

# THE KOO WEE RUP BLACKFISH



MAY 2024

## Anzac Day

It was several months in the planning and certainly well worth the time invested. The Kooweerup ANZAC Day Dawn Service was everything we hoped for and more.

Our little Dawn Service is really growing into something quite notable in the district with a number of people attending from out of the district for various reasons: their dad or grandad's name is on the Cenotaph or they were originally from "Koo wee" and still feel the connection on ANZAC Day. The number 1,000 seemed to be mentioned several times when people asked how many we thought were in attendance, could we dare to say that this possibly could have been our most well attended Dawn Service ever. Our local member of parliament Jordan Crugnale attended for the first time and said that she didn't realise what a great service it is and hopes to attend again next year.

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## Koo Wee Rup Township Committee Meeting

The Township held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, 3 April at the KWR Community Centre. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 1 May 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

### May

Wed	1st	Coffee Club (back page)	Royal Hotel	10am
Wed	1st	Lions Club Meeting	Tooradin Sports Club	7pm
Wed	1st	Township Committee Meeting (page 1)	Community Centre	7.30pm
Fri	3rd	KRHS Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	Education Room, Hospital	9.30am
Fri	3rd	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch & Hoy (members only) (page 7)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Mon	6th	KWR Senior Citizens Games Day (members only) (page 7)	Senior Citizens Club	11am
Tue	7th	KRHS Ladies Auxiliary Op Shop Fashion Parade (page 7)	Senior Citizens Club	10am
Wed	8th	Ageing Well Expo	Cardinia Cultural Centre	10am
Wed	8th	KWR Swamp Historical Society Meeting (page 23)	KWR Historical Society	6pm
Fri	10th	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch & Hoy (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Mon	13th	KWR Senior Citizens Games Day (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11am
Mon	13th	Chair Pilates (page 5)	Eco House, Hospital	5pm
Mon	13th	Mat Pilates (page 5)	Eco House, Hospital	6pm
Tue	14th	Have a Chat Chuesday (back page)	UA Church Hall	2pm
Tue	14th	Community Centre Committee Meeting	Community Centre	7.30pm
Wed	15th	Coffee Club	Chandelier Café	10am
Wed	15th	Chair Pilates	Eco House, Hospital	5pm
Wed	15th	Mat Pilates	Eco House, Hospital	6pm
Wed	15th	Lions Club Meeting	RSL Clubrooms	7pm
Fri	17th	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch & Hoy (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Sun	19th	Bayles Fauna Park Working Bee (page 7)	Bayles Fauna Park	9am
Mon	20th	KWR Senior Citizens Games Day (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11am
Mon	20th	Chair Pilates	Eco House, Hospital	5pm
Mon	20th	Mat Pilates	Eco House, Hospital	6pm
Thu	23rd	KWR Senior Citizens Craft and Games (members only) (page 7)	Senior Citizens Club	10am
Fri	24th	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch & Hoy (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am
Sun	26th	KWR Historical Society Annual Lunch (back page)	Tooradin Sports Club	12noon
Mon	27th	KWR Senior Citizens Games Day (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11am
Tue	28th	Forget-Me-Not Café (back page)	Eco House, Hospital	10am
Wed	29th	Coffee Club	Degani	10am
Fri	31st	KWR Senior Citizens Lunch & Hoy (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11.30am

### June

Mon	3rd	KWR Senior Citizens Games Day (members only)	Senior Citizens Club	11am
Mon	3rd	Chair Pilates	Eco House, Hospital	5pm
Mon	3rd	Mat Pilates	Eco House, Hospital	6pm
Wed	5th	Coffee Club	Royal Hotel	10am
Wed	5th	Lions Club Meeting	Tooradin Sports Club	7pm
Wed	5th	Township Committee Meeting	Community Centre	7.30pm
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### JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

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

## Kooweerup & District RSL Report *(from page 1)*

We had several of our members speaking at the service opened by Rodney Edwards (President), then Bev Edwards (Secretary) gave a brief history of ANZAC Day. Nick Lind read the names of the fallen from the Koo Wee Rup district, followed by John Camilleri (Vice-President) saying the prayers. Geoff Stokes, known to many of you for his amazing stories of his life that are published in Blackfish every month, recited the Ode to the Fallen, Darcy Manks then played the Last Post and Rouse on the bugle and whilst the 33 wreaths were laid Sophie Stringer from the City of Melbourne Pipe Band played – there’s something about a live bugler and piper at that still and quiet hour in the morning. The flag raising was done by Bonnie and Michaela from the Koo Wee Rup Rover Crew and RSL member Brian Harlow was our sound man. At the end of the service Bev thanked everyone for their help with the service but most of all thanked everybody who attended.

The highlight of the service again seemed to be our Māori friends performing the Haka for us, I think I can safely say that we don’t know of any other Dawn Service that concludes in this way and such a fitting way to honour the participation by our New Zealand brothers and sisters.

Although it was a bit chilly, fortunately the rain held off long enough for everybody to enjoy the



**CALLING ALL JUNIOR PLAYERS!**

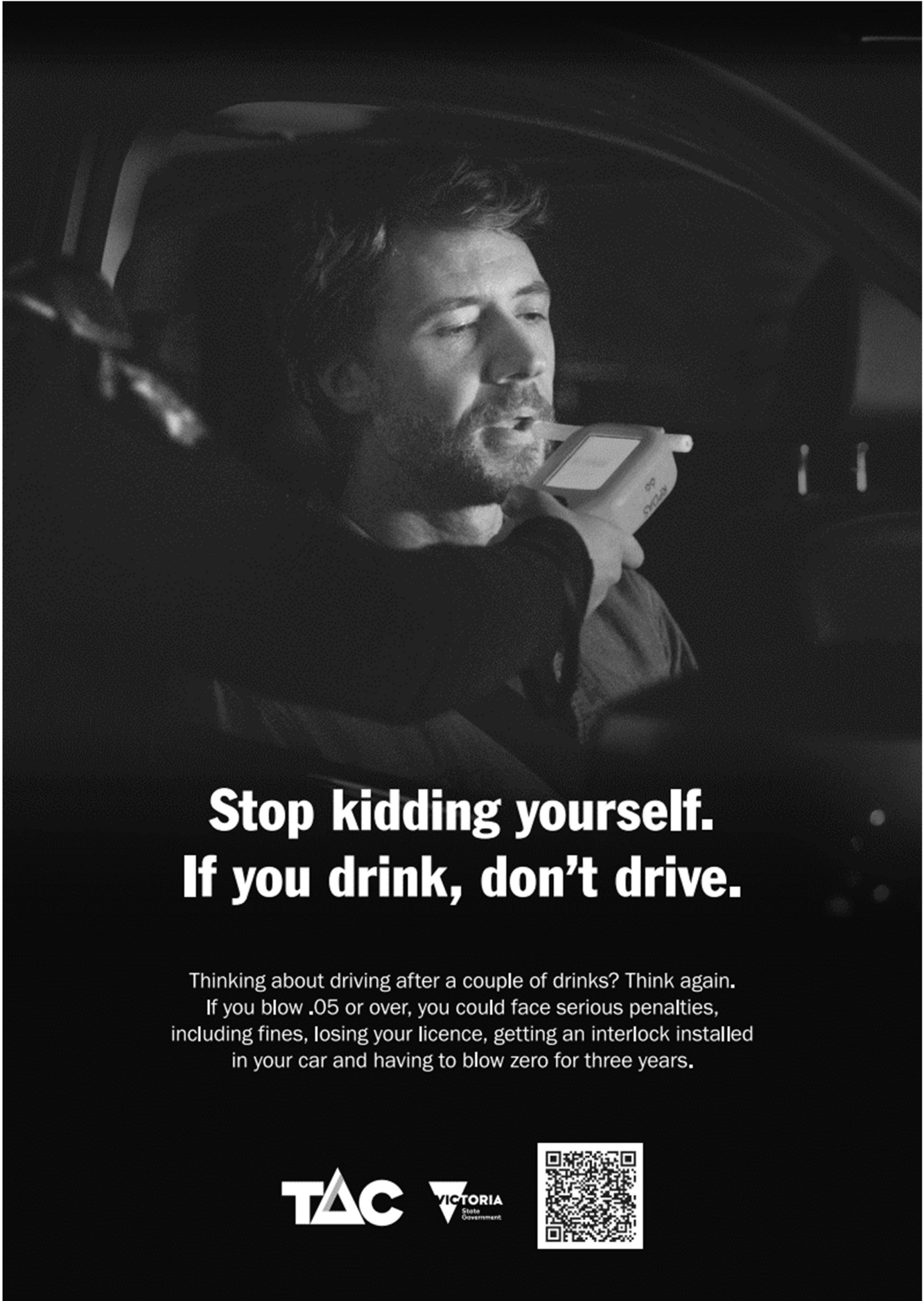
LLUSC IS ON THE HUNT FOR MORE U6'S, U8'S, U10'S & U12'S ENQUIRE NOW FOR THE 2024 SEASON.

service before proceeding into the hall for the traditional Gunfire Breakfast. The Koo Wee Rup RSL would like to thank the Koo Wee Rup and District Lions Club for cooking the breakfast, we’d also like to extend our thanks to the Koo Wee Rup Netball Club for assembling the egg and bacon rolls and to the Koo Wee Rup Scout Group for serving the rolls.

The event turned out to be a bit of PR exercise for the RSL as well, as it looks like we might have a couple of new members joining.

So, for now that’s about it for major activities for the RSL until Remembrance Day on the 11<sup>th</sup> November and our Christmas Fair in late November.

We will have our usual monthly meeting in May, then we hibernate for June and July, although we’re still going to be having our monthly Friday night get togethers in the clubrooms, so if you’re interested in joining the RSL and coming along to our get togethers please feel free to contact us at [kooweerup.rsl@gmail.com](mailto:kooweerup.rsl@gmail.com).



# Stop kidding yourself. If you drink, don't drive.

Thinking about driving after a couple of drinks? Think again.  
If you blow .05 or over, you could face serious penalties,  
including fines, losing your licence, getting an interlock installed  
in your car and having to blow zero for three years.



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

Councillor Cameron was unable to attend this month, however a range of issues were raised at the meeting to be forwarded to our councillor for follow up.

- Trees have been cut down along the Rail Trail but have been left in situ, they are now dying and still not been cleared up.
- Can Koo Wee Rup be added to the street tree renewal program
- The plan for the new subdivision on Rossiter Road near the Health service was discussed. The proposal is currently awaiting approval from the federal government because of the impact on endangered species found on the site (Southern Brown Bandicoot and Growling Grass Frog). Once this has been granted the application will then be submitted for planning approval. The issue of one access point, especially for emergency services was raised. There was also discussion regarding flood levels.

**Power Issues:**

The state government has been promoting community based local grids, it would be good to find out more about these and if Koo Wee Rup can be considered.

Koo Wee Rup has suffered several outages this year including two in one day on Easter Monday. There has been no contact as to the cause of the outages. The outage tracker is also not updated during these events, so residents are unable to see what is going on or make arrangements to get through the power outage.

The secretary was asked to write to the local member of parliament, Jordan Crugnale to seek some responses to these issues.

Engage Victoria is currently seeking feedback on an Energy Transmission Plan (<https://engage.vic.gov.au/victransmissionplan>), the more responses the better.

Bus stops are being constructed at Green Hills Road and near the BP Service Station on the other side to the road as part of the Koo Wee Rup – Healesville Road upgrade. Garry is still advocating for the bus route to detour through the Business Park.



**Pilates Term 2 of 2024**

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Mat @ 6.00pm Monday and now Wednesday

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

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

Enquiries to Marlene  
0429 814 410

Term 2 starts: Mon 13th May.  
(Note later start date)

**JUSTICE 17 Feb 2024**

What is this week’s crime crisis or addiction to thrill? Ministers of the day are like the already come and gone Seeming hobbled and enfeebled by a reliance on experts by unelected consultants and the usual cohort of advisors. Now new protestations seem issued with a licence to kill.

A grandmother or male citizen returning home for lunch encounter random enraged men without any fear of God yet who expect other adversaries to quake in their boots. Lesser sidekicks set up and provoke the sudden king hit for the violent are toey to land the first knockout punch.

Though spilt blood on the ground cries out for justice fractured skull or broken teeth drive in their own cause the motionless body on its face on a platform or foyer empowers some shame, injecting a puzzling restraint halting the cruel from exacting an even greater price.

While CCTV footage is irrefutable, the system is cover. There is the anticipated arrest and court appearance the few months on remand, then the release on bail only to be apprehended again for assault and affray and reassigned another shameless defence lawyer.

Our deeds are preserved like footprints in set cement though they appear to wash away at the end of each day. consciences are shunted aside as fully loaded rail wagons memory willingly obliges their burial in our sleepy heads for ferocity and vehemence are soon used-up and spent.

When or wherever the violent go, as long as they breathe a man-eating giant rises out of an old painting by Goya yes a cloud of higher judgement hangs over such lives a raised battle-axe of iron or storm cloud of massive hail ready to flatten into the silent ground like dead leaves.

*Warren Breninger*

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## News from the KWR Health Services Ladies' Auxiliary

The open day at Harewood House was a great success despite the inclement weather. We thank everyone for their support in purchasing our jams, pickles, and Devonshire teas. One of our members brought along her well-equipped motor campervan which was a great asset for preparing the food. Thank you everyone; we had a great day. With the funds raised we will now be able to purchase more equipment for the hospital.

As mentioned in the April 2024 Blackfish, we are having our Op Shop fashion parade this month and the date is Tuesday May 7th at the Senior Citizens' Club. This is really going to be a fun day and it is open to everyone. Entrance is free but bring along a plate if possible. Come along ladies, bring your friends, and go to the Lion's Op Shop in Rossiter Road and purchase a nice cheap outfit. Join the ladies and have some fun. As above, the date is May 7th at 10:00 am at the Senior Citizens' rooms in Icke Road. Please bring along a change of clothes – someone may want to buy your outfit! There will also be a raffle and a trade table.

Our Seniors' fashion parade is on June 25th with 'Kay's Fashions'. Please keep this date free and we look forward to seeing you there as well.

Olive Stokes

## Koo Wee Rup Senior Citizens Club

1 Icke Road, Koo Wee Rup

Members attended the local Anzac Day service where a wreath was laid on our behalf.

We continue with our weekly activities and invite you to come and give us a try. We welcome new members at an annual fee of \$10.

Every Friday	11-1pm	Lunch	\$10 for 2 courses
Every Monday	11-2pm	Games	Free
4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month	10-1pm	Games and Craft	Free

All enquiries

Dianne 0419 405 404

Leonie 0477 249 000

### Batteries and e-waste do not belong in the bin

Residents are being urged to keep their community safe by not putting batteries or e-waste in their household bins.

E-waste is any item with a battery, cord or plug at the end of its useful life. This includes household batteries, battery-operated toys, vapes and e-cigarettes, devices, and appliances.

There has been an alarming increase in waste and recycling truck fires. In 2022, Cardinia Shire didn't have a single fire in its waste and recycling trucks. This increased to 4 truck fires in 2023. In just the first few months of this year, there have been 3 truck fires and one recycling facility fire. These fires are extremely dangerous and put truck drivers, staff and the community at risk, as well as taking valuable resources from the fire authorities to put them out. The fires are usually caused by batteries and e-waste being put in household bins.

E-waste has been banned from Victorian landfill since 2019, which means it cannot go in any household bins.

Residents can correctly dispose of their e-waste for free by:

- Booking a hard waste collection
- Taking small household items such as batteries, laptops and mobile phones to any Council drop-off locations, major supermarkets, or Officeworks. For drop-off locations, go to [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/ewaste](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/ewaste)
- Dropping items off at a local transfer station. For a list of local facilities, visit [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/transferstations](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/transferstations)

For more information visit [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/ewaste](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/ewaste)

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

## Bayles Fauna Park Working Bee

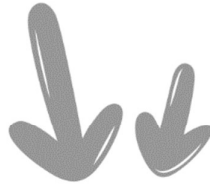
Sunday, 19 May, 9am start followed by a BBQ lunch.

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

**All welcome**

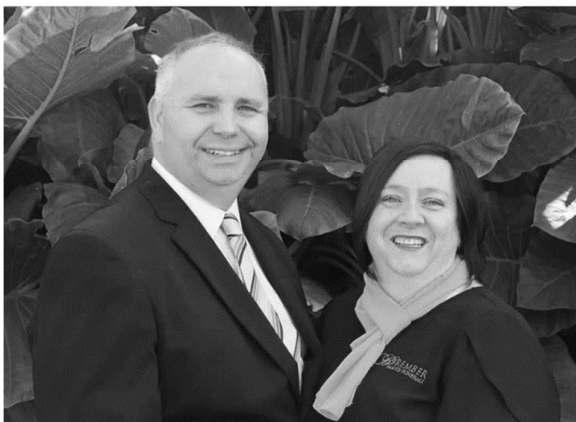
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## Our days in Music Hall at the Victoria Theatre, Sovereign Hill, Ballarat 1977

by Geoff Stokes

It was in the September 2021 issue of 'Blackfish that I wrote a story called "Tales from my singing years". It was about my time in the UK when I had singing roles in Grand Opera such as the High Priest in Verdi's Nabucco, and Escamillo the Bull Fighter in the opera Carmen by Georges Bizet and many other productions. I also made a brief mention of the shows I was involved in after we came to Australia in 1970.

It was whilst we were in the UK that my dear wife Olive became deeply involved with the theatre and had many character roles in plays such as 'Pride and Prejudice' and "The Ring of Truth. In the early seventies here in Australia, Olive and I joined the Doncaster and Templestowe Dramatic Society, and a while later Olive became a regular actor with them and eventually became the President of the group. Olive mentioned to someone on the committee that I had also done some producing and directing as well as singing and acting. I say this because I can remember being asked about the sort of show I would like to put on for them. I had this thought that I would like to produce and direct an 'Old Time Music Hall' along the lines of that style of British entertainment then currently showing on the television from the BBC. However, mine would be authentic; that is, using actual programs from the original Music Halls of the 1890s and, where possible reproducing them. Some of the comedy wouldn't work, I admitted that, but some other aspects of this style of entertainment, not now performed in modern times, certainly would. It wasn't long after that I received the go-ahead from the committee.

I did a lot of research and picked out all sorts of authentic original varietal acts that we could do including songs and dances, an illusionist/escape artist act, opera arias and duets, musical skits etc, and of course a traditional melodrama called 'Foiled and Counter Foiled'. We had to hold extensive auditions because the event attracted a lot of would-be

### Music hall a big hit

#### White spats, canes villains, chorus girls and melodrama.

All the elements of an old-fashioned English music hall were at the Templestowe Memorial Hall, last week.

Nowadays, modern theatre talks about audience participation, but the full house at the Doncaster-Templestowe Repertory Group's "The Good Old Days" needed no prompting.

They sang along, booed, hissed, cheered, commented in the right places and made the appropriate oohs and aahs at the chairman's vociferous introduction of each item.

The group's intention was to take its audience back to a typical evening's entertainment in a London metropolitan hall at the turn of the century and they did just that.

The costuming, the direction and presentation was excellent and Geoff Stokes, who devised and directed the production, has talents worthy of bigger things.

Solo items were superb and the show just flowed, with no shyness on the part of the audience when it came to joining in the choruses.

A major highlight was the showing of one of the first silent movie westerns, "The Great Train Robbery."

With Patricia Trevellian providing the accompaniment on the piano and Gavin Dimmick on drums, the movie was a winner in every way and drew a greater audience response than any modern movie I have seen.

The main regret was the show has now finished.

It would be a winner as a regular runner in the area and would no doubt draw large audiences from all over Melbourne once the word got out.

A great idea was the BYO licence and the audience bringing along their own supper, which made the Memorial Hall like one big happy night time picnic.—Jane Eyre.

performers from far and wide and, in doing so, we met people who became close friends. The dates of the Old Time Music Hall performances were set for the 30th and the 31st of October and the 1st, 6th, 7th, and 8th of November 1975. Opening night was quite a night! We had tables and chairs in the body of the hall organised for people to bring their own food and drinks and an alcohol licence was obtained for all the nights of the performance. To give a traditional Music Hall effect we had large spotlights at the rear of the hall, manually operated. Our comedian 'waiters' mingled among the audience, an audience

who were well primed to ad lib with the chairman (me) during the show, especially the melodrama. This was before modern drink driving laws were introduced so right from the start there was considerable tipping and bonhomie! We received rave reviews, and the show was a huge success; it was something new to the semi amateur stage, a true re-enactment that scored with the audience and was a joy to perform by the singers and the actors. One of the highlights was the 'sawing in half' of one of our ladies by our own magician. Another, of course, was the melodrama with the audience hissing the villain and cheering the hero and sighing for our maiden in distress.

We had full houses at every show and both of our children were involved, helping with aiming the spotlights on to the stage, odd jobs etc. Olive was the ticket and seating boss and assisted with decor and backstage too. We had a huge job clearing up after the shows, especially the Saturdays. We had a truck full of bottles and these were taken to the bottle tip, organised by the local Scout leader. The scouts received a big bonus from the Bottle-O for all the extra bottles they collected during our performances.

After this first Music Hall the production of plays by the Society proceeded as normal but to improve their cash flow quickly it was suggested that the Group put on another Music Hall. And so, we did, with the same format as before and the opening night to be the 14th of July 1977. I won't repeat details of all the things that went on, the auditions, rehearsals, lighting etc, because apart from some new faces and acts the story would be the same as before. However, it was in some ways very different to the first show, and it was certainly better. The experiences of 1975 were noted, and, in this show, there was a new vigour and professionalism, obvious to me when the rehearsals started. This time we did nine shows with the last night being on the 30th of July.

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## Our days in Music Hall *(from previous page)*

I am not sure whether it was this Saturday or the one before, but at one of these performances there was a lady in the audience who came and had a chat with us after curtain call. She was a management executive from the Sovereign Hill Historic Township and Gold Mine re-creation at Ballarat. Sovereign Hill was, and still is, a very large complex, a re-build of the original town and the gold workings in the area all painstakingly recreated. As well as streets, shops, houses, blacksmith, Chinese temple, church etc, it has a wonderful old-time theatre called the Victoria Theatre. The lady asked us if we would put on our show at this very theatre in Ballarat. We said yes straight away of course, and we could hardly believe that we were being asked to 'play away' so to speak, at such a prestigious and grand place. Questions were asked about how we would get the sets and props there, some 120km away, could all the cast make it on these dates, where would we stay? What about the lighting and would the sets fit when we tried to set up on this huge stage compared with the one at the Templestowe Memorial Hall? For your interest, here is a short history of the original theatre reproduced from the program of our show.

### THE VICTORIA THEATRE

*On the night of December 1st, 1855, the United States Hotel, Main Road, was destroyed by fire. However, it rose again from the ashes together with an attached Concert Hall, the Victoria Theatre. The timber from which it was constructed had been growing in the forest some 15 days earlier.*

*The Victoria Theatre opened on 16th February 1856 with a season by the legendary Lola Montez. She performed several farces and her famous spider dance, delighted the diggers and enraged the sensibilities of the respectable people of the town.*

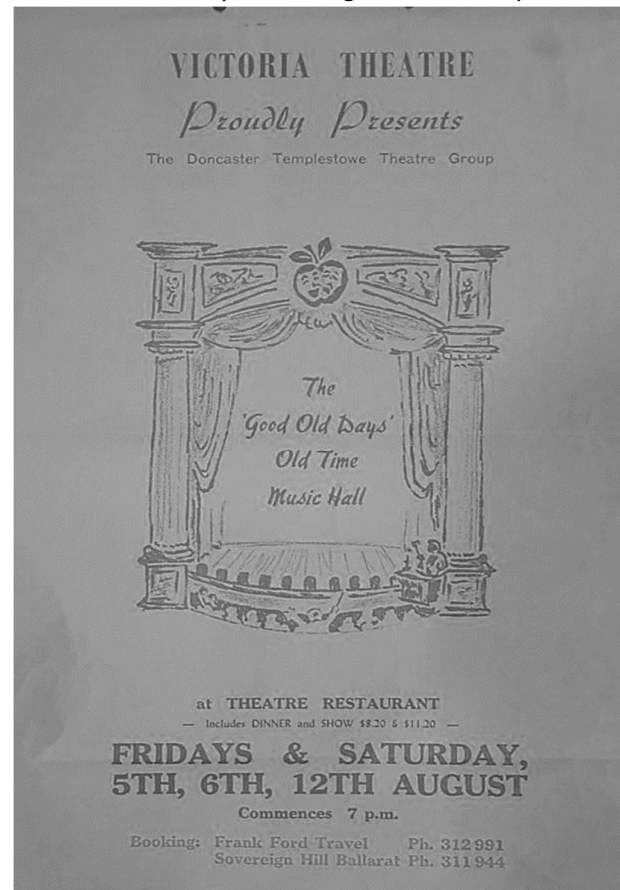
*The new theatre was claimed to be the largest in the colony outside Melbourne. It consisted of two storeys with circular boxes and a pigeon gallery - (rows of boxes shaped like pigeon-holes). From the dress circle direct access was available to the upstairs bar of the hotel where refreshments were dispensed. The whole is described as opulently decorated and lighted by magnificent chandeliers. However, seating was only procurable in the boxes, and the pit patrons were accommodated in crowded, noisy, and smoky conditions.*

*Admission charges were in the order of half a crown for a seat upstairs and one shilling in the pit. For this considerable outlay patrons would be entertained by anything from the five acts of Romeo and Juliet to a lecture on phrenology by Mr. Hamilton illustrated by skulls, diagrams and examinations of the living heads of the notorieties and celebrities of Ballarat.*

*In December 1856 the "Ballarat Times" was full of praise: "To the lovers of the legitimate drama the Victoria furnishes the opportunity for the gratification of taste and refinement".*

Well, we decided to get on with it and the dates of the 5, 6, and 12th of August 1977 were chosen. Friday and Saturday and the following Friday. Why we didn't play on the following Saturday escapes me now, possibly there may have been another event at the theatre or maybe one or two of our players couldn't make it. I arranged with the transport department of the Company I was working for at the time to let us borrow a truck and for me to drive it. The charge for this by the foreman was a slab of beer! Can you imagine that happening today!? We had a couple of days off work to build the sets and set up the lighting and dear Olive had to find accommodation for over 30 people. She did this with booking motels and caravans in the local caravan park.

We were ready on time despite the frost and the snow which fell and, in short, we all had a super experience playing to full houses. As before the stalls were laid out with tables for supper and the dress circle was filled with eminent persons from the area; at one performance I do recall seeing Bill Lawry, the Australian cricket captain of the time, looking down on us as was the Premier of Victoria, Dick Hamer, one other evening. We were minor celebrities for a while and the local press gave us a good write up and critique. Olive and I and the children stayed in a caravan during the show and our children helped in many ways with the set up and operating the spot lamps. Lots of friendships were made and we enjoyed the hard work. Many who were in the audience asked us how on earth did we manage to cut our lovely lady in half!



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## Our days in Music Hall *(from previous page)*

As the director of the show, my notes on the program read: -

*Welcome to our "BRITISH MUSIC HALL REMINISCENCE 1890 – 1910".*

*To reminisce is to recall the past and that is just what we are going to do tonight. Come with us for just a short time to the Golden Era of Music Hall; an age of Patriotism, Empire, despair for some, riches beyond imagination for others – To a Metropolitan Hall where the performers play out the life of the times. Their art is the art of living, and you will see comedy, pathos and the drama of these years played out before your very eyes in the songs and acts that they perform. Not for us the modern review in old time dress; everything you see and hear tonight is authentic material of the day. Sit back and relax; enjoy yourselves – let us show you how it really was. Thank you for joining us.*

Just a mention here that the show was based upon my research from the 'London Illustrated News', 'British Music Hall' by Mander and Michenson, 'Victorian Song' by M, Wilson Disher, and 'The British Music Hall' by Peter Davidson.

Here is a look at the start of the script for the Chairman (me) of the Music Hall; at the commencement in August 1977 of The Good Old Days Music Hall at the Victoria Theatre, Sovereign Hill, Ballarat: -

DRUM ROLL

*"My Lords, Ladies, and Gentlemen, Good Evening.*

*We present for your delectation tonight, a vociferous verification of their vocal versatility, vast in vitality, vivacity, and verve – in short,*

*THE GOOD OLD DAYS MUSIC HALL."*

DRUM ROLL

*Ad lib with latecomers etc,*

*"And to commence our evening together what better to start with than those lustrous, (DRUMROLL) luscious, (DRUMROLL) lovely, ladies of the chorus to sing for you,*

*TA RA RA BOOM DE AY" ... and so on and so on.*

Geoff Stokes

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Term 2 is off to a fantastic start. All our sections have returned to Scouting.

Joey Scouts have travelled to the Swiss Alps and learnt about Saint Bernards and a little bit of first aid.

Cubs practiced tying clove hitches and square lashings to save Snow White after she bit the poison apple.

Scouts made some scientific discoveries whilst our venturers were busy planning an amazing term.

Rovers got busy painting the posts that we had donated.

We had members from all sections join in the Anzac Day march and Dawn Service.

We are currently seeking adults to volunteer with us. We are looking for new section leaders and committee members. 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.



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



Cub Scouts  
8 to 11 year old  
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7:00 - 9:00



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Rovers  
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7:00 - 9:00

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

### Early detection and treatment is essential

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 Bowls Club

We “wrapped” up our Friday Triples competition on 5<sup>th</sup> April with the final day of competition being played at Lang Lang BC. The Winning team for the day was Roger Worden [Loch & Dist.], Jim Jenkins & Pauline Gray [KWR] with 35 pts. Runner up team for the day with 34 pts. was Jim Garnham, Geoff Barber & Roger Balmert [Korumburra]. Best 1<sup>st</sup> game went to Mal Newnham, Lexie Taylor & Graeme Burton [Garfield] with 17 pts. and Best 2<sup>nd</sup> game was won by Rex Alexander, Joy Jenkins [KWR] & Don Jeffery [Lang Lang] with 19 pts. The hotly contested chocolates’ award was shared by 6 players all with 6 touches. They were Luis Aguilar, Ken Clifton [Pakenham], Rex Alexander, Margaret Royle [KWR], Geoff Barber [Korumburra] & John Moore [Cardinia Waters]. The Aggregate results for the season was close with 5 teams still a chance before the final day with the Winners for the season with 18 wins 2 draws being Trevor Kitchin, Ken White [Longwarry] & Noel Speight [KWR]. A close team taking the Runner Up prize with 17 wins 1 draw was Vince Bevilacqua, Lindsay Stephens & Luis Aguilar [Pakenham]. Taking out 3<sup>rd</sup> place was Neville & Kevin Kitchin, John Williams [Lang Lang] with 16 wins 1 draw. Just out of the places was Peter Bott [Pakenham] which was a great effort as Peters’ team regularly had different players in it.

Our Club would like to thank Lang Lang BC for allowing us to conduct the final 2 days on their Green and to members who assisted in the organizing etc.

of games throughout the season. Jim Jenkins & Pauline Gray for the “thankless” task of chasing players for teams during the season and again many thanks to our sponsor s David Bull Funeral Director & Elders/Delaney [formerly Nutrien Harcourt] for their long-standing support to our Club. Hopefully we will be back on our own Green for the start of next season’s competition, but we are past “holding” our breath on that matter.

Well as Freddie Mercury & Queen sang “it has finally happened” of course, we are talking about the New Clubhouse/Community Hub building which a fter 8 years of “behind the scenes” work by the late Ray Brown & then Pres. Tim Katz work is underway. First with Ray securing funding for the project and then Tim really pushing the Shire for what is required for the new building.

The Club has officially handed the existing Clubhouse over to the builders and it is now designated as a “construction site”. The framework for the new building should be completed in 4-5 weeks, followed in about 2 weeks by the floor and finally the walls. Then it is the internal work to be done. The Shire of Cardinia is still reasonably confident that it will be finished September-October in time for the new season.



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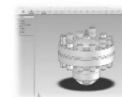
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## News from the Community Advisory Committee

The next meeting of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) will be held on the 21st of May 2024 when we will formally discuss with each other any contentious issues that may have arisen since our last meeting in March '24. There will also be an interesting talk from one of the Hospital specialists to keep us all up to date with the latest activities of the Koo-Wee-Rup Regional Health Services (KRHS). In the meantime, members of the Committee will keep in touch informally with each other should any matters arise appertaining to their Community Advisory Committee commission.


“What is the CAC; what’s it all about?” Well, the Committee looks at problems that may have arisen between the KRHS and any of its users. These users could be for instance, patients in the hospital, residents in the hospital, carers of residents or patients, nurses in the hospital, members of the family of a resident or patient and any resident of Koo-Wee-Rup and District. The single aim of our Community Advisory Committee is to provide the KRHS Board of Management with feedback and advice from users to improve and strengthen the KRHS services, provide information, forward planning, and future policy development of the KHRHS. Not necessarily complaints of individual bad service because there is already a system in place to oversee sudden instances of mismanagement.

Now, to our friends and neighbours in Koo-Wee-Rup and District, remember, any of our Committee members will be available to help you if you want to communicate with the Koo-Wee-Rup Regional Health Service 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. Any Community Advisory Committee member will listen to you closely and acknowledge your concerns, so that any problem you may have is understood and seriously considered.

We are your advocates always. Also, 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 KHRHS, then get in touch with the KHRHS CAC. Simply phone KRHS on 5997 9679 or Geoffrey Stokes on 0435 085 002. Or you can email: [geoffreystokes@geoffstokes.com](mailto:geoffreystokes@geoffstokes.com). Your email will be acknowledged. As I said above, the next meeting of the committee is planned for the 21st of May 2024 at 10:00 am in the education room at KRHS.

Geoff Stokes

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## New support service for local dads

Cardinia Shire Council is now offering free support groups for local dads.

In partnership with Anglicare Victoria, dads located in Cardinia Shire can now register to be a part of a free, face-to-face 6-week support group.

Navigating the joys and challenges that come with parenthood and early childhood can be difficult, so to support dads with children, aged from birth to school-age, these groups will:

- build social connections with other new dads from your area,
- provide a safe and supportive environment for dads to share their experiences,
- provide information about support services available,
- explore early childhood development and early years services,
- establish links within your community

The first group will start from May 2024 and will be held at Anglicare Victoria's Parentzone located on Army Road in Pakenham.

Groups sessions will be offered 4 times a year and run on a weekly basis. Dates for upcoming groups include:

- 17 July – 21 August 2024
- 9 October – 13 November 2024

Registrations will open for the July intake in mid-May.

Council also offers a range of other Maternal and Child Health services in addition to these support groups for dads, such as health and development checks, sleep settling programs, Smalltalk supported playgroups, and first-time parent groups.

To find out more about the new Cardinia Dads groups or to register today, please visit [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/mch](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/mch)

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### Employment Support Session

**for Women 50–70 years of age**

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**Tuesday 7 May, 1.00pm - 2.15pm**

**OR**

**Thursday 20 June, 11.00am - 12.15pm Cost FREE**

### Garden Club

*Learn about plants and how to make them grow*

All you need is a love of gardening to join this group. Enjoy sharing your knowledge, learning new tips, swapping cuttings or listen to one of our guest speakers.

Enjoy a cuppa and a chat.

**1st Friday of the month - 3 May and 7 June**

**10.30am - 12.00pm Cost \$5 per session**

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### Forget-Me-Not Café

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**Tuesdays once per month - 21 May and 18 June**

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## Visit from the Minister

It was with great delight that Kooweerup Regional Health Service hosted Mary-Anne Thomas, Minister for Health, Minister for Health Infrastructure and Minister for Ambulance Services at our Health Service on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April.

Also in attendance were Jordan Crugnale, Member for Bass and the KRHS Board Chair Andy Fordyce.

Minister Thomas toured the Westerport Unit, Killara Hostel and the Early Parenting Unit, she took time to speak with staff, residents and clients.



It is always a great opportunity to showcase the services provided by KRHS and importantly the high quality, compassionate care provided by our teams and the ongoing strong connection we have with our residents, clients and the broader community.

## Volunteering and finding the right opportunity for you

This is the big one. With so many avenues to choose from, the trick is to get involved in something that's close to your heart. Something you're passionate about. Something that gives you enjoyment. Or something where you feel your skills and experience could make a difference. This can be anything from working with the young or the elderly, to helping out your local animal rescue service, and literally everything else in between.

Have a really good think about which causes interest you most. After that, find a locally connected club, association, venue or user group and simply ask how you can help. They're sure to welcome you with open arms.

If you'd like to volunteer with us, contact Jenny on 5997 9704 or [info@krhs.net.au](mailto:info@krhs.net.au)



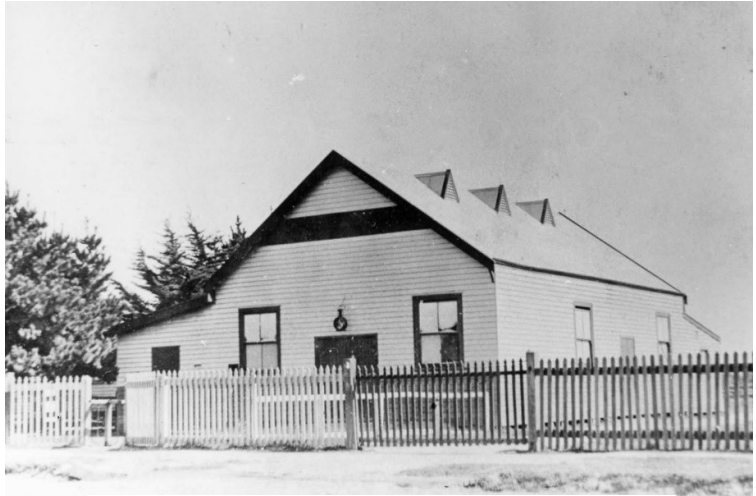
We provide a range of centre and community based services: Acute Care, Early Parenting Unit, Transitional Care Program, Respite and Residential Aged Care, Community Health, District Nurses, Home Care, Pathology and Allied Health for example: Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy and Social work. There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

# A short history of the town of Koo Wee Rup

By Heather Arnold, Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society

## Community Groups and Amenities

A Cricket Club started in 1893, the Recreation Reserve opened in 1906, and a football team had started by 1907. The Koo Wee Rup Public Hall opened in April 1902, a brick front was added in 1923/1924 and it was renamed as a Memorial Hall. It was demolished in 2002. The Royal Hotel was erected in 1915. The *Koo Wee Rup Sun* was first published in 1918, taking over from the *Lang Lang Guardian* which had commenced publication in 1902. The Masonic Lodge commenced in 1923. The Wattle Picture Theatre was opened in 1927, the same year the Koo Wee Rup Electric Light and Power Company began supplying limited electricity to the town. SEC power was switched on in the town in 1935. In 1929, the first Koo Wee Rup Scout Troop was formed. To add further to the amenity of the town in 1930 the water tower and the water supply system opened and in 1943 the Fire Brigade was formed.



The Koo Wee Rup Hall, before the 1923/24 extension

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## Cardinia Jobs and Skills Showcase

Cardinia Shire Council will host the Cardinia Jobs and Skills Showcase in partnership with Local Jobs - South Eastern Melbourne and Peninsula, Star News Group and Chisholm Skills and Jobs Centre.

The second Cardinia Skills and Jobs Showcase will be held on Thursday 20 June 2024 at the Cardinia Cultural Centre Lakeview Room from 10am-1pm.

The event aims to bring together jobseekers and local employers, providing an opportunity for job seekers to connect with local employers about current vacancies and career pathways.

Workshops will be held to help jobseekers develop their skills in areas such as CV and cover letter writing and interview techniques.

Jobseekers across the shire are encouraged to attend the event. There will be a range of industries present, providing a great networking experience for residents to find jobs. Jobseekers will have the opportunity to meet local employers, explore opportunities, access support services and learn more about different career fields.

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### Churches

The Presbyterian Church is the oldest Church in the town. The building was originally the Wesleyan Church in Cranbourne and when it was no longer required, it was purchased by the Koo Wee Rup Presbyterians for 70 pounds. This church, designed by Architect Alfred Dunn, had been erected in 1888 and it was transported to Koo Wee Rup on a large trolley drawn by 13 horses and placed on land donated by Christopher Moody. The first service in this building was on March 20, 1896. The first Catholic Church was built in 1902 and the current church was opened December 1962. The Anglican Church was built in 1917. It closed in 2012 and the congregation moved to the Uniting Church. The Methodist Church (now Uniting) was moved from Yallock to Rossiter Road in 1932. In 1978 this building was moved to a camp in Grantville and a wooden church from Narre Warren East was relocated to the site, it was given a brick veneer and a new hall added and opened on February 3, 1980.



*The arrival of the Methodist Church in 1932*

### Health

A Bush Nursing Centre was opened in 1918. On May 23, 1923 the Fallen Soldiers' Memorial Hospital opened in Station Street; and the Westernport Memorial Hospital in Rossiter Road on December 4, 1955. The Hospital Ladies' Auxiliary was established in July 1955 – they are celebrating seventy years next year. In 1946, the Infant Welfare Centre was opened in a room at the Memorial Hall and in 1953 the Pre-School opened.

### Schools

The first School was established in 1884 between Koo Wee Rup and Bayles (at Bethunes Road) with 22 pupils. It was known as the Yallock School, until 1903 when the name was changed to Koo Wee Rup. In 1910, the school moved to Rossiter Road (to the Secondary College location) and a new building was built in 1915. In 1953, the Higher Elementary School was completed. This School included both primary and secondary classes (Forms 1 to 3 or Years 7 to 9). The School became a High School in 1957 and shared the building with the primary school students until November 1960 when the Primary School opened in Moody Street. St John the Baptist Catholic School opened in 1936.

### Railways

The Koo Wee Rup Railway station was opened on August 18, 1889. The Station was originally called Yallock and was re-named Koo Wee Rup in 1892. In 1922, Koo Wee Rup became a railway junction with the opening of the Strzelecki railway line. This line was closed in stages and the last stretch from Bayles to Koo Wee Rup closed in 1959. Passenger services to Koo Wee Rup ceased in June 1981 were reinstated December 1984 and ceased again in July 1993.

### Oldest buildings in town

The 1884 School building, which had moved from Bethunes Road to Rossiter Road, was shifted again in 1919 to become the Island Road School. The School closed in 1974 and ten years later the building moved back to the Primary School site in Moody Street.

However, the oldest building still on its original site is the house, "The Grange", off Sybella Avenue. This was built in 1887-88 for Andrew and Agnes Hudson, though sadly Andrew died just before they moved in. Agnes, nee Johnston, was firstly married to Alexander Mickle. Alexander and Agnes were the great grandparents of Local Historian, David Mickle.

**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 May 8 at 7.30pm. New members welcome. The Museum is generally open on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month; we will be open May 12 from 1.30pm, but closed on May 26 as it is our annual luncheon. Heather Arnold ☎0407 521 637.**

# KOO WEE COFFEE CLUB



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

May	1	Royal Hotel
	15	Chandelier Café
	29	Degani
June	5	Royal Hotel
	19	Chandelier Café
July	3	Royal Hotel
	17	Chandelier Café
	31	Degani



Enquiries ph Jo on 0428 557 411



Koo Wee Coffee Club

Need a friend?

Recently retired?

New to Koo Wee?

Join us for,



## HAVE A CHAT CHUESDAYS

**WHERE?** U CA Church hall, 348 Rossiter Rd.  
**WHEN?** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024  
 And monthly on second Tuesday.  
**TIME?** 2pm-4pm.

*This month's theme is*  
**CHARADES**

*THIS IS AN EASY, FUN NAME GUESSING GAME. Come and have afternoon tea and a laugh with us as you play a game you can play with others, you can also make a suggestion of what you think we could do next month. We are a non threatening friendly group. If you think we will all be strangers, we are not. We are friends you just haven't met yet.*

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

# 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 2024

- 26th March
- 28th May
- 30th July
- 24th September
- 26th 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



## Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society Annual Luncheon

**From Italy to Koo Wee Rup – Members of our Italian community will talk about their life in Italy and Koo Wee Rup.**

When - Sunday, May 26, 2024 at 12 noon.

Where -Tooradin & District Sports Club,

Recreation Reserve, Tooradin.

Cost - \$30.00 per head.

Drinks at bar prices.

RSVP, including any special dietary requirements, by May 19, 2024 to Heather Arnold - 0407 521 637

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