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## AUSTRALIA DAY AT WANDONG

Darlene Gunter and Robert Jensen, pictured with Federal Member for McEwen Rob Mitchell and Mitchell Shire Central Ward Councillor Louise Bannister, were honoured by the Wandong - Heathcote Junction community when they were presented with the Wandong Australia Day 2022 community awards. Congratulations Darlene and Robert.

On behalf of the Wandong Heathcote Junction community, Cr Bannister acknowledged Rob Jensens' contribution to the Wandong Heathcote Junction community for the last twenty years. Rob, with wife Olga, can probably claim to be the founders of the Wandong Heathcote Junction Community Group. In 2001 they walked the town asking residents to sign a petition opposing a poor development being imposed on Wandong Heathcote Junction. Their efforts resulted in a committee being formed to take the development to VCAT and that committee became the Wandong Heathcote Junction Community Group. Rob has been a committee member of the group since and has been at the forefront of the numerous community group projects such as the Pickett Walk and Say G'Day trail developments and on working bees such as Clean Up Australia, Tidy Towns, National Tree Planting Day and many more. He was one of six local representatives who designed and oversaw the construction of the Bushfire Memorial Park.



Cr Bannister also acknowledged Darlene Gunter who for many years has been on the LB Davern Reserve Committee of Management and been involved with the Wandong Warriors Junior Football Club. Darlene has been a very hard working volunteer in her time at the warriors performing many roles including team manager, secretary and treasurer. She also helped with sponsorship for an incentive if a player trained a certain amount of nights during preseason they received a free club hoodie and training shorts. Darlene has just about filled every role imaginable even for teams her boys weren't involved in if it meant getting them on the park. Her love for the warriors was evident for all to see and is still present to this day as last year she kindly offered if the club couldn't find a secretary she would help out where she could. The administration at the Warriors has nothing but respect for Darlenes contribution over the years to the warriors, amidst volunteering on other committees, and it has endorsed Darlene as a very worthy recipient of the award.

Robert and Darlene are certainly very worthy recipients of the Australia Day Awards.  
More photos on page 17.



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## JUST CALL ME ODD SHOE CLYDE RILEY

Anyone reading the regular Lions Club column in Whats News would think all Lions members, except the author Clyde Riley, were a bit simple but whose laughing now. Clyde turned up at a recent meeting wearing one black and one brown shoe.





# What's Happening

## WANDONG OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

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[www.wandong.vic.au](http://www.wandong.vic.au)

[www.upperplenty.com](http://www.upperplenty.com)

## Mitchell Bushwalking Group

The group walks once a fortnight, with some evening walks during the summer months.

Please contact:

Mary 0428 479 469  
or Wayne 0451 519 734

or email

[mitchellwalksgroup@gmail.com](mailto:mitchellwalksgroup@gmail.com)

for more information



## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

We wish the following people a very happy birthday

10 Feb	Alison Stone	HJ
11 Feb	Damian Buggy	HJ
11 Feb	Danni George	W
12 Feb	Brooke Colbert	W
13 Feb	Irene Bartlett	W
13 Feb	Dylan Hall	B
13 Feb	Guy Marstaeller	HJ
13 Feb	Rhiannon Bausch	HJ
13 Feb	Chris Placek	W
14 Feb	Les Harrison	W
14 Feb	Ebony May McMahon	W
16 Feb	Guy Batey	W
16 Feb	Caitlin Gough	HJ
16 Feb	Brent Candy	W
16 Feb	Lauren Saw	HV
17 Feb	Breeanna Thomas	B
17 Feb	Rosemary Hobson	HJ
18 Feb	Loren Page	C
20 Feb	Ashleigh Sannwald	HJ
21 Feb	Bianca Villanti	HJ
22 Feb	Jake Saw	HV
22 Feb	Hayley Mumberson	HJ
22 Feb	Eliza Renouf	C
24 Feb	David Bartolo	UP
24 Feb	Steve Kilroy	W
25 Feb	Daniel Hannemann	W
25 Feb	Lyn Thomas	B
27 Feb	Graeme Edwards	HJ
27 Feb	Jennifer Cocks	W
28 Feb	Carol McIntyre	KE
2 Mar	Simon Caeli	W
2 Mar	Heather Limbrick	B
3 Mar	Colin Williams	HJ
4 Mar	Rhiannon Bradshaw	W
4 Mar	Heather Flannery	W
7 Mar	Kim Kyriasou	K
8 Mar	Blake Dennehy	HJ
8 Mar	Marilyn McNaughton	HJ
8 Mar	Tim Abela	HJ
8 Mar	Rodney Stone	HJ
10 Mar	Bree Chisholm	HJ

## ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS

11 Feb Rob & Karen Dawson HJ  
14 Feb Chris & Carol Ryan KE  
18 Feb Marj & Allan Knight W  
21 Feb Karen & Alastair McDonald W  
7 Mar Gary & Judy Fairweather WP  
10 Mar Olivia & Clive Allen HJ  
10 Mar Frank & Bette Sartore W  
11 Mar Pat & Lindi Leddin HJ  
13 Mar Irene & Kevin Bartlett W

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## SO ARE WE BLESSED

Hello readers once again,  
Australia Day 2022 is when I am writing this article. Accolades and awards have now been presented to worthy people throughout the nation - new faces naturalised, joining the throng of various other Aussies. All different nationalities who have come from various countries to this new land of great expectations. Love between all of us residing throughout this Great Southern Land, Down Under, the Lucky Country, Southland of the Holy Spirit and other names have all been created by the one Almighty Creator who would I'm sure desire this encompassing love between us all.

No matter what pigmentation we have, vaxxed, unvaxxed, employed, unemployed or whatever, we do need to feel loved and protected in the world around us.

Psalm 23: I'm sure is beneficial reading and can be applied to every need we may have.

If you get the opportunity to read this you will find it will bring you great comfort, knowing that you are never truly alone and that there is a hope and a future for every one of us. Here is another version of Psalm 23 seen through the eyes of the Traditional Custodians where they acknowledge living on Gods' promises.

### ABORIGINAL STYLE

*My Big Fella Boss up in the sky is like the  
Father emu.*

*He will always look after me and take me to  
green grass,  
and lead me to where the waterholes are full  
and fresh all the time.*

*He leads me away from the thick scrub and helps  
me keep safe  
from the hunter, dingoes and eagles.*

*At night time when I am very lonely and sad,  
I will not be afraid,  
for my Father covers me with His feathers like  
a father emu.*

*His spear and His shield will always protect me.  
My Big Fella Boss always give me a good feed  
in the middle of my enemies.*

*In hot times He makes me sit down in a cool  
shade and rest.*

*He gives me plenty of love and care all my  
life through,*

*Then I will live with my Big Fella Boss like a  
father emu*

*That cares for His chicks in good country, full  
of peace and safety*

*For evermore and evermore.  
by Uncle Reverend Ron Williams.*

With having many versions of this Psalm written, we seem to be led by a good shepherd, reading just what we are needing, being encouraged at the precise moment we need help or wisdom. If you need to be uplifted in any way then read the Psalms and you will become refreshed. Happy reading, Merle Croskell.



## LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

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*Kilmore  
&  
District*

**PO Box 550 Kilmore 3764**

**President: Mavis Willcox**

**Vice President: Norma Newman**

**Secretary: Mark Perrott Ph: 0436 331395**

U3A Kilmore has recommenced classes for 2022 but has experienced a drop in numbers from previous years. It would seem that this is a result of anxiety about the variants in the Covid Virus. But there were a few New members attending on Enrolment Day and some groups are reporting stable numbers. 135 members are currently enrolled. Some past members may still intend to renew. There are 17 couples in the enrolment lists. The group wishes to encourage a few more men to join. They would be made most welcome and could perhaps encourage tutors to provide subjects that are more male orientated.

There are two new groups which although small in number at present, may well increase as activity commences and word of mouth spreads a message of fun and enjoyment. There is a Ladies Darts Group and a Men's Darts Group, and some of us are anticipating the possibility of competition between the two. Full details of the program and courses that are available can be found on the U3Akilmoreanddistrict.com website. All classes are listed with tutors/convenors and times and a description of the class aims.

All members need to meet the double vaccination standard and preferably also have received or booked in for the booster shot. Strict Government guidelines are followed in the interest of the personal safety of our members.

The Luncheon Group and Theatre Groups are getting their programs ready for the year and the garden group has plans in place. 4 very exciting shows coming up are - Who's Tommy, Touch the Wind, Girl from the North Country and American in Paris. Group bookings are made but you need to be a member to attend unless you are invited by a member. Check The details on the Website. You will find an enrolment form and details there for your convenience.

This may be my last input into What's News. I am handing on my role as editor of the U3A newsletter. This publicity role has been part of my responsibilities and if the New Editor will take on this role then I will bow out. I have enjoyed writing for your newssheet and appreciated the opportunity to represent U3A Kilmore and District to your readers. I believe U3A provides a service to retirees that helps them remain connected to a social group and to still be of service to their community. Too many lonely folk have very little social contact. Speaking for myself, it has provided an opportunity to continue my love of writing. Thank you to Allen and the committee of the Wandong/Heathcote Junction Monthly Newsletter for the privilege on contributing to your paper.

Dawn Barr

## WANDONG PUBLIC HALL

Happy New Year to everyone, I hope that you had a great festive season and are ready for the year ahead. The hall is open for bookings and we are looking forward to a great year. We had the pavers on the south side of the building removed and replaced with concrete, this will be much easier to maintain and keep weed and moss free. The garden is looking splendid and has really taken off, despite the poor soil. We have plans to renovate the lawns and get some better grass growing which will enhance the hall even more, we just need some cooler weather for that project.

We are also looking to install an adventure area for the kids, and have begun to collect the bits and pieces we need for that, again it's a bit hot for us to work on it yet on the ground but we are hoping to have it completed soon.

Our regular user groups listed below are always keen to have more people come along.

The Craft group attend every Monday, it's an informal group, bring along some lunch, and something to do if you feel like it.. There is always someone on hand to help with crafty questions in the group and this has been our longest running group.

The Lightwood Flats book club meet monthly - contact is Annie Beaman Ph: 5787 1698

Wandong Country Knitters also meet monthly, contact is Coralee Souter. Ph: 0479 163 548

Wandong Heathcote Junction Community Group hold a monthly meeting Ph: 0413 832 411

Wandong History Group Monthly meeting – Di Vidal Ph 57871314

The hall is available for hire phone Christine for bookings on 0448 604 770. Christine has an answering service so please leave a message if she cannot answer the phone, she will respond to all enquiries promptly. Stay safe, Karen

## Wandong Playgroup

New members are welcome at playgroup.

You can start anytime of the year.

Come along and check it out.

The first session is free and then \$2 per session for a child over the age of 12 months (\$3 maximum per family) plus payment of Playgroup Victoria membership to cover insurance.

Playgroup is for parents, guardians, grandparents and careers and their 0-5 year old children.

Come and look!

Anytime is a good time to start.

Every Tuesday (during school terms)

9.30am till 11.30am

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# Wandong Primary School



Just like that a fresh school year has begun and we are beyond thrilled to be commencing the 2022 school year with our students and staff back onsite, in classrooms, learning together, face-to-face and of course catching up and playing with friends during recess and lunch times. As exciting as it is to begin a new school year, we recognise the unique circumstances and new challenges that may arise. We know that being in school is what is best for our students and we also know that a safe environment for students, staff, families and community is paramount.

## **3 V's: Ventilation, Vaccination and Vital COVIDSafe Measures**

Thus, in alignment with Department of Education and Training, and the Department of Health's advice we emphasis the 3 V's: ventilation, vaccination and vital COVIDSafe measures as part of our comprehensive return to school plan. These measures include but are not limited to the distribution of rapid antigen test kits to students and staff, the installation of 21 air purifiers in classrooms, provisions for possible staff shortages as a result of isolation requirements and mandatory three-dose vaccinations for staff working in schools. Face masks are still required to be worn by students in Grade 3 and above when indoors, unless a lawful exception applies. Similarly, face masks are required to be worn by those whom visit the school aged 8 and above.

## **Curriculum Day (28<sup>th</sup> of January)**

All teachers and Education Support Staff attended an English Curriculum Day, on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> of January, to further their professional knowledge about the effective teaching of Reading. Exploring the most recent science about how the brain learns to read, staff engaged in five hours of lectures and hands on exploration. Together they extended their understanding of effective practise for improving reading outcomes, including leading scientific models which explain reading development and effective practise, the story and science of how we build a 'reading brain' from birth and how to deliver dynamic vocabulary instruction for all students (one of the instructional pillars underpinning instruction at WPS). This full day of learning followed on from previous professional development days delivered throughout 2021 which focused on upskilling teachers to successfully develop earlier reading skills, including Phonological Awareness, Phonics and Fluency for all readers.

## **First Days**

On Monday the 31<sup>st</sup> of January students in Grade 1 – 6 returned through the familiar school gates, closely followed by our smallest and newest students... our Foundation grades on Tuesday the 1<sup>st</sup> of February for their first day of school. In the first few days classrooms worked to build and develop classroom communities and positive learning cultures that echo Wandong's values of Kindness, Curiosity and Pride as well as our continued commitment around School Wide Positive Behaviours before launching the terms inquiry focus.

## **Term One – Inquiry Topics**

We have a streamlined approach to Inquiry, with all of our cohorts, across all grade levels exploring varying concepts around Civics, Citizenship and Community. The Foundation grades have begun to build their understanding of and how to show the school values. Similarly, the Grade One / Two students have begun to learn about their responsibilities, rights and the choices they make in their lives and communities. Students in Grades Three and Four are exploring how we are all different and considering how we can respect those who are different from ourselves. Whilst students in Grade Five / Six have begun to evaluate the concept of Governments and consider if different societies need them.

**2023 Enrolments:** Lastly, 2023 Enrolments are now being accepted, with the first of our Open Evenings for 2023 Families being held on March the 28<sup>th</sup>. If you are looking to enrol or considering your local schools, please come along to find out more about our wonderful school and what we have to offer.

We look forward to proving you with further updates and insight into what is happening around Wandong Primary School in next months edition. Until then, stay happy, healthy and safe.

Jaclyn Adams & Kaitlyn Hall (Teachers, Wandong PS)

## **Mitchell Shire Concert Band**

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, the Mitchell Shire Concert Band regular Saturday Bingo sessions at the Band Hall at Chittick Park, Seymour, have been suspended until further notice.

The Band has now resumed rehearsals on Tuesday evenings, 7pm to 9pm.  
Any new players will be given a warm welcome



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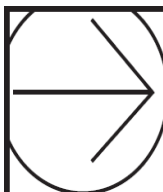
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# **KILMORE GOLF CLUB**



## **The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Kilmore Toyota Par 3 Classic**

will be held on

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Free sausage sizzle, hit the keg to win a prize, drinks cart, afternoon tea, no handicap required.

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- email (info @kilmoregolfclub.com.au)
- Try Booking (<https://www.trybooking.com.au/BWWGA>)

**\$50 entry. Spaces are limited**

## **GARDEN SCENE WITH GAIL**

Happy New Year to all & what a warm start to the year. Crazy with the North-Eastern states experiencing flooding in areas. We are struggling to keep our gardens hydrated in this heat and hot winds will only make it worse, plants lose moisture through their leaves in addition to the soil at their base drying out. Hydrangeas are very susceptible to drying out in these conditions and in addition to watering them (including the foliage) you can pop a shade sail over them and secure it at their base to keep the intense heat from them. Umbrellas work well if you can stop them blowing away. If you water foliage of a night-time it may encourage powdery mildew, affecting Roses as well. In this weather I bet you're glad you've mulched, fertilised, and incorporated wetting agent around our plants and over our lawn. Wetting agent is fantastic it holds the moisture into the soil and provides the soil with a buffer zone to help withstand the hot conditions. On a hot day, even if you've watered in the morning, try to water again late in the afternoon, once the sun has gone off the plants that you're watering. In windy conditions avoid sprinklers as you lose a lot of water being blown into the air. Leaves of some plants can become transparent when watered in the sun or if the heat of the day is still on them. This can reduce the plant's ability to absorb the sun, moisture and nutrients through their leaves, thus weakening the plant. Regular applications of Seasol will assist in reducing stress and shock in plants and lawns. If you need to prune wait until the hot weather is on the way out because plants can lose quite a lot of moisture through pruning, particularly if it's a large plant and / or the branches are wide in diameter. Sometimes during hot dry conditions, we see where we may have used different plants in certain areas. Tough, hardy plants such as varieties of Yucca, Agave, Sedum, good old Diosma with its beautiful golden colour, Ceanothus – brilliant blue flowers in Spring, Geraniums and Pelargoniums that tend to slow the growth of grass underneath them, which is an added bonus, larger plants like Ornamental Pears, so hardy and what about Flax and the Nandina varieties, amazing tough plants. If you are constantly watering and your plants aren't thriving and just existing, consider replanting with more suitable species but hold on, not yet. Just after the first rain in Autumn is an excellent time to transplant and, in the meantime, do some research on plants that you might consider, think of height at maturity, (overhead wires etc) growth rate, child friendly (not spikey) flower and foliage colour. If you need some advice or would like to see what the plants look like, visit a good quality nursery and ask their advice for planting conditions and plant requirements. When replanting enrich your soil again with well-rotted cow manure and if clayey, dig it over with fine white sand and gypsum as per instructions.

Have a fantastic February,

*Gail Mains Kendrick* (your local real estate agent)



## LIONS CLUB OF WANDONG - WALLAN INC.

President: Marilyn Moore  
PO Box 225, Wandong, Vic. 3758



Back for another year. Hopefully one that will be better than the last

We finished the year with a bbq at my place. Everyone seemed to have a good time although David moaned about not having onions to go with his sausages. I went and got him an onion from the cupboard but apparently he wanted it cut and cooked. Some people are just never satisfied. Jeanette Kenny spent a lot of time feeding the king parrots. She even had one sitting on her knee. She was paying more attention to the bird than to Vivian. Speaking of that gentleman, he bought a quadbike. He then took off down the hill at his place and rolled it. He didn't break anything but did himself a bit of damage. I wish he had consulted me first. I could have shown him how to break some ribs.

Some good news. We obtained a federal grant with the guidance of our local member Rob Mitchell. We will use some of this to promote the club in the community and hopefully obtain some new members. The bigger our membership the more we can help others. You might also get your name in print.

We had a successful day at the December Wallan market. Hugh and I sold out of cakes and were able to leave early. Hugh had trouble getting cakes delivered and drove all the way to Dandenong to pick some up. How is that for dedication? I am told that we have very few cakes left.

Tania is keeping with the mint distribution and replacing the collection tins. We are still out and about in the community. Some of us went to Steve and Tania's for New Year. Steve is a space nerd and had us there to watch the international space station go past. I was sure that I saw someone hanging out of the window with a sign that said happy New Year Clyde but no one else saw it. Must tell you about Dianne. First she sat on her glass and smashed it to pieces and then spilled the next glass of wine down the front of her. We think she was sneaking into the kitchen for a secret tippie when we weren't watching

Dave and Sonia were off work with the dread disease. There was a competition to see who was the most miserable. Sonia reckons that Dave won hands down. Dave has a robot lawn mower for his postage stamp sized block. Apparently it wanders about during the night and then parks itself when it is finished. I wonder if I can get one to replace Elizabeth.

Some of us helped out with Australia day at Wandong. Hugh, Cliff and I did the cooking and Elizabeth and Dianne helped in the kitchen. Cliff had a great day. First he singed the hairs off his arm when lighting the bbq then he had an egg explode when he was cooking and finally he tried to eat a sausage with sauce through his mask. Sometimes I worry about him.

Finally I have to report an aberration on my part. We went out for tea with friends and it was pointed out that I was wearing odd shoes. I still maintain that it was my wife's fault. She should dress me properly.

Catch you next time. Clyde Riley.

### WANDONG-HEATHCOTE JUNCTION COMMUNITY GROUP

P.O. Box 242, WANDONG 3758 Tel: 0413 832 411



### CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY AT WANDONG - Sunday 6th March 2022

Many hands make light work. All residents are encouraged to help our members on Clean Up Australia Day. We meet at the Wandong railway station car park at 9am and finish at 12 noon. Gloves, safety vests and water provided. Bring a hat.

### COMMUNITY GROUPS URGE RESIDENTS TO GET INVOLVED IN ARTC PROJECT

The WHJCG and Wandong History Group has now had a meeting with officers at Mitchell Shire Council regarding the ARTC proposal to replace the railway bridge at Wandong. Members were advised that Mitchell Shire was now keen to work with the community to push ARTC for a better outcome. The Shire is now organizing a meeting that includes our Central Ward councilors. It is recommended that all residents get involved before it is too late.

**AUSTRALIA DAY 2022** The WHJCG is very grateful for the help provided by the members of the Wandong Wallan Lions Club in providing the Australia Day 2022 breakfast at Wandong. A huge thanks to them, Rob Telfer of the COM Davern Reserve and the Bendigo Bank.

### WEBSITE

In December the <[www.wandong.vic.au](http://www.wandong.vic.au)> website received 1,512 visits and in January it received 1344 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](mailto:whatsnewswhj@gmail.com.au)





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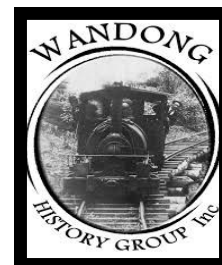
## WANDONG HISTORY GROUP

Welcome to 2022 and Happy New Year to all. Sadly the Covid crisis is not behind us yet and as we try to learn to live with the virus we have to try to continue to complete our projects and get on with life. Progress on St Michaels church is good, despite the hold ups and hassles with materials and Covid we are looking at a later finish than anticipated but it will be so worthwhile once completed. As I write we are waiting for the concreters to come to complete the ramp and steps, then the new porch can be constructed, once that's finished the other bits and pieces won't take long but we are thinking of being able to move in by the beginning of March.

We are still trying to decide on the Back to Wandong luncheon and if this event should take place given the Covid situation, we will monitor the numbers and make a decision early enough to give people plenty of time to decide if they want to attend or not.

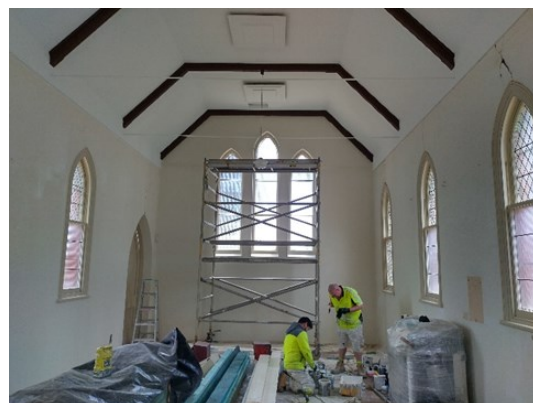
We are looking for suggestions as to how Wandong should celebrate the anniversary of the Hume and Hovell expedition and we would like ideas to come from the community for this great event.

Stay safe everyone, Karen



**LEFT:**  
New render  
being applied to  
the building

**RIGHT:**  
The painters  
hard at work



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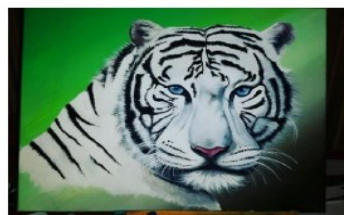
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Information is posted on our  
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We are back playing competition again after the long Christmas break.

Both senior and junior Saturday competition is halfway through their seasons with most teams doing really well.

Our autumn night seasons are starting this week for both Tuesday and Thursday nights.

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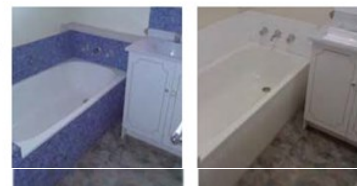
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Hi from the WHJSC Committee,

After another challenging 2021 with Covid 19, the Reserve has continued to grow and develop and has become a great asset for our community to enjoy and a place to relax.

In summary the L.B.Davern Reserve is open to all our community, so please come down and enjoy this great facility ,join the various clubs, just walk through along the G-Day trail, take the kids down to play on the play equipment or just play and excise on the oval.

Tennis is back, Cricket, Dog Club, the Horse clubs, the Stadium, preschool, playgroup have returned. It's good to see the Reserve returning back to life with our community back in supporting their groups and other activities enjoyed by those who participate.

**Wandong Tennis Club - Saturday Morning Juniors, Afternoons Adults and Night Tennis Tuesday and Thursday**

**Kilmore Cricket Club at the Reserve - Saturday Mornings and Afternoons.**



Year 2022 will see continued developments that will complement our sport groups and community. We are very lucky to have a Reserve that has character and bush ambiance atmosphere that complements our communities.

The Australia Day Breaky down at the Reserve saw Darlene Gunter and Robert Jensen awarded the Wandong and Heathcote Junction Community Award.

Darlene has held many roles at the Wandong Junior Football Netball club and is a life member. She is currently secretary on the L.B.Davern Reserve committee. Congratulations Darlene, a well-deserved recipient of the Australia Day award.



The Breaky down at Community Centre at L.B Reserve was a great success and thank you to the Wandong/ Heathcote Junction Community Group and the Wandong/Wallan Lions Club for another successful Australia Day Breakfast.



**Robert Telfer –President and Sue Marstaeller -Treasurer, congratulate Darlene**



## CONTINUED FROM PAGE 20

Summary advice for the Reserve:

**Please check in with the Mitchell Shire Web Site for all updates as new stages unfold:** [www.mitchellshire.vic.gov.au/COVID-19](http://www.mitchellshire.vic.gov.au/COVID-19)

**There are no immediate changes to current rules at this point for Regional Victoria-Mitchell Shire.**

**L.B.Davern Reserve: is open**

- Open outdoor spaces - Outdoor exercise and recreation allowed.
- Public toilets - open
- Playgrounds - open
- BBQs - open

### Sports

**Community sport outdoor:** Vaccination requirements do not apply to community sport, but may apply for some facilities/uses and updated. COVID-safe plans may be required. Please check with your club or sporting body.

**Outdoor sport facilities:** Vaccination requirements vary depending on user/s. Please check with your facility.

Return to play plans are being enforced by clubs. Please check with your club for current arrangements.

**Wandong Stadium:** OPEN

**Hall and venue hire:** OPEN to fully vaccinated people. Density limits apply.  
COVID-19 Marshall must be in place.

Open-As per in line with Government Restrictions: Two square rule applies, this means the limit on the number of people who can attend is determined by the size of venue.

**Note: With all updates please confirm with your Sporting Groups, Committee contacts and Council for confirmation of rules as they do change.**

**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 straight away.**

**Our Community building** is also a great asset to hold kids parties, family type events and private functions of all sorts. Please consider when planning a function. Contact our



**Neighbourhood Watch.**

booking officer  
Darlene Gunter  
0418 312 762.  
Get in quick as bookings are coming in fast. **And yes you can have a jumping castle - size restrictions apply.**

**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

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## Neighbourhood Watch

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### South Mitchell

## Summer Safety

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Apart from the slip slop & slap message, we have put together some tips to help keep your family home secure throughout the summer.



- Install sun shades to your windows to deflect heat;
- Check and repair any weather-strips and caulking to windows and doors to prevent any leaks;
- Inspect the outside of your home for any cracks to overhanging tree limbs which could fall during a storm;
- Spray your home & yard to protect from insects, pests and other creatures. Watch out for snakes and deadly spiders!
- Check that all your external security lights are still in good working order; replace globes if broken;
- Ensure no dangerous sharp tools, electrical wires, etcetera, are left out for little fingers to hurt themselves on;
- Check that 'open' windows are secured with locks or bolts and are screened against pests; and
- Check your insurance policies to ensure you are covered for potential risks such as storms or flooding.

Whether you are lighting up the barbeque or lighting a fire pit, these safety tips are a good reminder.

The barbeque:

- Check the expiry date of your gas cylinder before using it with the barbeque or external gas heater;
- Ensure connections on hoses are tight with no leakages;
- Never use a hose that is perished or cracked; and
- Never check for a leak with a naked flame!



The fire pit:

- Position your fire pit away from overhanging branches and on flat ground;
- Keep your fire small;
- NEVER leave the fire unattended – stay within 50 metres;
- Have water on hand to douse the fire once finished; and
- NEVER light or maintain a firepit on a Total Fire Ban day!

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# SUDOKU

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## THIS MONTHS QUIZ

Answer appears on Page 25 but no cheating!

- Which Australian capital city is the driest?
- What does the acronym GOAT stand for?
- Which Australian dam has the highest wall?
- Who was Yogi Berra's partner?
- How many Grand Slam titles did The Woodies win?
- Are zebras stripes black or white?
- What strait separates North America from Asia?
- How many bridges across the Amazon River?
- What city is at the mouth of the Mississippi river?
- How many times did Peter Brock win Bathurst?
- Who was last king of England?
- What is the capital city of Taiwan?
- What is the main export of Canada?

## Kilmore/Wallan RSL Sub Branch

meets the last Thursday night of the month and open every Wednesday  
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## MITCHELL SHIRE COUNCIL



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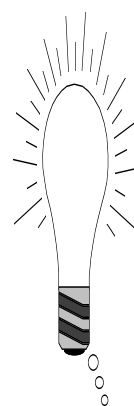
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Happy New Year Everyone! Whittlesea Community House has re-opened to the public on and we are hoping for a big start to the year! We have loads of things planned for you all – here are some things to get you started! ***Please be aware that you must be vaccinated to attend sessions if you are over 18 years.***

## **Community Meals**

**Big Blokes Brunch** has already kicked off 2022 at the Whittlesea Community Activity Centre on Tuesdays! Join the blokes for brunch each week: Tuesdays 11.00am – 1.00pm \$2.00 per person

**Ladies Lunch** -join the ladies who lunch each fortnight at the Whittlesea Community Activity Centre  
Thursday February 24<sup>th</sup> 11.30am – 1.00pm \$2.00 per person  
Thursday March 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> 11.30am – 1.00pm \$2.00 per person

## **Catering for Community**

As part of our ACFE program for 2022 we are looking for students to join our Catering for Community course. The course is FREE to eligible students and you will learn how to cook for a crowd as we cater for the fortnightly Ladies Lunch. Ange Poulter from “My Little Country Kitchen” will be your tutor and guru! Thursdays February 24<sup>th</sup>, March 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, April 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> & May 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> 9.00am – 1.00pm  
\*\*Orientation session Tuesday February 22<sup>nd</sup> 1.00pm – 4.00pm

## **Welding for Beginners**

Learn to weld – TIG, MIG and ARC

Wednesdays for 7 weeks from February 23<sup>rd</sup> 6.00pm – 9.00pm \$50+\$40 materials

## **Ukulele for Beginners RETURNS!**

We are once again offering Ukulele for Beginners (after a very long break)

Mondays from February 10.00am – 11.00am \$50 per Term (\$40 concession)

We also have an intermediate group up and running at the house if you are more experienced.

Mondays from February 11.00am – Noon \$50 per Term (\$40 concession)

## **First Aid** (CPR, Provide First Aid & Provide First Aid in an Emergency in an Education & Care Setting)

Online learning + face to face Saturday February 19<sup>th</sup> \$85/\$150/\$195

We are running blended learning First Aid and Mental Health First Aid during the first half of 2022.

## **Youth Mental Health First Aid**

Learn the signs and symptoms of common mental health problems in adults and adolescents, where and how to get help and what to do.

Online learning + Friday April 1<sup>st</sup> 9.00am – 4.00pm \$260/\$230 concession

## **Boat Licence**

February 26<sup>th</sup> & March 26<sup>th</sup> 9.00am – 1.00pm \$130 per person

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## **Walking Groups!**

Time to make good on that New Year's Resolution!

Heart Foundation Walking Wednesdays 9.00am – 10.00am FREE

Blokes Only Walk Fridays 9.30am – 10.00am FREE

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## **Fix It Friday RETURNS!**

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Meet experts from Whittlesea Community Connections, Social Worker, Espresso Legal, Uniting Financial Counselling, NDIS, Centrelink and Lift (Mental Health Program), Victoria Police, My Aged Care, No Interest Loan Scheme and heaps more!

Call 9716 3361 to register in advance, it's FREE. Please call to register as we will be “phoning it in” this month. We are hopeful of a return to face to face in March (25<sup>th</sup>)

Friday February 25<sup>th</sup> 10am – 1.00pm

**We can't wait to see all your smiling faces. A more comprehensive list of what is coming up at the House can be found on our website [www.wchi.com.au](http://www.wchi.com.au) or you can call to book any of the above on 9716 3361. Seen you soon!**

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## Weather Report - December 2021– January 2022 Wandong/Heathcote Junction

December – The last traces of winter conditions  
were finally gone and overall temperatures, both  
nocturnal and diurnal showed higher readings and  
generally the month was much more comfortable.  
Rainfall total of 20.5 mls was very light. Sunday  
Creek dam on 20/12/21 was holding 99%.

### Stats - Rainfall

December 2021	-	20.5 mls
Previous year	-	25 mls
Average prev 10 years	-	49 mls
Total this year	-	961.5 mls
Total prev year	-	1038 mls

### January 2022

What a turn around. Summer finally arrived and  
resulted in warm and hot days with comfortable  
nocturnal temperatures. Very dry with only 3 mls  
of rain in the first three weeks. However, the first  
three weeks were something else. The weather  
bureau had predicted heavy storms and resulting  
flooding and damage. This was correct for most  
adjacent and further areas but missed our patch  
altogether. The fourth week was our turn. In the  
early hours of 27/1, a deluge resulted in 40 mls  
recorded. On 28/1 a further 7 mls and then on the  
29/1 another downpour with a recorded 28 mls  
with some flooding but little damage. A total of  
75 mls over three days. This of course was good  
for gardens and replenished house tanks.

Sunday Creek dam was recorded to be 94%  
of capacity on 31/1.

### Stats - Rainfall

January 2022	-	78 mls
Previous year	-	108 mls
Average prev 10 years	-	52 mls
Total this year	-	78 mls
Total prev year	-	108 mls

# Wandong Junior Football Netball Club Inc

P.O. Box 212, Wandong, 3758  
ABN: 8758 6650 799 INC. A0050954J



Wandong Warriors are in pre-season training, in preparing for Round 1 games of football.

We welcome new players to join up now! Players are wanted for all genders and age grades from Under 9 to Under 13.

TRAINING – starting Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February - including welcome back sausage sizzle.  
Come along to training, normally Tuesday and Thursday from 4:30-5:30.

## 2022 PLAYING FEES:

As everyone who attended presentation day would have heard, the club is in a strong financial position thanks to our generous sponsors, government grants, covid grants and our loyal members all paying their way. Due to the clubs strong financial position it was decided that the 2022 playing fees will be **ONLY \$50 PER PLAYER.**

## COACHING APPOINTMENTS:

Announcements aren't too far away on our 2022 coaching line up.

## REGISTRATION/INFORMATION NIGHT:

Online Registration Info will be provided very soon. Our secretary Marty will be on hand at training to guide anyone who isn't tech savvy ( like me ) through the process. At this stage we have planned an information night at the end of training on **THURSDAY 24th FEBRUARY** to go over any questions, code of conduct, volunteer recruitment etc.

## MOUTH GUARD MAN:

The club has booked the Mouth Guard Man again this year on **THURSDAY 17th MARCH.**

All players and families will be warmly welcomed by the new committee members including all recently appointed coaches. If you are interested in becoming involved as a player, please take advantage of this opportunity to become a part of our great club.

We look forward to meeting new faces, bring your friends, come along and have fun!! All welcome.

Our committee members for season 2022 are:

Stuart Fraser - President,  
Ben Helpenstein - Vice President,  
Beth Snepvangers - Treasurer, and  
Martin Leahy - Secretary.  
General Committee : Jo Pascoe, Kelly Marks

Thanks to our main sponsors :

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Please contact the Club via email [wandongjfc@gmail.com](mailto:wandongjfc@gmail.com) for further information.

Or, search our face book page or Team App page by typing "Team App Wandong Warriors".

Go Warriors!!

## QUIZ ANSWERS (from page 22)

1. Adelaide
2. Greatest of all time
3. Dartmouth
4. Boo Boo
5. Eleven
6. White
7. Bering strait
8. None
9. New Orleans
10. Nine
11. George VI
12. Taipei
13. Crude petroleum

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## WHATS NEWS @ WANDONG NETBALL CLUB

The Wandong Netball Club is excited to announce our 2022 season info.

### PRESEASON

Once again, the Club has engaged the talent of the incredible Emily Kate to run our preseason training sessions. Anyone who has attended preseason training in the past will know what an asset to the Club Emily is.

Pre-Season for all age groups (excluding Net Set Go) will commence on Wednesday 16th Feb at 4pm.

All eligible players for age groups 9 and Under and 11 & Under will have the opportunity to train for One hour from 4-5pm.

All other age groups 13 & Under to 16 & Under will take the courts for a 90 minute session 4-5:30pm.

For the first 2 weeks of preseason players can attend the program without being registered. From the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February anyone planning to continue to train, and play will need to complete the formal registration process prior to taking the court.

Preseason will finish at the end of March when teams will be announced, and Coaches will be introduced.

### REGISTRATION 2022 SEASON

Registration for our 2022 Season is now open for all age groups.

We welcome players of all abilities and genders and look forward to the usual influx of players returning to our club as well as new families.

Please use the below link to register.

<https://netball-registration.worldsportaction.com/login>

Alternatively, please email Jo at [wandongnetball@gmail.com](mailto:wandongnetball@gmail.com) with any questions.

### NETSETGO

As well as competing in the Kilmore Broadford Netball Association, The Wandong Netball Club plays host to a successful Net Set Go program each year.

NetSetGO is Australia's official starter program for girls and boys aged 5 to 10.

It's a chance to learn the netball basics, get outside and make some friends. For a lot of kids, this is the first time they'll pick up a netball or chuck on a bib. It's a learning experience. And a lot of fun.

We are pleased to announce that the 2022 NetSetGo program will go ahead as planned in the Wandong Stadium.

The NetSetGo program will run for 8 weeks commencing on the 16<sup>th</sup> of February from 4:00 to 5:00pm.

To register for NetSetGo see the link details on the clubs facebook group or email [wandongnetball@gmail.com](mailto:wandongnetball@gmail.com)



### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Wandong Netball Club – Canteen Coordinators (Volunteer) x 2

If you're looking for a wonderful opportunity to support your local community and participate in the electric environment of a successful netball club, then this is for you!

We are looking for two community members who know their way around a kitchen to run the Wandong Netball Club canteen on Saturday's during netball season.

What will a Saturday at LB Davern Reserve look like for you?

- Preparing food
- Handling money
- Cleaning
- Ordering stock
- Cheering on our teams!
- No experience is needed but you will need a Volunteer Working with Children check (free to obtain).

Any additional requirements will be organised by the Wandong Netball Club.

If you have any questions or would like to express interest, we'd love to hear from you!

We look forward to another fun and successful year.

The Wandong Netball Club is a child safe club. For more info please visit

<https://www.playbytherules.net.au/online-courses>

Like our facebook page [@wandongnetball](https://www.facebook.com/wandongnetball) to keep up-to-date with all the latest news or contact [wandongnetball@gmail.com](mailto:wandongnetball@gmail.com)

# Clonbinane Rural Fire Brigade



## Brigade Activity

We have been very fortunate in this dry hot spell not to have extreme fire weather or any significant incidents in our local area. However, we are still early into the fire season, and it is predicted that our fire season will extend into autumn.

We have had several grassfires near the freeway and call outs for unattended campfires. With a big increase in people using Mt. Disappointment State Forest for camping and recreation; with it comes an increase with people lighting campfires. Unfortunately, many do not carry enough water to fully extinguish the fire before they leave their camp.

Well done to the community for mindful fire safe behaviour so far this summer.

A lot of work goes into preparation for high-risk day responses. Rosters are prepared; firefighters often remain at home ready for a quick response to their pager call outs. The fire trucks are prepared and are always operational. On hot days, firefighters must ensure that they are well hydrated and that their fire-fighting kits are ready to go.

## The Current Fire Danger

Grassfires are a big concern as most grass is now cured and, in some places, quite high. Our biggest fire weather threat is in February until we get follow up rainfalls. This season's high fire danger is likely to extend into autumn as profiled in climate change fire risk. A lightning storm or human error can create numerous fires in a very short period. The good news is that your local brigade is well trained and equipped for most situations and we are fully backed up by the full resources of the CFA. Be vigilant and not complacent -continue with your fire plan.

## Your Fire Plan

Continue to discuss your fire plan with your family and neighbours. Evaluate the risk to your property on a daily basis, looking at your fire weather forecast and environment around your home. High hot winds have brought more leaves off the trees. Do you need to clean your gutters again? Have a quick check. Is there additional rubbish lying about that needs to go tip bound? How is your property access to allow fire trucks easy entry and turn around?

## Grass slashing, Angle Grinders and Chainsaws

Many grass fires are started by heat generating machinery or sparks from slashers, brush cutters or lawn mowers hitting rocks or metal. Do not use this equipment on Total Fire Ban days. On higher fire risk days start your work early in the day when the wind is less, and the humidity is higher. Always have an extinguisher or fire suppression equipment in position where you are working –before you start work. Ensure that you have your phone handy to call emergency services if needed.

Please contact the brigade if you require any bushfire survival information or check out the CFA website. Checkout the CFA website and apps for the latest fire weather conditions and fire activity updates. [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au)

Cheers –John Mahoney- Captain

***So grass fires don't sound so scary?***



***Grass fires are deadly serious!***

*They can move faster than you can run and these flames are 2 metres high.  
CFA Volunteers are trained and ready for Summer, you should be ready too.*





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