

WANDONG-HEATHCOTE JUNCTION COMMUNITY GROUP

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WEBSITE

In February the <www.wandong.vic.au> website received 767 visits. If any business or group has noticed any change which needs to be corrected to their entry, please let us know. To add your business or group email: whatsnewswhj@gmail.com.au

EASTER EGG BASKET RAFFLE

Tickets for the Community Groups annual Easter egg basket raffle are now on sale. Please support the raffle, all proceeds go to projects and facility maintenance in Wandong Heathcote Junction.

WANDONG MURAL CIRCA 1900

Installation of the Wandong mural circa 1900, commissioned by the WHJCG and painted by Mr Vivian Kenney, has commenced. Steel poles that support the mural have been added to the retaining wall at the rear of the Wandong Plaza car park and arrangements are now being made to transport the mural to the Plaza and join it to the poles.



MEETING WITH MITCHELL SHIRE COUNCIL

In response to letters exchanged with Mitchell Shire regarding projects and the maintenance problems in Wandong Heathcote Junction, Mitchell Shire officers met three of our members on Friday 17th February. Some results of discussions are as follows

- **HUME AND HOVELL MEMORIAL TO REPLACE ROTTEN WOODEN SCULPTURE** - Since Wandong has been recognised as the true route taken by Hume and Hovel in 1824, the Wandong History Group and the WHJCG want to recognise this in 2024, the bi century, but Mitchell Shire cannot meet to discuss until late 2023. Time is running out to create the memorial and put a program together.
- **FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE (CRACKED CEMENT PAVEMENT RAIL ST / BITUMEN NTH MTN RD** - Mitchell Shire agreed to revisit decisions previously made that footpaths did not warrant maintenance.
- **TOILET / BBQ CLEANING AND SCHEDULE (CAR PARK RUBBISH BIN TO BE REPLACED IN FEBRUARY)** - Mitchell Shire agreed to increase frequency.
- **RUBBISH BIN OVERFLOWING** - the new rubbish bin for the toilet area in the Memorial Park was to be installed in February but did not happen.
- **BUSHFIRE MEMORIAL PARK CAR PARK (BITUMEN, BOLLARDS, DRAIN)** - we were told nothing is planned in the near future but we should submit the project for consideration in the budget which we have done.
- **PLAYGROUND UPGRADE AT MEMORIAL PARK** - there is no plan to upgrade this playground and again we were told to submit it for consideration in the budget which we have.
- **THE MESH FENCE ALONG RAIL STREET / RAIL RESERVE**
- Mitchell Shire insist that the green mesh fence along Rail Street is the responsibility of VicTrack and will write to them - WHJCG believes the fence was handed to Mitchell Shire to maintain.
- **THE LAND AT THE CORNER OF RAIL STREET AND WANDONG AVE**
- Mitchell Shire has no plan to make this area car parking for the Wandong Hall.
We may have to do it ourselves as the hall is in desperate need of more car parking.



There has been several loads of rubbish dumped (see photo) beside the Wandong Broadford Road at Clonbinane - Mitchell Shire was advised and asked for comment but no response yet.

