



It has not been a good start to Spring with cool weather and spring storms to rev up later this month throughout Wandong and Heathcote Junction. Please be aware any flooding due to spring storms can create flooding with Dry Creek through the Reserve. Also be aware of snakes through the Reserve as we have had several sightings.

Our Oval drainage project is well under way and the refurbishments of the Community Centre is Commenced at long last.

Our summer sports are in progress with their programs but winding down for the Christmas break. Wandong Tennis, Kilmore Cricket-(disrupted at present due to the works on the Oval), Standardbred Riding Club, Kilmore and District Adult Rider's Club

Wandong Primary- recreational activities disrupted due to the works on the Oval

What is our community up to down at the Reserve:

Walking the dogs, kids in the playground, individuals/groups doing their fitness workouts, mums with the kids in the pram, riding bikes, playing kick to kick football, passing shots in netball shooting hoops at the basketball ring, riding the horses, training dogs to behave, Wandong primary doing their sporting activities on the Oval, Wallan basketball in the Stadium, Having a hit of tennis Doing a round of activities at the newly installed exercise pod

Continued developments at the Reserve will complement our sport groups and community. We are lucky to have a Reserve that has character and bush ambiance atmosphere that complements our communities.

As 2023 draws to a close, the Reserve has continued to grow and develop and has become a great asset for our community to enjoy and a place to relax.

Looking forward to the following projects to be complete in 2024

Redevelopment of the Community Centre completion around June 2024

Drainage project for the Reserves Oval-Oval to reopen in Mid-January 2024

L.B.Davern Reserve Projects update:

Project 1:Redevelopment of the Community centre.

Wandong Community Centre Revitalisation

Revitalise the centre to contemporary standards by reconfiguring and upgrading the internal floor plan, which will create a versatile, multi-purpose centre for shared community use. This project is an \$800,000+ project. The Redevelopment of the Community centre at the Reserve is now at construction stage with the building now fenced off to the community. Due to the project the Reserve committee will not be taking any bookings for the centre from December through to June 2024.

Community Centre 2023 before the project commences



Pre Redevelopment of the Community Centre
Community Centre 2023 before the Revitalization project commences



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Project 2: Drainage improvement at the Oval.

This successful funding agreement is part of the Country Football Netball Program. State Government will be contributing \$195,000 to the \$260,000 LB Davern Drainage Upgrade project with Council contributing the remaining \$65,000. The project will see the installation of lateral drainage to eliminate the current ponding/flooding of water in key sections of the oval and a reshape of both goal square areas. This project is nearly completed and is ahead of schedule, completion of project December 2023 and to reopen to the community mid-January 2024.



If anybody in our community would like to share any photos of History of L.B Davern Reserve for us to share on what's News please send to

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Contact our booking officer Darlene Gunter 0418 31 762. Get in quick as bookings are coming in fast.

For all L.B.Davern Reserve Bookings to either:

- Oval Bookings, Stadium bookings and enquiries Mitchell Shire Council Recreation and Open Space unit ph. 5734 6200.
- Community Centre and Sports Pavilion contact: Darlene Gunter Booking Officer for the WHJSCC on 0418 312 762

Please Note:

Unfortunately the Community Centre is not open for bookings until the Refurbishments of the Centre is completed April 2024

To our community, we need your help;

We need to catch any persons vandalizing our Reserve!!!!

If Residents notice anything out of the ordinary please contact the police on 000 It is in our community interest that we all keep our Reserve safe for all to use!!

From all us at the L.B.Davern Reserve we wish you a great Christmas and Happy but safe New Year.

Just a reminder the Christmas Carols are at the Wandong Public Hall, Rail St Wandong.



And Australia Day Breaky will be at the Wandong Public Hall.



Unfortunately these events will not be at The Reserve due to revitalization works of the community centre. Please check local information for venues.

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