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THE MT. DISAPPOINTMENT RAAF MEMORIAL

On Thursday the 5th August 2021 the Mt. Disappointment RAAF Memorial plaque was unveiled and dedicated on the 79th anniversary of the Beaufighter crash in 1942. The eight young RAAF airmen who lost their lives near the summit of Mt. Disappointment were remembered.

On that day, there were several family members who were unable to attend because of Covid restrictions so through the efforts of Trevor Vienet of the Friends of Disappointment and Karen Christensen, President of the Wandong History Group, arrangements were made to conduct a second presentation for their benefit. The repeat was held on Saturday 6th August 2022 commencing with a ceremony in the Wandong Public Hall and concluding with a visit to the memorial plaque on Mt Disappointment.



Pictured left are the families at the memorial on Mt Disappointment.

*Pictured right are the ceremony officials:
Robert Webster State RSL President, Rob Mitchell Federal Member for McEwen, RAAF Squadron Leader Ashley Matic and Des Callaghan, Vice President RSL Victoria.*



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1 Sep David & Denise Limbrick B
2 Sep Daniel & Robyn Hannemann W

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We wish the following people a very happy birthday

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|--------|---------------------|--------|
| 9 Aug | Sue Bausch | HJ |
| 16 Aug | Andrew Lawrence | K |
| 18 Aug | Ray Farrugia | Wallan |
| 19 Aug | Glenn Bethell | HJ |
| 19 Aug | Tayana Martstaeller | Wln |
| 19 Aug | Glenn Smith | K |
| 21 Aug | Pat Leddin | HJ |
| 22 Aug | Shane Waldie | W |
| 22 Aug | Vanessa Bartlett | W |
| 22 Aug | Ray Walsh | HJ |
| 22 Aug | John Lambert | HJ |
| 25 Aug | Doreen Coall | C |
| 25 Aug | Donna Baker | KE |
| 26 Aug | Nicole Walsh | HJ |
| 26 Aug | Katelyn Hanson | W |
| 26 Aug | Kerry DeGabrielle | WE |
| 26 Aug | Annie Renouf | C |
| 26 Aug | Toby Duncan | HJ |
| 27 Aug | Bruce Champion | HJ |
| 27 Aug | Bruce Lotherington | K |
| 28 Aug | Troy Lehmann-Kay | WP |
| 29 Aug | Rosemary McDonald | WE |
| 31 Aug | Tamara Stewart | W |
| 1 Sep | Gloria McLean | HJ |
| 1 Sep | Kerrie Hall | B |
| 1 Sep | Cristin Renouf | C |
| 2 Sep | Bob Fletcher | HJ |
| 2 Sep | Ruth Barnes | HJ |
| 5 Sep | Derryn King | K |
| 6 Sep | Kristen Stone | HJ |
| 7 Sep | Heather Chisholm | HJ |
| 10 Sep | Bailee Candy | W |
| 10 Sep | Lisa Hobson | HJ |
| 11 Sep | Rob Hobson | HJ |
| 12 Sep | Anne Dale | W |
| 13 Sep | Paul Kurzman | W |
| 13 Sep | Greg Barnes | HJ |
| 14 Sep | Greg Ampfer | HJ |
| 14 Sep | Jenn Leddin | HJ |
| 15 Sep | Mark Page | C |
| 15 Sep | Ingrid McHenry | W |
| 16 Sep | Ray Bradshaw | W |
| 17 Sep | Kristian Weller | K |
| 17 Sep | Nicole Burns | HJ |



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IMPACTING THE COMMUNITY

How can this be done?

I want to give some words of encouragement to all who read this article. The Bible tells us in *Leviticus 19 verse 18: You should love your neighbour as yourself.*

One of the many reasons I love Gods' Word is that it is full of little things we can do, to bless, and encourage and strengthen each other.

Things that don't take much time or cost much money. Here are some of the acts of kindness.

Watch over one another, pray for one another, look for the times that we can express sympathy and empathy, be friendly and hospitable, be patient with one another, bear with each other's faults and weaknesses and, being loyal to one another. Be happy with the people when they are blessed, help with material needs such as a cup of coffee or a meal and so on.... But above all accept people for who they are.

These are simple things we can do if we are willing. We do not have to make special plans for most of them. But can do them throughout the day as we have opportunities.

Let's make sure our hearts and lives are fuelled for these precious moments that present themselves to us every day.

Remember we are the hands and feet of Jesus. The Bible reminds us that we are Gods' hands and feet.

Proverbs 3 verse 28 says: Never walk away from someone who deserves help. Your hand is Gods' hand for that person. Jesús is our example and as His followers we are to do the same.

Believe me it is a beautiful experience in helping another in time of need.

My challenge to you is reach out to your community with a passion for Jesus and a compassion for others. People are out there hurting, REALLY HURTING and they need you and me!

Shirley Kawalski,
Broadford Salvation Army.

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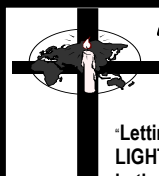
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GARDEN SCENE WITH GAIL

Wow, the last month of Winter, we've done our penance now let's get set for beautiful Spring. Daffodils are nodding their pretty little yellow heads saying 'hello' to all of us. The varieties that we have available to us are amazing and how good do they look mass planted, absolutely beautiful, swathes of daffodils and when underplanted with little violets, with their deep green leaves and lovely purple flowers, the effect is stunning. If you like to make a feature with some of your plants, in pots, garden beds, hedges, around mature trees or anywhere you like, try to have the plants flowering at a similar time of the year with complimentary flower and foliage colours. If you don't want flowering plants or you can't have them because you may be allergic to our beautiful bees, try foliage plants, the colours available are fantastic. Burgundy teamed with pink, grey, lime green, yellow foliage with varying shades of green, purple, red and black. The great thing with our gardens is that there are no rules and the only limitations we have may be our own imagination. When we see a garden we admire, we get inspiration from the way it's planted, the colours that are used, the varying heights of plants used, pruned or not, the additions such as a bridge over water or over a dry creek bed. What about a gazebo or pergola, a trellis separating garden rooms, water features, both large and small? Consider cutting shapes through a mature hedge, like windows to another garden room, paving is so lovely leading the eye to table and chairs for relaxing or leading up some steps to change direction of a garden or the garden level. Many wonderful gardens are not on big blocks, it's the way they are set out. August is a great time to begin our fertilising routine. Whether you choose slow release, pelletised or powder, feeding at this time of year provides a good start to the growing period. Fertilisers should be chosen depending on the plants you want to fertilise, such as, a good balance of Nitrogen and Potassium and trace elements for flowering plants, a higher Nitrogen based fertiliser is great for ferns, promoting green leaves. A complete all round organic fertiliser can be used for most plants but do check the label before you use it on natives. Pelletised can be applied every six to eight weeks, liquid, every couple of weeks, and slow release can be applied now, and it should stay active for about six months. Whichever way you choose try to fertilise after you have watered your plants, or it has rained and water in well after applying. (Not applicable with liquid fertilisers) Pelletised fertilisers can take up to a couple of weeks to be absorbed into the plant and slow release relies on the soil temperature reaching about 18 degrees to begin the process. If you have already applied Sulphate of Potash to your fruit trees, roses and other Spring/Summer flowering plants repeat every couple of weeks for a total of three applications. I use the Potash from my wood heater, and it works well. Our gardens have already begun to burst into life and the fruit trees are starting to bud, so exciting, and what about Daphnes, their perfume is intoxicating, and Camellias are always reliable to push the Winter blues away. Tulips and Hyacinths will not be far away from showing their colours as are Rhododendrons, Azaleas and many more beautiful plants, early Spring flowering plants break the Winter gloom and make us feel so good. The buds on our deciduous plants are getting fatter and are ready to burst into leaf or in the case of the deciduous Magnolias, the flowers come first and when they flower, they are stunning and worth a place in your garden. They look amazing when underplanted with Spring flowering bulbs or annuals, pansies are just beautiful and as the Magnolia pushes leaves the pansies will be protected from the hot sun of Summer. You could also wait for the bulbs to finish and underplant with Petunias but be careful not dig too deep in case you damage the bulbs. Take this time to prepare your veggie garden, dig it over well and remove any spent plants. Top-dress with well-rotted cow manure, any organic matter, some gypsum, a touch of poultry manure and dig, dig, dig it over. What great exercise. You can get some veggie plants in now but wait until the frost is finished before you plant tomatoes. If you have a hot house plant the seedlings up into a slightly bigger pot to get them growing well and plant out later in the year. Keep an eye on too much humidity in your hot house because this can create a great environment for mildew/mould, so ensure enough air flow. Get those weeds under control while the soil is still soft to get them out easy but again, if you are digging under established plants don't dig too energetically that you may damage roots which can encourage suckers to appear from the parent plant.

This time of the year is also good to remove any debris from our gardens to discourage unwanted pests, rabbits etc. Also, around the base of our plants to discourage pests that can eat into the trunks of plants if there is dampness at the base. If you want to take cuttings from Hydrangeas, you can still do so this month. Cut on an angle and pop into rooting hormone and directly into a pot or into the ground. Use a stick to make the hole before you pop the cutting in, so the rooting powder doesn't rub off and follow up with a solution of Seasol. This is also the time to add a colouring powder to the soil (follow directions on the pack) if you want blue or pink plants or shades of. White Hydrangeas don't change colour readily, in fact they very rarely do if at all. If you still have potted plants to go into the ground or to be re-potted, try to get it done this month before our warmer months arrive.



Happy planting
Gail Mains Kendrick
(your local real estate agent)



LIONS CLUB OF WANDONG - WALLAN INC.

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



What has happened this month?

Great news, we have had a baby. Daniel and Emma have had a new baby boy. This is the first baby that our club has had in our almost fifty years history.

We have had our usual monthly meeting in which business and nonsense were discussed in equal measure. Sam Bedi from IGA Wandong, our newest recruit was in attendance which was great and we will soon have a further group of new members.

Marilyn's knitting group have produced a pile of knitted goods. Marilyn runs this group single handed and they do a great job. This accumulation of knitting has been donated for flood relief.

Peter has designed a new website for us. This will be up and running soon.

Don't ask me about it, I can't even find the letters on my keyboard. I am sure that They change places overnight.

The Yard in Wallan have donated a load of fire wood for us to raffle. I would like to thank them for this. Daniel has organised an online link to sell tickets and we will also have tickets for sale at IGA in Wandong and Kilmore village shopping centre. The link is:

<https://www.wandongwallanlions.com.au/firewood-raffle/>

Sales are live now. Our website can be accessed through the face book pages of Wandong and Wallan. There is a lot going on.

As for our members, Marilyn has managed to stay on her feet and ignore all the advice from her family. Her cat is keeping well out of her road.

An anonymous spy, called Steve, reported that on her recent holiday Tania turned her ankle not once but twice. While it was hinted that she is just awkward I believe that she was running away from Steve at the time.

Bill the handyman was busy attaching a strip heater to his wall. Unfortunately he couldn't find a batten to complete the job. It is no exaggeration to say that his wall now resembles a sieve. Bill is available for any jobs that you might have in mind.

Finally I have to report on how badly I am treated. I recently had a cardiac angiogram. While in the recovery area it was decided that I needed to be moved so I was transferred to a store room with a sign that read staff only. My brother remarked that if he had known he would have come and locked the door. When I told Elizabeth that she had to look after me better she said that she was going on holiday.

As Kamal used to say" Why are people so unkind"

Catch you next time. Clyde Riley

WANDONG TENNIS CLUB

Email: wandongtennisclub@hotmail.com
or text Lisa on 0407 112 880.

Information is posted on our
Facebook page.

www.facebook.com/wandongtennis



Spring Tennis night season starts on Tuesday 16th for doubles and Thursday 18th for singles.

We are having a social hit at the club this Tuesday night at 7.30pm for all those players that are playing this season. Come along and meet your team and other members. BBQ available

Our juniors are playing well this season. There are still many interruptions to matches due to covid and other illnesses. Hopefully we can finish off the season strong.

Saturday Fast 4 afternoons are being held each Saturday rotating between the Mitchell District clubs. Our AGM is on Monday 15th August at the clubhouse at 7pm. All welcome. Come along and support your club.

New players very welcome. Coaching is available at the club and cardio tennis sessions are held both morning and evening sessions available contact Karl on 0423 611 317 or kv.tennis@hotmail.com

KILMORE GOLF CLUB



KGC is using winter to concentrate on preparing greens in readiness for Spring and Summer when we expect there will be more golfers taking advantage of warmer days. The volunteers have removed much of the fallen debris on the course which is part and parcel of an area which have so many large trees.

Many members of the community particularly golf club members were saddened to learn of the death of Judi Maywood. She was a member for 30 years, a talented golfer and Junior Instructor for the Junior members. She held positions as Lady Captain, President and Dalhousie Junior organiser. She volunteered her time freely, behind the bar, at functions and in the kitchen. Lately she volunteered in the Golf shop each Saturday which enabled other members to play in the competition. She will be sadly missed by all.

The offer of Voucher booklets still applies: 10 vouchers for \$100 which enables a person to play 9/18 holes at any time providing it does not interfere with competitions.

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.

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JUNIOR COACHING PROGRAM RESUMES FOR TERM 3

Golf professional Nathan Roberts will again run this Junior Coaching Program, which started in 2021. Lessons will happen on the Practise Fairway at the Club to allow these juniors a safe space to learn. The practice fairway will be closed to members from 11.45am each Saturday during the coaching sessions.

In Term 3, the Program will run for 5 consecutive weeks, starting on Saturday 6 August 2022. Sessions are available, 12 – 12.45pm for Juniors aged 5-9 years and 12.45 – 1.30pm for Juniors aged 10+ years. Cost is \$12.50 per week or \$62.50 for the whole 5-week program.

For bookings please go to www.golf.org.au/mygolf OR for further information contact Nathan Roberts [0405 327 427](tel:0405327427)

Check out the Play 9 Competition on our Website. Competition starts 5th August. Players must have a Golfink number to be eligible and winners have the chance for free entry to the Australian Open. This is a Golf Australia initiative. Cost is \$10

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SEASON REVIEW - Wandong Warriors



In the Under 9s the kids have been giving their all, and at times playing for the opposition which shows great team spirit. Shannon & Salv have been so generous sharing our kids no matter their experience and skill level this year. The improvement of every single player is clear to see week after week as our youngest warriors start their football journeys.

The Under 11s have steadily improved all year and had a great home game win against Tabilk despite the tricky wind, and the kept the scoreboard ticking over regularly no matter which way they were kicking. Grant and Ben have done a fantastic job in developing players to get to the next level and should be proud in their efforts.

In the Under 13s we all knew it would be a tough year with all but 3 being bottom age players, but they had their first win of the season against Tabilk at home. It was a wonderful reward for every player who turned up to training when it's cold or wet. Stuart Butterworth & Ross Mendola have put in countless hours with this group. The easy thing to do is give up or pick and choose when you train or play but to the kids who have stuck fast and trained, followed the coaches instructions. Take this confidence into next season and it will be an exciting season in 2023.

Thanks to all the parents and helpers for supporting the team managers in roles on training and match day. As always thanks to all our loyal volunteers, Shan & Salv for setting up, everyone who umpired, time kept, team managed, cleaned up, ran water or messages, coached, administered first aid.

We are so lucky as a club to have families who put their hand up to volunteer whenever they are needed.

PHOTOS

Photos will be handed at AGM/Presentation day.

AGM/PRESENTATION DAY

We have tentatively selected a date for our presentation day and AGM
- 2nd October 2022. Details to follow on facebook.

RAFFLE

We are holding a fundraising raffle this year to be drawn at AGM/presentation day. Prizes include High efficiency display fridge, \$200 Bunnings Voucher, Styles Group Excavator hire (Heathcote Junction), Styles Group trailer (Heathcote Junction), Car Service. Tickets \$10 each.

CANTEEN

Thanks to Shelley Kilroy, Steve Kilroy, Karen Christensen, Clyde Riley, Allen Hall and Wandong I.G.A. for their ongoing support all season in running the canteen. It's a huge fundraiser and service to the club.

We look forward to seeing you all next season!

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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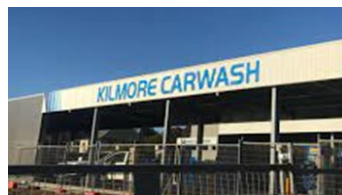
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- Trailer

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- Full day: \$200 inc GST
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J&K Styles Group

Upper Plenty Primary has had a busy few weeks full of celebrations for various members of our community. We have farewelled one of our sensational 5/6 teachers, Miss D. She has left for maternity leave, and we look forward to the imminent arrival of her beautiful baby. We have also recently celebrated the retirement of Mr J.

Mr J worked at UPPS for an impressive 35 years. We had a special assembly and a lovely afternoon tea with past and present students and families. Over his 35 years at UPPS, Mr J taught many science and PE classes and even worked here when there were only 11 students in the whole school! We also recently celebrated Principals Day on August 5th. The school created cards and gifts to show our appreciation of our amazing, kind-hearted, and wonderful principal Mrs Egan!



Across the school students have been enjoying their studies of the Human Body. We have learnt about the different systems within our bodies and how to take care of our bodies. Students now have a basic understanding of the respiratory, circulatory, and nervous systems, as well as the functions of our bones and muscles. Our 3/4 classes recently went on an excursion to Scienceworks. The students loved exploring all the different exhibitions and seeing their learning about The Human Body come to life! Furthermore, UPPS students have enjoyed speaking about, watching, and participating in activities to do with the Commonwealth Games.

At the end of Term 3, UPPS is putting on a production "The Emoji Musical". Practice for the 5/6 's has commenced and is running smoothly. Classes have commenced their practice of their specific song and dance, which students have been enjoying thus far. Everybody is anticipating the date and are eager to show off all their hard work!

Overall, we are thoroughly enjoying Term 3 thus far and are all excited and eager to see what the rest of the term has in store!

Tilly and Violeta

HAVE A SAY ABOUT THE PROPOSED ARTC BRIDGE AT WANDONG

We have all heard the rumors that there are going to be big changes to Wandong when A.R.T.C. moves in to replace the rail bridge at the northern end of Rail Street. You had better believe that those rumors are true.

Within the next 18 months a new bridge will be built and a roundabout more than 5 meters high on the east side of the rail line will be constructed. They will also be lifting the Epping Kilmore Road by up to 2 meters. This will be a massive undertaking that will take more than twelve months to complete.

So, what can we do about it? We can't fight them, or have the site for the bridge changed, the community group has already tried to have it relocated further north, all to no avail. We will not know the amount of damage that this project will cause, (or the disruption it will mean to us in Wandong, from the extra noise to the dust and the amount of traffic chaos with roads being closed for long periods of the day, to the hundreds of truck loads of fill needed to build the massive roundabout) till it happens.

The decision has already been made, but we as a town need to fight to save what we can of our town.

SO, WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT IT.?

We as a town and as individuals should be asking the ARTC just what damage will be caused. We need to let them know that we do care about our town and don't want our trees torn out or the loss of some of our hard-won town parkland.

If we leave it go till nearer the time of construction it will be too late to win concessions from them about retaining and/or replacing trees and re-establishing parkland and open space.

They are willing to talk, and to some extent listen to what we have to say about the future of Wandong. For your towns sake we ask that you get involved in discussions with them, ask them the hard questions about our future.

Between 9am and 1pm every Thursday A.R.T.C. will be holding a pop-up shop front at Wandong Plaza in the shop south of the chemist shop. Please make the effort and call in to see what they have got planned, and inform A.R.T.C. what you think of their plans.

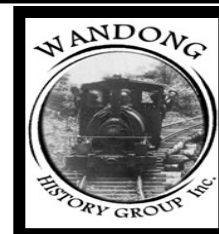
The Wandong Heathcote Junction Community Group will continue to fight all the way to achieve the best outcome for our town but we need your support and input to help us save what we can of our town.

DAVID MORAN.

PRESIDENT, WANDONG HEATHCOTE JUCTION COMMUNITY GROUP.

If you want to know more please ring me on 0409.164660.

WANDONG HISTORY GROUP



STEAMING AHEAD AND ACKNOWLEDGING OUR SUPPORTERS

The Wandong History Group has been so successful in our grant seeking activities and are pleased to acknowledge the support from the Australian Government's Culture, Heritage and Arts Regional Tourism (CHART) Program for archival material and for our display panels/room dividers, air purifier and display counter supported by the Victorian Government through Creative Victoria's Regional Collections Access Program delivered in partnership with AMaGA Victoria, PGAV, NGV and Regional Arts Victoria".



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These grant programs will enable us to protect our collections and rejuvenate our exhibition space for our forthcoming program of events scheduled for History Month in October. We look forward to welcoming visitors to our newly renovated home at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Wandong.

Our third project, almost a year in the making, is the creation of our history website which will be launched in a couple of months. The website <https://wandongheathcotejunctionhistory.com.au>

is funded and supported by the Foundation for Rural and Regional Development, the Ross Trust, Paradigm4/Bloom Medi! and the Mitchell Shire Council through its National Volunteer Week 2022 Community volunteer support grant. We are at the training stage of the project, learning how to maintain a website, upload content and images as well as providing opportunities for involvement, attracting new members and selling publications and images. We are excited about being able to finally reach a broad audience and relate stories about our historical township.

We have received wonderful support for our grant applications from our local community groups such as the Wandong Heathcote Junction Community Group Inc., the Wandong State School and our local Federal MP, Mr. Rob Mitchell. None of these grants would have been possible without that support and we thank all who helped us achieve grants valued at more than \$28,000.

WANDONG-HEATHCOTE JUNCTION COMMUNITY GROUP

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WEBSITE

In July the <www.wandong.vic.au> website received 823 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

ROADSIDE RUBBISH COLLECTION

A huge thanks to Rob Barker who continues to lead the clean up of rubbish around Wandong Heathcote Junction. If you travel the Wandong Broadford Road, the Wandong freeway ramps, Rail Street Wandong and observe the lack of rubbish this is because Rob has delivered several full trailer loads to the Wandong transfer station. What we need now is for Broadford residents or clubs to continue the clean up on the Wandong Broadford Road between the Clonbinane freeway ramps to Broadford.

Wandong Fire Brigade



2020 Spirit of CFA Youth Award Winner is Wandong's Caitlin Roberts.

Wandong Fire Brigade were so proud to hear that Caitlin Roberts was announced as the winner of the 2020 Spirit of CFA Youth Award. Caitlin began her CFA career in our Junior program in 2016 at 11 years of age, and was voted in as the Junior Captain in 2018. Caitlin participated in the Australian Fire Cadet Championships, and she has now continued on to become a firefighter.

Wandong Fire Brigade Juniors

There are still places available in our Junior program. Juniors is available to young people between the ages of 11 and 16 years who live in Wandong, Heathcote Junction, Clonbinane or Kilmore. The program is run on Mondays between 6.30 and 8pm at Wandong Fire Station. There is no cost involved, and all volunteers hold Working with Children Checks.

Contact Terry on 0413 644 319 for more information.

Our Juniors held their election of office bearers recently and have commenced their new roles. Abby (Captain), Sean (1st Lieutenant), Aaliyah (Junior Brigade Representative), Matt (Communications), Harry (PPE), and Connor (Station Maintenance).



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A specialized smoke alarm is available for people who are deaf or hard of hearing. Due to the cost of this type of smoke alarm, the department of Human Services may be able to provide financial assistance via a subsidy. For more information contact <https://expression.com.au/contact>

Fire Equipment Maintenance

Wandong Fire Brigade provide servicing and supply of fire suppression equipment (fire extinguishers and fire blankets etc). This is a main fundraiser for the brigade by our awesome volunteers, while providing essential equipment and servicing of the equipment to businesses and homes in the community. If you need any equipment or servicing contact John Simpson on 0421 319 203.



Training

Training occurs weekly on Wednesday nights starting at 7pm at the fire station. For more information contact us on our facebook page or call Lt James Stephens on 0418221458.

EXERCISE EQUIPMENT INSTALLED ON THE SAY G'DAY TRAIL

Exercise equipment is now being installed at two locations on the Say G'Day trail - one at the North Mountain Road end and the other at Kooralinga Drive. The Wandong Heathcote Junction Community Group originally applied for a grant to install five exercise stations along the trail to provide regular means of exercising when traversing the trail and to provide connection between Wandong and Heathcote Junction. The WHJCG grant application was not successful but Mitchell Shire used the application to apply again and was successful. However the original vision of the WHJCG was not realized when Mitchell Shire only provided for two exercise stations. It did however concede there is nothing at Heathcote Junction for residents and is now providing a small playground at the North Mountain Road end. Maybe in years to come Mitchell Shire will realise the errors made and fill in the gaps in exercise equipment to complete what was intended by the WHJCG. The WHJCG has installed bench seating at intervals along the trail which we are sure will be appreciated by walkers.



Left to Right: Pod at North Mountain Road, playground area at North Mountain Rd, pod at Kooralinga Drive

C'MON RESIDENTS, LIFT YOUR GAME, HAVE SOME PRIDE

Without Mitchell Shire Council clearing roadside rubbish, it is really up to residents to keep their patch clear of rubbish. The Wandong Heathcote Junction Community Group tries very hard to keep roads and streets in the vicinity clear of rubbish but help from residents would be appreciated. If you cannot join the WHJCG efforts, please look around your street or road when placing your bins out for collection and add any rubbish to your bin. The WHJCG has again sent trailer loads of rubbish to the Wallan transfer station and reported unlawful dumping of dirt, tyres, etc for investigation. Overflowing rubbish bins, particularly at Wandong Plaza and the Bushfire Memorial Park continue to be experienced. Earlier this year we were told that the four rubbish bins at Wandong Plaza would be replaced with new larger bins but this has not happened yet.



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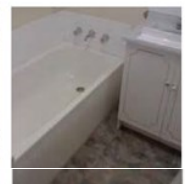
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WANDONG PUBLIC HALL

The Wandong Public Hall has since 1902 been the place where the important local events take place. Soldiers from two wars were sent off and welcomed home from its comforting walls and a recent event was to keep that tradition going. The Friends of Disappointment last year placed a plaque on the mountain in commemoration of the eight RAAF men who lost their lives in plane crashes. Covid restrictions prevented many of the families from attending. We were proud to host an event for these families to come and remember their loved one and take a visit to the plaque on the mountain. Event such as these touch everyone involved and we are fortunate to have a venue that provides for this.

On this note the AGM will be held in September, see notice in this edition and we desperately need more committee members. Looking after the hall is not an onerous task but if a committee isn't formed then responsibility goes back to the shire and we certainly don't want that to happen.

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

Dance Classes for Pre Schoolers Tuesday and Thursday mornings 9.30 to 11.30 am.

Contact is Claire Bennett for further information on 0420 418 425

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



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MITCHELL SHIRE COUNCIL DRIVES PAST OUR MAINTENANCE ISSUES

The Wandong Heathcote Junction Community Group has sent its annual letter to Mitchell Shire Council requesting attention be given to maintenance issues in Wandong Heathcote Junction. Mitchell Shire officers and staff drive past these problems every day but rather than be proactive and apply remedies Mitchell Shire waits for our complaints and then only does token fixes.

A total of 20 issues are listed in the latest letter, some of them shown below. At a Mitchell Shire / WHJCG meeting three years ago, member of the WHJCG were advised three monthly meetings would be held to discuss issues - this has never happened and as usual the lack of consultation continues on all matters from maintenance to the ARTC bridge proposal and the desecration of our pin oak trees.

The water fountain at the gazebo in the Wandong Bushfire Memorial Park has been barricaded for four months. The water leak from this tap has been an ongoing problem for years.



Without any consultation, our pin oak trees along the Epping Kilmore Road, Wandong have had all lower branches removed. We have nurtured and protected these trees from planting until now and each Autumn proudly promote the town featuring the remarkable colour display of these trees.

The bbq plates at the Bushfire Memorial Park have not been cleaned in weeks

Several drains are blocked by debris, etc resulting water running

over the road. The grate at the corner of Rail and Affleck Streets regularly seals over with leaves and dirt so water runs over Rail Street. Wandong – Heathcote Junction has many footpaths that require maintenance, maintenance that would have been attended to by now if the paths were in



Seymour or Broadford. The North Mountain Road spray sealed pathway is deteriorating badly, the Rail Street pathway has huge cracks in the concrete portion and deteriorating surface in the bitumen portion. Footpaths on Baden Drive and Kooralinga Drive have impassable sections due to water and / or mud.

The Wandong Bushfire Memorial car park constantly needs repairs to fix huge holes that develop. The car park (or at least the entry) could have been sealed for the cost of the constant repairs. Placing the drain underground and thus widening this very busy car park would make a huge difference.

The Say G;Day trail connecting Wandong and Heathcote Junction is in desperate need of repair. The spray seal is virtually non existent in many sections.

Trees fall on the mesh fence and Mitchell Shire clears them when notified but the Shire never repairs the fence. Nine parts of the fence need repair.



2023 Enrolments

We are currently finalising our enrolments for 2023. Over the coming weeks the school will commence planning for 2023. We are looking at the number of students enrolled and considering our structure and the number of classes we will need to best support the learning programs that are provided for our students. This planning takes into account the budget that will be available for staffing. This budget is determined by student numbers. Therefore, it is important to have the best possible information when we are making our decisions.

If you have a child who will be commencing in Foundation next year, you should have already submitted your enrolment form.

Conversely, any parents who know their children will not be continuing at Wandong 2023, could you please let inform the school of this in writing as soon as possible. Even if you are not sure at this moment, a note about the possibility that this may occur is always helpful. As enrolment numbers affect our staffing decisions and the number of classes we have, it is important that we are able to predict as closely as possible what our expected enrolment will be in 2023.

Launchpad

We were so excited to meet so many of our 2023 Foundation families at our Launchpad session on Monday night! We already have two thirds of our families engaged with Launchpad- having attended the session and received their pack! We are also excited to see more and more children enrolling for our on-site classes beginning in August. It's going to be a fantastic year in Foundation next year at Wandong, with more children working towards academically 'starting ahead, to stay ahead'. Every little step counts in the education race and we at Wandong are right here beside you and your child, for the journey! ❤️☀️



If you would like to know more about Launchpad, or to sign your child up for our on-site Foundation classes in 2022, email the school at wandong.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au



2023 Foundation Transition

Foundation 2023 Transition has begun at Wandong. Our Open Library sessions are underway every Friday 2.30-3.30pm.



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

We are now in the last month of-winter with the cold wet conditions still to continue be cautious of the wet trails throughout the reserve and be aware the creek can flood at any time.

Don't let the cold and wet weather stop you from coming down to the Reserve to enjoy on what there is to offer.



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.

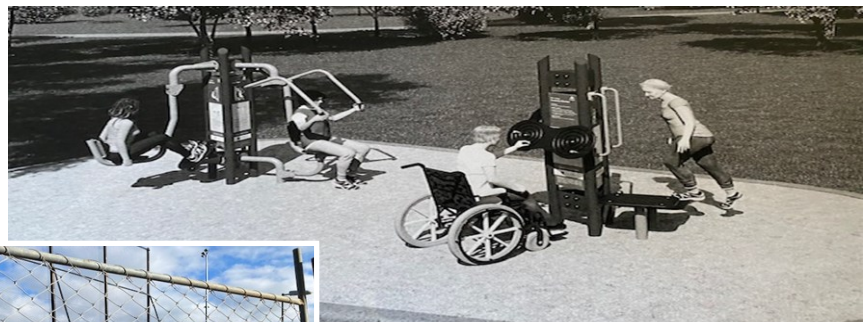
- Walking the dogs
- kids in the playground
- individuals/groups doing their fitness workouts
- mums with the kids in the pram
- riding bikes
- playing football
- passing shots in netball
- shooting hoops at the basketball ring
- riding the horses
- training dogs to behave
- Wandong primary doing their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

Works have started on the L.B.Davern Pod, there will be minimal disruption at the Reserve. This Pod will be a stage 1 for the Reserve, future funding will be a part of other Pods at the Reserve in the near future.



Construction Works have commenced down at the Reserve



Above: What the Pod will look like when completed.

If anybody in our community would like to share any photos of History of L.B Davern Reserve for us to share on what's News please send to kooraw@bigpond.com

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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.

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



**Tennis Club rooms 2008-
Site of the Wandong Stadium**

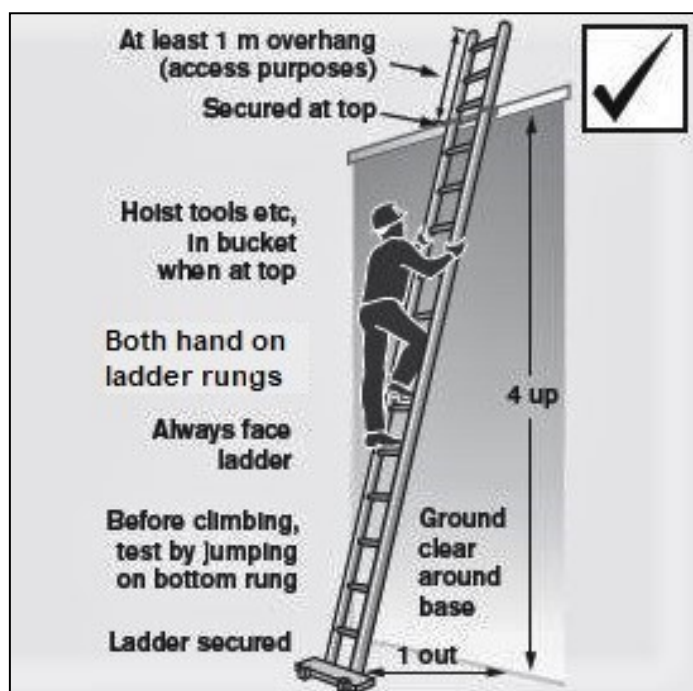
Ladder Safety at Home

Do you need to unblock the gutters? Quick job? If you are over 50 then it is now considered not a job for you. It is a high-risk task regardless of your age.

Whatever your age, you need to plan and carry out a few checks before your “run” up the ladder. It should be a two-person task, ideally someone holding the ladder for you.

Falls from ladders are a common cause of serious injury at home. It is the biggest cause of serious injuries at home to men; the following information is a guide to safe use of ladders-

- Ladders should be inspected and maintained before use
- If you consider the job risky, then consult a professional or consider the use of a mobile scaffold or elevated work platform
- Always check for overhead powerlines or electrical and radiation hazards before attempting to set up a ladder
- Do not use a ladder in a doorway or driveway unless the area has been blocked off to access
- Ensure that the ladder is set up on a firm surface and placed at a safe angle
- Secure either the base and/or top of the ladder to prevent it from moving. Consider getting someone to hold the base of the ladder
- Always maintain three points of contact with the ladder i.e. two feet and one hand or two hands and one foot
- Face the ladder when climbing up or down
- Use the ladder runs to grip the ladder and not the sides of the ladder
- Do not over stretch when using the ladder
- Avoid climbing or descending the ladder whilst carrying anything in your hands- consider rope and bucket instead
- Keep your feet free from mud, grease or other slippery material
- Do not stand higher than the tread or run indicated on the ladder as the highest standing level
- A ladder used for access to a roof must extend at least one metre above the level where a person exits the ladder
- Use a ladder for what it was designed for. They are not to be used as a support for work platforms such as planks
- If you access the roof often then consider fitting a commercial ladder point, a bracket that is permanently fitted to the roof to prevent the ladder from moving and allows the ladder to be tied off.



Images: A WorkSafe diagram on ladder safety and a commercial task by a professional using a ladder access point..

Please contact the brigade if you require any information or check out the CFA website www.cfa.vic.gov.au

Cheers and drive safely
John Mahoney (Captain)

Carer Gateway – Counselling

The Carer Gateway Counselling Service is a free service for carers.

As a carer you often have a lot going on in your life. There are appointments to make and then remember, medications to be given, the physical strain of providing care and sometimes there can be a financial burden as well. All this with little time to rest and recharge your batteries.

Caring can be tiring, overwhelming, isolating & stressful and at some point you may need to ask for some help.

Counselling helps you to find ways to manage what seems challenging and helps to find ways to cope with stress.

So what is counselling?

Counselling allows carers to tell their story and voice their thoughts and feelings in a safe and supportive environment.

Counselling is a conversation between yourself and a trained counsellor to help you resolve specific problems. After a brief introduction and getting to know you period, you and your counsellor will discuss the issues you may need help with. Your counsellor will encourage you to set some goals and together you will work to find the best way forward.

Counselling aims to help you gain insight to your thought processes and behaviours and give you tools and resources to resolve problems on your own.

Everything you discuss is private and confidential. The only exception is if something threatens your wellbeing or the wellbeing of others. Your counsellor will discuss this duty of care with you at your first session.

The Carer Gateway can provide up to six counselling sessions to carers and can be accessed either in-person or via phone.

For more information please visit: <https://counselling.carergateway.gov.au/s/>

To talk to a counsellor, contact the Carer Gateway Counselling Service on 1800 422 737 8am to 6pm weekdays. For 24 hour support call Lifeline on 13 11 14.

Kind Regards
Jason

MITCHELL SHIRE MOVES FROM SEYMOUR TO WANDONG WITH ITS TREE DESECRATION PROGRAM



Without any consultation, Mitchell Shire has removed all the lower branches of the pin oak trees along the Epping Kilmore Road, at Wandong .

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Parcel Theft

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Australia Post reported over 1 million parcels were stolen last year. In the US, over \$25million worth of parcels are stolen EACH DAY.

So, what do we suggest to minimise the risk:

- Location – specify a suitable hiding spot with the retailer. Although, not many hiding places haven't already been thought of by the eager thief;
- If you know your neighbour, it may be appropriate to have your shopping delivered to your neighbour's house;
- CCTV – thieves can be deterred by CCTV. A well concealed camera is better as the thief is less inclined to disguise themselves if they don't see a camera.
- Insurance – parcel insurance can cover the value of the lost, damaged or stolen deliveries;
- Collection points – parcels can be delivered to a collection point – Merrifield & Kilmore have News & Lotto stores which have a ParcelPoint; and
- Parcel box – Couriers open the top door and place the parcel on the plastic flap. Once the lid is closed, the parcel can only be removed from a locked door at the bottom. We recommend them to be installed in a prominent position.



Neighbourhood Watch Victoria

Neighbourhood Watch has been making crooks cranky since 1983. We aim to help people feel safer and more connected where they live. They have released new products to help you assess your home.



The App:

Our fun, family-friendly app uses cutting-edge technology that lets you bring the augmented reality experience into your lounge room while helping you discover simple ways to secure your home. As you move through our virtual home, spot the security weak points and learn how to make your home safer.

The Quiz:

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Answers on
page 28

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

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THIS MONTHS QUIZ

Answer appears on Page 28 but no cheating!

1. Which is the Blue Planet?
2. What is Canada's national animal?
3. What is the most visited country in the world?
4. How many moons does Mars have?
5. What is the national sport of Canada?
6. What star type is our sun?
7. Which Australian city had the first traffic lights?
8. Water is composed of which 2 elements?
9. What were Ned Kelly's last words?
10. Which cities have hosted two Olympic summer games?
11. What is Australia's longest river?
12. Where was Prime Minister Albanese born?
13. Most heart attacks happen on what day of the week?
14. Which group has the most No.1 hits of all time?

Kilmore/Wallan RSL Sub Branch

meets the last Thursday night of the month
and open every Wednesday 10am -12pm at
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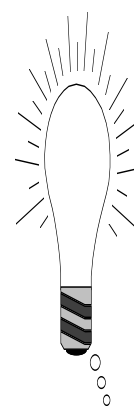
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Email wchi@whittleseach.com.au



Winter has definitely made itself at home! Even though it's cold we hope that you will poke your nose out of the cave and join us for some of these activities!

Volunteer Gardener Wanted!

We are looking for a garden enthusiast to keep the House garden up to scratch! The role requires 2-4 hours per week (days and times negotiable). There is no mowing required. You will be caring for plants, weeding, mulching, planting, trimming and generally keeping everything in tip top shape. For a position description or to discuss call 9716 3361.

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 July 28th 11.30am - 1.00pm \$2.00 per person

Crafternoons

Join us each week on Mondays and dabble in all sorts of crafts! **Coming soon** handbags and covered boxes with the Boomerang Bags team, Granny squares (intro crocheting) and Terracotta Painting.

Mondays each week during Term 1.00pm - 3.00pm \$2.00 per session

Tea and Tech - A social, technical and practical session to help you with technology!

Register today to join in with our Tea and Tech sessions in Term 3!

Thursdays 10.00am - 11.30am FREE Join anytime

Each session will have a different topic and all sessions will have time for discussion and questions.

Bring your phones and tablets we will supply the tea and the wi-fi!

Session one will see us looking at Apple VS Android? What sort of tech do I need? Do I need to upgrade?

NEW NEW NEW!

Introduction to Metal Detecting

If you have always wanted to have a go at Metal Detecting then this workshop session will give you the basics! Meet different sorts of detectors, discover internet resources to help your search and get the low down on basic geology and mining! BYO detector if you have one!

Saturday August 27th 1.00pm - 5.00pm \$10 per person

Tune Up your work skills in 2022

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

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

Online learning + face to face Saturday August 13th \$85/\$150/\$195

Food Handling

Saturday October 29th 9.00am - 1.00pm \$70

Barista

Saturday October 22nd 9.30am - 1.30pm \$130

Wills and Wishes

We are once again accepting expressions of interest for our Wills and Wishes program. Have a Will and Powers of Attorney written for you by our Latrobe University Law students (in conjunction with Whittlesea Community Legal Service). It's **FREE** to anyone in the community! (Please note that we cannot assist with Family Trusts). Appointments are on Fridays at Whittlesea Community House. Call 9716 3361 to book!

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, Centrelink, Social Worker, Espresso Legal, Uniting Financial Counselling, NDIS, Centrelink, Victoria Police, My Aged Care, Under 60s Home Assistance, No Interest Loan Scheme, FREE Kinder information and heaps more! Solve lots of drama at one place on one day!

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

Friday August 26th 10am - 1.00pm

There is a **new round** of Power Saving Bonuses now available to **ALL VICTORIAN HOUSEHOLDS**. You must have an electricity account with your name on it to apply and it is available on the basis of one per household. We will be offering assistance on the following dates:

Thursday August 11th 10.30am - 12.30pm

Friday August 26th 10.00am - 1.00pm

Please call to book on 9716 3361 applications can be handled face to face or by phone. Please bring your FULL most recent electricity account and your banking details (BSB and Account number) when you attend.

REGISTER NOW FOR FREE TAX HELP CALL 9716 3361

Appointments are on offer during August and September on selected Fridays. We can also facilitate online appointments after hours. You will require a MyGov account and linking to the ATO (we can help you do this too - just ask!)

THANK YOU EVERYONE!

To all of you who have placed items into the food donation bin at Whittlesea IGA we would like to say a huge thank you! These items are packed up each week as emergency pantry parcels for folks that we meet each week. Your kindness is **VERY** much appreciated.

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!

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**Weather Report -
July 2022
Wandong/Heathcote Junction**

**Weather in July was similar to previous
months – cold and very cold.**

**Even the occasional sunny day did little
to improve the temperature.**

**There were no extremes of storm or
damaging winds. Rainfall of 69 mls was
low with many small results with recordings
on 16 days of the month.**

**Our service dam – Sunday Creek, was
recorded as 89% capacity on 18th July
– very good heading into spring.**

Stats

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| July 2022 | - | 69 mls |
| Previous year | - | 89 mls |
| Average prev 10 years | - | 72 mls |
| Total this year | - | 422 mls |
| Total prev year | - | 524 mls |

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QUIZ ANSWERS (from page 26)

1. Neptune
2. Beaver
3. France
4. Two (Phobus & Deimos)
5. Lacrosse
6. Yellow dwarf
7. Melbourne
8. Hydrogen and oxygen
9. Such is life
10. Los Angeles, Paris, Athens
11. Murray river (2508 kms)
12. Sydney
13. Monday
14. The Beatles (20 No.1 hits)

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TRAINING TIPS - Creating a Healthy Dog - Part II Exercise

By Anne Zelvy's IACP-CDT

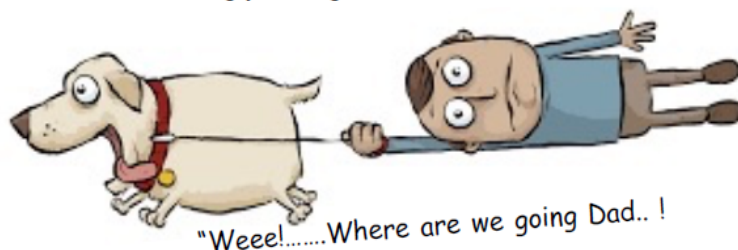
Ensuring your dog is healthy does save you major stress, but can also save you money. In a previous issue I wrote about diet so I won't go into that further here, instead we need to consider how to ensure that your dog has the opportunity to burn off their energy to prevent them developing long term bad behaviour.

Consider how families now often live in houses with small backyards... hence dogs are sometimes left inside for much of the day but even when taken out there are limited places where dogs can safely run and frolic. This can become a major issue for both dogs (and teenage humans) who really don't have a chance to burn off their energy - thus they can easily develop bad behaviours.

Owners can often believe that dogs suffer from... *Separation Anxiety*, or *OCD*, or *Hyperactive*, perhaps even *Attention Deficit* - these terms can even be bandied around by those in the Pet Industry and sometimes the solution given is ... "lets throw **drugs at the problem**, that'll help" ... However often drugs used for "behavioural problems" alter the way the dog's brain is working and can dull the dog so that he is less aware of what is happening... It is also important to remember that drugs reduce your dogs natural immune system. If used over a long period they can also damage your dogs health. It would seem a total over-reaction to drug your dog just because it seems easier... **well easier at least for us.....**

Changes can Make a Difference !

I often have dogs here for Assessments who have crazy energy... jumping up and knocking people over... destructive behaviours..... chasing/biting kids... reactive to other dogs etc..... and always find that if we sit down and assess the lifestyle we can see what adjustments can be made to help improve behaviours.



First. Ensure dog is in a good weight range - Look at your dog. Ideally there should be a waist line visible, hence from the side they should tuck up from the ribcage into the loin area ...Sometimes it is hard to tell from just observation, perhaps your dog has a fluffy coat or perhaps he is of a heavy set breed. So we need to use a physical touch - if you stand above your dog/pup you should be able to place your hands down and around their body at the loin (in front of the hip) and feel the indent of the waist ... as you place your hands around you will feel either:

- a. a firmness of body with flesh covering the underside of the rib cage and waist - **this is a good weight....**
- b. if the undercarriage has a feel of spongy or heavy full flesh - **then your dog is overweight....**
- c. If your fingers find the flesh loose and you easily feel the bones - **then dog is underweight..**

Puppies grow at an erratic rate. They can suddenly seem really hungry and quickly get tubby. Yet another time they seem to shoot up and get very leggy. So we need to keep adjusting their feeds to suit.... It doesn't matter if your pup is a bit fat at times, but this just means to cut back their food slightly and when the pup has another growth spurt, their weight will then level out....



Second. Challenge your dog both mentally and physically three times a week.

This will burn off the nervous energy and to build a dog who can relax and think how to handle many different situations.

- a. Walk your dogs in new environments, this will give dogs sights and sounds that require him to use more energy to process the information.
- b. Interact with different dogs, Dogs then have to learn how to adjust their behaviour to fit in with others.
- c. Teach dogs new activities. Dogs brains have to concentrate to learn new tricks or deal with strange activities. Soon anything new is no longer scary but fun.

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Covid and the Flu continue to make life difficult for our convenors, with last minute cancellations, staff shortages and illness disrupting plans. This has hit the theatre group particularly hard, with several shows cancelled and rescheduled due to high instances of Covid amongst the cast and crew. There are now only two more shows scheduled this year and the group will then take a break because of the ongoing uncertainty.

The eagerly awaited morning tea presentation from Fisheries Victoria did not eventuate because the selected guest speaker was unable to attend, however the fishing competition went ahead as scheduled and an alternative presentation was arranged at the last minute. The morning tea, catered by the committee, was thoroughly enjoyed by all attendees.

A progress update on the JJ Clancy pavilion currently under construction was presented by our secretary, showing the proposed layout. It will be a great asset to the community as a whole and U3A are looking forward to utilising the centre once finished. The spaces have been designed to suit our requirements and will lend themselves well to indoor bowls and the exercise classes. There will be a covered breezeway area between buildings, easy access and plenty of parking.

A talk was then given by Fiona McGettigan, Supervisor and Facilitator of the Kilmore Community Garden. This is a new venture for Kilmore, utilising land adjacent to the Anglican Church. Already a lot of work has gone into setting up nine raised beds with good soil and compost and planting has commenced. Any member of the public can join the group and Fiona made the point that it's not just about gardening and will serve as a connection for isolated or disabled members of the community. Check out their Facebook page or make contact at kilmorecommunitygarden@gmail.com to ask for information.

The Luncheon Club continue to enjoy monthly outings, the latest being the two course seniors lunch at the Royal Mail Hotel in Whittlesea. At just \$20.00 it is exceptional value for money and was so delicious, a return visit is being scheduled. The September 7th Morning tea however has been cancelled due to declining class numbers but the convenors have got a bit creative and circulated a twenty question Trivia Quiz to exercise the brain. Prizes are on offer for the first three correct entries drawn after the closing date of 22nd August.

A new Volunteer Support Grant from Mitchell Shire came at just the right time to replace the Boxes used for our Indoor Bowls Balls. Our president and an alert salesman at Mitre 10 spotted a Tradie Tool bag that was just the thing. Here they are being shown off by our Indoor Bowls experts.

For further information email: info@u3akilmoreanddistrict.com.au

Or check out the website: <https://u3akilmoreanddistrict.com.au/>

Cheers, Amanda Oades



Darraweit Guim Primary School News



On the last day of term 2, Darraweit Guim Primary School was extremely grateful to have the opportunity to go to Sovereign Hill! While we were there the students watched the lolly making demonstrated (and even go to sample some fresh lollies), walked and climbed our way through a mine tour, AND some lucky students had the chance to hold a bar of gold after watching the gold pour demonstration. Even though it was cold, that didn't stop the students from getting into gold panning, with some students even finding some of their own gold.

We had such an amazing time, and the students cannot wait to see what fun excursions and incursions are planned for term 3!



2023 ENROLMENTS

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