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WHERE IS THE CONSULTATION MITCHELL SHIRE AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT VICTORIA?

Once again Mitchell Shire Council has let the Wandong Heathcote Junction community down. Public Transport Victoria PTV) decided to divert V/Line train replacement road coaches down a residential street, Rail Street at Wandong and this has been supported by Mitchell Shire without any consultation with the community. An officer at the Shire stated that PTV was responsible for consulting but this amounted to letters to three nearby residents, not consulting but informing them that two stops will be built. These stops will affect all residents, let alone the huge amount of school traffic from Kilmore and Wallan, yet Mitchell Shire and PTV failed to advertise the project' Mitchell Shire has let the Wandong Heathcote Junction community down on many occasions through the lack of support and consultation including recently with the ARTC rail bridge replacement proposal and the exercise equipment on the

Say G'Day trail and has the audacity to erect "Supporting your community" signs across the Shire. See page 13 for the project plan with coach stops on both sides of Rail Street.





The ANZAC DAY CEREMONY AT WANDONG will commence at 12 noon and be followed by its usual free sausage sizzle. All welcome to this very popular, picturesque and every year well attended event.

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This month Darraweit Guim Primary School Celebrated Harmony Week. Harmony Week is a week to celebrate Australian multiculturalism. This year's theme was "Everyone Belongs"; embracing cultural diversity and sharing what we have in common.

Students made paper people chains to show the connectedness between themselves and their friends and families. Students also made orange paper hats and decorated them with Harmony Week motifs. On Friday the 25th, the school wore orange to show our support for a culturally diverse and inclusive Australia. Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Week. It symbolises communication and



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oshc.coordinator@kekeco.com.au

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WANDONG PHARMACY **COVID VACCINE CLINIC**

is pleased to be a part of the Australian Government's response to COVID-19.

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Wandong Pharmacy has access to the AstraZeneca and Moderna vaccines.

More information regarding the vaccine can be found at: health.gov.au

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fortnight, with some evening walks during the summer months. Please contact: Mary 0428 479 469 or Wayne 0451 519 734 or email

mitchelkvalksgroup@gmail.com

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WHILE THE NATIONS RAGE

We really do all across our world have the same promises in the Word of God in all nations if we become more diligent in doing Gods' plans and carrying them out to the finish line rather than plotting some of our own humanistic, puny ideas. It actually tells us in *Psalm 2* that God does sit in heaven laughing at us as we attempt to work out our own, sometimes even evil solutions.

So do we fit this scenario arising from our warm, comfy bedding, reminding ourselves of our comforts and freedom in our own lives? Or do we just get our brain and body into gear focusing on what we need to handle today - to the best of our own ability?

So be encouraged, before you put the news on getting caught up in the worlds' turmoil; hearing about the Ukraine / Russia conflict or other events - take a deep breath, offering up a prayer, thanking our Creator that we are here this morning in the world of the living mostly in a nourished position and not in danger. Yesterday has surely passed!

Lamentations 3 verses 22 - 24. Through the Lords' mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning, Great is Your faithfulness. The Lord is my portion says my soul, Therefore I hope in Him.

Forgive us personally as an overall nation where we haven't been thankful in the past, renew a right spirit in us so that we can reflect Your character in all of us. Help us to not be deceived, continuing to walk alongside and support the weak, vulnerable and suffering.

As Easter approaches once again take the opportunity to tell your children and grandchildren about the real meaning of Easter celebrations.

Have a very happy and blessed Easter, being grateful that we can still acknowledge this in our nation.

Merle Croskell.

SAVE WANDONGS HERITAGE LISTED ST MICHAELS CHURCH

Please help by donating your 5 cents in the collection tins at Kemps Bakery (Wandong) and Wandong Pharmacy



LIONS CLUB OF WANDONG - WALLAN INC.

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

What have we been up to this month?

We had a lunch at Hidden Valley where we inducted Daniel as a member of our group.

The event was attended by past district Governor Linda Johns who formally introduced Daniel to the mysteries of lionism. He didn't have to ride the goat. Brian forgot to bring it. Hidden Valley put on a nice lunch and it was the first social event that we have had for some time. I am sure that we will have many more this year. It feels like we are just coming out of a tunnel.

Our monthly business meeting was held at Wallan neighbourhood house. These occur on the second Wednesday of each month. New interested parties are most welcome. Among other things we donated \$5000 to Lions disaster fund to help with the east coast floods. When we had disastrous fires here we received considerable help from this source.

Marilyn has just taken possession of a knitted blanket and other items from her army of knitters. These items are mostly donated to the Northern Hospital auxiliary to help with fund raising efforts.

While on the subject of Marilyn and the Northern Hospital, she is a guest there with a broken back. She fell down the stairs and according to her daughter performed a forward twist double somersault landing on her head and knocking herself out. She is now in a full body brace and contemplating what went wrong with her finish. It is ok for me to make fun of her but I think that she is a very lucky lady.

David Cook has to have a heart bypass operation. Brian and I offered to do it for him and save him some money. Brian has lots of sharp tools and I have a heap of black poly pipe and glue what could possibly go wrong? Dave posted a photo of a great gash in his head which he claims happened when he fell over a plank of wood. I think he annoyed Sonia once too often. We were going to recruit her to administer the anaesthetic.

Finally I have a grievous complaint against my wife. She caught more and bigger fish than me. I am sure that was against the marriage vows. Anyway I think that I am finished for this month. I can't think of anyone else to insult. Catch you next time.

Clyde Riley

WANDONG PUBLIC HALL

The cooler weather has allowed us to begin some works around the hall. The top layer of grass was never a great success so we have stripped the poor soil off and will be putting turf down, depending on how well this works we may look at doing the next layer as well. The gum trees make it difficult to grow nice grass as they take so much moisture from the ground. We are providing for a watering system at the same time which will help keep the hall looking fantastic all year round.

We are also now working on the adventure area and hope to have this finished soon. This will see the completion of all the major tasks that we have planned and we are happy that we have been able to transform the hall from the building site it was left in after the renovation to the lovely area it is now. Hopefully the hall will stand for another hundred years and future generations will love it as much as we do. Our regular user groups listed below are always keen to have more people come along.

TAI CHI BACK AT THE HALL

Commencing Tuesday 26th April Tai Chi Classes are starting Term Two at Wandong Hall Tuesday and Friday mornings

9.15am for 45 minutes. \$10.00 per session/ \$120.00 a term.

Contact Donna Douglas 0438 765 335 for more information

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 BeamanPh: 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 it's \$5 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 At Wandong Community Centre, LB Davern Reserve Dry Creek Cres, WANDONG FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT PLAYGROUP CONTACT: Andrea 0413 212 946



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Wandong Junior Football Netball Club Inc

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

COACHING POSITIONS: The club has appointed its coaches for season 2022

U/9 Shannon Thomas. Assistant Coach: Salv Mandanici, Team Manager: TBA U/11 Grant Horton. Assistant Coach: Ben Helpenstein Team Manager: Jo Pascoe U/13 Stuart Butterworth. Assistant Coach: <u>Ross Mendola Team Manager: Janelle Tipping</u> Note that U/9s are still on the lookout for a Team Manager.

Applicants will need to renew or gain their AFL coaching accreditation. Team managers will also need to acquire a Working with children check. As always please feel free to give our president Stuart a ring on 0403 571 960 or send an email to our secretary Marty at wandongjfc@jmail.com if you require any further information or have any questions.

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

TRAINING

Wandong Warriors are in training, in preparing for our Round 1 games of football, April 24. We welcome new players to come down and have a go! 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 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.

REGISTRATION:

Online Registration Info can be found here:

https://www.playhq.com/afl/org/wandong-junior-football-club/89f418db/register Go to our facebook or TeamApp page to click the link.

MOUTH GUARD MAN:

The Mouth Guard Man was in attendance on 17th MARCH, and mouth guards will be handed out in due course.

Thanks to our main sponsors :



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Please contact the Club via email wandongjfc@gmail.com for further information. Or, search our face book page or Team App page by typing "Team App Wandong Warriors".

Go Warriors!!

WANDONG-HEATHCOTE JUNCTION COMMUNITY GROUP

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



WEBSITE

In March the <www.wandong.vic.au> website received 931 visits. If any business or group has noticed any change which needs to be corrected to their entry, please let us know. To add your business or group email: whatsnewswhj@gmail.com.au

EASTER EGG RAFFLE

Thanks you to everyone who supported our Easter egg raffle. Thank you to Sam at the Wandong IGA for providing one of our three raffle prizes. The raffle was drawn on Saturday 9th April at the IGA and the winners were Kylie (Wallan), Robert (Hidden Valley) and Taylor (Wallan).



KILMORE GOLF CLUB

PAR 3 DAY Sunday March 6th

There were 108 players registered on Friday evening but on Sunday 84 players hit off in wet, windy conditions. The car is safe at Toyota and \$1000 remains at Kingsgate Village. There were no Hole in one but quite a number of Kilmore players were successful in winning grades and NTP.



<u>Winners from our Club were</u>; Andrea Boland, Mick Roberts, Dennis Austin, Rob Fisher, Bron Gunn, Sandi Wicking. This year there were more Ladies and non- handicap players than in previous years and many thanks must be extended to all who braved the weather and those who assisted before and on the day. It was a long day for all concerned.

As the major fund raiser event for our Club it was a successful day and the Club acknowledges the support once again of Kilmore Toyota and Kingsgate Village. The Club also are appreciative to the sponsors for all holes and the Club extends to them our thanks for supporting this important day.

Kilmore Cup Results; Winners- Murray O'Callaghan, Ken Tickle from Jim Ioannidis & Chris Blake.

<u>The greens</u> will have a light coring on Monday 4th April and the course will be closed on that day plus the following day- 5th April. It is expected that greens will be relatively good by the following weekend.

<u>Membership fees</u> are now due by the 31st March. PAYG is available for those who wish to pay in instalments. Information & pamphlets are in the golf shop

<u>A shotgun start</u> will be trialled again on Saturdays commencing 16th March. 10.00 am for 10.30 tee off. Members who wish to play earlier are asked to tee off by 8.00.

GARDEN SCENE WITH GAIL

The Autumn colours were upon us earlier this year and part of the reason is that it's been a bit dry over the past few months. The deciduous plants suffered a little because of the dryness and in response, they began to drop leaves earlier than normal. As the weather cools it is easy for us to forget that the soil is drying out and that our plants are suffering. Indeed, if we experience a dry Winter some deciduous plants will not develop leaves in Spring particularly if it is their first season. This is a great reason to purchase bare rooted plants from a reputable nursery as with most good plant suppliers if you have kept your proof of purchase, they very may well exchange for you. If you have a good rapport with your nursery, they will certainly either exchange or give you a credit note, and this is why we need to support good plant nurseries. Before the weather turns quite cold with frost and all that comes with our Winters, our attention can be focused on hedges, both evergreen and deciduous. Pruning now before Winter will allow the new growth to establish prior to frosts burning it and it's a great time for reshaping the plants and enabling them to regenerate. If you follow up with fertilising and an application of Seasol, your plants will head into Winter healthy with no discolouring of leaves. Some plant varieties such as the box hedges ('English') show bronzing in Winter if they are hungry, the leaves lose their lustrous green colour and turn quite bronze. Most plants can benefit from fertilising in April particularly Camellias with their little flower buds slowly getting fatter ready for that display of colour as they bloom into flower, the Japonica varieties flower from Winter to Spring and the Sasanqua varieties from Autumn to Winter. Such hardy plants that require such little attention, they are not particular as to soil type however, the better the growing conditions the better they will grow and the stronger and healthier the plant. Now might be a good time to look out for the beautiful Daphne not yet in flower but will become available soon and when it flowers the perfume is intoxicating. These plants will grow well in pots or in the ground and they favour a sheltered position out of hot winds. Ideally a cool courtyard location will pay you back in spades as the perfume will linger longer. The beautiful Hydrangea while still in flower will benefit from the removal of old flowers, pop these in the compost, but not so roses, too prickly, but they will appreciate dead-heading. Roses will provide us with flowers until very late Autumn and even into early



Winter and they are really low maintenance lovely plants to grow. Fuchsias are still flowering and they look amazing in hanging baskets and pots. Pots are great because they enable us to move plants around to where they will do best and also where we can see them at their best. If we do start to get some Autumn rain, April can be a great month for planting, the soil is still relatively warm, the weather is cooler, and the new plantings can get their roots established prior to the heat of the following Summer. Always dig planting holes double the width and depth to accommodate those new fibrous roots, it's easier for them to become established. Enjoy your time outdoors, there are heaps of jobs to keep us busy.

Bye for this month Gail Mains Kendrick (Your local Agent in Real Estate)



Wandong Primary School

Social and Emotional Wellbeing (SEW)

At Wandong Primary School, we are passionate about ensuring the correct supports are in place for each child to optimise each and every learning opportunity. We believe that every child wants to learn and that we, as educators, need to provide them with the right tools and environment to do so.

Our whole school approach to Social and Emotional Wellbeing is defined in our tiered response. This response to intervention outlines the different supports that we place around our students to optimise their learning trajectory and their overall Wellbeing.

For some, Reading is a challenge. For others, Mathematics is overwhelming. Social and Emotional skills are no exception. Emotional Intelligence is a skill to be learnt, a skill that needs attention and time to perfect. It is a skill that is difficult to master and requires ongoing explicit teaching.

As we reflect on the first term of 2022, we celebrate the many achievements of our students. We celebrate the new friendships that have been made and the new-found independence that has

been found. We celebrate the risks that have been taken and the mistakes that have been made. We celebrate the big steps that have been taken to wave goodbye in the morning and the focus that it takes to get through the school day. We celebrate each and every learning attempt - no matter how big or small. We celebrate the positive partnerships made with the families of our students for making it all possible and we celebrate the dedication of our staff.

Student Representative Council (SRC)

Over the past few years, our Student Representative Council has evolved to give our students more agency in their learning.

This week, as our teachers engaged in our Curriculum Design days ahead of Term Two, our SRC Education Sub-Committee joined us to provide ideas and feedback for our upcoming units of work.

We were absolutely thrilled with the ideas and feedback we received from these students! It brings us so much joy to have students demonstrating our School Values of Pride and Curiosity and having true student voice and agency in their learning.

We look forward to providing you with further updates and insights 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.

Clonbinane Rural Fire Brigade

Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal

The CFA has been part of the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal for 70 years. Clonbinane CFA have been collecting for the Kiddies on Good Friday for several years now. We are running a virtual tin shake and have also planned for the big red truck to travel the streets of Waterford Park and Clonbinane to collect. We appreciate your contribution to this worthy cause. Dig deep for the kiddies by following this link to donate.

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PO Box 550, Kilmore 3764 President: Elaine De Gabrielle

Secretary: Mark Perrott Contact: info@u3akilmoreanddistrict.com.au

The Kilmore and District U3A AGM was held on the 11th March 2022 in the John Taylor Room at Kilmore Library. Attendance was lower than expected, probably due to concerns around Covid as restrictions lift and cases rise again. Being an over fifties group this is understandable as it is still important to be mindful of the risks and to look after ourselves and one another. However despite some initial uncertainty about the ongoing viability of the branch during these uncertain times, the new committee has formed (pictured below) and we are up and running.



Front row L to R:

Cheryl Spencer, Dawn Barr, Elaine De Gabrielle (President), Glenda Curr (Treasurer).

Back row L to R:

Norma Newman, Amanda Oades , Mark Perrott (Secretary), Ross Clements, Lorraine Shaw.

Outgoing president Mavis Wilcox expressed thanks to Convenors and Committee Members for their contributions during a difficult year. Secretary Mark Perrott presented an update on the plans for the Mitchell Shire Integrated Community Facility to be built at the JJ Clancy Reserve in Kilmore. This will be utilised by U3A on completion and is well suited to the purposes of the group, having two large social spaces, ample car parking and kitchen and bathroom facilities. Dawn Barr has stepped down from the newsletter editor role to concentrate on her writing but has taken on the role of vice president and will still be running the creative writing classes. After the meeting, a wonderful morning tea was enjoyed by all, courtesy of the talented kitchen coordinators.

So now as Covid restrictions lift and we ease into whatever the new normal will be, Kilmore and District U3A members are dusting off the cobwebs and embracing the myriad of recreational, educational and social opportunities on offer. Whether it is exercising, painting, dog walking, reading, gardening, knitting or just socialising, there is something for everybody and now that entertainment venues are opening the possibilities are endless.

Membership is open to all people over the age of 50 who are no longer working full time and wish to learn, to share or to interact within the community and new members are welcome. For a minimal fee of \$35.00 or \$60.00 for a couple, there is access to a wide range of activities and events.

For more information check out the website <u>https://u3akilmoreanddistrict.com.au/</u> or email <u>info@u3akilmoreanddistrict.com.au</u>

For those technophobes out there, write to us at: Kilmore & District U3A PO Box 550, Kilmore, Victoria, 3764

Cheers, Amanda Oades

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WHATS NEWS

TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS & BBQ

Our 2022 Season team announcement BBQ was a great success.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to *Leanne, Thea* and team at *Kemps Bakery*, who donated the bread for our day, and *Sam* and team from *IGA* for all the sausages and drinks.

These events are only made possible by the generous donations from local businesses such as yours and we cannot thank you enough for your support.

Thanks also to *Jason, Rebecca, Nick* and *Robyn* for all their help on the day.

We announced 6 teams across 4 age groups and introduced our 2022 Coaching team. Fixtures will be sent out in the coming weeks with play set to commence on the 30th of April.

All players will have received an email with training days and times. Coaches will contact their teams to advise if they are



available to run training sessions over the school holidays so keep an eye out in your email. PRESEASON

A huge thank you to the amazing *Emily Kate* who ran our Pre-season training sessions. The player improvement and engagement levels we saw throughout the sessions are a credit to your work.

Thank you to all families who made the effort to be at training week in week out. We look forward to seeing each and every one of you take the court later on this month.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Local sporting Clubs reply heavily on the support of local volunteers. The Netball Club is no exception. Last year Covid restrictions made it impossible for us to run a canteen. The funds the Club receives from the canteen allows us to employ experienced, exceptional umpires throughout the season.

We are actively seeking the help of the community to get our canteen up and running for the 2022 season. You do not need to have a family member playing at the Club to help. You simply need to be available on Saturday mornings to afternoon, throughout Winter. 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 LP Davern Reserve look like for you?

Preparing food

Handling money – Electronic payments and cash

Cleaning

Ordering stock (with the assistance of the club)

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.

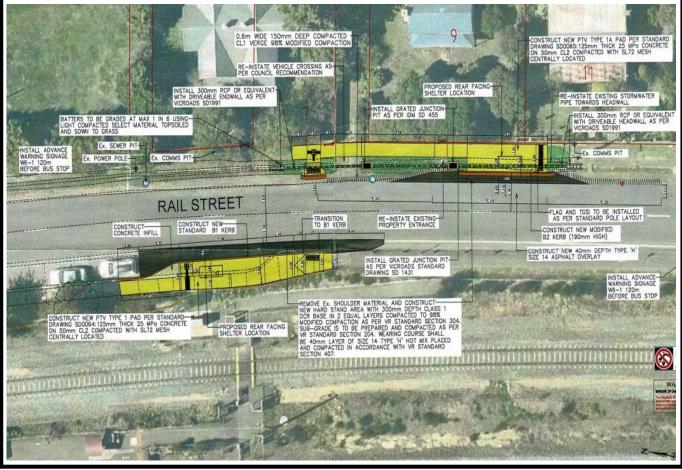
If you have any questions or would like to express interest, we'd love to hear from you!

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

UNBELIEVABLE - BUS STOPS ON RAIL STREET, WANDONG



WANDONG HISTORY GROUP

It was great to be able to have our annual Back to Wandong luncheon on the 27th March, and great to see some new faces amongst those who attended. This event has been going for eighteen years, only missing one year because of Covid, that in itself is remarkable.



We were lucky to have Jan Heriot nee Thomas and her sister Kerry attended and Jan kindly agreed to tell a few Wandong stories. It's a great part of the day and everyone enjoys hearing of how living in Wandong was back in the old days. A big shout out to John and the Cheryl's who again fed us mightily, the feast they put on is fit for a king.

As we go to print with this edition, we should be moving our stuff back into St Michaels. A few frustrating delays in getting the power on occurred which then threw the planned date for the floor polishing out so once again everything moved forward. Watch this space for the reopening event, once we re settled back in we will organise that to celebrate the restoration.

We are still working on developing our website. This has been a sharp learning curve for us and don't ever think this is an easy process, there are so many things that have to be done to get a website up and running but it will be worth it when we are officially online.

Mark ANZAC Day in your calendars, a very important day for our towns and we want to see a big turnout. This year we commemorate the bombing of Darwin 80 years ago.

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 <u>Wandonghisto-</u> <u>rygroup4@gmail.com</u> PH 0432120736



BENDIGO BUCKS CAMPAIGN - ends 30th June 2022

Wallan, Kilmore and Broadford Community Banks launched the Bendigo Bucks campaign back in November 2021, an initiative to support small local businesses following the difficulties of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Plastic cards valued at \$10 and \$20 have been handed out to members of the local community to spend at participating businesses.

PLEASE NOTE!!

This campaign will end on 30th June 2022 and all remaining cards need to be redeemed before this date. Don't let yours go to waste.

Participating businesses can be identified by stickers on their front windows as well as a card beside their tills.







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WANDONG TENNIS CLUB

Email: wandongtennisclub@hotmail.com or text Lisa on 0407 112 880. Information is posted on our Facebook page. <u>www.facebook.com/wandongtennis</u>

Saturday Winter season will commence at the end of April. Anyone interested in playing seniors or juniors please let the club know.



Also congratulations to our Junior Section 1 team who were also premiers.

Well done to Lucas Vicary, Dylan Hall, Tayla Albert and Riley Roberts.



Congratulations Riley Roberts who won best player for section 1 juniors

Congratulations to our senior Section 2 team who won the premiership.

Well done to Brad Wolfe, Michael White, Andrew Brooks and Maureen Buggy.





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



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Wandong Fire Brigade

Good Friday Appeal

Wandong Fire Brigade members will be collecting for The Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal again this year. It is something we look We will be set up on forward to every year. Epping - Kilmore Rd near the Magpie & Stump, and also at Wandong Plaza. One of the faces of the Good Friday Appeal is Isla, an amazing kid who has been supported by the Royal Children's Hospital through her fight with acute lymphoblastic leukaemia (ALL). Isla has family members living in the local area, and she and her family lived here while she was going through some of her treatments. This highlights the value of the royal children's hospital to our community, and the importance of helping them to raise much needed funds so they can continue to provide these life changing and life saving treatments.



Only working smoke alarms save lives.

As we change our clocks back at the end of daylight savings, it is a great time to check the smoke alarms through the house. If you missed it on the 3rd April, do it right now! It could save your life. Some handy tips to remember

- * smoke alarms should be installed in every living area and bedroom
- * smoke alarms should be tested monthly by pressing the test button until the alarm sounds
- * smoke alarms should be cleaned with a vacuum cleaner at least once a year

* smoke alarms should be interconnected, so that when any alarm activates, all smoke alarms will sound * smoke alarms should be replaced after 10 years - this includes smoke alarms attached to mains power

* smoke alarms should be installed on the ceiling at least 30cm from the wall, or where installed on the wall at least 30cm from the ceiling.

Fire Restrictions

The fire danger period in the Mitchell Shire ended on Monday 28th March. Even though we are beginning to experience milder conditions, there is still the potential for fires to occur. If you burn off after the conclusion of the fire danger period, please be mindful that the vegetation is still dry and its easy to lose control of your small burn-off. Take care and make sure you have water available at all times and never leave your burn-off unattended. It is important to always register your burn with the Burn-Off Notification Line on 1800 668 511. For more information see <u>http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/can/</u>.

Junior Fire Brigade

Wandong Junior Fire Brigade meet up between 6.30 and 8pm on Mondays at the station. Junior members are between 11 and 16

years old and live in the local area. They learn fire and rescue skills including hose bowling and coupling, first aid, navigation and also community service. The juniors are looking forward to assisting with the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal this year.

Fire Equipment Maintenance

Installing and Maintaining your Fire Suppression Equipment is required under the Building Code of Australia. Trained Wandong Fire Brigade members volunteer their time to provide this service to the Community and in turn raise funds for the Brigade to purchase equipment that protects the Community. All servicing carried out is compliant with the required Australian Standards. Our Forward Command Vehicle and FEM trailer have been provided through the work of these volunteers, and local individuals and businesses utilising this important service. If you are in need of Fire extinguishers, hose reels, fire blankets or ongoing maintenance of your equipment contact John Simpson on 0421 319 203 to discuss your needs.







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 trial, take the kids down to play on the play equipment or just play and exercise on the oval.

Junior Football and Netball Clubs are busy organizing their activities ready for the 2022 season. Registrations 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 are down at the Reserve in preseason training and the Wandong Primary doing their sporting activities.

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.

Shortly a Fitness Pod will be constructed at the northern end of the oval behind the football safety fence, opposite the Say G Day trail path. This is stage 1 and further fitness pods at the Reserve will occur in future grant applications.



Photo of what the Pod will look like at the Reserve.

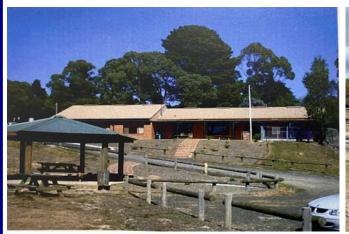




Photo of Community Centre around 2000 How things have changed in over 20 years 2022

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 <u>kooraw@bigpond.com</u>

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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

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

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.

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



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

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

Rob Telfer (President, L.B.Davern Reserve Committee) 12 Dry Creek Cres P.O.Box 303, Wandong 3758 Mobile 0408 393 250





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Neighbourhood Watch Let's watch out for each other South Mitchell

How safe is your place?

Your workplace has encouraged you to go back to the office but how safe is your place now you are back in the office?

So, if you're leaving your house empty for the first time in a while, make sure you're extra vigilant about your house security - lock doors, windows and gates, close blinds and trim back trees and shrubs so your front entry can be seen from the street.



Your doors

The security of your house can be increased by strengthening up your entry door, inside garage door, balcony doors or sliding doors.

Take a look at your doors and plan to upgrade them so that it is harder for thieves to break in. Opt for a quality front door that is solid and 'kick-proof'. Reinforce the door fittings at the same time; an external door should have at least three inside resting hinges which will make it harder to force open.

Electronic or keyless locks are perfect for the tech-savvy home-owner but they also give the homeowner greater control over the home. Consider installing one and also fit a video doorbell to allow you to see who is at your door, without opening it.

Burglars often check for the weakest point when breaking into a house. Windows that have been left slightly ajar, open, or even unlocked can be vulnerable particularly if they can't be seen from the road.

Consider installing the following to keep your windows safer:

- Key operated locks on all windows;
- One way blinds enable you to see out but they can't see in;
- External grilles, mesh or shutters
- Neighbourhood Watch, security or CCTV sticker

Online self-assessment tool available

'How safe is my place' is an online self-assessment tool to find out how safe your home is from burglary and what you can do to improve security in and around your home.

In completing the assessment, it will ask you about the items I have just referred to and many more relating to your storage of valuable, your use of timing devices, .

It will take you around 5 minutes to complete and is an initiative of Neighbourhood Watch Victoria and is supported by RACV.

To complete this survey, visit https://howsafeismyplace.com.au

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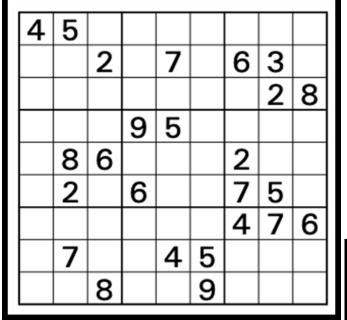
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Answers on page 24

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



THIS MONTHS QUIZ

Answer appears on Page 24 but no cheating!

- 1. Which country was first to give women a vote?
- What is the hottest place on Earth?
 What was Melbourne briefly named
- originally?
- 4. What does ANZAC stand for?
- 5. Which city has the most billionaires in the world?
- 6. Which city is the most southernmost capital in the world?
- 7. Which country invented tennis?
- 8. What is the oldest living city in the world?
- 9. What is the largest country in South America?
- 10. How many races did Phar Lap win?
- 11. Can peacocks swim?
- 12. What river runs through Alice Springs?
- 13. Who was the boy star in the movie "Boys Town" (1938)?

Kilmore/Wallan RSL Sub Branch

meets the last Thursday night of the month and open every Wednesday 10am -12pm at Kilmore Memorial Hall

Contact Rod Dally 0417 522 835 We have Pension and Welfare Officers to help veterans in the area.

MITCHELL SHIRE COUNCIL



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- > On our website www.mitchellshire.vic.gov.au

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It's Autumn! Can you believe it? The year is flying by. There are lots of things to get your teeth into as the weather cools off so give something new a try. Please be aware that you must be vaccinated to attend sessions if you are over 18 years. Coming Soon...... SAVE THE DATE - To celebrate Law Week in May we will be hosting a panel of experts for an event we are calling "Law & Order - Seniors Squad". Join us to find out the latest on the legal side of later life including: Wills and Powers of Attorney, Scams, Reverse Mortgages and Contracts in Aged Care, Inheritance Impatience and heaps more! Bring your questions! Friday May 20th, 2022 12 Noon - 1.30pm FREE **Community Meals** Big Blokes Brunch is a great way to start each week at the Whittlesea Community Activity Centre on Tuesdays! Bring a mate the food is great: 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 April 14th & 28th 11.30am - 1.00pm \$2.00 per person Welding for Beginners Learn to weld - TIG, MIG and ARC Wednesdays for 7 weeks from August 2nd 6.00pm - 9.00pm\$50+\$40 materials <u>Ukulele for Intermediate Players RETURNS!</u> We are pleased to welcome an intermediate group back to the House in 2022. Mondays from May 2nd 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 4th, 2022 11.00am - 4.00pmFREE 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 23rd \$85/\$150/\$195 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 29th 9.00am - 4.00pm\$260/\$230 concession Food Handling and Barista Food Handling Saturday May 21st 9.30am - 1.30pm \$70 Barista Saturday May 14th 9.00am - 1.30pm \$130 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 11th 6.00pm - 9.00pm \$50 + \$40 materials 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 <u>www.pollyannafilms.com</u> on this amazing course! Wednesdays for 20 weeks from May 4th 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 - 10.00amFREE Blokes Only Walk Fridays 9.30am - 10.00amFREE Dogs and prams are welcome! Fix It Friday RETURNS! Fix it Friday is back face to face! 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 Counselling, NDIS, Centrelink and Lift (Mental Health Program), Victoria Police, My Aged Care, No Interest Loan Scheme and heaps more! Solve lots of drama at one place on one day! Power Saving Bonus applications have been extended to June 30th, 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 April 22nd 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 or you can call to book any of the above on 9716 3361. See you soon!



WHAT TRAINING METHOD IS BEST ?

By Anne Zelvys IACP-CDT

Are you having trouble with your dog?

Just going for a walk is not the pleasant event you had imagined ,instead it is more a battle of wills with you and the dog struggling to decide where to go. Perhaps there are other times when your dog just seems to go 'mental'. He jumps all over your guests or rounds up the kids when they play in the back yard.

You tried to do all the right things, you took your new puppy to Puppy School, you Googled for advice, you might have even been to a private trainer but it didn't seem to help.

There is something you should consider:

When we look to our human world we see perhaps 9 types of

intelligence and people use different skills at varied degrees. Many school programs cater to perhaps 4 of these intelligent types kids who actually learn outside these methods are then left scratching their heads.



From my experience the same principle applies when it comes to teaching dogs. If you lock yourself in to using any specific "training method" it will suit some of our dogs, but NOT others ... instead we need to be open and think about how our dog learns AND it is important to also remember the handler who is on the other end of the leash ... as both dog and handler learn best in their own way.

Formal studies are now starting to delve into how dogs learn but for the the most part the science is just playing catch up with what many dog people already know.

Consider how the traditional 'Obedience' style of training is more about SIT, DROP, HEEL, but this doesn't work to solve your lifestyle problem and it is difficult for both the human and the dog to relate this into your everyday life.

This explains why there are often dogs who might do great gelaboverate when they are practicing their training at home but then

become excited during group classes. Food training or clicker training is terrific when the dog is food motivated but when your dog is highly distracted say walking in the street and spies a new dog - then he doesn't have any interest in the food you are offering.

It is important to understand both the dog and the human are individuals so the object is to find what style works for both. So don't give up, you might need to seek help from different clubs or trainers before you find the one that works for you and your dog.

Remember with any training, we are NOT trying to change the individuals personality ... we can only change behaviour.....



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 WARRIORS - 2022 FIXTURE

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Clonbinane Rural Fire Brigade

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End To Fire Danger Period

It is now permitted to burn off in rural areas of Mitchell Shire if safe to do so.

It is a Mitchell Shire By-law that you register your burn off. Register online or by phoning 1800 668 511. Registering burn-offs online at <u>firepermits.vic.gov.au</u> would ensure the burn could be added to the statewide register.

Burning Off

From past experiences we know burn-offs can flare up a couple of days after the burn-off, which highlights the importance of making sure your burn-off is fully extinguished and keeping an eye on weather conditions not just for the day of your burn but for the following days. We'd urge anyone who has burnt off in the past few days to double check that it has been fully extinguished.

The CFA Chief Officer urges Victorians to take extreme care when burning off. "We encourage residents to take advantage of the current window of opportunity to clean up their properties before the bushfire season, but the effects of an out-of-control fire can be devastating," he said.

"It is absolutely essential that you have enough water on hand to put out a fire. There isn't enough time to run back to your house if your fire gets out of control. You should construct a fire break, free of flammable, materials around any burn-off." Property owners have legal obligations when burning off. Failing to comply with local council by-laws and state legislation can lead to a fine.

All calls to Triple Zero about smoke sightings are cross-checked with that register, and firefighters are called out if nothing is listed for that location. False alarm calls to unregistered burn-offs take volunteer firefighters away from workplaces, families and other emergencies.

Keep your burn off safe and legal:

- Always register your burn on 1800 668 511
- Check and monitor weather conditions particularly wind
- Warn your neighbours beforehand that there will be smoke in the air
- Leave a three-metre fire break, free from flammable materials around the burn
- Have sufficient equipment and water to stop the fire spreading
- Never leave a burn-off unattended stay for its entire duration
- If your burn-off gets out of control, call '000' immediately

For further information <u>http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/burnoff</u>

Please check out the CFA website if you require any fire prevention information. <u>www.cfa.vic.gov.au</u> Wishing you a Happy and Safe Easter

Cheers, John Mahoney- Captain

Are you burning-off safely?







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