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ANZAC DAY CEREMONY AT WANDONG

It was a beautiful day, the roses were fantastic, the Wandong trees in magnificent Autumn colour and a great crowd of over 200 attended the ANZAC day ceremony at Wandong. This year the event commemorated the 80th anniversary of the bombing of Darwin and paid tribute to local soldier Private George Reekie McIntosh (pictured right). The ceremony was led by the Wandong History Group, MC Peter Dore, Reverend Ruawn Palapathwala and the school captains of the Wandong Primary School





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Wandong Fire Brigade

Democracy Sausage Sizzle

Wandong Fire Brigade will be running the Sausage Sizzle at the voting center at Wandong Primary School for the upcoming Federal election on Saturday 21st May, 2022. We will have eggs and bacon for the early morning shift, and then sausages later in the day. See you there!

Good Friday Appeal

Big thank you to all who donated to the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. Wandong Fire Brigade's count in the Money Counting Room totalled \$7,671.90, and \$261 through our virtual tin rattle. CFA brigades proudly collected \$1,440,225 or the appeal this year. We will back again next year!



Wandong

Fire Brigade and Clonbinane Fire Brigade members joined together to form the catafalque party for the Wandong ANZAC day service. Some of our junior members also laid a wreath during the ceremony.

No Standing signs

Be aware that the Mitchell Shire Council have installed NO Standing signs either side of the driveway to the fire station. The Council are actively policing the area. Wandong Fire Station is an emergency service that is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Access to the station is required at all times for members to enter safely, and for emergency vehicles to leave and return. Please do not park your vehicle on the grounds of the fire station, or park across the driveway, or block access to the driveway with your vehicle.

Burning Off

Mitchell Shire Council allows burning off, in town areas, on Wednesdays and Saturdays between 10am and 3pm. You must register your burn-off by calling the CFA Burn Off Line on 1800 668 511 or via the website https://firepermits.vic.gov.au/.

Wandong Junior Fire Brigade recruiting NOW

The Junior program is run 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. With a few of our members joining the senior ranks, we are opening up for more juniors to join. Contact Terry 0413644319 for more details.

Training

Training is on Wednesday nights starting at 7pm at the fire station. For more information contact Lt James Stephens on 0418 221 458. Crews will be attending live fire training in May using the portable training props, as well as a scheduled visit to the Wangaratta training ground.

What's Happening



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GREETINGS

We wish the following

people a very happy

birthday

Gaye Georgelin

Ken McDonald

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Erin Gough

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Congratulations

9 May Phillip & Maureen Buggy HJ 16 May Brian & Rose Dove W 17 May Neil & Chris Douthwaite HJ 17 May Norman & Anne Rose K 24 May I an & Sue Marstaeller HJ

ALL ARE SPECIAL MUMS

To all who celebrated this special day recently a day amongst many days where many were acknowledged and respected, pampered and loved.

We also think of the expectant mums, the want to be mums, hoping that their turn will come. We also remember the mums without their offspring around them and those waiting for adoption.

Over these next two issues of What's News we welcome two mums sharing with us some of their lives and families.

Both of these mums have an absolute Multitude of Blessings surrounding them.

Firstly, Katy now married 24 years, and a devoted mother of 8 offspring.

Career focused, American born, she came to Melbourne University for 6 months, there meeting her life mate, becoming a Christian believer. God gave them the desire for a large family. Now 19 rewarding years of teaching her children in Christian principles and from the Word of God by home - schooling them.

Victorian born Catherine previously a nurse was brought up in a Christian environment.

After marriage, desiring a child seemed to be a great challenge in the beginning so decided to leave it to Gods'plans for her and her husbands' lives. God had much planned......

Now Catherine married for 23 years is also a dedicated home - schooler mum for her brood of nine and has learnt to wait patiently in raising a large family, continuing with another baby on the way.

Both women rely on the Lord for their physical strength and wisdom, as well as His Biblically based leading, dealing with one day at a time.

Spending precious time with their husbands, walking, talking in their gardens. Celebration of special times together is fitted into their busy schedules.

At the end of the day the whole family, when the dads come home, spend time sharing a meal, Bible reading, reading Godly books and prayer times and devotions. Fun times for all together going on picnics, holidays, attending church and activities.

As these mums lovingly watch their children develop individually as well as helping each other. Interaction and love between them truly brings them both great delight.

Next issue we shall share more from mothers' hearts.

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

Another month and another meeting. Daniel has designed some really nice posters for us to distribute about the place. Tania was going to attach the smaller ones to the mint boxes. My only objection is that they don't have a photo of me on them. They must be jealous of my good looks.

We have a new member, Peter Van de Paverd. He is a friend of Daniels and should fit right in with young blokes like me and Bill and Brian.

Bill and Marie Forbes Laid a wreath at the Anzac ceremony at Wallan on behalf of our Club and I presented one at Wandong. Both services were impressive and well attended.

David has had his heart bypass done and now he is at home annoying Sonia. She wanted them to keep him. He rejected the offer of a cut-price procedure performed by Brian and myself. Some people can't recognise a bargain when they see it.

Speaking of Brian, he made a new letterbox. However the postie couldn't find an opening to insert the letters. Around and around he went and left quite puzzled. Brian can be a bit forgetful.

Bill Forbes is a radio buff. He needed to attach a new aerial so he devised a method of shooting the new cable above the trees with a bow and arrow. Attaching the cable to fishing line he then shot the arrow into the air. The line of course got caught in the trees. Several attempts later there were reports of some muffin firing missiles at low flying aircraft.

Marilyn is slowly recovering in Kilmore Hospital. She will be there until the end of the month. When I reported her unfortunate accident I forgot to mention that she had tripped over her cat. Many people were more concerned about the cat than they were about Marilyn. I am pleased to report that the cat was not injured and is continuing life untraumatised.

While discussing the state of the nation with Steve Munro he remarked that he never ceases to be amazed at how little he knew before he met Tania. I understand this point of view. I often think that I must have done something right once but I forgot to write it down. Never mind I may yet do something right.

Catch you next month. Clyde Riley

WANDONG PUBLIC HALL

This year the hall will be the venue for pre-polling for the federal election. During this time the hall will not be available for hire. As the pre- polling opens two weeks prior to the election date, our regular user groups will be offered an alternate venue for the duration of the election period.

We are making progress on all our projects, the lawn area was held up due to wet weather, it rained just when the turf was due to be lifted, hopefully that delay wont affect its growing and settling in too much. We have also had some of the pavers lifted and reset as ground movement has made some not level. The adventure area is almost done, the pipe will be painted and then we will decide if we want to add anything else.

Our regular user groups are always keen to have more people come along they are listed below: TAI CHI BACK AT THE HALL

Commencing Tuesday 26th April Tai Chi Classes started 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 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 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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SEASON HAS STARTED!

Wandong Warriors has kicked off their season 2022 with Round 1 on April 24 with three age divisions, under 9, 11s and 13s. The teams gained some experience against a good team in Tabilk.

The season started well for the Warriors, with lots of players on the field despite Easter break. We encourage everyone to keep training or let your coach, assistant coach or team manager know if you can't make training.

CANTEEN

At home games the canteen is fully stocked, and eftpos is available. Thanks to Allen Hall, Shelley and Steve Kilroy, Karen Christensen and the Lions Clubs Clyde Riley for their ongoing support and the important job of running the canteen.

TRAINING

Tuesday and Thursday from 4:30pm to 5:30pm.

COACHING APPOINTMENTS:

Our 2022 coaching and team manager line up consists of:

Under 9s Coach: Shannon Thomas, Assistant coach: Salvatore Mandanici, Team Manager: Tilly Thomas

Under 11s Coach: Grant Horton, Assistant coach: Ben Helpenstein, Team Manager: Jo Pascoe

Under 13s Coach: Stuart Butterworth, Assistant coach: Ross Mendola, Team Manager: Janelle Tipping REGISTRATION:

Online Registration is still open and go here playhq.com and search for Wandong

SOCIAL EVENT:

Stay tuned and watch out of facebook for upcoming social catchup.

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 apart 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 for further information.

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

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To book your spot contact our secretary on 0420 200 278 or email secretary@mitchellshireconcertband.org.au



GARDEN SCENE WITH GAIL

Hi for our last month of Autumn, cool mornings, lovely days and great sleeping weather. Well, our Autumn colours are fading, and our days will be cooler as we gear down for our Winter. Deciduous plants will begin their hibernation, the sap slows down, travelling through the plant encouraging the leaves to drop and the plants can then have a well-deserved rest. Fruit trees or any deciduous plants can be pruned at this time, and so to can evergreen plants but ensure they have finished flowering. The ideal time for pruning is directly after flowering finishes and just before the new growth starts and before frosts begin. Daphne is gearing up for its display of beautiful, perfumed flowers, the intoxicating scent is unforgettable and by cutting posies for friends or to take indoors is a great way to prune these stunning plants for regenerating of the plant or reshaping and don't forget to fertilise, preferably with a liquid fertiliser because this is taken up by the plants quite quickly and at this time of year it works great given that Winter is catching up with us. Don't forget English Box, feed them before Winter sets in, to avoid them turning bronze in colour during the cold months. Also feed Camellias, and Rhododendrons, along with other late Autumn flowering plants and early Winter flowering plants. They may be budding up ready for their explosion of flowers, Camellias are a prime example. Don't overlook Crepe Myrtles, they are stunning plants and at this time of the year most of them have dropped their leaves leaving beautiful trunks and branches etched with toning's of grey and creamy white. What a lovely backdrop for lower plantings of evergreen plants, such as Azaleas, Acacia 'Mini Cogs', Clivia, Variegated and green evergreen Liriope and when planted near water such as a garden pond, stream, or imitation creek bed they look absolutely amazing or teamed up with Scleranthus biflorus. Don't forget to mulch our gardens to help eliminate weeds and it may even assist in keeping the weeds under control, add well-rotted cow manure and Gypsum if you have a clay-based soil. At this time of year our lawns may need some help, possibly to improve drainage, growth, water retention and soil quality. There are shoes you can buy that have long spikes on the soles, that you strap on to your own shoes or you can go over the lawn with a garden fork but that can be back breaking work. Aerate the lawn really well, apply Gypsum, about a good handful per square metre and water in well or wait until it's due to rain to save you time in watering. This process can be applied to any areas of the garden that will benefit. I love his time of year because it's planting preparation time, this is when we have fun planning our gardens, adding to them, or revamping them. I look at non planted areas & it's exciting because it's a blank canvas ready for the garden artist to bring colour to, to plan the design or simply develop an abstract. If the soil is poor and appears to repel water, we need to add loads of organic matter to encourage the soil particles to be able to absorb all the moisture available and again, we also need to add Gypsum, one good handful per square metre and add some fine white sand, not builders' sand and well-rotted cow manure, as much as you can. Dig this over thoroughly and try to dig it as deep as possible to allow future plantings the ability to get their roots down really well. Now is the fun part, choosing the plants. Okay, what is the aspect of the garden where you're planting, does it get hot afternoon sun in Summer or is it a cool area, open to frost, how big is the area to be planted, will it accommodate a large plant or smaller plant varieties, what colours will enhance the area of garden and how much water is available to this garden bed during the hot season, is there a brick or metal wall near the area, will it need to be watered constantly, every couple of days or weekly, lots of questions but that's the fun of it.



If water is an issue, you may consider really hardy plants such as Ornamental Pistachio, Chinese Tallow, Evergreen Ash, Crepe Myrtle, Diosma, Nandina, Correa, Callistemon, Grevillea, Westringia. (Native Rosemary) As a general rule, the smaller the leaf the more tolerant of warm conditions. In cooler areas try Hydrangea, (they grow so well from cuttings) Azalea, Japonica Camellia, Hellebore, Impatient. Gardening is so rewarding because our gardens evolve as we entertain different ideas to enhance what we love.

Have a lovely May & Happy Mother's Day to all the Mum's out there.

Gail Mains Kendrick (your local real estate agent)



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



Wandong Primary School



<u>Farewell Mr David Warren:</u> Wandong Primary's Assistant Principal has announced his successful appointment as the substantive Principal of Bethal Primary School beginning Term Two. We are all inordinately proud of this amazing achievement and so happy to see

Mr Warren fulfil his aspirations in educational leadership into the role of Principal. Dave is an exceptional leader and as much as I wish him well and every success in leading Bethal, what he brought to our team at Wandong will be be missed.

Over his tenure at Wandong, Dave has had significant reach into our community with students, staff and families as Assistant Principal and Acting Principal. When I arrived in Term Four in 2019 I have truly valued his unending support, loyalty and passion to dream big and achieve the highest of targets for children and staff alike.

We are sure everyone joins us in simply saying, THANKYOU Dave! We all know you're going to be an asset to Bethal and we all wish you well on this new journey ahead.

<u>Congratulations</u> to Stephanie Pollock who was successfully appointed to our Acting Assistant Principal (AP) role for Term Two. Ms Pollock is a long standing staff member at Wandong and well known in our small community. Steph will be wearing many hats this term as her role shifts from Learning Specialist to Acting AP.

Term Two COVID-19 Update:

Face masks - From 11:59 pm Friday 22 April, face masks, while recommended, are not required in any school setting. This means students in grades 3 to 6, staff and visitors in primary schools are no longer required to wear face masks.

Screening requirements - Students and staff who have tested positive for COVID-19, and have completed their 7-day isolation period, now do not need to undertake rapid antigen test (RAT) screening for 12 weeks after their release from isolation. This was previously 8 weeks.

Household contacts - Students and staff who are household contacts of a COVID-19 case are no longer required to quarantine. They can return to school as long as they undertake rapid antigen tests (RAT) 5 times within their 7-day period and wear face masks indoors if they are aged 8 and above unless they have a valid exemption.

If any household contact returns a positive RAT result during this period, they must isolate for 7 days and not attend school.

Vaccination requirements for visitors to schools - Parents, carers and other adult visitors (not performing work) are no longer required to show evidence of two doses of COVID-19 vaccine.

Our school community is looking forward to a wonderful, but very busy Term Two!

Jaclyn Adams & Kaitlyn Hall – Teachers, Wandong PS.

WANDONG HISTORY GROUP

After a long, seems like forever journey we have moved back into the church. We still have a lot of organising to do but at least we are back in our home and really looking forward to being able to welcome visitors. I have to thank members David and Allen who have worked hard in the difficult task of shifting furniture and helping set up the building.

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

Wandonghistorygroup4@gmail.com PH 0432120736



Mitchell Shire Concert Band

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

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



PO Box 550, Kilmore 3764 President: Elaine De Gabrielle

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

It is widely accepted that both physical and intellectual activities enrich and prolong life in general and this is especially true in the third age. Freedom from work and child rearing responsibilities open up many opportunities, which Kilmore and District U3A support as part of a worldwide movement originating in France in 1973. The aim is to further learning opportunities and the enjoyment of life for retired members of the community via a self-help model of teaching and learning, covering a wide range of topics and utilising the expertise, knowledge and skills of the membership.

The opportunities on offer are many and varied. The Gardening club had a great start to the year with in excess of 30 people attending a swap day where seeds, plants and bulbs were exchanged in the beautiful garden setting of one of the members. Each month there is a garden visit or a garden themed event to enjoy. Members are looking forward to a presentation by the Violet town seed savers scheduled for July. This is a community group of keen growers who pool resources to ensure there is a viable and diverse seedbank to insure against natural disaster and to provide seeds and plants adapted to local conditions to anyone affected by flood or fire.

The History Class meets on the first Monday of each month. They have had an interesting and enjoyable series of sessions on the history of churches in Kilmore, the two most recent being the Anglican Church and St Patricks Catholic Church.

In June there is an upcoming morning tea with a guest speaker from Fisheries Victoria. This should be a lively session about the state of Fisheries in our area and will be an opportunity to ask questions about sustainability and environmental issues faced by the department. Many local recreational fishers travel far afield in pursuit of their sport so the impact of the buyout of commercial licences in the Gippsland lakes area following the earlier controversial decision to phase out commercial net fishing in Port Phillip Bay will be of interest to many.

Victorian Seniors Week is the week commencing Sunday 2nd October 2022 and Bendigo will be hosting the U3A state conference to coincide. The theme is "Building Back Better" and the program will include discussions around the major themes and challenges of the movement in these ever changing times, bearing in mind the traditional foundation of the U3A movement as learning from each other, sharing experience and being intellectually and emotionally valued.

For further information email: <u>info@u3akilmoreanddistrict.com.au</u> Or check out the website: <u>https://u3akilmoreanddistrict.com.au/</u> Cheers, Amanda Oades

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 morning juniors commence their winter season on Saturday 7th May. Good luck to all especially our new members.

Saturday afternoon seniors will be run as a fast 4 competition rotating between our local clubs. If you are interested in playing please let Lisa know on 0407112880

Tuesday and Thursday night competitions are almost finished. Just a few rounds to go before the finals. Good luck everyone.

Coaching is available at the club for all ages and abilities. Cardio tennis sessions are run regularly at the club Please contact our coach Karl on 0423 611 317 or <u>kv.tennis@hotmail.com</u>



KILMORE GOLF CLUB

Competitions are now in full swing and it is wonderful to be able to fully complete events on Wednesdays and Saturdays. With the start of winter, the Club is once again trialling a shotgun start at 10.30 with registration at 10.00. This enables players to meet together after the game and share some food and a drink.



On Anzac Day the club held a 4-person Ambrose event. This was preceded with a snack of an egg and bacon roll. 24 players competed with the winners being Merv Shadendorff, Barry Archbold, Ron Campbell and Dennis Bush.

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 30th. 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 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

Two other important offers are also available at Kilmore Golf Club

JUNIOR COACHING CLASSES RESUME FOR TERM 2

Classes start SATURDAY 7TH OF MAY and run for 4 consecutive weeks. Coach is golf professional Nathan Roberts and sessions are:

• Juniors 5-9 years old - 12pm 'til 12:45pm

• Juniors 10+ years old - 12:45pm 'til 1:30pm

All equipment can be provided at no extra cost

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Any questions please call Nathan Roberts 0405 327 427.

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The golf shop is open each Saturday if you wish to seek further information.

HUME AND HOVELL REVELATION FOR WANDONG AND WALLAN

Recent research just published by the Royal Historical Society of Victoria has revealed the path of Hamilton Hume and William Hovell in 1824 in this region and revealed that they travelled straight through the middle of Wandong, crossed the Dividing Range at Hume's Pass, Wandong, then along Eastern Ridge, Happy Valley.

Reverting backwards a few miles in their journey, Hume and Hovell approached Mt Piper, Broadford, on the afternoon of the 12th December, 1824 on a compass bearing of West by South. It is nearly due West to the lay person. They camped that night at the junction of Sunday Creek and Dry Creek, Broadford. Next morning they had to travel seven miles East by South, nearly due South, to Waterford Park to find the first passable crossing of Sunday Creek.

The party was short of food and were desperate to get clear of the mountain ranges. Hume led them through a series of natural low passes, briefly South-West, then back generally South along what later became the Wandong-Broadford road. It took them straight through the middle of Wandong along Rail Street, across Arkells Lane and up to the watershed peak on the Great Dividing Range that is 1260 metres South of Arkells Lane. This peak is quite distinctive on the skyline and was the obvious high place for Hamilton Hume to ride to as he led the party forward.

Having crossed the peak Hume continued to ride in front along Eastern Ridge, Wallan (Happy Valley) to about the now Emelia Court intersection, according to the accurate measurements left by William Hovell.

Darraweit Guim Primary School News



The last week of term 1 was jam packed with lots and lots of activities in school and for our school community. We held our Easter raffle, the evening was full of fun games, an awesome sausage sizzle and a spectacular Easter raffle. A big thank you to all the families and members of the school community that donated to our raffle; We were able to put together 7 magnificent prizes.





School has started back up for term 2 this week. All the students were ready to go and excited to be back at school. The first Monday back fell on ANZAC Day and our school participated in the Wallan march and placed a wreath. We want to say a big thank you the all the students, families and friends that came and helped us pay our respects.



2023 ENROLMENTS We are now taking enrolments for 2023. We would love you to come along and see what we do. Please contact me, Carol Booker - Principal, on 5789 1234 to arrange a tour

WANDONG HISTORY GROUP - ANZAC DAY 2022

ANZAC Day at Wandong was a great day for the town, a huge crowd turned out on a perfect autumn day. It's fantastic that the local people really want to commemorate the day and the History Group would like to thank all those who pitched in to help. The school captains were marvellous and we would like to thank them all, Cammy Mathin, Scarlett Louis, Jax Martyn-Jones, Alfie Williams, and Blake Sheldon



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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IN PERSON PEER SUPPORT

From Jason Watts, Program Leader Carer Support Services

Hi everyone,

This month I would like to have a quick chat about Carer Gateway's In Person Peer Support program.

What is In Person Peer Support?

In Person Peer Support is the opportunity to learn from peers through the sharing of lived experience. For carers, sharing of knowledge and the support of a peer who 'has been there' can offer reduced levels of worry, tension and distress.

Studies have shown the benefits of peer support to include gaining skills, increasing selfknowledge, sharing positive experiences and forging connections with others.

What is an In Person Peer Support Group?

The In Person Peer Support Group is a FREE facilitated peer support group for carers enabling connection with other

carers. The group allows for personal connections and sharing of personal stories and experiences amongst carers.

Over 4 - 6 weeks the group will cover the following four topics:

- Connection
- Finding Community
- Making Meaning of Now
- Finding Purpose

All sessions are flexible and tailored to different groups of carers.

Importantly In Person Peer Support is suitable for ALL carers, including young carers.

I'm interested – what do I do now?

Great! For more information or to register your interest please contact Jill Smith the In Person Peer Support worker at Familycare. Jill can be contacted on 5823 7034.

Until next time. Jason

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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 through 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 now in full swing heading into round 4 in the 2022 season,. Watch out for them and please support our Junior Clubs.

Tennis continues with their ever increasing membership with Tuesday and Thursday nights. There will be a short break before recommencing the winter season of Tennis competition in juniors and afternoons.

It's good to see the Reserve full of life with our community back in supporting their groups and other activities enjoyed by those who participate.

Walking the dogs kids in the playground individuals/groups doing their fitness workouts mums with the kids in the pram riding bikes playing football passing shots in netball shooting hoops at the basketball ring riding the horses training dogs to behave Wandong primary doing their sporting activities on the Oval Wallan basketball in the Stadium

Continued developments at the Reserve will complement our sport groups and community. We are very lucky to have a Reserve that has character and bush ambiance to complements our communities.

Shortly there will be construction work at the northern end of the oval behind the football safety fence of a Fitness Pod, opposite the Say G Day trail path of which will be stage 1. Further Fitness pods at the Reserve will occur in future grant applications.



Photos of what the exercise pod will look like at the Reserve.





Looking south from the tennis courts 2004



The Reserve playground had 3 moves during 2004

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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>

Summary advice for the Reserve:

Please check in with the Mitchell Shire Web Site for all updates as new stages unfold:

www.mitchellshire.vic.gov.au/COVID-19 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.

GOOD HYGIENE

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-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

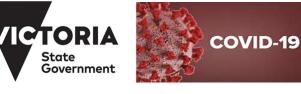
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It is in our community interest that we all keep our Reserve safe for all to use!!

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Driving safely on wet roads

Anyone who was out driving recently on the wet roads may have got caught in any of the traffic jams caused by drivers forgetting how to drive in the rain.

This is particularly the case when the dry roads first get wet as they become slippery from the previously dropped oil. Our tips will help keep your safer on wet roads:



- Always drive with two hands to stay in control of your vehicle:
- Slow down! A vehicle moving slower will enable the tyres to have better traction and contact with the road;
- Increase your distance from the cars in front of you, and NEVER cut in and out of lanes to try and get ahead;
- Stay vigilant of other drivers and dangers in your surroundings. Anticipate dangerous situations rather than waiting to react to them;
- Brake in a straight line before your turn a corner. Maintain a constant speed through the turn and DO NOT brake during the turn as it can make you slip; and
- **NEVER** use your cruise control in wet conditions. This can cause your vehicle to accelerate quickly if your vehicle starts to hydroplane on the film of water sitting on top of the road.

Defensive driving - hydroplaning

The term hydroplaning is commonly used to the skidding or sliding of a car across a wet surface, but in fact it is when a tyre is separated from the road surface by a thin film of water and the car loses traction. If your vehicle starts to hydroplane the most important thing to remember is NOT TO PANIC.

- Avoid the natural urge to panic and slam your brakes this can cause your vehicle to spin completely out of control;
- Drive in the tracks of preceding vehicles;
- DO NOT BRAKE or ACCELERATE. Instead go into neutral (or depress your clutch); and
- Grip the steering wheel firmly and steer where you want to go.

RACV, NHW Victoria's major sponsor, has more information about driving and car maintenance tips.

Visit https://www.racv.com.au/on-the-road/driving-maintenance.html

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THIS MONTHS QUIZ

Answer appears on Page 24 but no cheating!

- 1. Which constellation is depicted on the Australian flag?
- 2. Which line of latitude runs thru Australia?
- 3. What is a Mollydooker?
- 4. Which Australian State produces most wine?
- 5. Where in Australia can you find Quokkas?
- 6. What is the National flower of Australia?
- 7. What highway runs Darwin to Adelaide?
- 8. Which Australian singer sang "The Loco-Motion"?
- 9. What flower produced in Tasmania is used for ice-cream?
- 10. When did Melbourne host the Summer Olympics?
- 11. In which country was the Battle of Gallipoli?
- 12. What is the highest active rank of the Australian Army?
- 13. What Queensland town was QANTAS founded?
- 14. In which city does Australia's Princes Highway start?

Kilmore/Wallan RSL Sub Branch

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

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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. \$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 - 4.00pm FREE to eligible applicants

First Aid (CPR, Provide First Aid & Provide First Aid in an Emergency in an Education & Care We are running blended learning First Aid and Mental Health First Aid during the first Setting). We 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

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<u>Animation 101</u> 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 Counsel-ling, 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 FRFF. Call 9716 3361 to register in advance, it's FREE.

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!



Let's Talk Kennel Cough ! ...

By Anne Zelvys IACP-CDT

Now it seems that the introduction of the Covid virus has changed the way we view any sickness. Consider how us humans walk into a shop and someone coughs near you.... We feel ourselves moving away as we wish they were wearing a mask !!... Well this attitude has now infiltrated into our dog world, particularly thru social media. The biggest issue with dogs medical care, is how people panic when they hear there is Kennel Cough in the area, we want to blame others if our dog appears sick. So let us break this down and work out what is really going on....

What is Kennel Cough? Simply put, KC is an upper respiratory infection affecting dogs... much the same as a human having a cold or flu... so just like with humans the symptoms can be a runny nose, or watery eyes, sneezing, and a cough.... and just like with humans, the symptoms may be very mild to more severe... just like with human flu, there can be many different strains.

When humans get a common cold or a flu, we don't need to go to a doctor, we just need to look after ourselves and we do that by staying warm, not running around too much, keeping hydrated. We only need to go to the doctor if we get a SECONDARY infection such as the coughing moves into the chest and we are at risk of perhaps developing pneumonia. This is when antibiotics can then be appropriate.

How Infectious is Kennel Cough ? So just like any cold or flu it is usually spread thru direct contact and the infectious stage could be when the dog (or human) is not showing any symptoms.

- So you could easily be down the park and your dog is having a great time playing with another dog who may show no sign of kennel cough but is carrying the infection .
- Just the same as you could take your dog to the vet for vaccination and picks up the KC bacteria from contact with a dog in the waiting room ... or some saliva on the floor even the germs floating in the air.
- Perhaps the neighbour's dog has the infection and might spread to your dog and then your dog spreads to the next etc..... Just like kids with colds, flu etc...

What about the Vaccine ? There are perhaps 9 known strains of Kennel Cough and there is a vaccine for two strains. Research has also shown that the vaccine has a life of perhaps 6-9 months, so even IF you vaccinate your dog annually they can still catch Kennel Cough.

What Dogs are Most Vulnerable? The dog's immune system is designed to deal with many of the day to day germs your dog will encounter, but there are some factors to consider with individual dogs (just like with humans)

- Dogs in their first year are developing their immune systems so more at risk.
- Old dogs or even dogs who have been unwell or dealing with major illnesses.

Dogs under stressful situations such as: residing in a poor environment, or placed in Rescue Centres, and even staying in a strange kennel environment.

Dogs with insular / sheltered lives are often prone to stress hence more prone.

What is the Course of Action ? Contrary to what many groups on social media... or well meaning friends... or random staff at the local pet supermarket... might have you believe - Kennel Cough is NOT a big scary problem for the vast majority of dogs. You DO NOT need to spend your hard earned money at the vet - Your dog does NOT need antibiotics "just in case" - In fact chances are the dog's immune system will build and learn to fight this strain in the future.

Personal Tips - I have lived and worked with multiple dogs for over 40 years and have also run a small boarding kennel and training school for 30 years and yet we have only had two minor cases of Kennel Cough which only affected a few of our own dogs after they had been at a dog show. Yet the dogs in the kennels did not develop KC as they had no direct contact with the show dogs. So what did we do...?

- We kept them quiet and reduced their activity
- We ensured they did not get left out in the cold
- We made cough lollies for them by mixing greek yoghurt with honey and froze them in little patty pans and when they coughed this seemed to help ease any ill effects on their throats.
- 🚽 Without any medical intervention, all dogs actually got over the coughing within a week.

So remember the First Rule of First Aid DON'T PANIC !

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INCIDENTS

It is now permitted to burn off in rural areas of Mitchell Shire if safe to do so. However, the district has had many callouts to burn-offs out of control. It is a Mitchell Shire By-law that you must register your burn off. Register online or by phoning 1800 668 511. Registering burn-offs online at firepermits.vic.gov.au is a quick way to ensure the burn is added to the state-wide register.

Conditions have to be right! Windy conditions greatly increase the likelihood that your burn off may get out of control. Warn your neighbours beforehand that there will be smoke in the air. 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>

ANZAC DAY AT WANDONG 2022

Clonbinane CFA took part as the Catafalque Party at the Wandong ANZAC Day ceremony.

CHIMNEY FIRES AND YOUR FLUE

Winter is on the way and this month's fire safety snippet is on chimney fires.

Should a fire occur in your chimney or flue pipe then remember a fire needs air to burn. Close all vents and doors. Use a dry chemical fire extinguisher and avoid the use of water. Extinguishing with water may burn you with steam, crack the glass in the firebox door or buckle metalwork. If you think the fire is out, then do not open the door for at least 30 minutes. Did you call the fire brigade? You should do so as soon as you realise you have a problem. Some fires occur where the flue pipe goes through the ceiling. This can happen if a qualified professional does not install the flue and heater. A ceiling fire is extremely dangerous and requires immediate evacuation from the house and for someone to call 000 ASAP.

Chimney fires can occur when a hot fire in your wood heater, wood stove or fireplace ignites a build-up of creosote. Creosote deposits accumulate in all types of chimneys - masonry, or metal, where wood burning appliances are vented. Creosote is combustible and if it burns in the chimney, the fire is extremely hot. Roaring like a freight train, a chimney fire can melt through even a well-built "safe" chimney or vent, setting the building on fire.

a chimney fire can melt through even a well-built "safe" chimney or vent, setting the building on fire. Creosote is a black, oily wood-tar condensate that forms in chimneys over fireplaces or woodstoves; it forms inside of chimneys and flues when burning wood in fireplaces and woodstoves. Creosote tar, a natural by-product of burning wood is carried into the chimney as a vapour in the smoke. The creosote tar vapour condenses as a liquid on to the cooler chimney sides as smoke passes up the chimney and flue. A long low-smouldering wood fire produces more creosote than a hotter faster-burning wood fire. That is because burning wood at a lower temperature results in an incomplete combustion of the wood itself. As the creosote deposits cool, they harden to a shiny black coating that can be difficult to remove, especially if the creosote deposits are left over an extended period is removed. A chimney cap not only prevents rain from entering and possibly damaging the chimney, but it also improves draft and prevents downdrafts - conditions that can increase the rate of creosote formation. Creosote deposits can be removed by using a stiff chimney brush if the deposits are sooty in character. This is the easiest and best condition to handle. Creosote deposits that are glazed and hard on the chimney walls can be difficult to remove. A powered mechanical brush maybe required in this situation.

Chimney fires can happen without you noticing it and can cause significant damage. Prevention and cleaning of the chimney is the answer. Prevent the creosote building up by burning dry wood only. Ideally, wood should be cut, split and dried a year before burning. It is desirable to burn small hot fires as opposed to large smoky ones. This will help reduce creosote build-up. A build-up of creosote that is between 3mm to 6mm is considered a hazard that should be removed. Chimneysweeper brushes are available from your hardware store or wood heater specialist. Wood heater specialists often provide maintenance services for your wood heater.

Please contact the brigade if you require any house fire prevention information or check out the CFA website

<u>www.cfa.vic.gov.au</u> Stay safe, John Mahoney - Capta



WANDONG-HEATHCOTE JUNCTION COMMUNITY GROUP





WEBSITE

In April the <www.wandong.vic.au> website received 824 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

ANZAC DAY 2022

Members assisted the Wandong History Group with the 2022 ANZAC day ceremony at Wandong. What a great attendance, over 200 which has become the norm at ANZAC day at Wandong. Following the ceremony, attendees enjoyed a free sausage sizzle and socialising. As usual Wandong turned on a beautiful day and the roses were blooming and the trees in great autumn colour.



BENCH SEATING ON THE SAY G'DAY TRAIL

Thanks to a grant from FRRR, the Wandong Heathcote Junction Community Group has installed bench seating along the Say G'Day trail. Seating was to be installed with five exercise equipment pods that were to provide connectivity between Wandong and Heathcote Junction but when our failed application for the equipment was taken up by Mitchell Shire and was successful, Mitchell Shire changed the project to include only two exercise pods on the trail and one in Davern Reserve.

A small playground will how be incorporated with the exercise pod at the teathcote Junction end of the trail.



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