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

The WHJCG and Wandong History Group have 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 officers and Central Ward councilors have now organised a meeting with the groups and ARTC on 18th March when it is anticipated a better plan than the current proposal will be agreed. The community groups are encouraging the Wandong Heathcote Junction residents to get involved before it is too late - we do not want to see our avenue of pin oaks or Pickett Walk destroyed or Rail Street closed for months. There has to be a better way.



## THE RENOVATION OF ST MICHAELS CATHOLIC CHURCH AT WANDONG

The renovation of St Michaels Church at Wandong is nearing completion. Karen Christensen, President of the Wandong History Group which occupies the church has advised that despite a few holdups due to holidays, COVID and building supplies, most work has been completed, the renovation is looking great and the History Group is really keen to move in and set up. Karen gave big thanks to Greg and Dylan from Dansebury who have also weathered the storm of the hold ups. She said the work they are doing is fantastic and the old church will have a quality finish at the end.



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Wandong - Heathcote Junction - why would you live anywhere else. Until April 2022, Allen Hall (editor)

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10 Mar Frank & Bette Sartore W

11 Mar Pat & Lindi Leddin HJ

13 Mar Irene & Kevin Bartlett W

23 Mar Adam & Sharon Saw HV

30 Mar Kerry & Chris Bellomo HJ

30 Mar Jenny & Graeme McSolvin W

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or Wayne 0451 519 734

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## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

We wish the following people a very happy

birthday

10 Mar	Bree Chisholm	HJ
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12 Mar	James Stewart	W
12 Mar	Sharna Flannery	W
12 Mar	Jayden Rhead	HJ
13 Mar	Phylis McCarthy	HJ
13 Mar	Kylie Coad	W
14 Mar	Geoff McMahon	HJ
16 Mar	Lisa Kelly	HJ
16 Mar	Chris Waldie	W
17 Mar	Catherine Humphreys	W
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19 Mar	Jackson Kilroy	W
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20 Mar	Margie Sanders	B
21 Mar	Ben Marshall	HJ
22 Mar	Helen McMahon	HJ
22 Mar	Steven Burns	HJ
22 Mar	Kym Tierney	UP
22 Mar	Kaitlin Dodds	W
23 Mar	Jenny Sannwald	HJ
24 Mar	Sandy Brown	HJ
24 Mar	Emma Ryan	KE
24 Mar	Mark Shingles	W
26 Mar	Brad Candy	W
26 Mar	Galen Sartore	W
27 Mar	Kayla O'Sullivan	W
28 Mar	Jason Harrington	HJ
28 Mar	Gerard Hibbert	W
29 Mar	Hayley Seeley	HJ
29 Mar	Joshua Walsh	HJ
30 Mar	Greg Gibbs	W
30 Mar	Chris Bellomo	HJ
31 Mar	Nicholas Villanti	HJ
3 Apr	Sarah Hanson	W
3 Apr	Mia Albert	HJ
4 Apr	Lachlan Hardwick	Wallan
5 Apr	Don McNaughton	HJ
6 Apr	Kaylah Sanders	HJ
7 Apr	Travis Symons	HJ
7 Apr	Lyn Gutterson	W
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15 Apr	Chris Ryan	KE

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# GRATEFUL FOR HER FAITH

Readers we are enjoying looking back into Mitchell Shire resident Anna Baylys' life born just before the Second World War in England. Moving to Southern Africa where her father of South African heritage was an architect. She remembers this as a peaceful time while living there with some beautiful people and being able to travel freely around.

Brought up in an Anglican family she happily attended church services, her faith growing as she grew.

Because of attending Herschel, a girls boarding Christian school in Cape Town made her into a positive and independent child and later into a strong adult.

At Hartwell House College in England, while attending a cocktail party at Rhodesia House she met her life mate Mike - now married 60 years this year! Although it wasn't love at first sight Mike encouraged Anna to migrate to Australia with him - he as a "10 pound pom" an endearing Aussie name, while Anna paid for her passage here.

Infertility was a challenging and emotional time while believing for a successful birth. Anna pressed into her faith in God both here and when her mother was ill as for a time it wavered some.

Then she was faced with another adversity - breast cancer. Grateful for her Christian upbringing, she hung onto her determination also. She has been clear for 20 years now. Praise God!

*Hebrews 10 verse 23 :*

*Let us hold on firmly to the hope we profess because we can trust God to keep His promise.*

With no lack of children in their lives now. As well as their own family she brings joy to many children as she volunteers at the Hudson Park miniature train ride in Kilmore.

With faith, next comes joy even amongst our daily living in 2022.

We should all be as grateful as Anna.

*Merle Croskell.*



## LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

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**U3A Kilmore and District Incorporated will hold their  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on Friday March 11. 2022  
in The John Taylor Room at The Kilmore Library**

A Guest Speaker had been invited but, as of going to print, this has not been confirmed. Instead it is hoped to present a screening of plans for the JJ Clancy Project. These next twelve months could be an exciting time with the project at the JJ Clancy Reserve approaching commencement. Our Secretary, Mark Perrott, is representing U3A on the planning committee for this project and is making sure our needs as an organisation are met.

At the most recent JJ Clancy Committee of Management meeting, held in mid-February, the initial plans for the Integrated Community Facility were displayed.

The current Change Rooms are to be progressively demolished with the aim to have 'in ground' works completed before winter.

The new building will be single story but with an arched roof over the main community use rooms and large windows looking out across the oval.

The building will have two parts with a 'breezeway' between Changing rooms and Gym in one part, Social rooms, kitchen/canteen, office and storage spaces in the other part.

There is a longer narrow social room and a smaller square space.

The floor surface is possibly going to be carpet tiles.

The Architect has won an Award for designing a similar multi-use facility at another regional location.

Mark hopes to have copies of the plans and simulated pictures of the building to be able to project on the screen at the John Taylor Room after the AGM. It was suggested that work will start soon and as this current facility is used by sporting bodies, with the football season approaching, it is hoped the building will proceed quickly to completion. This is an exciting development for U3A Kilmore and District as it means our groups will be able to enjoy new comfortable facilities too. Our use will be during school hours, with the sporting bodies mainly after school hours.

The meeting will commence at 10am. Members of the public are invited to attend the AGM to learn more about U3A but strict Covid rules apply. You must be able to prove that you are vaccinated and Masks will be worn indoors.

You may contact The Secretary at [info@u3akilmoreanddistrict.com.au](mailto:info@u3akilmoreanddistrict.com.au) for further information

Dawn Barr

## **WANDONG PUBLIC HALL**

Welcome to March and some hopefully settled weather and some rain, its been a dry end to summer and yet the hall garden has coped splendidly. We recently replaced some of the concrete pavers on the south side of the hall with concrete, the pavers were fading and messy with weeds growing through all the time and constantly mossy, the concrete is a much neater cleaner finish to the damper side of the hall.

We are hoping to start on the adventure park soon. It's been a bit hot for the work required and the committee is getting a bit older and finding it hard to work long days in the heat. We think this will be a great asset to the hall once completed and give the kids something to do when there are events on.

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.

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President: Marilyn Moore  
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Back again. I almost missed the deadline. I have had trouble getting my fellow Lions to talk to me. I don't know why. I am an easy fellow to get on with.

I have to enter a protest against the editor of What's News for the outrageous comment and picture that appeared in the last addition. My defence is that it wasn't my fault.

We had a couple of meetings this month, a business meeting and a lunch at the cider place at Darraweit Guim. Unfortunately I couldn't attend either but I am told that the efficiency went up enormously because I wasn't there. It is good that we are getting back on track. Everyone was pleased with the luncheon and we hope that there will be many more of them. We have a lunch meeting on Sunday when we will induct Daniel into the mysteries of Lions. I don't know too much about Daniels foibles but I will meet his wife on Sunday and I'm sure that she will be able to dish the dirt.

David is booked for a heart procedure next week. I hope that he doesn't give them too much of a hard time. He recently had an MRI on both his heart and his skull. Sonia said that they found some grey matter in his head but didn't say what sort it was. She was also surprised that he had a heart. She thought he was heartless. One more Dave story. We were out for dinner and he stole a chilli prawn from someone else's plate. Now David is allergic to chilli. So he suffered from severe pain and was unable to eat his meal. The moral is don't steal other people's food.

Vivian is still recovering from his encounter with his quadbike. He is forbidden to ride it and Jeanette has confiscated the keys. Wives have no sense of adventure

I asked Brian if he had any stories for me and he said that he had too many doctors' appointments. Brains trouble is that he got old even after I warned him against it. He is not very good at taking advice.

By the time that this comes out I will have suffered another birthday. If you have any presents suitable for a teenager send them to the Lions mailbox. I will pick them up from there.

I think this will do for now. Remember that if you want to get your name into print join the Lions.

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

Whether it was the bad weather or complacency only the usual suspects turned up at 9am at the Wandong station car park for our clean up Australia day rubbish collection. We did manage to pick up the obvious rubbish in the station area and along Rail Street but our intended rubbish targets at Wandong Plaza, the freeway ramps and the Epping Kilmore Road between Wandong and Heathcote Junction could not be done. Some members will try to do these areas in the following week.

The amount of rubbish left on Rail Street is disturbing. Most of the rubbish is left by parents when collecting children from Wandong Primary School. Many of these parents are from other towns who do not value our tidy town status but much to our disappointment much of the rubbish is also left by our own Wandong Heathcote Junction residents.

### WEBSITE

In February the <[www.wandong.vic.au](http://www.wandong.vic.au)> website received 1,221 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)

### EXERCISE ON THE SAY G'DAY TRAIL

In 2019 the WHJCG applied for a grant to install exercise equipment at five points along the Say G'Day trail that connects Wandong and Heathcote Junction. The application was unsuccessful but Mitchell Shire Council resubmitted our application to a Federal Government department and it was successful. The WHJCG has been successful in gaining a grant to install six bench seats along the trail which will not only complement the exercise equipment but will be a welcome addition for those taking a break when walking the trail. After several on site meetings with Mitchell Shire officers our members had to compromise on the number of sites and where they were positioned. Mitchell Shire hopes to have the final plan to us shortly and expects the project to be completed by end of June.

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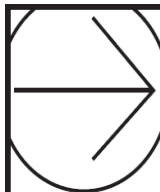
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# KILMORE GOLF CLUB



The Corellas continue to cause grief at the Club despite using Eagle eyes, shiny tape, owl figurines and drones. In addition, members have been moving them on in the evening to prevent them feeding on the greens and creating large holes which need to be filled on a daily basis. It appears we will have to wait for them to move on but they cause an immense amount of frustration to our volunteers.

The usual competitions have been held and the golfing calendar is well on its way despite lower membership involvement.

The offer of Voucher booklets still applies: 10 vouchers for \$100 which enables a person to play 9/18 holes at anytime providing it does not interfere with competitions. This offer ends June 30<sup>th</sup>. So, take advantage of this cheaper way to play golf before the colder weather arrives.

Check out our website for more information about our club: [kilmoregolfclub.com.au](http://kilmoregolfclub.com.au) or call the golf shop and leave a message: 03 5782 1123 for further information.

Kilmore Function room is available for hire for birthdays, weddings, funerals. Contact the club or email: [info@kilmoregolfclub.com.au](mailto:info@kilmoregolfclub.com.au)

## GARDEN SCENE WITH GAIL

Here we are again, it's already March and the beginning of Autumn. This is a lovely season with cooler mornings and evenings making it great sleeping weather. Our deciduous plants will start to colour up in colours of bronze, orange, green, red, claret and mixes of all especially the Chinese Pistachio. A pretty small tree growing to about 5 metres high by about 2-3 metres wide and these estimates may vary depending on soil type, location and other influences which of course can affect all our plants. Larger growing deciduous plants such as Claret Ash, Golden Ash, Pin Oak, Oak, Elm, Ornamental Pear, Robinia pseudoacacia and Plane Tree, just to name a few are absolutely stunning as mature plants. It's amazing how deep the colours are, Mother Nature is wonderful with her splashes of deep claret, golden yellow, rust, orange, bronze, yellow and lime green and variations of mixes. Visit some gardens to appreciate the beauty of Autumn, Mt Macedon, Lancefield, Woodend and the main thoroughfare through Wandong, very tastefully planted. After viewing mature varieties and if you are in the market to add a deciduous plant to your garden, source your favourite/s from a reputable nursery because it may be a good idea to order now, ready for planting in a couple of months. After the Autumn rains begin, start your hole preparation ready for the Autumn planting. Hopefully the ground will soften enough and make it a bit easier for digging because it's been a few months since we've had decent rain and the ground can be hard in some areas of our gardens. Remember to allow quite a bit of room for your new plantings and the ideal size of hole per pot plant is twice the depth and width. Sometimes, with hard ground you can be tempted to skimp on hole size but try not to because a hole not big enough may retard the expansion of the new roots that are trying to push into fresh ground, and this may result in the root ball continuing to stay in that shape, thus the plant will not do well, not grow well and be stunted. Take your time when preparing to plant, it will absolutely pay you back. If you are planting on the side of a hill, try to ensure that the high side of the hole is below the ground level on the lower side, this will aid in water being absorbed into the hole when you pop the plant in. This will work if you have prepared your ground with well-rotted cow manure, some gypsum and / or any organic matter that can improve the soil structure, absorption and drainage, so, so important. When you're ready to choose your new plants, look at the area they will be planted into, ensure they can reach their maximum height without overhead trees, power lines or other obstructions impeding their growth, will their mature size and root system interfere with underground pipes and / or drainage? Some plants are renowned for an extensive root system such as the Liquidambar and Evergreen Alder and care needs to be taken to plant them where this will not be an issue. Enjoy the first month of Autumn and we'll chat next month.



Bye for now.  
Gail Mains Kendrick (your local real estate agent)





## WHATS NEWS @ WANDONG NETBALL CLUB

### PRESEASON

Emily Kate has hit the court running with an amazing start to our preseason training sessions. The courts have been full of players getting fit and ready to commence play in the 2022 season.

The Come and Try period has now ended and all players intending to take the court will now need to register via Netball Connect.

Hats off to all players who participated last week in the 34-degree heat. We were so proud to see all age groups put in their best and conquer training on such a hot day.

Change to times: Our high school age players have been finding it hard to get to the courts by 4pm. To ensure enough time for everyone to safely attend, training will be held from 4:30 to 5:30 for all age groups starting immediately. The last session of Preseason training will be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March.

### REGISTRATION and TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Registration for our 2022 Season is well underway with most age groups filling fast. If you intend to register a player please do so ASAP to avoid disappointment.

Our new registration process is all completed via NetballConnect – you can log in via the app (recommended) or online <https://netball-registration.worldsportaction.com/login>

As this is a new process all players will need to *create a new account*. If you have played previously, you will have received an email with your id number from the club. This will need to be entered *after* you create your new account. If you have any questions please feel free to chat to us in messenger from our facebook page or email [wandongnetball@gmail.com](mailto:wandongnetball@gmail.com)

Please join us on the 30<sup>th</sup> of March for team announcements and a Club BBQ. Invites to come.

### NETSETGO

Due to the new registration set up we have postponed this years NetSetGo program until Term 4. Stay tuned for more info.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

#### Wandong Netball Club – Canteen Coordinators (Volunteer) x 2

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- 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)





# Wandong Junior Football Netball Club Inc

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



## COACHING POSITIONS

The club is still on the lookout for a coach for our U/9 side. Last years coach Grant has taken the first few sessions but he needs to start working with his U/11 side.

Applicants will need to renew or gain their AFL coaching accreditation and also a Working with children check. As always please feel free to give our president Stuart a ring on 0403571960 or send an email to our secretary Marty at [wandongjfc@gmail.com](mailto:wandongjfc@gmail.com) if you require any further information or have any questions.

**2022 FIXTURE - First game is April 24th - the complete fixture is on page 26**

## TRAINING

Wandong Warriors are in pre-season training, in preparing for our Round 1 games of football, April 24 We welcome new players to join up now! Players wanted for all genders and age grades from Under 9 to Under 13. Come along to training, normally Tuesday and Thursday from 4:30-5:30.

## 2022 PLAYING FEES:

As everyone would have heard who attended presentation day 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:

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 through the process.

## 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 some fun!!

All welcome.

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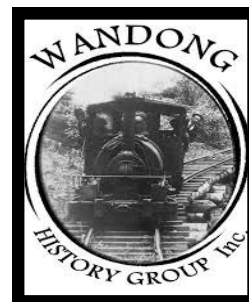
Please contact the Club via email [wandongjfc@gmail.com](mailto:wandongjfc@gmail.com) for further information.

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

**Go Warriors!!**

## THE WANDONG HISTORY GROUP TESTS YOUR LOCAL WANDONG KNOWLEDGE - QUIZ ANSWERS ON PAGE 24

1. What was the name of Robert Affleck Robertsons flagship sawmill?
2. What year did the Travellers Rest Hotel burn down?
3. After who or what is Rail Street named after?
4. What year was the existing overhead railway bridge at Wandong built?
5. The longest bridge on Robertson tramline was call the White -----?
6. Heathcote Junction was previously named ?
7. St Michaels Catholic Church was opened in what year?
8. Name the local VC winner killed in action in World War one.
9. In what year were the Wandong railway station buildings demolished?
10. What is Wandong Primary Schools number?
11. How many camps at Mt Disappointment held prisoners of war during WWII?
12. Who got home delivered mail first, Wandong or Heathcote Junction?
13. What year did Hume and Hovell travel through Wandong?
14. What year was the water laid on by the Kilmore Water Trust to Wandong?



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## Darraweit Guim PS News



The term has started off with a BANG at Darraweit Guim Primary School. The year is already full of projects and new and interesting learning experiences. We have also welcomed nine new Foundation students who have started off the year amazingly and have really settled into the culture of Darraweit Guim.

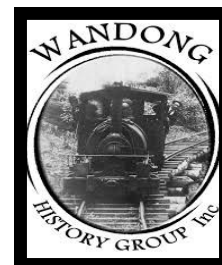
We have welcomed new teachers and introduced new and engaging lessons; offering classes such as, the Garden to Kitchen Program, AUSLAN, African Dance and Performing Arts. Over the past four weeks students have been having these classes and have been having an absolutely awesome time.

We have already been planning for some new developments over the school. We have established an area that we will be creating into an outdoor education setting. Classes will be able to engage in their regular learning activities out amongst nature in our beautiful environment. None of this would be possible without the generosity of Kilmore Mitre10 Trade Centre. We thank you very much and are looking forward to working with them throughout the year.



## WANDONG HISTORY GROUP

March has crept up on us quickly and unfortunately we are still not back in the church. A few hold ups along the way, and others who are also building at this time tell me they are all experiencing the same thing, however the work that has been completed is looking great and we are really keen to move in and set ourselves up. A big shout out to Greg and Dylan from Dansebury who have also weathered the storm of the hold ups. The work they are doing is fantastic and the old church will have a quality finish at the end.



We are working hard on preparing material to launch our website. We will have a small amount of material loaded up to start but after some training we will have all the skills to prepare our own material and have it loaded to our site. We look forward to having the ability to share our collection to a wider audience.



We are planning to go ahead with the back to Wandong event on the 27<sup>th</sup> of this month, the event is subject to having enough numbers so if you are thinking about coming please let us know as soon as possible.

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

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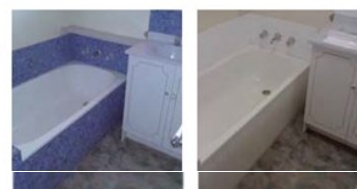
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# Wandong Primary School



## Senior Student Leadership:

Student voice and agency at Wandong is a key vision for improved outcomes, learning engagement and empowering our students for the future. Whilst exploring their Term One Inquiry topic of Leadership and Government, the grade 5/6 students were required to address their peers with a leadership speech and the shortlisted applicants went through a stringent interview process with the Principal, Assistant Principal and a student representative. Congratulations to Cammy and Blake our School Captains and the for the first time in our school's history, we welcome three Student Representative Council Leaders in Scarlett, Jax and Alfie!

## Key Dates:

**Thursday 10th March: Literacy Curriculum Day**

**Friday 11th March: Numeracy Curriculum Day**

**Friday 8th April: Last Day Term 1**

**Tuesday 26th April: First Day Term 2**

## 2023 Enrolments:

2023 Enrolments are now being accepted, with another of our Open Evenings for 2023 families being held on Monday the 28th of March. If you are looking to enrol your child or considering your local schools, please come along to find out more about our wonderful school and what we have to offer you and your family.

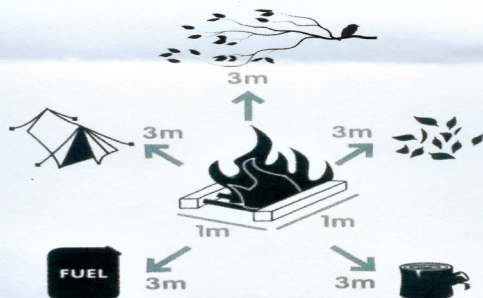
We look forward to providing you with further updates and insight into what is happening around Wandong Primary School in next month's edition. Until then, stay happy, healthy and safe.

Jaclyn Adams & Kaitlyn Hall, Teachers, Wandong PS.



## Campfire Safety

Don't let your campfire go bush!



### Tips for building a safe campfire:

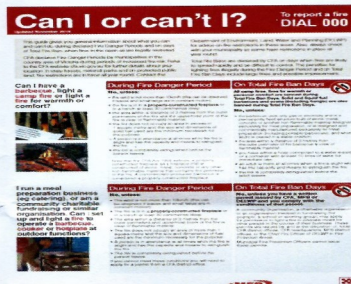
- Use a built fireplace (where provided) or dig a 30 centimetre deep trench to prevent fire from spreading.
- Create a border around the fire using large dry rocks – never use river rocks as they can explode.
- Clear 3 metres of ground surrounding the fire - remove branches, leaves and twigs and check there are no overhanging branches above the fire.
- Ensure the fire is at least 3 metres away from tents and other camping equipment, especially flammable items such as gas cylinders and fuel.
- Never use flammable liquid or fuel such as petrol or diesel on a fire.
- Always keep a 10 litre bucket of water, and a shovel nearby.

### Putting your campfire out:

- Make sure your fire is completely extinguished using water before leaving. Remember, **if it's cool to touch, it's safe to leave!**
- Do not use soil. Fires can still smoulder under soil and can stay hot for more than eight hours. This is a danger to anyone walking in the area once you have gone.

### Things to remember:

- Before lighting - always check the weather conditions and fire restrictions in your camping area.
- Do not light or maintain a campfire on hot or dry days if the wind is more than 10 kilometres per hour.
- Campfires are **not** allowed on days of Total Fire Ban.
- Never leave your fire unattended, not even for a short time.
- Children and pets should be supervised at all times when near a fire.
- Keep your fire just big enough for cooking and keeping warm, not exceeding one square metre.
- Do not burn dangerous or flammable items, such as aerosol cans as they can explode.
- Check the **'Can I or Can't I'** brochure for what you can and can't do during the declared Fire Danger Period and on Total Fire Ban days or visit [cfa.vic.gov.au/can](http://cfa.vic.gov.au/can)



**Total Fire Ban**

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## Neighbourhood Watch

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### South Mitchell

## SNAKES

Australia is known for its snakes and spiders and many Australians fear them.

Late summer is when many snakes are breeding and that can mean there is a mini influx of new born snakes around this time of the year across our shire.

Although shy, they become very defensive when discovered from their hiding place so keep clear and call a snake catcher to safely remove them and keep them all safe.



We have put together a list of extremely venomous snakes found in our area.

### Red-bellied Black Snake

Colour is glassy dark black with the lower scales on the side onto the belly red or pinkish. It can be 2m long but 1.5m is more common.

### Eastern Brown Snake

The colour is highly variable, ranging from pale yellow to almost black. It can be 2m long but 1.5m is more common.

### Copperhead Snake

Colour varies markedly from very pale brown, coppery to almost black. The snake's sides vary from pale yellow to orange-red. The head is typically a darker colour. It can be 1.5m long but 1.2m is more common.

### Tiger Snake

The bands associated with this snake can be more or less absent and the colour can range from light brown to black with the scales on the belly yellow. It can be 1.5m long but 1.1m is more common.



*Red-bellied Black*



*Eastern Brown*



*Copperhead*



*Tiger*

### Snake Bite first aid:

1. Call an ambulance on 000
2. Remain as still as possible
3. Don't wash the site of the bite
4. Apply a bandage over the limb

Anthony the Snake Removalist is available anytime to ask a question or catch a snake, visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/Snake-Removalist-287447985022666/>

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Hi from the WHJSC Committee,

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 along the Say G-Day trail, take the kids down to play on the play equipment or just play and exercise on the oval.

Tennis is on, cricket finals are in progress, Dog Club, the Horse Clubs, and the Stadium activities - Basketball, preschool, playgroup are all operating.

Junior Football and Netball Clubs are busy organizing their Registration days and preseason has started. Watch out for them and please support our Junior Clubs.

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.

The Kilmore Senior Football club is down at the Reserve in preseason training and the Wandong Primary does their sporting activities.



ABOVE:-How the Reserve has changed-Tennis courts (single) back in the late 1930's. Oval in the back ground

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 ambience atmosphere that complements our communities.

RIGHT  
Courts  
5 & 6  
back in  
2004



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 [kooraw@bigpond.com](mailto:kooraw@bigpond.com)

### Caution Please:

Please be aware that when down at the Reserve during storms and unseasonal weather Dry Creek does flood.



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.  
It is in our community interest that we all keep our Reserve safe for all to use!!



## CONTINUED FROM PAGE 18

Summary COVID 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.**



### SERVICE STATUS

BBQs	- open
Open outdoor spaces	- open
Outdoor fitness equipment	- open
Playgrounds	- open
Public toilets	- open



### Sports

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

### Community Centre:

**Open-** to all full Vaccinated people. Density limits apply. Covid 19 Marshall must be in place.

### Sports Pavilion and Stadium:

**Open-** to all full Vaccinated people. Density limits apply. Covid 19 Marshall must be in place

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

### Did you know?

**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 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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# Wandong Fire Brigade



## Wandong Fire Brigade 2021 / 2022 fire season

Although the season has been relatively quiet, Wandong crews have still been called out to some smaller jobs lately. A grass fire between Kilmore and Wandong near the Big Dipper put out a lot of smoke. A truck fire at Broadford extended into the night, and caused traffic issues in the area. Crews were part of strike teams sent to Glenburn, and also to Tabilk, near Nagambie. A grass fire at Clonbinane had over 8 vehicles in attendance, with access difficulties. Plus some false alarm fire alarms, and sleeper fires along the train tracks.

## Fire restrictions

Fire restrictions remain in force until the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022, unless revoked early. No burning off is allowed at this time.

## Fire Information in an Emergency

During an emergency, Wandong Fire Brigade is not always able to update their facebook page immediately as our admin is all volunteer firefighters, and their priority is to attend to the incident. Updates will be made as soon as practicable.

Check out these sources for official information during a fire or other emergency.

CFA Facebook page ([facebook.com/cfavic](https://facebook.com/cfavic))

CFA Twitter ([twitter.com/CFA\\_Updates](https://twitter.com/CFA_Updates))

ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters

VicEmergency Incidents (<http://emergency.vic.gov.au/respond/>)

VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226)

## Wandong Junior Fire Brigade

The Junior program is back on site and runs on Mondays at the fire station from 6.30 – 8pm. Kids from 11 to 16 years who live in Wandong, Heathcote Junction or Clonbinane are eligible. There is no cost involved. Contact Terry 0413644319 or Amanda 0433995891 for more details.

## Training

Training has resumed on Wednesday nights starting at 7pm at the fire station. Sunday morning training sessions will continue this year, with a longer session on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month.

For more information contact Lt James Stephens on 0418 221 458.

## 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.

## WANDONG TENNIS CLUB

Email: [wandongtennisclub@hotmail.com](mailto:wandongtennisclub@hotmail.com)  
or text Lisa on 0407 112 880.

Information is posted on our  
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Our summer senior season is now finished with just finals to be played. Good Luck to our teams as they have all made finals. Junior summer season has one round to play with all teams making the finals. Good luck to them all. Winter season for both juniors and seniors will start after the Easter holidays.

Coaching is available at the club for both adults and children. Cardio tennis is also available with both morning and evening classes.

Lisa Kelly





# SUDOKU

Answers on  
page 25

Place the numbers 1-9 only once in each row, column & 3x3 block

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## THIS MONTHS QUIZ

Answer appears on Page 25 but no cheating!

1. What is the largest bay in the world?
2. What is the largest landlocked country?
3. What is the largest American State?
4. Which country has the four largest banks in the world?
5. What is the largest company in Australia?
6. What is the largest desert in the world?
7. Which country is the largest producer of oil?
8. What is the largest gold nugget ever found?
9. What is the largest inland city in Australia?
10. What is the largest port in Australia?
11. What is the biggest shopping centre in Australia?
12. What is the largest factory in the world?
13. What is the largest grossing movie of all time?
14. What is the largest church in the world?

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**Whittlesea Community House has hit the ground running and we are having a huge 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 March 24th 11.30am – 1.00pm \$2.00 per person

## **Welding for Beginners**

Learn to weld – TIG, MIG and ARC

Wednesdays for 7 weeks from August 2<sup>nd</sup> 6.00pm – 9.00pm \$50+\$40 materials

## **Ukulele for Intermediate Players RETURNS!**

We are pleased to welcome an intermediate group back to the House in 2022

Mondays from May 2<sup>nd</sup> 11.00am – Noon \$50 per Term (\$40 concession)

## **Tune Up your work skills in 2022**

Time to take the plunge and get things moving at work with these work ready courses:

### **Preparation for Work in Aged Care**

If you are thinking about a career in Aged Care and you have difficulty with formal education, literacy or language and would like some extra help then this course is made for you!

Wednesdays for 8 weeks from May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 11.00am – 4.00pm FREE to eligible applicants

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

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

Online learning + face to face Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup> \$85/\$150/\$195

### **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

### **Food Handling and Barista**

Food Handling Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup> 9.30am – 1.30pm \$70

Barista Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup> 9.00am – 1.30pm \$145

### **Beginners Machining**

Learn the practical skills required for basic machining on metal lathes and grinders. Learn to produce basic tools such as hammers and meat tenderizers

Wednesdays for 7 weeks from May 11<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm – 9.00pm \$50 + \$40 materials

### **Boat Licence**

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

Suitable for 12 years + students under 16 years cannot be endorsed for PWC

### **Animation 101**

If you have always been fascinated by animation then this is a great way to try it for yourself! Join award winning filmmaker and animator Cath Murphy [www.pollyannafilms.com](http://www.pollyannafilms.com) on this amazing course!

Wednesdays for 20 weeks from May 4<sup>th</sup> 5.00pm – 7.00pm \$20/concession FREE

### **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

Dogs and prams are welcome!

### **Fix It Friday RETURNS!**

Fix it Friday is back in 2022! Sweep your problems into a pile and bring them to our experts for real help that doesn't involve a queue or a call centre!

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

Power Saving Bonus application close extended to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022. If you are eligible and yet to apply for your \$250 rebate we can help you over the phone. Call 9716 3361.

Call 9716 3361 to register in advance, it's **FREE**.

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

**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. See you soon!**

**All Weather Training Facility - Heathcote Jct**  
(Established 1995)

Puppy School - Social Classes  
Adult Classes - Trick Training  
Behaviour Problems



**Workshops**  
Dog Park Etiquette  
Intro to Agility  
Dock Diving  
Cross Country

## Alfoxton Dog Centre

[www.foxton.com.au](http://www.foxton.com.au)

*Boarding Dogs / Cats -short and long term Farm Stays.  
Dogs have large indoor/outdoor pens. Also big play paddocks  
where your dog has room to get out and burn off their energy.*

*Cats and little Dogs get to hang out in fully enclosed and heated  
Mud Brick Cattery*

Phone: Anne **0402 118929**

**60 Junction Rd, Heathcote Junction, Vic**

Alfoxton is a registered Domestic Animal Business - Mitchell Shire



Classes held at:  
**R.B Robson stadium**  
Wallan, 3756

## Recreational & Competition Gymnastics

- Morning classes from crawling to 5years
- Afternoon classes from 5 years to adult
- Classes available Monday – Wednesday
- Trial class available for first time members

*Visit our website for more information*

**[Birraleegymnastics.com.au](http://Birraleegymnastics.com.au)**

## Weather Report - February 2022 Wandong/Heathcote Junction

At last, a summer month that was  
typical of summer

Temperatures were warm to hot generally but  
also quite comfortable. There were no extremes  
of storms and winds and therefore no damage.

The lack of rain – 7.5 mls over only six days,  
has had people with gardens watering very  
frequently. This in turn had an impact on our  
water storage dam, reducing it from 94% of  
capacity on 31/1 to 76 % on 28/2. No doubt  
house tanks were depleted during that time.

### Stats

February 2022	-	7.5 mls
Previous year	-	18.5 mls
Average prev 10 years	-	23 mls
Total this year	-	85.5 mls
Total prev year	-	126.5 mls

## THE SHACK IS BACK

After a 5-year shut down caused by fire,  
the Upper Plenty Community Hall “THE  
SHACK” is open for hire.

For more information and bookings  
call Susan or Wayne on 5783 1456.

If not answered leave name and  
number and we will return the call.

**Address:**

**1240 Wallan Whittlesea Rd  
Upper Plenty**

**On corner of Clarkes Road, Upper Plenty**

## FRIENDS OF DISAPPOINTMENT

Are you interested in the history,  
conservation and community of the  
Mount Disappointment State Forest and  
surrounding areas.

Join “Friends of Disappointment” to share  
history, photos and ideas.

[https://www.facebook.com/  
mountdisappointmentclonbinane/](https://www.facebook.com/mountdisappointmentclonbinane/)

## Wandong History Group

### QUIZ ANSWERS FROM PAGE 11

1. The Comet
2. 1933
3. Mary Robertson (Nee Rail)
4. 1961
5. Elephant
6. Kilmore Junction
7. 1892
8. Leslie Maygar
9. 1979
10. 1277
11. 4
12. Heathcote Junction
13. 1824
14. 1894



## Dogs in a Covid World - Making Difficult Things Normal....

Author: Anne Zelvy's IACP-CDT

Covid has changed the way we are doing just about everything... and this includes the way we socialise and train our dogs... For most of 2020, it was hard to find ways for your pup to meet new dogs or interact with different people.... instead we were encouraged to move ONLINE.....

The trouble is dog's don't understand the World Wide Web.

We also need to remember that dog's are physical creatures - They learn by smell and touch. They like to immerse themselves into new environments, to splash in puddles, explore thru the undergrowth and even roll in horse poo.... This is how your dog burns off energy, both mentally and physically and this then makes it easier for the human handler to learn to work with their pups when dogs have distractions.

Working from home has also meant that dogs might not have clear boundaries imposed... Dogs have had their humans at their beck and call.... And the dogs have trained their humans well... Does this example sound familiar...:

- Dog wants to go outside and goes to the door... mum opens the door....
- Dog wants to come back inside and whinges at the door... mum opens the door....
- If the door doesn't open, the dog might bark... or scratch... mum opens the door...
- If mum tries to ignore, dog barks louder, throws his body at the door... mum opens the door.
- Mum on a zoom meeting... dog barks and jumps on her.... Mum gives a pat and a treat to try and pacify the dog....

Now released from Lockdown, families are having trouble coping with their Covid Pups... Lack of life experience is the issue. Hence, behaviours such as 'Separation Anxiety', 'Fear of New Things', 'Dog Reactive', 'Barking', 'Aggression to Strangers' etc....

Families now seek help but it can be difficult to find.... these dogs are too old for Puppy School... These dogs are too reactive for obedience training... These dogs are too distracted/scared to work for treats or tricks... These dogs are too destructive to get out in the Dog Park....

All of these problem behaviours are because the dog has missed out on some crucial learning skills thru their first year in life... So what we see is:

1. Dog doesn't have SELF CONFIDENCE
2. Dog hasn't learnt to have SELF CONTROL

**DON'T DESPAIR !...** although your dog may have developed bad habits, if you are serious you can achieve change - However remember that both YOU AND THE DOG have developed the bad habits - so you must **BOTH** change.

Hence why you might find it easier to have help... just like when you are trying to get fit you find a Personal Trainer, the same for your Dog Work... and just like with getting fit... you might need to hunt around for the right Trainer.

Seek a Trainer who has the experience working with behavioural problems and who makes you feel positive.

Alfoxton Dog Centre  
www.alfoxton.com.au



### QUIZ ANSWERS (from page 22)

1. Bay of Bengal
2. Kazakhstan
3. Alaska
4. China
5. BHP
6. The Sahara
7. U.S.A.
8. The Welcome Stranger
9. Wagga Wagga
10. Port of Melbourne
11. Chadstone
12. Boeing Everett (US)
13. Avatar
14. St Peters Basilica

### SUKODU solution

8	4	6	1	7	2	5	9	3
7	3	9	6	5	8	1	4	2
5	2	1	3	4	9	7	6	8
9	6	2	8	3	7	4	5	1
4	8	5	9	2	1	3	7	6
1	7	3	4	6	5	8	2	9
2	9	8	7	1	4	6	3	5
3	5	4	2	8	6	9	1	7
6	1	7	5	9	3	2	8	4

Round 1		Venue
24 April 2022		
Yea	v	Broadford
St Mary's	v	Seymour
Wandong	v	Tabilk
Alexandra	v	BYE
Euroa	v	BYE

Round 2		Venue
1 May 2022		
St Mary's	v	Alexandra
Wandong	v	Broadford
Tabilk	v	Euroa
Yea	v	Seymour

Round 3		Venue
8 May 2022		
Alexandra	v	Wandong
Broadford	v	Tabilk
Euroa	v	Seymour
St Mary's	v	Yea

Round 4		Venue
15 May 2022		
Tabilk	v	Alexandra
Seymour	v	Broadford
Yea	v	Euroa
Wandong	v	St Mary's

Round 5		Venue
22 May 2022		
Alexandra	v	Seymour
Broadford	v	Euroa
Wandong	v	Yea
St Mary's	v	Tabilk

Round 6		Venue
29 May 2022		
Euroa	v	Alexandra
Broadford	v	Yea
Seymour	v	St Mary's
Tabilk	v	Wandong

Round 7		Venue
5 June 2022		
Alexandra	v	Broadford
St Mary's	v	Euroa
Wandong	v	Seymour
Yea	v	Tabilk

Round 8		Venue
12 June 2022		
Alexandra	v	Euroa
Broadford	v	BYE
Seymour	v	BYE
St Mary's	v	BYE
Tabilk		BYE
Wandong		BYE
Yea		BYE

Round 9		Venue
19 June 2022		
Yea	v	Alexandra
St Mary's	v	Broadford
Wandong	v	Euroa
Tabilk	v	Seymour

Round 10		Venue
26 June 2022		
Alexandra	v	St Mary's
Broadford	v	Wandong
Euroa	v	Tabilk
Seymour	v	Yea

Round 11		Venue
10 July 2022		
Wandong	v	Alexandra
Tabilk	v	Broadford
Seymour	v	Euroa
Yea	v	St Mary's

Round 12		Venue
17 July 2022		
Alexandra	v	Tabilk
Broadford	v	Seymour
Euroa	v	Yea
St Mary's	v	Wandong

Round 13		Venue
24 July 2022		
Seymour	v	Alexandra
Euroa	v	Broadford
Yea	v	Wandong
Tabilk	v	St Mary's

Round 14		Venue
31 July 2022		
Alexandra	v	Yea
Broadford	v	St Mary's
Euroa	v	Wandong
Seymour	v	Tabilk

Round 15		Venue
7 August 2022		
Broadford	v	Alexandra
Euroa	v	St Mary's
Seymour	v	Wandong
Tabilk	v	Yea

FINALS FIXTURES		
Final	Date	Venue
SEMI FINALS	14 August 2022	TBC
PRELIMINARY FINAL	21 August 2022	TBC
GRAND FINAL	28 August 2022	TBC

# Clonbinane Rural Fire Brigade



## Fire Danger Status

We have been fortunate that this fire season has not produced above average CFA turnout responses in our own area. Clonbinane CFA wish to acknowledge your vigilance and fire prevention work that you have carried out so far this season.

The fire danger season is not over taking into consideration the long dry grass that remains in many paddocks and roadsides. We can experience heat waves in March, however significant fires can emerge with strong cooler southerly winds if there is an ignition point in dry grass. We are still in the declared Fire Danger Period which means no burning off is allowed regardless of weather conditions. You may also experience planned fuel reduction burns later in the month and may smell or see smoke. There will be notifications of planned burns in the media.

The cooler mornings indicate that autumn is approaching; however, be aware that bushfires can still occur and spread quickly in the cooler months due to fuel load, wind and the low moisture content of that fuel. We have experienced some big fires at this time of year. These fires have not necessarily been on warm days and are often driven by a strong southerly wind. With significant moisture in the north of the country our outlook is unstable as warm fronts and cooler moist fronts clash. This can bring thunderstorms and possible fires ignited by lightning strikes.

## Brigade Activity

The Clonbinane CFA has been busy with call outs to truck fires, car fires, LPG leaks, grassfires and a Strike Team overnight task at Mt. Camel. (See photo).



## Royal Children's Hospital Appeal

We will be supporting the RCH Appeal again this year in April. Support the Kiddies with our virtual tin rattle by donating now online. Follow this link for the Clonbinane Fire Brigade RCH virtual tin rattle funds raiser. Details next month.

## Campfires

If you are camping over the Labour Day Long Weekend or Easter and have a fire, you must have an area cleared in at least 3 metres in all directions and have water available to extinguish a fire. In National and State Parks, campfires and barbecues may only be lit in designated constructed fireplaces provided. A ring of rocks is not considered a fireplace under these terms. Do not deposit glass, aluminium, plastic, rubbish or scrap food products into your campfire. Please take these home with you. Leaving these items at your campsite is littering and subject to on-the-spot fines.

Do not light a fire or maintain a fire on warm or hot days when wind speed is in excess of 10 KPH. This is one of conditions that allows us to have campfires on public land such as forest camping areas. In NSW campfires are banned in the declared fire danger period. In Victoria campfires are allowed for cooking or warmth if the conditions are being followed.

A responsible adult must always attend and supervise a solid fuel campfire or barbecue. In attendance means being within 50 metres and having line of sight from the outer perimeter of your solid fuel campfire or barbecue. You must always fully extinguish your campfire with water, not dirt scraped over the top of it.

You cannot leave any hot embers remaining in your campfire. Remember, if your campfire is cool to touch, it is safe to leave. Ensure you have adequate water available to extinguish a fire before you light it. Our nearby forest camp areas do not have water available; you must bring it in with you.

Check CFA and DELWP websites for further details on the rules and law related to campfires.

Please contact the brigade if you require any information or check out the CFA website [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au)

Cheers

John Mahoney- Captain





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