

WANDONG-HEATHCOTE JUNCTION COMMUNITY GROUP

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Over three months ago the Wandong Heathcote Junction Community Group asked Mitchell Shire Council to investigate the cause and repair the damage to the mesh fence between Rail Street and the railway reserve at Heathcote Junction. This mesh fence has several other holes and Mitchell Shire will probably refer them to VicTrack but the fence responsibility was handed to Mitchell Shire years ago so we have asked Mitchell Shire to repair it.



For many years the Wandong Heathcote Junction Community Group has asked Mitchell Shire to renovate the car park at the Wandong Bushfire / War Memorial Park but at this time the budget is not listed until 2027/2028. This public park and toilet stop is the busiest in Mitchell Shire but the car park remains the worst in Mitchell Shire. The continual holes at the entrance to the car park are reported to the Shire which normally fills the holes promptly.

Much damage to the mesh fencing on Rail Street is caused by falling trees. Recently one tree was cut at the fence line but despite continual requests from the Wandong Heathcote Junction Community Group there are several more trees leaning at 45 degrees that will fall on the fence and even on Rail Street itself.



Would you believe this photo is the drainage grate at the corner of Rail and Affleck Streets. Mud and rubbish regularly covers the grate and despite notifying Mitchell Shire it is only cleared by the Community Group. With the drain blocked water runs down Rail Street but this does not seem to be a Shire priority.

For 22 years the Community Group has had a great relationship with the management of Wandong Plaza always through consultation and always with both our best interests for the Plaza, but also the Wandong Heathcote Junction community which the Community Group represents in so many ways and to so many departments and organisations. Our members regularly visited the Plaza after 8pm at night when the car park is empty and spend hours to shovel and sweep up all the dirt and rubbish between the concourse and the car tyre barriers. We sprayed weeds that accumulate at the edge of the concourse and clean rubbish around the Plaza including the four rubbish bins inside and out. The WHJCG recently raised a issue with Alpine Petroleum which lead to Alpine terminating our 22 year relationship