibition by people with disability

Cardinia Shire Council is holding an inspiring new exhibition at Cardinia Cultural Centre featuring artwork created by people with disability.

The exhibition, titled *Expression*, is open until Thursday 24 September. It is an opportunity for people with disability to showcase their creative talent and express themselves in their own way.

The exhibition features an exciting range of artistic mediums, including painting, sculpture, photography, mosaic, collage, woodwork, mixed media, and more. Not only were works created during art workshops with local art therapist, Nazia Wasif, we also received many wonderful submissions from local artists.

Cardinia Shire Mayor, Councillor Tammy Radford, who is a member of the Cardinia Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee, said she is proud that council has presented an exhibition which enables people with disability the opportunity to showcase their talent.

"Being creative is such a valuable part of life and supporting the creativity of local artists with disability is extremely important for council," Councillor Radford said.

Cardinia Shire Council is proud to have collaborated with the Cardinia Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee and local disability organisations to deliver this exhibition.

Expression is available to see at:

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Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service Ladies Auxiliary

I would like to thank the committee for the last year. Well done.

We have held our Annual General Meeting and announce the following positions:

President: M Weston Vice President: J Mills Junior Vice President: J Kay

Secretary: J Fox Assistant Secretary: B Leeson

Treasurer: S Potter Assistant Treasurer: M Ridgway

Auditor: M Dalziel

Op Shop Roster: J Kay

I would like to thank Olive Stokes for her excellent service as Secretary of the Auxiliary as she steps down from the role.

Jan Fox, Secretary

Koo Wee Rup Bowls Club

We are heading towards the start of the season and there some news on the new Clubhouse/Community Centre We know one thing for certain is that the completion date of 31st December 2023 is now a distant memory. We have had an update from the Shire of Cardinia to say that the latest tender process has now closed with 2 applications received. A decision on this will be completed in 3-4 weeks and we will be advised. The Council has applied for an extension from the Government until 30.6.2024 and as yet are awaiting a reply. Total budget has now been costed at \$5.4 million.

On a brighter note, we recently had about 38 students, in 2 groups, from the KooWeeRup Secondary College Senior School visit for a session of bowls. There were some promising and competitive prospects amongst the players and we hope that the Club may benefit from these visits in the future. Thanks to Brett Condron for organizing these visits together with the P.E. teachers. We hope that these visits can be arranged more often to fit in with the school curriculum.

We are having a working bee on Saturday, 2nd September in preparation for the coming season. We intend to start at 10.00 a.m. with lunch provided. If you are coming along, please contact the Club and leave a message on the phone.

Spring is in the air



Michelle Lunney



Rimp Singh

It's been a busy month for our team at Alex Scott in Koo Wee Rup. Sales have been listed and properties are being sold. Rentals are in demand with an abundance of lovely tenants awaiting their new homes.

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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

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



KOO WEE COFFEE CLUB

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

September	6	Royal Hotel
	20	Chandelier Café
October	4	Royal Hotel
	18	Chandelier Café
November	1	Royal Hotel
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Koo Wee Coffee Club



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Residents are encouraged to prepare for the 2023-24 fire season with Cardinia Shire Council's free green waste drop-off events this September and October.

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 1 to Monday 4 September 2023

Future Recycling Transfer Station

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Lysterfield – Friday 13 to Monday 16 October 2023

Cleanaway Resource Recovery Centre

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Saturday and Sunday: 8am to 12pm (noon)

Monday: 8am to 4pm

For more information about Council's waste drop-off events, visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/dropoff or call Council's Customer Service team on 1300 787 624.

Young people to help shape future farming in Cardinia Shire

Cardinia Shire Council welcomes \$55,000 in funding from VicHealth for a project to help connect young people with local farming jobs.

The project – *Futureproofing Farming in Cardinia Shire* – aims to:

- increase employment and education pathways for young people in the agricultural sector, with a focus on creating a local food system that is both resilient and sustainable
- support local young people to become the skilled workforce needed to lead this transition and growth
- showcase exciting opportunities in technology, business and employment emerging in the agricultural sector

Several schools and industry representatives will be involved in developing the project, alongside local young people.

Cardinia Shire Mayor Councillor Tammy Radford said Council welcomed funding for the project.

"We're excited about hearing ideas from young people on how best to futureproof farming in Cardinia Shire", Mayor Radford said.

"We welcome this initiative to create more job pathways and involve young people in shaping the future of our local food system".

Futureproofing Farming in Cardinia Shire is aligned with Council's Liveability Plan objective of increasing the sustainability and resilience of the local food system, and Council's Community Food Strategy, which identifies the need to grow a vibrant local food economy.

This project will be delivered over three years, with funding received through the VicHealth Local Government Partnership program.

For more information, call Council's Future Communities team on 1300 787 624.

Act on penalty reminder notice or risk enforcement action

Victorians who have an outstanding fine for failing to vote in the 2022 State election are urged to act before the matter is referred to Fines Victoria.

Victorians who failed to vote in the November 2022 State election will start receiving a penalty reminder notice this week, which carries a fee of \$27.70 in addition to the original \$92 fine.

Electoral Commissioner, Sven Bluemmel, advised recipients of a penalty reminder notice to act as soon as possible.

'If you receive a penalty reminder notice in the mail, you have 3 options: pay the fine, request an internal review, or elect to go to court,' Mr Bluemmel said.

'Please get in touch with us as once we hand it over to Fines Victoria for enforcement action it's out of our hands.'

Non-voters have 28 days to respond to the penalty reminder notice. The Victorian Electoral Commission encourages people who are unsure what to do, or who require assistance throughout any stage of the infringements process, to call 1300 551 575 or visit vec.vic.gov.au/voting/fines-and-reviews

Try Before You Ride

As part of Metro's commitment to making public transport more accessible for all Victorians, we're pleased to announce **Try Before You Ride** will be returning for 2023.

Join Travellers Aid and Melbourne's public transport operators on **19 October 2023** at Southern Cross Station.

Attendees will have the opportunity to familiarise themselves with stationary vehicles and the station with assistance from our team. There will also be opportunities to learn about safe travel on the public transport network and much more!

Save the Date: 19 October 2023

Location: Southern Cross Station (corner of Spencer and Collins St, Melbourne)

Time: 10:30am – 2pm.

Further detail will be provided closer to the event date, including how to register and event information that you can send to your relevant networks about *Try Before You Ride*.

If you have any queries, please let me know or email our **Accessibility and Inclusion team** directly as they are the Metro team leading this initiative, E: Customer.accessibility@metrotrains.com.au

More information about Try Before You Ride is at this link: <https://youtu.be/9C5M7Aqhm6k>



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Have your say on proposed artwork for Dick Jones Reserve

The community is invited to have their say on proposed artwork in Dick Jones Reserve, Lang Lang. Feedback is open now until Monday 4 September.

Community input will inform if there is interest for the proposed installation of a horse sculpture at Dick Jones Reserve, Lang Lang in homage to Lang Lang's rodeo history.

The proposed artwork aims to nurture a sense of community and shared history whilst also being a destination piece to encourage visitors to spend time in the town and contribute to Lang Lang's economy.

Cardinia Shire Council is hosting a pop event Friday 18 August from 11am-12pm at Dick Jones Reserve to answer questions and gather feedback.

Council previously engaged with the community in 2020, receiving positive feedback in support of public artwork in Lang Lang. This feedback was used to decide details of the artwork including the location and reference to Lang Lang's rodeo history.

The artwork was postponed due to some challenges including COVID-19, and the passing of Councillor Ray Brown who was a strong advocate for the project. Now with the opportunity to deliver the project, council would like to re-explore the community's interest for the artwork.

Cardinia Shire Council Mayor, Councillor Tammy Radford, encourages community members to give their feedback.

"We want to hear from you about this exciting new proposed public artwork!"

"We are committed to listening to our community to create engaging, appealing and harmonious public spaces through art projects across the shire", Mayor Radford said.

Community members can provide feedback in several ways:

Have Your Say online: www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay

In person at the Civic Centre: 20 Siding Avenue, Officer

By email: mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au (subject: Lang Lang Public Artwork)

By post: PO Box 7, Pakenham VIC 3810

Drop-in Session: Friday 18 August, 11am-12pm at Dick Jones Reserve (corner Westernport Road and Rosebery Street, Lang Lang)

For more information and to have your say on the proposed artwork visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay

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September 2023

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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
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

The Forget-Me-Not Café will also be making appearances at other destinations which everyone is invited to attend.

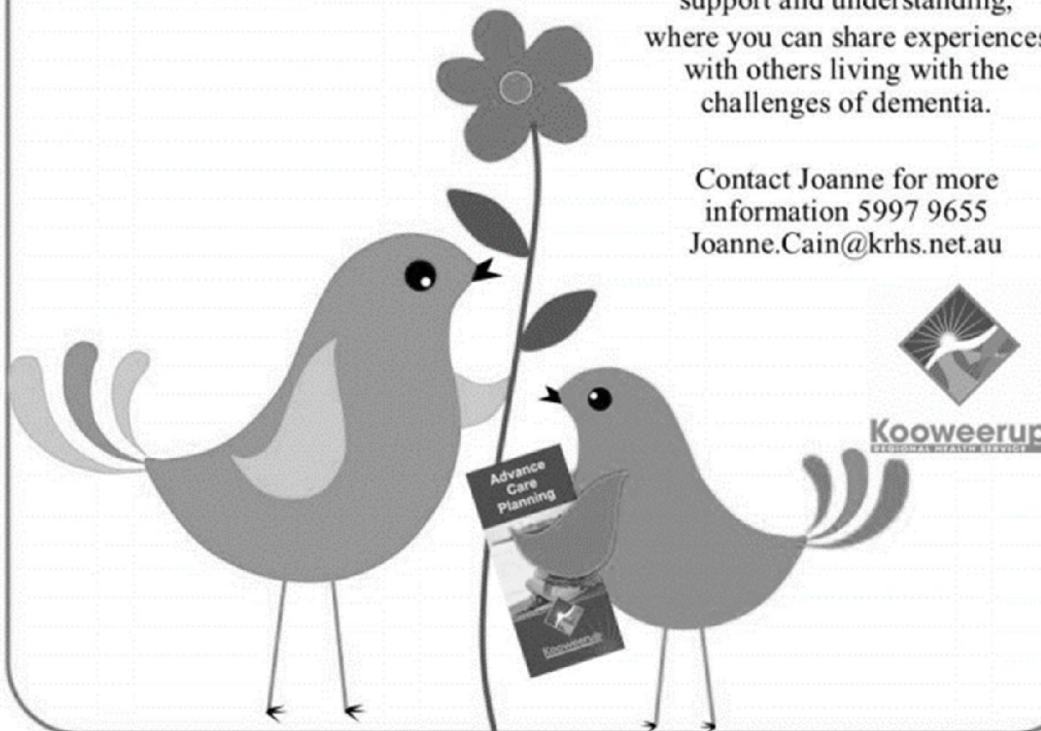
Tuesday 5th September the Café will be represented at the Cardinia Seniors Network Gathering, Koo Wee Rup Senior Citizens Centre 11am to 1pm.

Wednesday 20th September at Bunjil Place, Narre Warren with Casey Council.

Tuesday 17th October at the Old Jetty Café and Tea Rooms in Tooradin. Venue and times to be confirmed.

Keep an eye on our facebook page for upcoming information.

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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'.

Bayles - What might have been *(from previous page)*

By Heather Arnold, Koo-Wee-Rup Swamp Historical Society.

There were schemes at one time for Bayles to have both a High School and a Hotel – sadly, neither eventuated. It would be interesting to know if either had been built how it would have affected the development of the town as well as that of Koo Wee Rup, as almost certainly the Koo Wee Rup High School would not have been built, if the one at Bayles was. However, we will never know.

As we can see from the articles below; the Bayles community was in favour of a High School, but not a Hotel. Until 1957, when Koo Wee Rup High opened, children from Bayles, Yallock and Koo Wee Rup would have attended Dandenong High. If you lived on the east side of the Cora Lynn, you would have attended Warragul High.

The first report of the movement to establish a High School in Bayles was in August 1926 -

A public meeting was held at Cora Lynn when representatives were present from all parts of the Kooweerup swamp area, from Lang Lang and Yannathan to Narnargoon. Cr. P. Walsh, of Berwick shire, presided. The meeting was organised by the Iona women's section V.F.U., who have for some months been engaged in a movement to establish a high school in the swamp. A motion in favor of this was carried. Mr. Wrigley, assistant chief inspector of secondary schools, delivered an instructive address on the establishing of high schools. He said the department existed for the education of the children, but parents must take advantage of it. A site of eight acres was necessary for a H.E. [Higher Elementary] school and 10 acres for a high school, to be vested in the Minister. The local cash contribution varied from £1000 for a H.E. school to £10,000 for a high school. A committee was appointed representing 22 school centres, Cr. McCulloch and Cr. Dowd to represent Cranbourne and Berwick shires respectively. (The Age, August 28, 1926)

The Age reported again the next month -

At a meeting of district representatives at Cora Lynn the high school proposal was further considered. Sites at Cora Lynn and Bayles were reviewed, and it was unanimously decided to recommend an area of Crown land at Bayles, which is above flood level and large enough for all requirements. It was resolved to ask the Education department for an early inspection of the site. An active canvass for subscriptions and guarantees from parents is to be undertaken. Mrs. Shreeves was elected president, and Mrs. Terrill secretary. (The Age, September 17, 1926)

Bayles Fauna Park

Working Bee

Sunday, 17 September
9am to 12 noon
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Another meeting was held in February 1927 -

At meeting of delegates held at Cora Lynn from the various centres of the swamp settlement it was decided that a site at Bayles be selected for the proposed higher elementary school. It will probably be some time before the school becomes an established fact. The Education department is to be asked to allow a temporary school to be held in the hall at Cora Lynn. (The Argus, February 19, 1927). Another report of this meeting noted that - Crs. McCulloch (president of Cranbourne Shire Council), Dowd (president of Berwick Shire Council), Bennett and Sage (Cranbourne Shire) have been appointed a deputation to request the Minister for Education to establish a higher elementary school at Bayles. (South Bourke & Mornington Journal, February 24, 1927)

Two years later, on June 1, 1929, *The Argus* reported that - *The Education department has decided to establish a temporary elementary high school at Cora Lynn if sufficient inducement offers. A permanent site has been chosen at Bayles. Clearly, nothing happened, as there was never a secondary school built at either Bayles or Cora Lynn.*

The article about the Bayles Hotel comes from *The Argus* of February 11, 1931.

Application was made to the Licensing Court yesterday by Mr Luke Murphy on behalf of Edward Parnell Buckley for the issue of a victualler's licence at Bayles, a township in the Koo-Wee-Rup district. The Court consisted of Messrs R. Barr (chairman), J. Lock and V. Tanner. Mr Gamble (instructed by Messrs W.B. and O. McCutcheon) opposed the application on behalf of certain residents and ratepayers of the neighbourhood, and Mr. L.J. Murphy opposed on behalf of other residents of the district. Mr. Gamble said that he had a petition opposing the issue, signed by a majority of the ratepayers within a radius of three miles.

Superintendent Ashton submitted a report, in which he said that he did not approve of the

issue of the licence. The site was away from the main road, and there were other hotels four miles and a half distant. There were fewer than 100 residents of the township of Bayles. Evidence on behalf of those opposing the application was that there were only 271 adult residents in the area served by the proposed hotel, and that there were only three mixed trains a week to the Bayles railway station.



Main Street, Bayles c. 1930s, from the Bayles Fauna Park collection

Mr Luke Murphy and that it was proposed to erect an hotel costing £3,500. There were 3,000 to 4,000 acres under potatoes in the area, and many sportsmen visited the district in the quail season. The chairman said that the amount of trade at the proposed hotel would apparently be microscopical. There had never been a time at which the Court had to be more careful not to encourage purely speculative ventures. Mr Tanner said that no evidence had been submitted to show that a hotel was required. Mr. Luke Murphy withdrew the application.

So that was the end of a Hotel for Bayles.

Edward Parnell Buckley, the man who applied for the Hotel licence, was born in 1889 in Balnarring to John and Catherine Buckley. He was the second youngest of their eleven children - his siblings were David, Elizabeth, Nellie, Mary, Michael, Patrick, John, Thomas, Catherine and Annie, who were born between 1867 to 1892 at Balnarring. His mother, Catherine, was the daughter of John Dore, of *Mt Ararat*, Nar Nar Goon. John Dore and Michael Hennessey had taken up the *Mt Ararat* run of 1,900 acres in 1844. Edward was listed in the 1914 to 1931 Electoral Rolls as a farmer at Balnarring. He died on October 20, 1932, aged only 42 and is buried at the Crib Point Cemetery. It would be interesting to know why he applied for a victualler's licence at Bayles in 1931, after many years of farming at Balnarring.

The Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society meets on the second Wednesday of each month at Mallow house in Rossiter Road, corner of Henry Street. The next meeting is on September 13, 2023 at 7.30pm. New members welcome. The Museum is open the second and fourth Sundays from 1.30pm until 4.00pm or by appointment.

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