

# THE KOO WEE RUP BLACKFISH



FEBRUARY 2024

## Australia Day Awards 2024

I'd like to celebrate all the people who put our annual Australia Day awards ceremony together.

Each year Koo Wee Rup celebrates with an award ceremony and community breakfast hosted by the Township Committee at the Community Centre. The Township Committee is not a large group and we are fortunate to have the support of many other community groups to organise the event. The night before, members of the Township Committee, RSL and Community Centre Committee set up the hall. Early on the morning of Australia Day, the Lions arrived with their BBQ trailer to cook the eggs and bacon for breakfast and the Koo Wee Rup Netball Club arrived to man the kitchen: constructing egg and bacon rolls, making up fruit and lamington platters, and serving up many cups of tea and coffee.

The ceremony was MCed by Peter Bottomley, who has been part of Australia Day in Koo Wee Rup for over a decade. Members of the local RSL raised the flags for the ceremony. Gary King was keynote speaker, giving us a history of the Koo Wee Rup Potato Festival. Cr Kaye Cameron helped Gary to present the awards to local school students and to our local Citizen of the Year, Leonie McGinley.

As happens every year, many of those who attended the ceremony assisted with packing up. Thank you to everyone who came, who won awards, who helped make it such a successful event.

*Caroline Roff, President, KWR Township Committee  
Report on award winners Pages 3-9*



## Koo Wee Rup Township Committee Meeting

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



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What's on in Koo Wee Rup and District

February

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Thurs 1st	Heart Foundation Walking (page 25 & back page)	KWR Clocktowers	7pm	Wed 14th	Mar Pilates	Fri Ho use, Hospital	6pm
Fri 2nd	KHS Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	Education Room, Hospital	9:30am	Wed 14th	KWF Swamp Historical Society Meeting (page 21)	KWR Historical Society	6pm
Fri 2nd	KWS Senior Citizens Lunch & Hoy (members only) (page 15)	Senior Citizens Club	11:30am	Thu 15th	South Warr: Gippstanc Association	Bowls Club	10:30am
Fri 2nd	Triples	Bowls Club	10:15am	Thu 15th	Heart Foundation Walking	KWR Clocktowers	7pm
Fri 2nd	Social Bowls	Bowls Club	5pm	Fri 16th	KWF Senior Citizens Lunch & Hoy (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11:30am
Sat 3rd	Pernant	Bowls Club	1pm	Fri 16th	Triples	Bowls Club	10:15am
Sun 4th	Sunday Sippers with Funk Divinos FREE EVENT (page 6)	Caldermeade Farm	12:00pm	Fri 16th	Social Bowls	Bowls Club	6pm
Mon 5th	KWA Senior Citizens Indoor Bowls (members only) (page 15)	Senior Citizens Club	11am	Sat 17th	Caldermeade Market with FREE kids entertainment (page 6)	Caldermeade Farm	9am
Mon 5th	Chair Pilates (page 17)	Eco House, Hospital	5pm	Sun 18th	Sunday Sippers with Amy Smith FREE EVENT (page 6)	Caldermeade Farm	12:00pm
Mon 5th	Mat Pilates (page 17)	Eco House, Hospital	5pm	Mon 19th	KWF Senior Citizens Indoor Bowls (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11am
Tue 6th	Morning Melodies starring Paul Hogan FREE EVENT (page 6)	Caldermeade Farm	10:30am	Mon 19th	Chair Pilates	Eco House, Hospital	5pm
Wed 7th	Coffee Club (back page)	Royal Hotel	10am	Mon 19th	Mar Pilates	Fri Ho use, Hospital	6pm
Wed 7th	Chair Pilates	Eco House, Hospital	5pm	Wed 21st	Coffee Club	Chardelier Café	10am
Wed 7th	Mar Pilates	Eco House, Hospital	5pm	Wed 21st	Chair Pilates	Eco House, Hospital	5pm
Wed 7th	Lions Club Meeting (page 21)	Tooradin Sports Club	7pm	Wed 21st	Mar Pilates	Eco House, Hospital	6pm
Wed 7th	Township Committee Meeting (front page)	Community Centre	7:30pm	Wed 21st	Lions Club Meeting	PSL Clubrooms	7pm
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Sun 11th	Sunday Sippers with Peter Thackral: FREE EVENT (page 6)	Caldermeade Farm	12:00pm	Mon 26th	Chair Pilates	Eco House, Hospital	5pm
Mon 12th	KWA Senior Citizens Indoor Bowls (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11am	Mon 26th	Mar Pilates	Eco House, Hospital	6pm
Mon 12th	Chair Pilates	Fri Ho use, Hospital	5pm	Wed 28th	Activities Morning (members only) (page 15)	Senior Citizens Club	10am
Mon 12th	Mar Pilates	Eco House, Hospital	5pm	Wed 28th	Chair Pilates	Eco House, Hospital	5pm
Tue 13th	Community Centre Committee Meeting	Community Centre	7:30pm	Wed 28th	Mar Pilates	Eco House, Hospital	6pm
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<b>April</b>							
Sun 7th	Hereward Heritage Day (back page)	Hereward House	10am				

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](mailto:blackfish@live.com.au) post to PO Box 64, KWR or phone 5997 2333.

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## Australia Day Awards 2024 - Leonie McGinley

Leonie McGinley arrived in Koo Wee Rup in 1982 to commence her teaching career. She had received a government teaching scholarship with the condition that she teach wherever the government sent her. They chose Koo Wee Rup. At the time, she thought she would only be here for a few years; 42 years later, she has decided to retire having spent her entire teaching career in Koo Wee Rup.

Claudia Barker tells me of Leonie’s arrival at the high school. ‘The school had recovered from the trauma of the 1979 fire and the Principal, Fred Hooper, was looking towards retirement. There was no such thing as affirmative action. Mr Hooper’s greeting for new staff was ‘do you play football and are you planning a family?’. Somehow Leonie side-stepped these questions and emerged with the score of the musical ‘Calamity Jane’ and she has been involved in with every musical and every music festival ever since.’

Leonie excelled in the classroom, a history honours graduate, she taught History and English. She was a favourite teacher of many students over the years.

In 2001 she was appointed Assistant Principal in charge of student management, a position she held until her retirement. She was involved in every aspect of student life: student management, enrolments, student leadership, SRC, curriculum, staff appointments, uniform, school tours, public speaking competitions, SEAL, the Performing Arts, College Council, Parents Association and, in recent years, grounds and maintenance.



*Leonie McGinley was joined by some of her former colleagues to celebrate her award. L-R Peter Bottomley, Claudia Barker, Leonie McGinley, Geoff Pledge*

She emphasised the need for a safe and orderly environment. She considered the College values

of Personal Best, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, and Honesty to be paramount for teaching and learning to be effective.

Leonie coordinated a team of ex-students with the preparations and documenting of the history of the College for the school’s 50 year celebration.

She oversaw a massive period of change including the completion of new buildings and the introduction of COMPASS to streamline communications between staff, students and parents.

Kooweerup Secondary College is not just an educational institution, it is an integral part of the Koo Wee Rup community; it draws families from across the swamp, and further afield, to the town. Small towns need more than their local population to thrive, and the College is a big factor in that.

For decades Leonie has been the first port of call for Koo Wee Rup community groups working with, or wanting to work with, the College. She has been a judge of the Lions’ Junior Speaking competition since its inception. She was a key supporter of the Rotary Club’s International Exchange program. She has worked with the Township Committee on various projects and every year coordinates the selection and supporting profiles of the College award winners on Australia Day.

Lee Iacocca said ‘In a completely rational society the best of us would aspire to be teachers and the rest of us would have to settle for something else, because passing civilisation along from one generation to the next ought to be the highest honour and highest responsibility anyone could have.’ Leonie is the very epitome of what a teacher should be.



*Some of our school award winners – details from page 5*



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## Australia Day Awards 2024

### Koo Wee Rup Primary School



**Eli Daly-Spicer**

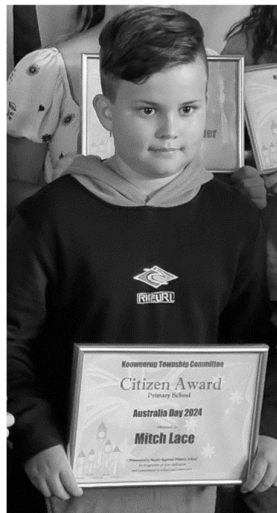
Eli consistently displays a mature and considerate attitude towards his peers and teachers, both inside and outside of the classroom. He has shown leadership by taking on additional roles within the classroom setting, as he is always willing to go above and beyond to assist his classmates, and peer coach them without hesitation. Eli listens to his peers and responds with respect and encouragement, to ensure they feel valued and heard. When outside of the classroom, he is one of the first to recognise when another may be upset and support them.

**Zac Laing**

Zac is a compassionate and supportive friend who values all individuals for who they are. He consistently displays empathy, readily offering his time and assistance to support his friends, teachers and peers. Zac's outstanding commitment to both his school and local community shines through his active involvement in various events, as well as his academic and sporting achievements. His exceptional problem-solving skills and unwavering dedication reflect in his continuous pursuit of excellence in all his endeavours. Zac embraces every opportunity with an optimistic approach, frequently inspiring and positively impacting those around him.



### Bayles Regional Primary School



**Mitch Lace**

Mitch always has the best interests of others in mind and continually makes our school and his family proud. He is constantly helping others and is a great role model to our younger students. We know we can depend on Mitch to get things done, from looking after our chickens, building garden beds, working on our vegetable gardens or any other task. He has been selected as one of our Environment Captains for 2024, as he has consistently displayed leadership qualities throughout his time at Bayles Regional Primary School. Mitch represents our school with pride and participates in all additional school events and shows grit, determination and persistence whilst also being role model for good sportsmanship and a never give up Aussie spirit.

**Hanna Monckton**



Hanna always shows the utmost respect and care towards her teachers and peers. She is a dedicated student who strives to always do her best. Hanna is a reliable and responsible student and is always willing to lend a hand, no matter the task. She is described as a genuinely kind friend and is a wonderful role model to our younger students. Hanna proudly represents our school at external events and is committed to making our school the best it can be. She has been selected as one of our School Captains for 2024, as she has consistently displayed leadership qualities throughout her time at Bayles Regional

Primary School. She is the perfect recipient for this reward, and we are proud of her.

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## Bayles Glass

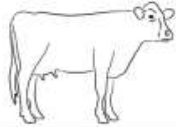
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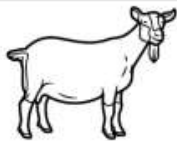
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- 4th - Sunday Sippers in the beer garden with Funk Divinos - 12-3 - FREE EVENT
- 6th - Morning Melodies starring Paul Hogan - 10:30 - 11:30 - FREE EVENT
- 11th - Sunday Sippers in the beer garden with Peter Thackrah - 12-3 - FREE EVENT
- 17th - Caldermeade Market with FREE Kids Entertainment - 9am - 2pm - FREE EVENT
- 18th - Sunday Sippers in the beer garden with Amy Smith - 12-3 - FREE EVENT
- 22nd - Kids Playtime hosted by Elsa from Frozen - 10 - 11am - FREE EVENT
- 25th - Sunday Sippers in the beer garden with Autumn Rose Ft Arjay - 12-3 - FREE EVENT



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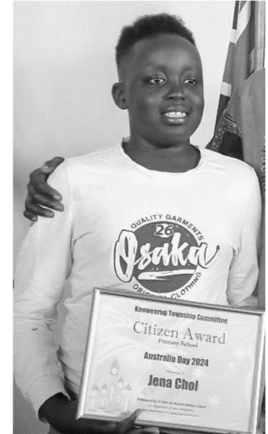


**Harper Hill**

Harper is committed to making our school and her community a safe place for all. She is a kind, thoughtful and hard-working student who always tries to put the needs of others first and faces challenges with good humour and a steely determination. Harper is willing to step outside of her comfort zone and challenge herself in order to achieve at school and the St John's community is extremely proud to honour Harper Hill with this award today.

**Jena Chol**

Jena is a mature and thoughtful member of the St John's community. His kindness and empathy towards others make him a respectful role model to his peers both at school and in the community setting. Jena has shown resilience and a willingness to 'have a go', even when times are tough. He makes an effort to build positive relationships with his teachers and peers alike. We congratulate Jena Chol on receiving this award today.



### Cardinia Primary School



**Kayla Brunton**

Kayla is a kind and resilient student who consistently lives by the School Values at Cardinia Primary School. She enjoys helping her peers and is a great role model to younger students in the yard. Kayla shows leadership skills and enjoys working with others. She likes to incorporate fun into her learning and this helps other students engage in their learning as well. Kayla is dedicated to her learning and represents our school enthusiastically at interschool events.

**Kaitlyn Hobbelen**

Kaitlyn is a respectful student who always works to produce her personal best and lives by the School Values at Cardinia Primary School. She is kind and considerate to others, often helping younger students during break times in the playground, listening to their concerns and coming up with solutions to help them. Kaitlyn strives to include all students when considering how she can make our school even better, giving thought to how learning and fun can be achieved across all year levels. She is quietly confident and displays natural leadership. Kaitlyn represents our school proudly at interschool events and is a valued member of any team or group.



*Some of our magnificent Australia Day kitchen and BBQ crew from KWR Netball Club and KWR & District Lions Club*



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## Australia Day Awards 2024

### Koo Wee Rup Secondary College



#### **Mylee Fincham-Turner**

Mylee was a wonderful addition to the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Program, and in year 9 as a whole. She works hard in all her classes and worked on her leadership skills throughout the year. She helped out at the local community gardens, further developing her team work skills. Mylee is a great friend to everyone in the cohort, always smiling and friendly, and goes out of her way to make others feel good about themselves. On camps, Mylee extended her team work and leadership skills, proving that she is a natural leader. She is trustworthy and resilient. She is a member of Cape Paterson Surf Lifesaving Club, having achieved her Bronze Medallion.

#### **Brady Symons**

Brady is a classic all-rounder who takes advantage of the many opportunities available to young people to make an invaluable contribution to his school and local community. He has great energy and a very positive approach to life. He participated in the House Athletics carnival, the House Swimming sports, and the House Music festival. He was actively involved in the SRC where there was constant work to discuss issues for students and run fundraising activities for many causes. He demonstrated his leadership skills as a Year 9 Student Voice Leader. He has been working on the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze program this year. He had the lead role of Charlie in the school musical *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*.

He always takes a diligent approach to his schoolwork and was a member of the SEAL class for talented students. Outside of school he is a member of the Tooradin Tennis Club and the Frankston Air Force Cadets.



#### **Zane Stanton**

Zane served as the SRC Vice President and Sturt House Captain in 2023, showcasing exceptional leadership qualities. His willingness to step into the role of SRC President when needed demonstrates his commitment and reliability. Zane's capabilities in running meetings and hosting school events, such as the Big Freeze fundraiser, highlight his confidence in public speaking. Even with little notice, Zane actively took on various responsibilities and assisted others, showcasing his dedication to the school community. His commitment extended beyond academics, as he returned to school post-exams to contribute to the panel interviewing house captain candidates for the following year. Zane's respectful and mature interactions with staff and students, coupled with his numerous contributions, make him a valuable member of the school community.

As well as Zane's contribution to the school community, he coaches tennis to children and NDIS recipients. His patience, dedication and commitment to the task at hand shines through here as well. Overall, Zane has been a very good student who has made significant contributions to the school community and the wider community.



#### **Abbey Howes**

Abbey Howes, a College Captain in 2023, has been an integral part of the SRC and student voice teams throughout her time at KWRSC. Her passion for student well-being is evident in her continuous efforts to introduce new initiatives. Abbey's role in organising the Big Freeze fundraising day, where over \$1,000 was raised, and her active involvement in "Clean up the Rup" events showcase her dedication to making a positive impact. Abbey's community involvement, including participating in the Anzac Day march and representing the college at various events, highlights her commitment beyond the school premises. Her empathetic approach to leadership, ensuring the representation of all students' viewpoints, establishes her as a thoughtful and approachable role model. Abbey's skills developed through student leadership positions will undoubtedly serve her well in her future endeavours beyond school. Abbey has left a lasting impact on the school community, embodying the values of leadership, dedication, and community service. Her contributions are recognised and valued, setting a positive example for her peers and future students.



AREA SPECIALIST

# MARK SEWELL

## 2023 Sales Performance Koo Wee Rup

\$590,000	14 William Street	\$480,000	3/2 William Street
\$645,000	136 Moody Street	\$620,000	2 Bambury Close
\$515,000	13 Grange Court	\$610,000	6 Egan Court
\$1,215,000	5 Osborn Road	\$1,112,500	43 Moody St
\$755,000	3 Milla Way	\$546,000	1/254 Rossiter Rd
\$800,000	25 Jade Avenue	\$800,000	13 Diamond Drive
\$845,000	28 Diamond Drive	\$700,000	8 Charles St
\$440,000	1/3 Boormani Court	\$830,000	30 Diamond
\$485,000	5 Jewel Mews	\$385,000	8 Alexandra Ave
\$1,300,000	188 - 190 Station St	\$715,000	79 Denhams Rd
\$730,000	6 Bailey Boulevard	\$690,000	49 Sybella Ave
\$675,000	4 Corey Court	\$620,000	30 Charles Street
\$585,000	23 Moody Street	\$507,000	6 Alexandra Ave

2023 has been a year of changes from a real estate perspective. For me obviously the change to running my own business but also the change in the real estate landscape. Prices through 2023 dropped by around 5%. That was of no surprise due to the current interest rate levels. The light on the horizon is starting to shine through though with some expected relief on interest rates mid to later this year. That being said there is still confidence in the market. Homes are all still selling it is just the days on market have lengthened.

**Its now what I call a normal real estate market.**

My personal sales stats for 2023 in Koo Wee Rup was 26 transactions, down from 30 in 2022 but still a fair share of the market chose me as their agent. To all of those who have supported me a huge thank you and lets look forward to growth in value in 2024.

Best Wishes for 2024 and if I can help you in any way feel free to reach out.  
Regards Mark Sewell



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

Christmas Lights at the clock tower require power to be connected to the towers, we are unsure if this will be done before Christmas (Secretary note: Lights were completed in time for Christmas).

Infrastructure Plan is mainly looking at Community Centres or facilities available for community use. Mostly built infrastructure and sporting centres. Transport was outside the scope.

There was no shire report this month, however some issues were raised for Councillor Cameron to investigate.

- The street sweeper does not seem to be visiting Koo Wee Rup
- The Southern Boundary Drain footpath needs the grass mowing

The President attended a meeting at Lang Lang with Member for Bass, Jordan Crugnale. Lang Lang District Business & Community Group talked about a pedestrian crossing on McDonalds Track or a controlled intersection at the pub. The building a rail trail between Koo Wee Rup and Lang Lang was also discussed.

The rail trail wombat has been treated for mange.

Tiny Towns grant is now available. We should submit a grant for the mural project but will need to contribute approximately 20% of the cost of the project. We could also investigate a Bendigo Bank grant for this project.

A government review of bus services has been released which stated that services to outer areas needs to be improved. The Koo Wee Rup service also needs to consider connectivity by adding extra stops, especially at the South East Business Park.

There are reports of a feral pig on the drain.

Flood Protection Advisory Committee held meeting at Bunyip on 16 November. The focus of the meeting was who owns what land and is responsible for maintaining that land. Also discussed the old rail bridge at Koo Wee Rup. The drain weed control spraying program was also discussed.

Ellen Brown thanked Garry for organizing Melbourne Water to inspect the drain and connection of council drains at William Street and reported that council had addressed the issue with the floodgate and that in the last storm the drains were working much better.

## Council's FREE green waste drop-off events are back!

Residents are encouraged to drop off their green waste for free at the upcoming Green-waste drop off events. Due to increased popularity, this year there are 6 days for each drop-off event, giving residents even more days to drop-off their green waste. The service helps Cardinia Shire residents to clean up and reduce the fire fuel load on their properties throughout the year.

Council's green waste drop-off events are 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.

### Lysterfield – Monday 5 to Saturday 10 February 2024

Cleanaway Resource Recovery Centre, 840 Wellington Rd, Lysterfield

Monday to Friday: 7am - 4pm

Saturday: 8am - 12pm (midday)

### Pakenham – Mon 8 to Saturday 13 April 2024

Future Recycling Transfer Station, 30-32 Exchange Drive, Pakenham

Monday to Friday: 7:30am - 4pm

Saturday: 8am – 2:30pm

### Pakenham – Monday 3 to Saturday 8 June 2024

Future Recycling Transfer Station, 30-32 Exchange Drive, Pakenham

Monday to Friday: 7:30am - 4pm

Saturday: 8am – 2:30pm

*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.

**For more information about Council's green waste drop-off events, visit**

**[www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/dropoff](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/dropoff)**

### A RECORD WET CHRISTMAS

Dec 2023

First, there are the heavy drops patting the warm earth then drenching, and the tumbling sound of downpipes. Later, stillness and drips from countless hanging leaves dampened fields of grass turning a dark luminous gold.

Floating just above the horizon, feeble daylight still glows a stretched band of darkening cloud, like a wound of God while the hunks of cloud hang ragged, tinged with blood like some migrating whale pod, with bellies torn open.

The enduring dying gums spiralled with damp dark stains are standing upright against lightless deep blue-grey skies. These curtains of heavy rain seem incongruent at Christmas except for the blessing deluge that Bethlehem still bestows.

*Warren Breninger*

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# 1<sup>st</sup> Koo Wee Rup Scout Group

Contact [1stkwrscouts@gmail.com](mailto:1stkwrscouts@gmail.com)

2024 has already seen some changes in our group. We have some leaders changing sections for a new challenge and a couple of sections changing nights to suit our volunteers needs. We are excited to see what the year ahead will bring.

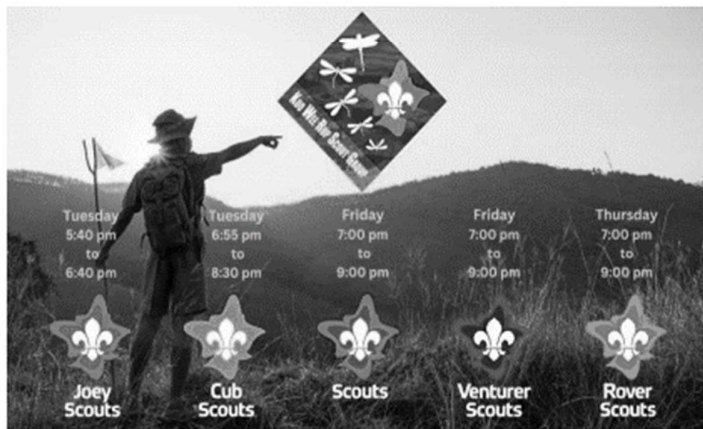
Our Rovers have already returned for 2024. Beginning the year with investing four members into the Rover Unit. If you are 18 to 25 years old and looking to make new friends and try new things, we meet weekly on a Thursday night at 7pm.

The rest of our sections are eagerly waiting their return with the start of the school term.

All sections currently have vacancies for new members. We offer a trial of 3 nights for free. Please contact us if you have any queries.



COMING SOON...  
Wood Raffle, tickets will be sold outside Woolworths.



We are currently seeking adults to volunteer with us. We are looking for new section leaders, committee members and a Group Leader. If you have some spare time and would like to volunteer to help guide the youth in our group on how to be the leaders of tomorrow.



Joey Scouts  
5 to 7 year old  
Tuesday  
5:40 - 6:40



Cub Scouts  
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## KU Koo Wee Rup Kindergarten to open in January

KU Koo Wee Rup Kindergarten, co-located on the site of Koo Wee Rup Primary School, is set to open on 30 January 2024 providing high quality early childhood education to children in the Koo Wee Rup community and career opportunities for early childhood professionals.

The new purpose-built kindergarten will offer up to 66 sessional places per day for children aged 3 to 5 years old within an architecturally designed modular building, featuring two generous kindergarten rooms and a large outdoor play area.

The kindergarten will be operated by KU Children's Services (KU), who believe they are the most experienced provider of high-quality early childhood education and care in Australia.

"We wish to offer our special thanks to the Department of Education and the Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA) for their support and funding to open KU Koo Wee Rup Kindergarten and offer quality early childhood education for the Koo Wee Rup community," said KU CEO, Christine Legg.

KU delivers leading high-quality inclusive play-based learning programs and provides opportunities for children to become the creators, thinkers, and doers of today and tomorrow.

KU is proudly a not for profit and for purpose organisation and is committed to supporting exceptional outcomes for children and families as well as creating optimal experiences for staff.

Part of the KU Difference is the high level of support provided to KU teachers and educators, and other service-based staff through the expertise of KU's Central Office teams including Early Childhood Education, People Services, Finance, IT, Marketing and more.

KU Koo Wee Rup is currently taking enrolments. For more information about the service visit KU Koo Wee Rup Kindergarten.

For more information on career opportunities at KU Koo Wee Rup Kindergarten please visit KU Careers.

Established in 1895, KU Children's Services remains proudly not for profit and enriches the lives of more than 10,000 children and their families each year through services including long day care, kindergartens, preschools, NDIS services, inclusion services, family programs and more.

## Pilates at Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service

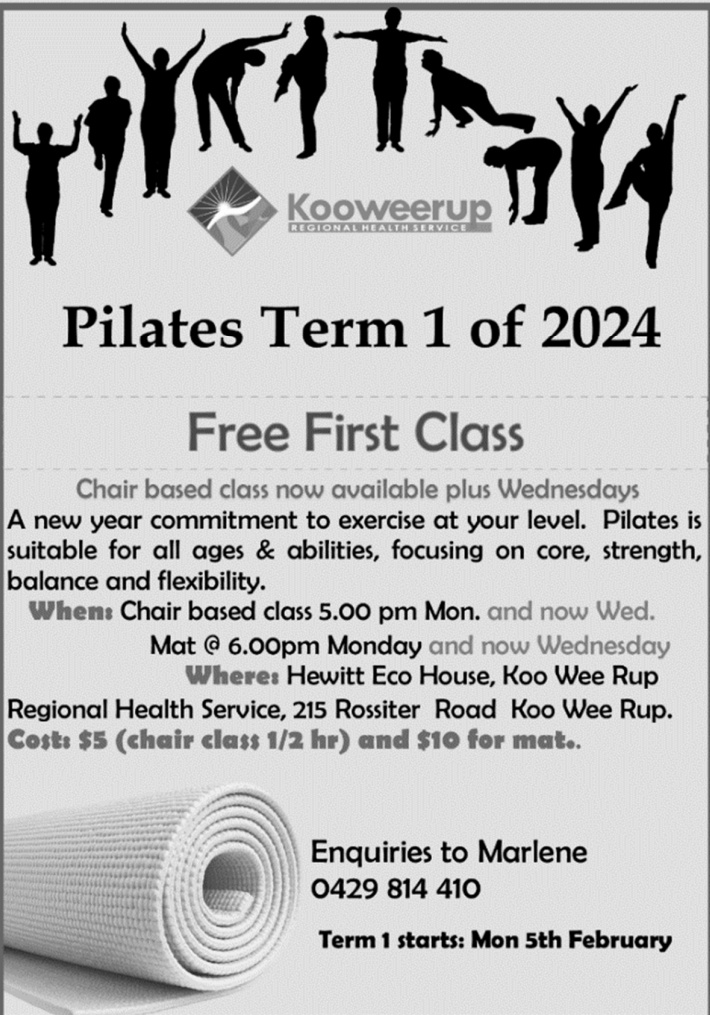
2024 brings additional opportunities to participate in Pilates both Chair and Mat Classes. We are now offering a 30-minute Chair Class at 5 pm on Mondays or Wednesdays (Cost \$5). Mat Classes at 6 pm Mondays and Wednesdays are also offered. The mat classes are longer hence the price differential. But the First Class is FREE so you can decide if you like it.

My reasons for being so committed to this exercise practice, is that it improves my balance big time, improves my core strength which is really good for my back. The resistance exercises mainly use your own body and resistance builds muscle mass, which makes it easier to undertake daily living tasks for all ages. Plus, there are always progressions if you need more challenges or regressions if you are feeling that some exercises are too much for you either just on that day, or because of injury or health conditions.

So why not give it a go. With a first FREE session there is nothing to lose. All classes are held in the community room at Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service with access from Rossiter Rd on the highway side of the community garden.

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## Koo Wee Rup Bowls Club

There is finally some action on the long awaited new Club house/Community Hub with the tender process now complete and some minor alterations in the planning area. The Shire are still confident work will commence late Feb/early March with the completion date still before the start of next season. Hooray after 6 long years.

Friday Triples was played on 1/12 with the results being Winning rink with 36 pts. was Vince Bevilacqua, Lindsay Stevens & Luis Aquilara (Pakenham). Runner up rink was Ned Courtin, Ken Clifton (Pakenham) & Tina Courtin (Carrum) on 35 pts. Best 1<sup>st</sup> game was Geoff Barber, Peter O'Nevin & Roger Balment (Korumburra) on 18 pts. with best 2<sup>nd</sup> game going to Graham Burton, Mal Newman & Lexie Taylor (Garfield) with 18 pts. Most touches was won by Ken Clifton (Pakenham) with 9. The final round before the Christmas break was won by Ken White, Graham Woolstencroft (Longwarry) & Noel Speight (KWR) with 36 pts. Runners up on shots difference went to Peter Bott (Pakenham), Col Finger (Longwarry) & Denise Hamilton (Phillip Is.) on 36 pts. Best 1<sup>st</sup> game was won by Jason Leishout, Sharon Twite & Grant Pask (Longwarry) on 19 pts. & best 2<sup>nd</sup> game was won by Jim Jenkins, Rob Matthews & Pauline Gray (KWR) with 18 pts. Most touches for the day went to Ken White (Longwarry) with 9. We resumed this competition after the Christmas break with the Winning rink being Mal Newman, Bob Lampport & Lexie Taylor (Garfield) with 33 pts. The Runner Up rink was Ken Harding, Colin Scales & Max Adams (Lang Lang) on 28 pts. Best 1<sup>st</sup> game went to Neville & Kevin Kitchin & John Williams (Lang Lang) with 17 pts & best 2<sup>nd</sup> game was Vince Bevilacqua, Lindsay Stevenson & Luis Aguilar (Pakenham) 18 pts. Most touches for the day was Dennis Throup (Phillip Is.) on 9.

Saturday Pennant Round on 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec. was a wash out for both teams who shared the points for the day likewise for games on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>. We finally got a game in on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> leading into the Christmas break. Both teams played at home with Div. 8 against Mt. Martha scoring a massive 91-27 win & Div. 9 playing 3<sup>rd</sup> team Village Glen going down 40-44. Div. 8 had 2 rinks with big wins & the 3<sup>rd</sup> a draw whilst Div. 9 had 1 rink winning & 1 rink losing. Div. 8 with Brett Condron, Peter Butera, Bec Watts & Daniel Prince scoring 19 shots to 1 over the last 8 ends to win 36-7. Not to be outdone Steven Jenkins, Ian Richardson, Jimi Watts & Jim Jenkins allowed their opponents only 2 shots after the 4<sup>th</sup> end winning 40-5. In the close match Wayne Stevens, Rob Matthews, Rex Alexander & Cam Davey needed 5 shots to win playing the final end and managed to score 4 to draw 15-15. Div. 9 and a mid-game slump for Margaret Royle, Erin Price, Peter Stevens & Mary Masters saw them defeated 11-23. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> rink of Tim Katz, Jacqui Butera, Mav Katz & Mel Alexander after a good start were able to hold on for a 29-21 win.

In direct contrast to the Sat. we held the Walker shield competition on Sun. 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. in warm & dry weather. The Club would like to thank our long-time sponsors of this event at Pakenham Mazda. The Winning team for the day and 2<sup>nd</sup> year running was Brett Condron & Margaret Royle on 32 pts. Runner Up team with 31 pts. was Rex Alexander & Pauline Gray. On 30 pts. and in 3<sup>rd</sup> place was Noel Speight & Jill Roissetter with the Watts team of Jimi & Bec taking home best winning game with 15 pts.

Tuesday Pennant Div. 4 scored a 61-52 win at home against Main Ridge. Leading for most of the game Margaret Royle, Jill Roissetter, Bryan Walker & Mary Masters scored a 25-18 win. The final 8 ends where they fell away had Joy Jenkins, Cam Davey, Betty & Gary King lose 15-25. In contrast a solid middle game effort by Jim Jenkins, Charles Poulsen, Pauline Gray & Helen Ralph resulted in a 21-9 win. Going into the Christmas break our team had another good win 82-43 at Mornington Civic to keep final aspirations alive with 4 rounds to play. Building up a handy lead at the lunch break, Trevor Kitchin, Margaret Royle, Jill Roissetter & Bryan Walker continued the good work winning 37-8. In a game where Jim Jenkins, Cam Davey, Betty King & Rex Alexander lead for most of the game to score a 21-15 victory. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> rink of Joy Jenkins, Charles Poulsen, Pauline Gray & Joe Barlow in a nail biter scored 3 shots on the final end to win 24-20. After a break over the festive season we resumed with us hosting Blue Hills in an important game for both teams. The result did not go our way being well beaten 44-76 losing on all 3 rinks. Best effort for the day was by Joy Jenkins, Charles Poulsen, Pauline Gray & Joe Barlow losing a close game 23-26. Always trailing the opposition Margaret Royle, Jill Roissetter, Rex Alexander & Helen Ralph defeated 11-23. A similar result for Jim Jenkins, Cam Davey, Betty King & Stephen Payne losing 10-27.

A trip to Baxter Village for the very 1<sup>st</sup> time and our Tuesday team returned home with a narrow 56-54 win to move into the 4 with 2 rounds to play. The rink of Joy Jenkins, Charles Poulsen, Pauline Gray & Joe Barlow battled hard all game before losing 12-18 in a low scoring affair. An inconsistent season just about "summed it up" for Jim Jenkins, Cam Davey, Betty King & Stephen Payne managed a steady 2-17 win. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> rink has been consistent all season and in a close 21-19 win saw Trevor Kitchin, Margaret Royle, Jill Roissetter & late inclusion Helen Ralph maintain their form.

Resuming the Saturday competition and the top two teams in Div. 8 met at Rosebud Country Club with us reversing the result from early in the season to win 60-49 with 2 rinks winning. Seemingly forgetting to play after the break Wayne Stevens, Rob Matthews, Rex Alexander & Cam Davey went from 13-5 lead to 16-20 loss. In a close game Steven Jenkins, Ian Richardson, Jimi Watts & Jim Jenkins, despite dropping 4 shots on the 20<sup>th</sup> end, held on to win 21-19. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> rink of Brett Condron, Peter Butera, Bec Watts & Daniel Price built on a handy lead early to record a good 23-10 win to ensure the overall victory. Div. 9 went to Frankston and nearly managed a good win losing 30-34. A comfortable loss 10-20 was the final score for Margaret Royle, Erin Price, Peter Stevens & Mary Masters. On a happier note Tim Katz, Jacqui Butera, Mav Katz & Bryan Walker battled hard and scored a 20-14 win.



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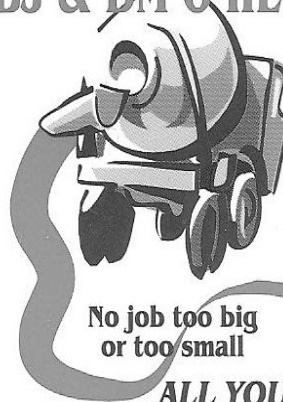
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**Kimberley Smith Assistant Property Manager  
& Shai Egeberg Property Manager**

Kimberley comes to us from another agency to pursue her real estate career in her hometown.

Having been in the industry since 2021, she prides herself on building connections with our rental providers and renters, believing a personal approach is what makes the difference between us and other agencies.

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In her spare time, Kimberley enjoys spending time with her daughter as well as live music and reading.

Shai comes to us from our Grantville/Cowes office. Shai has worked for Alex Scott in property management sector for numerous years and is returning to us to take over the rental portfolio after having her second child.

She has been in the industry since 2010 and brings with her, a wealth of knowledge. Her attention to detail and meticulous nature is what makes Shai stand out as a property manager.

In her spare time, she enjoys being outdoors and spending time with her husband and young family.



## 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.

### Christmas Break Up Dinner

Koo Wee Rup Lions members and partners attended Tides at Tooradin for dinner on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December to celebrate a very successful year with Lions.

A very good night was had by all those who attended.

### Drawing of the Lions Christmas Trailer Raffle

At 1pm on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December, outside Woolworths supermarket, the trailer raffle was drawn. There was a mad rush for tickets for the trailer raffle prior to the draw. A volunteer from the people watching the draw pulled out the winning ticket.

The winner was Shane Wright from Koo Wee Rup. Bob Wilson kindly took the trailer full of goodies around to Shane's place as he doesn't have a drawbar on his vehicle.

Bonus prizes of \$50 Bunnings vouchers were won by Joe Farrugia and Olivia Close.

Congratulations to all the winners and what fun unpacking all those wonderful goodies in the trailer.



## Greening Cardinia plant vouchers and weed control grants

The Greening Cardinia program provides free native plants and financial support to residents, landowners and community groups to control weeds within Cardinia Shire.

Cardinia Shire Council is partnering with the Cardinia Environment Coalition Nursery at Deep Creek Reserve in Pakenham to giveaway vouchers for a selection of local native trees, shrubs and grasses as tube stock, until 11:59pm Friday 14 June 2024.

\$50 indigenous plant vouchers are available for small properties, and \$125 indigenous plant vouchers are available for larger properties over 4,000m<sup>2</sup>, schools, kindergartens and community groups.

Grants of up to \$1,500 are also available for landowners and community groups to control noxious and environmental weeds in areas of high environmental value. Applications for weed control grants close on 31 May 2024.

For further information, including how to apply, visit [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/greeningcardinia](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/greeningcardinia)



## Some interesting old facts of life *by Geoff Stokes*

This month, rather than relate my usual tale to you about an episode in my adventurous life, I thought I should write about a few things that were considered quite ordinary years ago but would now be absolute taboo and perhaps, to you, unbelievable. Many people today have no idea about conventions that were in place years ago. My father was born in 1886, and my mother in 1890 (I told you I was old!) so I have quite a few stories passed on from them and about their parents' thoughts and things they did that were quite normal to them also. My granddad was born in 1844. That's 180 years ago and that's why I thought I should pass on to you a few "Olden day" facts that I know of firsthand just as a bit of fun this month.

People used to use urine to tan animal skins, so families used to all pee in a pot and then once a day or so it was taken and sold to the tannery.....if you had to do this to survive you were "Piss-Poor". But worse than that were the poor folk who couldn't even afford to buy a pot... they didn't have a pot to urinate in "And were the lowest of the low". Here are some facts about the 1500s: Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May, and they still smelled pretty good by June. In Tudor times water was considered dangerous and it was thought it carried diseases like the plague, so water to bathe in was avoided as much as possible. However, since they were starting to smell, brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide their body odour. Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet of flowers when getting married. I must add that as distinct to bathing, people did wash/wipe themselves when necessary but not very often. Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean fresh water, then all the other sons, then the women and finally the children. Last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could lose someone in it. Hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water!"

During my boyhood days living in the UK in the 1930s bathing was indeed a weekly occurrence at our house. Being the youngest of three children I was always last in and the water by then was also distinctly chilly and cloudy. This very large bath was in the kitchen and had a hinged, thick, white-pine tabletop lid that doubled as a kitchen table when folded down. Opposite was a gas stove and oven, adjacent to a sink and draining board complete with just a cold-water tap. In the corner of the kitchen, was a brick built-in copper boiler, fired underneath by a coal-fire for heating the bath water which had to be ladled to the bath with a bucket (I told you it was basic). Twice I was trapped in the bath. It was bath time and Mom was bathing me; she always hurt my ears by getting the flannel (washcloth) on one finger and poking it down my ear with a twisting motion. When she pulled it out of my ear the suction force hurt like hell! This evening, right in the middle of my bath time, there came a knock at the kitchen door. An unexpected lady visitor had arrived so, in order that the visitor wouldn't see me naked in the bath, Mom told me to keep quiet and she shut down the tabletop lid with me inside! The visitor was invited into the living room via the kitchen back door. I can't remember who it was, but I had to stay where I was in silence until the person left and I was getting colder and colder. This happened twice, but later when I was older, we all used to laugh and laugh at this funny story. Here's another odd fact. When Queen Victoria arrived in England in 1837 there were no bathrooms in Buckingham Palace. Royalty were washed, as they sat in a chair, by a servant.

In the 1500s and the 16 and 1700s, houses had thatched roofs, thick straw piled high, with no timber underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof. Hence the saying "It's raining cats and dogs". There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other drop pings could mess up your nice clean bed linen. Hence, a bed with four big upright posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That's how canopy beds came into existence. The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt. Hence the saying, "Dirt poor." The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on the floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they added more thresh until, when you opened the door, it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entranceway. Hence the words, "A threshold".

In those old days, families cooked food in the kitchen with a big kettle pot that always hung over the fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly vegetables and did not get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over the next day. Sometimes stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while. Hence the rhyme: "Pea's porridge hot, pea's porridge cold, pea's porridge in the pot nine days old". Sometimes they would obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon on a hook from the ceiling to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could, "Bring home the bacon". They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and "Chew the fat". Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food with high acid content caused some of the lead in the pewter to leach into the food, often causing death by lead poisoning. This happened most often with high acid content tomatoes, so for the next 400 years or so, it was the tomatoes that were considered poisonous not the pewter plates and dishes. In fact, in the 1930s and 40s at our house the eating of tomatoes was done at a minimum and with great apprehension. Mom refused to eat them for many of her earlier years because of the pewter plate's history and poisonous tomatoes.



## Some interesting old facts of life *by Geoff Stokes*

Also in those days, the cold-water pipework around our family home was made of lead and it was so for all the houses in our village and, indeed, throughout the country. My father taught me how to join these lead pipes to another length of pipe or to tap fittings and I still have his tools for wiping the joint whilst it was in melted state and for straightening the lead coils. Imagine today the public reaction to water pipework around the house all made of lead!

Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests were given the top, or the "Upper crust". Lead cups were used to drink ale or whisky. The combination would sometimes knock the imbibers out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up. Hence the custom of "Holding a wake".

England is old and small in area, and the local folks started running out of places to bury people. So, they would dig up coffins, take the bones to a bone-house, and reuse the grave. When reopening these coffins, 1 out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside and they realised they had been burying people alive. So, they would tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell. Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night "The graveyard shift" to listen for the bell; thus, someone could be "Saved by the bell" or was considered "A dead ringer".

In the UK today, hat and cap etiquette is still widely upheld. Not so in Australia. Whether you are an etiquette stickler or not, it can be helpful to know the basics before breaking out the wide brim. Firstly, manners around headwear go back many, many years. It can be traced back to medieval times when knights would remove their helmets to identify themselves, as well as a gesture of respect. Even today it is considered good manners to remove one's hat when entering any building – home, shop, or office or to a passing funeral hearse. Hat etiquette also has roots in Christianity, as it's long been considered customary for men to remove their hats upon entering a church. As we all know, however, [church hats](#) are indeed a historic tradition for women to wear in church or chapel. Per **church hat etiquette**, women are allowed to keep their dress hats on in church, unless blocking anyone's view during a wedding or baptism. The more you know eh!

To finish, here are a few more facts from bye-gone years you will find interesting and maybe amusing.

- Rugby School's first official rugby kit in 1871 included a bow tie.
- Urea, the main ingredient in urine, is added to cigarettes to enhance their flavour.
- "Cheeselips" is another name for woodlice, they were once used to curdle milk to make cheese.
- An English-speaking person from 2024 would not understand an English-speaking person from 1300 without a translator.
- Even today, fifty per cent of people in India do not have a lavatory.

Finally, even when I was an adult, people still would not mention the word "cancer" in their everyday conversations. Until roughly 50 years ago, just saying the word "cancer" aloud was something akin to a cursed incantation, archived only in medical textbooks and obituaries out of fear of lending it the power of speech. Because the treatment options available before that time did little to considerably lengthen or improve the lives of those with cancer, speaking its name was considered an invitation for death itself, a sentence passed by a chaotic, unknowable force that claimed the lives of loved ones without warning. The "Big C" was only alluded to in urgent whispers to keep the disease at bay. At my sister Eileen's church of England funeral in 1984, my Aunt (b.1905) was absolutely appalled and vigorously upset when the vicar mentioned the word "cancer" in his obituary, praising dear Eileen for her bravery during her last weeks of fighting the disease. How times have changed.

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With the weather heating up and the usual increase in rubbish and recycling over the festive season, it is particularly important to dispose of household items correctly.

Council is encouraging residents to:

- recycle all batteries for free at any drop-off locations. They cannot go in any household bin. This also includes batteries found in vapes. For locations go to <https://bcycle.com.au/drop-off/>
- recycle e-waste for free at any e-waste drop-off locations, or through the bookable hard waste collection service. E-waste items include TVs, toasters and power tools. These items cannot go in any household bin. For information on how to dispose of e-waste items visit [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/ewaste](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/ewaste)
- completely empty aerosol cans before placing them in your recycling bin.
- take all flammable liquids or household chemicals for free to any 'Detox Your Home' drop-off site. For more information go to [www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome](http://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome)

For more information about how you can correctly dispose of common household items, visit [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/atozwasteguide](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/atozwasteguide)



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Our evening walking group meets every Thursday night at 7 pm at the clock towers in Rossiter Rd. We walk for around 45 mins to an hour depending on the route, weather and inclination of the participants. Koo Wee Rup is lucky to have three organised walks weekly with 9 am Mondays and Thursdays being the other options from the same starting point. However, during daylight saving we have the opportunity for an evening group.

All ability levels are catered for, with the faster walkers going ahead and us stragglers at the rear. We walk and talk and certainly never leave anyone behind. The Heart Foundation has a

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For more information, including project and applicant eligibility or to apply for any of our community grant programs, visit [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/ccwg](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/ccwg) or contact the Connected Communities Team on 1300 787 624 or by email to [mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au](mailto:mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au)



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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.



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#### Tuesday's 2024

26th March

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24th September

26th November

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## What happened in Koo Wee Rup in 1924

By Heather Arnold, Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society

This is a look at what happened in Koo Wee Rup and surrounds, 100 years ago in 1924, as reported in the newspapers. Excitement at the Koo Wee Rup Railway Station!

*An uncommon sight – Excitement was caused at the Kooweerup railway station on Tuesday evening on the arrival of the 6.20 Melbourne train, when a woman was found lying face downward on the floor of a second-class carriage. The attention of the stationmaster was drawn to the matter, and on inquiries being made it was found that her destination was Kooweerup. Evidently, she had been imbibing too freely, as the remains of a bottle of wine was found on the seat. Considerable difficulty was experienced in having her removed to the ladies waiting room, and later she was taken away in a motor car. (Koo Wee Rup Sun, February 28, 1924)*

Mr. Johnson meets with an accident

*On Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, Mr. H.G. Johnson, of Cora Lynn, met with a painful accident. He was engaged feeding a bull, and on putting his arm through a fence to attend to the feed box the animal dashed at him and made a nasty wound in his left arm, and also considerably bruised his shoulder. Mrs. Johnson rendered first aid, after which the sufferer was brought into the Kooweerup Hospital, where an operation was performed by Dr Andrews. The patient is making a good recovery and hopes to leave the institution on Saturday next. Mr. Johnson speaks eulogistically of the medical and nursing treatment received, and says people do not fully realize what an asset the institution is to the district. It is, he says, one that should have the support of every resident. (Koo Wee Rup Sun, February 28, 1924)*

The deplorable state of Mank's Road

*Mank's Road – Whoever is responsible for the care and upkeep of Mank's road have nothing to exult over. It is in a wretched and deplorable condition, and the authorities are deserving of the most severest censure for allowing it to drift into such a state. It is impassable, and farmers are anxious as to how they will manage during the winter months. It is heartbreaking for the producer, after undergoing great expense in purchasing land, paying exorbitant rates, and putting in arduous labor, to find himself in the "slough of despond" through being unable to get his products to market. Its present condition is a disgrace, but language will be inadequate to express its position when winter comes unless something is done at once. We trust that the Tooradin representatives of the Cranbourne Shire Council will be seized with the urgency of having this road attended to at once. (Koo Wee Rup Sun, April 10, 1924)*

In April there was a report of a case of bigamy -

*Mrs. S. McKay of Kooweerup was charged before Mr. W. Cole, J.P., at the Lang Lang Court on Monday with alleged bigamy. She was remanded to appear at the City Court on Tuesday next. Bail was granted to the amount of £100 - self £50 and another surety of £50. (Koo Wee Rup Sun, April 24, 1924)*

The Argus reported on the next hearing held on May 23 –

*Married Four Times - Bigamy Charge Withdrawn - Elizabeth Ellen Butler, alias Forbes, alias O'Brien, was charged before the City Court yesterday with having on November 25, 1918, being married to Henry Butler, gone through the form of marriage with Edward William O'Brien, her former husband, Henry Butler, being then alive. The Bench comprised Mr. R. Knight, P.M., and Messrs T. O'Callaghan, C. R. Smithwick, and W. H. Curtis, J.P.'s. Sergeant Stephens said that at the time the accused married Butler, in August, 1908, she was a widow. The prosecution had been unable to find any person who had seen Butler since his separation from the accused, and consequently he asked that the charge be withdrawn. The police could not say whether Butler was dead or alive. The accused believed that Butler was dead when she married a man named O'Brien. When she found that Butler was not dead she left O'Brien and married again. She was now Mrs. McKay. The charge was withdrawn. (The Argus, May 21, 1924)*

In July, the Koo Wee Rup Sun published a follow-up report –

*Ambiguous – Mrs. S. McKay, of Five Mile, who was only recently acquitted on a charge of bigamy at the Melbourne court, desires to state that the report which appeared in the press was ambiguous and left an impression detrimental to herself. She states she was a widow when she married Butler, and alleges that owing to rough treatment received she had to turn him out of the home, which belonged to her. She afterward heard that Butler died in a New South Wales sanatorium. (Koo Wee Rup Sun, July 17, 1924)*

In May, local baby Eileen May Moylan, of Bayles was selected as one of the 18 Victorian babies in the Empire Baby Quest. The Herald explained –



A VICTORIAN ENTRANT: Eileen May Moylan, 2 years of age, of Bayles, Gippsland—a fine type of baby from the country.

*Eileen Moylan of Bayles in the Empire Baby Competition from the Herald Apr 11, 1924*

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## What happened in Koo Wee Rup in 1924 *(from previous page)*

The first stage of the Empire Baby Quest, which "The Herald" is conducting on behalf of the British Empire Exhibition authorities, has been completed by the selection of 18 competitors from each State. The names of the Victorian 18 selected from 1372 entrants, are given below. These will be among the 108, from all over Australia, to go before the Federal judging committee, which will select 18 to represent Australia against the rest of the Empire.... [The article lists the names of the 18 children] ... Professor H. J. A. Berry of Melbourne University, was chairman of the judging committee, and was assisted in the medical work of judging by three specialists. All the doctors remarked on the high physical standard of the competitors. The 20 or so in each class, who reached the final judging were classed as 100 per cent fit, and the Victorian 18 are all practically perfect and far above British or American standards. The artists on the judging committee were Mr. James MacDonald, portraitist, and Miss M. Butler George, sculptress. The woman's point of view in judging baby perfection was expressed by Sister Peck, matron in charge of the Baby Health Training centre, and Mrs. Whyte. (The Herald, May 10, 1924)

In June the Koo Wee Rup Sun reported on the dangers of darning.

On Thursday morning last Mrs. J. Macain, of Kooweerup, while attending to domestic duties, had the misfortune to run a darning needle into her right hand. She was conveyed to Dandenong, where under X-rays, the needle was discovered deeply imbedded in the flesh. She had to undergo an operation to have it extracted, and it is pleasing to record she is making satisfactory progress. Only the previous week Mrs. G. Follett, of Kooweerup, met with a similar accident, and had to go to Dandenong. She is also making rapid recovery. (Koo Wee Rup Sun, June 5, 1924)

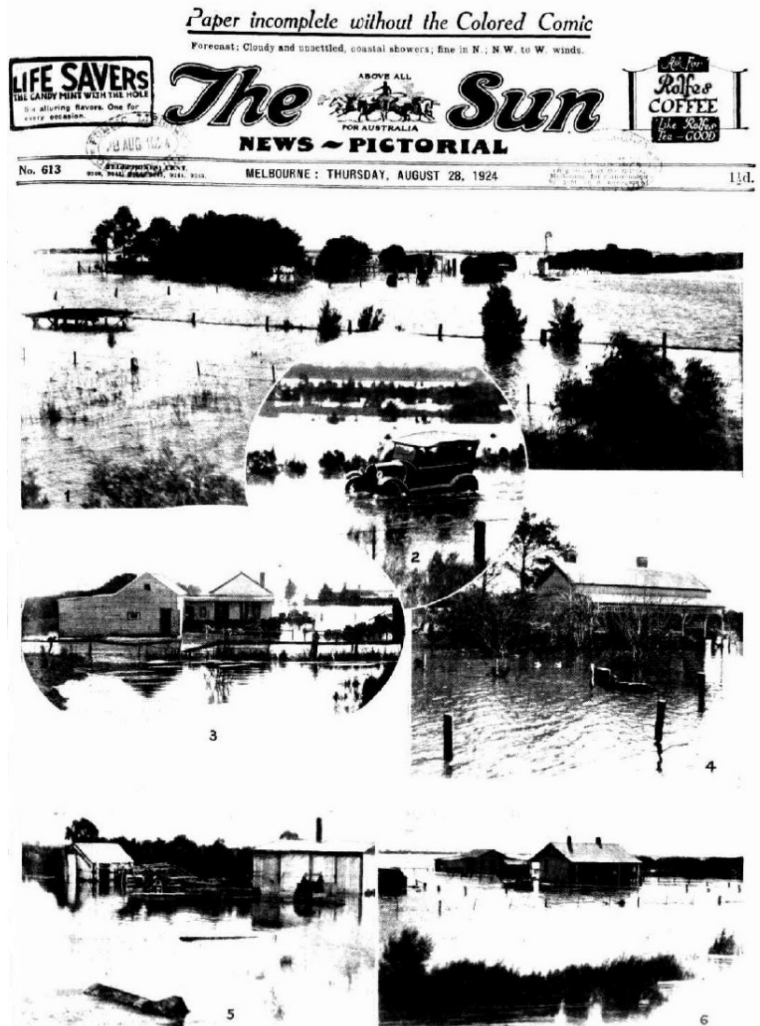
The on-going saga of the Koo Wee Rup–Pakenham Road

Koo Wee Rup –Pakenham Road – A correspondent in Saturday's "Age" directs attention to the incompleted portion of the above road. It is only a small strip of road, a few chains long, but it is almost impassable, and would only cost about £700 to finish. The action of the board in leaving the road in such a state is inconceivable, especially after spending thousands of pounds in making the thoroughfare up to this point. It is tantamount to making a strong chain with one weak link in the centre – the whole thing being thereby made useless. (Koo Wee Rup Sun, August 21, 1924)

In August, there was widespread flooding in the State and Koo Wee Rup was hard hit – this is the report from the Sun News Pictorial.

Swamped! Koo-wee-rup – Thousands Lost - Township Isolated.

Flood waters inundated Koo-wee-rup to-day, and made an unromantic Venice of the place, with rowing boats in the main street. Shops and private houses are under water, and the main street has become a swirling stream four feet deep in parts. The whole town is practically cut off from outside communication by seas of water on all sides.



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Patients at the local hospital bush nursing centre were hurriedly removed when the water began to rush on the township from the upper reaches of the swamp. Settlers from outlying parts flocked into Koo-wee-rup to-day in drays containing whole families. They got cramped accommodation in the township. In many cases they were forced to leave even this refuge as the water crept ominously up over the doorways. Some of the houses were two feet under.



*"THE GENTLE RAIN FROM HEAVEN" that Shakespeare wrote about has been referred to in anything but pious and poetic terms by the unfortunate settlers of Koo-wee-rup, who have been flooded out of house and home. The water showed signs of going down yesterday, and a more optimistic spirit predominated in the little township. 1. Mr. A. C. Colvin, an old-time cyclist, helping a damsel in distress. 2. In difficulties. A family leaving their well-nigh submerged home. 3. The kiddies quite enjoyed their trying experiences. 4. These little girls sailed their rakish craft down the main street. 5. Thirsty souls waiting outside the Royal Hotel for something better than water. 6. Willing hands to the rescue.*

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Many of the bolder spirits made a last stand in the Royal Hotel, a two-storey brick structure, facing the railway station. But they had to beat a retreat from this fortification when the water swamped in and invaded the whole premises. All the guests spent a damp night in the upstairs rooms. These floods have given Koo-wee-rup residents a rude shock. With the thousands of pounds spent on drainage schemes they imagined they would be better protected from the flood menace which has been looked upon as a necessary evil, ever since the first settler selected here. The present downpour showed up grievous flaws in the drainage scheme, and settlers flooded out and temporarily homeless, bitterly complain to-night that the State River and Water Supply has let them down badly.

Already settlers throughout the 80,000 acres of ordinary fertile Koo-wee-rup swamp land have lost thousands of pounds since Sunday. Many were about to plant potato crops, but will be unable to do so for weeks, and the seed will be ruined. Live stock is also in danger. Mr. Joseph Lee, of Koo-wee-rup, whose home is on the outskirts of the township between two over-flooded drains, had to scramble on to his roof this afternoon and signal for help to rescue his stock. Willing helpers hastened out to his assistance, and tried to persuade him to leave his home. Like other settlers in a similar plight, he refused, saying he himself was in no danger, and had better stay and look after the place. Protecting banks higher up the main drain have been badly weakened by the rush of water, which in some places has completely overflowed them. Once over the embankment the water is free to overrun the low parts of the country for miles.

Midnight is expected to bring the critical hour. Then residents who have experienced past floods anticipated the water will reach its highest level. Mr. Pomp Colvin, a local resident, who in the fishing season runs yachts to Tooradin, enterprisingly brought a dinghy this afternoon into the town, and rescued many marooned families. Later in the day he was called upon to rescue his own family, as the flood water crept unswervingly on.

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## What happened in Koo Wee Rup in 1924 *(from previous page)*

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At Dalmore the full significance of the watery waste is realised. Here miles upon miles of country are under water, and settlers' homes rise up desolately out of the yellow sea. Water began to trickle through the back door of the Post-office to-night, and the postmistress, who had had a very busy day, was afraid that she might have to leave during night. (*The Sun News Pictorial*, August 28, 1924)

An unusual arrest took place in the town in November -

*Alleged Bogus Clergyman. Arrested at Koo-Wee-Rup. A man who, it is alleged, had made arrangements to preach at the Methodist Church at Kooweerup yesterday, was arrested on Friday night by Senior Detective R. P. Brennan on a charge of larceny. The man, who gave his name as James Haslam, 28 years, clerk, was remanded at Lang Lang court on Saturday on a charge of having stolen a suit of clothes, valued at £11 11/, from Frank Stuart. He will appear at the City Court on Tuesday when a further remand to St. Kilda will be asked for. In his possession the police found a suit of clothes, a wristlet watch, a safety razor and complete outfit of clerical clothes, including bishop's gaiters. It is alleged by the police that the man is identical with a Rev. Donald Harvey, who boarded during last October at St. Kilda. It is also alleged that he arranged to preach at the Kooweerup Methodist Church yesterday. Six weeks ago it is stated that he preached a sermon at the Baptist Church Hawthorn. Haslam was arrested at a farm house at Catani, eight miles from Kooweerup, where he had been working. (The Age, November 24, 1924) Haslam, who had a previous conviction for larceny and false pretences was sentenced to nine months in gaol.*



James Haslam - Public Records Office of Victoria - Central Register for Male Prisoners.

In December the Cardinia Hall was opened – this is an abridged version of the *Koo Wee Rup Sun* report –

*Cardinia. Opening of Public Hall - On Wednesday evening, the 17<sup>th</sup> inst., an event of more than passing importance took place in Cardinia. It was the official opening of the new Public Hall, which occupies a nice dry position next to the State School. The hall is a spacious building, with a side platform and ladies and gents' dressing rooms. It was tastefully decorated, for which the ladies deserve great credit. The hall was to have been opened by the Minister of Lands (Hon. A. Downward) and the Government Whip (Mr. Groves), but owing to the political situation they were unable to be present ... The President of the Cranbourne Shire (Cr. Croskell), who had previously been asked to take the chair for the occasion, had been further asked if he would officially open their Public Hall, and he kindly consented to do so.*

*Cr. Croskell stated that he was very pleased to be there that night, which was an auspicious occasion for the district. It must be very gratifying to the committee to have such a fine gathering present, and he hoped on every future occasion the gatherings would be as large ... He would like to congratulate the people of Cardinia upon the success which had attended their efforts to obtain a Public Hall for Cardinia. He also congratulated them on their foresight in having their public buildings so close together, as in many townships one public building is placed on one corner and another about a mile away. With the public buildings close together it was much easier to get facilities, such as footpaths and drainage. He also congratulated the various committee and especially the chairman (Mr. M. Conroy) and the secretary (Mr. George Beazley), upon the success which had attended their efforts. The hall is a long felt necessity, and the residents must be gratified upon the consummation of their hopes, and he hoped they would all be long spared to enjoy the social intercourse which would be possible through having such a fine building in which to meet, and it gave him much pleasure in declaring the hall open.*

*Mr. Conroy, in moving a vote of thanks to Cr. Croskell, stated that the hall had cost over £600 and over half had been already met. A first-class programme was given by Dandenong, Melbourne and local district artists..... After the conclusion of the concert the hall was cleared and a large programme of dances was gone through. The dancing was in charge of Mr. T. Richards, who rendered his well-known efficient service as M.C.*

(*Koo Wee Rup Sun*, December 24, 1924)

**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 February 14 at 7.30pm. New members welcome. Not sure when the Museum will re-open, check out our Facebook page for an update. Heather Arnold**

**harnold@dcsi.net.au ☎ 0407 521 637.**



# KOO WEE COFFEE CLUB



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	21	Chandelier Café
March	6	Royal Hotel
	20	Chandelier Café
April	3	Royal Hotel
	17	Chandelier Café



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**EVERY THURSDAY!**  
Community Hall, Nar Nar Goon  
(opposite the primary school)

Bingo returns on  
Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024

**Bigger game prize wins!**  
**2 x additional raffle draws**  
**PLUS bonus end of month draws!**

Heated / Cooled venue. Canteen. EFTPOS available.  
1<sup>st</sup> Session - books sales from 6:30pm (\$2 games), or  
2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Sessions - 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)  
**NEW 1<sup>st</sup> Number/Last Number game (win \$50 cash)**  
\$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



## Walking together towards a healthier heart

There's a fun, free and easy way to feel happy and healthy. It's walking! Come along to our regular walks to meet new friends and boost your health.

Join your free local walking group at the date and time below:

Group	Koo Wee Rup Evening Walkers
When	Daylight saving period Thursdays @ 7 pm
Where	Koo Wee Rup Clock Towers
Rossiter Rd Koo Wee Rup	
Organiser	Marlene 0429814410

This group walks every Thursday evening during daylight saving. We start on Thursday the 5th October 2023 and will go through until early April 2024.

Visit [walking.heartfoundation.org.au](http://walking.heartfoundation.org.au) to join or for more information

