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## **U11 SEYMOUR LIGHTNING PREMIERSHIP** **PREMIERS - WANDONG**

**Congratulations Wandong Warriors Junior Football Club Under 11's for winning the Under 11 Seymour Lightning Premiership. On the way to the grand final against pool 1 winners**



**Euroa. the Warriors had to defeat St Marys, Broadford and Seymour. Best on Ground was Case Thomas (pictured left).**

**The Wandong Junior Football Club will hold a presentation day and Annual General Meeting on Sunday 2nd October, starting 10:30am at Davren Reserve, Wandong. Lunch will be provided from 12:30pm. Archery on the oval will be from 1:15pm.**



**NEW Dance Classes for Pre Schoolers have commenced at the-Wandong Public Hall on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.**

**Pictured left are Evie and Charlie having a great time and "singing in the rain"**

**Contact Claire Bennett for further information and booking on 0420 418 425**

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

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## The Wandong History Group Inc

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'Gathering of Clan Robertson'

&

Book Launch Event

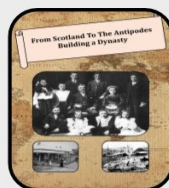
"From Scotland to the Antipodes, Building a Dynasty"

**SATURDAY 29th OCTOBER 2022**

11.00am - 3.00pm

at the

Wandong Public Hall—Rail St Wandong



Ticket Entry & Lunch

\$10 per head

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RSVP: 20th October, 2022  
 Email: [wandonghistorygroup4@gmail.com](mailto:wandonghistorygroup4@gmail.com)  
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# What's Happening

## WANDONG OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE



Service Phone Number:

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Holiday Program 6:30am – 6:30pm

### Mitchell Photography Club Inc

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meets third Wednesday of the month (except January) at 7:30pm

- Broadford Community Centre  
Contact Sarah 0438 847 577  
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## Mitchell Bushwalking Group

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

Please contact:

Mary 0428 479 469  
or Wayne 0451 519 734

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

for more information

## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

We wish the following people a very happy birthday

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
18 Sep	Robyn Beer	K
19 Sep	Caleb Walsh	HJ
21 Sep	Lisa Dennehy	HJ
21 Sep	Joel Lotherington	K
21 Sep	Joanne Brown	HJ
22 Sep	Lucy King	Wallan
23 Sep	Adrian King	K
23 Sep	Ray Candy	W
24 Sep	Aaron Thomas	B
25 Sep	Ann Marie Hogan	W
25 Sep	Emily Page	WP
25 Sep	Corey Stone	HJ
27 Sep	Marj Knight	W
28 Sep	Joelie Coter	W
30 Sep	Tye Duncan	HJ
1 Oct	James Dodds	W
2 Oct	Frank Amoroso	HJ
3 Oct	Bette Sartore	W
3 Oct	Joshua Stone	HJ
6 Oct	Francesco Amoroso	HJ
6 Oct	Emelia Amoroso	HJ
8 Oct	John Simpson	HJ
8 Oct	Draga Kovacic	C
9 Oct	Geoff Symons	HJ
9 Oct	Kerry Bellomo	HJ
9 Oct	Kate George	W
9 Oct	Steven Belfiore	HJ
10 Oct	Daniel Bellomo	HJ
11 Oct	Owen Philp	OG
11 Oct	Karen Telfer	W
11 Oct	Luke Smith	HJ
11 Oct	Anne Humphries	W
12 Oct	Emily McCarthy	HJ
12 Oct	Taylor Austin	HJ
12 Oct	Brandon Austin	HJ
12 Oct	Dylan Stone	HJ
13 Oct	Liz Symons	HJ
13 Oct	Thomas Gough	HJ
13 Oct	Dylan Cole	B
14 Oct	Abigail Delaney	W
14 Oct	Jenny Philp	OG



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## 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

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION  
ABOUT PLAYGROUP CONTACT:

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## THE CONCEPT OF THIS FATHER

Hello readers, for those who celebrated this special day in September - no not the footy yet! Happy Father's Day to you all.

I'm sure there are still some wonderful fathers who guide, nurture and love their families. Although we seem to have seen a rise in the fatherless and estranged society we are living amongst today.

I'm here to mention though, how young or old we can have this Fatherlike companion even amongst this world of conflicts and trials.

This One will never let you down once you trust in Him leaving it with Him as the new day approaches.

His promise being : *Lamentations 3 : 23 Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not, They are new every morning; Great is His faithfulness. The Lord is my portion, says my soul, Therefore I hope in Him.*

Everyday there are these new mercies awaiting us, greeting us and ready to help us if we desire them. We never need to feel fatherless as we truly have a heavenly Father who will walk with us wholeheartedly, at our own pace in our own daily journey.

My life has now been like this for some 35 years daily, walking through my pathway with my same God and at the same pace. Through various medical procedures, operations, oncology, radiotherapy, fires and other trials, I have stories of miracles if you ever want to ask me about them as I will freely share with you.

Now today, I find myself walking again through chemotherapy treatment, not knowing my future, but I am walking peacefully as I know that I do not walk alone.

As the song most of us know - One day at a Time - sweet Lord, that's all I'm asking from You.... God really doesn't want any of His Children to suffer. He does not desire to have war, arguments bringing unrest, sickness, famines etc - but because many of His human race greedily insist on more sinful, deceptive ways, rather than asking Him for wisdom to bring a positive outcome then this is the world we presently live in.

God your Heavenly Father is there for all - just ask Him.

Merle Croskell.

## SAVE WANDONGS HERITAGE LISTED ST MICHAELS CHURCH

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## LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

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Web Site: [www.christchurchwhittlesea.org](http://www.christchurchwhittlesea.org)

Weddings/Baptisms by appointment

Sunday Services: 10.15am. Incl kids program

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All Welcome. Love to see you there



### Wandong District Church

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Enquiries to:

Pastor Allan Laurens 5787 1020

Or David Moran 5787 1738

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## GARDEN SCENE WITH GAIL

How good is it to have Spring here, it seemed a long, cold wet Winter with water everywhere. Of course, when Summer hits we'll be wanting all that water unless we get a wet Summer. Spring is a lovely time in our gardens, buds are opening as they feel the warmth of the changing season, the daylight hours stretch out a little longer and baby birds are making their appearance into the world. Spring is also a busy month to play catch up with our garden jobs that we haven't been able to finish. Weeding is ongoing and if we can get weeds under control before the soil dries out it's so much easier, because they come out, roots and all and fertiliser is easily absorbed into damp soil and if you gently fork it around plants, it's even better. Check the structure of the soil, if you have a clay-based soil that cracks in Summer and allows water to pool in Winter an application of clay breaker can be beneficial along with some fine white sand (not brickies sand) and well-rotted cow manure. Gently mix in around your plants / lawn and water in well. Alternatively, a loose soil such as a sandy soil will really thrive if you apply organic matter to assist in holding water long enough to allow roots to take up the nutrients. Something to be mindful of are plants that do really well in a sand-based soil such as Leucadendron, Waratah, Protea, Boronia, Kangaroo Paw, some Grevillea, Agonis, plants from Western Australia, may not do well in our clay based Victorian soils so try to ensure you plant them in a well-drained soil with minimum cultivation around their root system. Some plants are known to be surface rooting so if you are thinking of staking them initially, use substantial support. Time goes so quickly and before we know it the plant that was quite small has now grown to about two metres and has weakened the supports and has grown on an angle impeding the growth of the plants around it. If you want to straighten the culprit, do it over a period of time and preferably while it is wet, because if you try to straighten the plant in one move the roots may break because their growth habit is used to the current angle. This is when we can get a helping hand from the wet, wet soil that we currently have. Check out if you have any movement in the plant or if it's solid in the ground, water it well and apply a Seasol solution, leave it a few hours to absorb the solution and then with a digging fork (a spade may damage roots with the cutting action) at the drip line of the plant and all the way round it, try to push the fork down without much disturbance to the roots. Work out how much movement there is, if any and persuade the plant to a more upright position ever so gently and only a few centimetres if that. Try to ensure that the roots of the plant that you are pulling towards don't become higher than the surrounding soil, the roots need to be covered at all times. Determine a point or points away from the plant that you can use as strong anchor points and using a sturdy strap, gently pull the plant towards the anchor point/s and secure the plant by tying to the anchor/s points. Keep in mind that this movement should be very minimal and use a strap that is not sharp or will wear into the trunk of the angled plant because even the initial tie will stress the plant a little, if you have some thick cardboard or a piece of rubber, place it around the trunk to minimise damage. This process may take a while to complete because the less stress to the plant the better the survival. Slow and steady is the best here. Trees are fantastic for shade, for creating a micro-climate



in our garden, birdlife and so many other benefits and when we plant a tree that is known to grow quite big on maturity, we need to ensure that the area can accommodate it. We also need to consider paths, drives etc if it is known to have a vigorous root system. Trees, if chosen to suit the area they are planted in can be wonderful climate controllers. Deciduous trees, planted on the North, North Westerly aspect of dwellings will allow Summer shade and Winter sun, assisting in naturally cooling our homes and there are many plants available in varying sizes if you don't have a lot of room in your garden. Early Spring is a great time to revive your potted plants with a treat of good quality fresh potting mix, they will be happier and repay you with fantastic growth.

Enjoy our first month of Spring,

Gail Mains Kendrick (Your Local Real Estate Agent)



## MERRI CREEK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

*Are you interested in Landcare and in being part of a new Landcare group in your area?*

*We will be holding a community meeting for the establishment of a new Landcare group for the Upper Plenty, Wallan, Beveridge and Heathcote Junction areas.*

*Come along to hear from members of other local Landcare groups about their experiences and to discuss the idea of forming the Upper Plenty-Upper Merri Landcare Group with other locals.*

*When: Wednesday 5th October starting at 6.30pm.*

*Where: Upper Plenty Mechanics Institute (The Shack), Wallan-Whittlesea Road, Upper Plenty.*

*Light supper provided*

*To RSVP or for further information contact Upper Merri Landcare Facilitator, Chris Cobern on 0413 855 490 or email [chriscoburn@mcmc.org.au](mailto:chriscoburn@mcmc.org.au)*

## LIONS CLUB OF WANDONG - WALLAN INC.

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



Since the last report I have been locked up with covid. Elizabeth locked me up in the front of the house and passed my food under the door. I suppose that I should be grateful that she was still feeding me. Anyway because I am a sharing caring person I shared the disease with her. Did she appreciate it? Not at all. I even cooked baked beans on toast which is my specialty. Some people are just hard to get on with.

Two big events. Firstly we did a Saturday bbq at Bunnings which did a huge amount of trade. We got our first supplies from Sam at IGA but we badly miscalculated and had to go to Craigieburn shops several times for more supplies. Daniel's parents and Sam's dad Manjit were all there working. I did a wonderful job of supervision. Because we did so well I will have to keep a close eye on the treasurer to make sure that there are no signs of sudden affluence in the McGovern household.

The second big and more important event was the induction of a group of new members at a lunch at the Magpie and Stump. District Governor Graham Bryant did the honours. We inducted eight new members. My only complaint was that Marilyn got toy parcels for all the kids except me. This was our first big social event since covid. It is onwards and upwards for us now. I nearly forgot to Mention that it was also Marilyn's birthday. Happy birthday Mrs M.

This is Saturday and Daniel, Peter, Hugh and Sam have just finished a bbq outside IGA in Wandong. We are really going ahead.

Now I have to tell you about Brian Dove. While vacuuming out his car he decided to trip over the cleaner cord. Flying through the air in his garage, he avoided the bench, landed on his face on the floor, pushed his glasses up into his nose and made it bleed. This is not as spectacular as Marilyn but Brian doesn't have any stairs to fall down.

Hugh maintains that he is above reproach but I have a story to tell. After buying a birthday cake for Mary he decided that he was hungry so broke off a great hunk and presented his wife with a half-eaten cake. She was not greatly pleased.

It would not be a report without a Bill story. He persuaded his twin granddaughters that there were pearls to be found on Rosebud beach so the poor misinformed girls went out with torches and great expectation to search for pearls. I hope that they have learned not to trust him in the future.

Just one last mystery. Why did Steve put the baking paper in the fridge? Was he Trying to extend its use by date?

Remember that if you have any gossip to pass on it will be treated with the Strictest confidence.

Catch you next time.  
Clyde Riley

### WANDONG-HEATHCOTE JUNCTION COMMUNITY GROUP

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



#### WEBSITE

In August the <[www.wandong.vic.au](http://www.wandong.vic.au)> website received 989 visits. If any business or group has noticed any change which needs to be corrected to their entry, please let us know. To add your business or group email: [whatsnewswhj@gmail.com.au](mailto:whatsnewswhj@gmail.com.au)

#### 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.

#### EXERCISE EQUIPMENT ON THE SAY G'DAY TRAIL

At the time of Whats News going to print, the two exercise equipment pods on the Say G'Day trail should be open to the public. A playground at the North Mountain Road end is still to be installed. While our original intention to better connect Wandong and Heathcote Junction and to have five exercise points at intervals along the trail has not been realised, we are grateful that a start to this plan has commenced.



## KILMORE GOLF CLUB



The recent wet weather has certainly had an impact on the KGC. The good part is that both dams are overflowing which should stand us in good stead for summer but carts have not been able to be used for 2 weeks and fairways have not been cut. Even walking players are finding the wet muddy conditions not pleasant.

The Carew Cup competition has been played over the last two weeks with the two finalists being Mark Boland and Greg Otene. The winner will be announced at the end of September.

Two Ladies teams attended the Broadford Bowl on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August. The team consisting of Jill Banon, Sandi Wicking and Dianne Dixon were successful in winning the Bowl. Dianne also won the Veterans category and Helen Clancy won A Grade and Sandi Wicking was r/up in her grade. A successful day out. The last time the Bowl was played was 2019 which Kilmore also won.

The major event in September is the Kilmore Open being held on Sat 16<sup>th</sup> – a mixed or men's event 4BBB. Entry fee \$15 pp which includes afternoon tea. Prizes: 4 NTP, Mixed and Men's prizes.

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> will be the Men's Open. Entry fee \$25 pp including sausage sizzle, afternoon tea, 4 NTP. Scratch and A, B, C grades depending on numbers.

Register by emailing [info@kilmoregolfclub.com.au](mailto:info@kilmoregolfclub.com.au) with your name and Golfink number.

More information can be seen on our website: [kilmoregoldclub.com.au](http://kilmoregoldclub.com.au)

**NEW MEMBERS DEAL FOR 2022 EXTENDED to September 30th**

## UPPER PLENTY PRIMARY SCHOOL

There has been so much for us to be excited about here at UPPS over the past few weeks. We can't believe how quick Term 3 is flying by! Across the school we have continued our studies of The Human Body. We are loving learning all about the different systems in our bodies and how we can best take care of ourselves. We have been focusing on putting our learning into action by ensuring we eat lots of healthy foods, get a good night's sleep and be active.



On August 17th, the school celebrated National Science Week by hosting a Science Night. It was lots of fun and we loved having so many families join us. There was a friendly atmosphere and we conducted various experiments together. Some of the activities included balloon rockets, fingerprinting, magic water, dancing sultanas, invisible ink, disappearing coins, and paper Helicopters. The evening was full of laughter, fun and investigation.

Book Week was a huge success on Friday August 26th, with so many students dressed up as their favourite book characters. Each grade voted on their favourite book of the year from the CBCA (Children's Book Council of Australia) shortlisted authors. We had a Book Week parade where the students enjoyed showing off their wonderful costumes to the school community.

Some of our students from grades 5 and 6 attended Hooptime, at Diamond Valley Stadium. We haven't had this opportunity for several years due to COVID, so we're very excited to be able to participate once again. Our grade 3 and 4 students also had the opportunity to compete the following week. All students had a blast and we were all extremely impressed by their determination and excellent sportsmanship.

Across the school, there is a buzz of excitement for our upcoming musical. We will be performing 'The Emoji Musical' in the last week of term. Students have been working hard, creating costumes, learning dances and lyrics and the 5/6s have been doing a wonderful job learning their lines. We cannot wait to put on a terrific show for our friends and families!

Tilly and Violeta

## WANDONG TENNIS CLUB

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

Information is posted on our  
Facebook page.  
[www.facebook.com/wandongtennis](https://www.facebook.com/wandongtennis)



Our Tuesday and Thursday night competitions are 4 weeks into their new seasons. The weather has not been kind to us with most teams not playing a match yet.

Junior grand finals are to be held at Wandong on Saturday 10th September. Good luck to all teams especially wandong green section 1.

The new summer season will start on October 8th for both juniors and seniors.



*Kilmore  
&  
District*

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President: Elaine De Gabrielle

Secretary: Mark Perrott

Contact: [info@u3akilmoreanddistrict.com.au](mailto:info@u3akilmoreanddistrict.com.au)

Kilmore is awash with vibrant colour as the Daffodils and Jonquils make an appearance and blossoms begin to burst out on the trees. The days are noticeably longer and we can officially welcome spring, despite the continuing cold wet weather that seems to be keeping Kilmore U3A members at home. Covid and the Flu continue to plague us, affecting class attendance numbers and frustrating our poor convenors and committee members, who are doing a fantastic job of keeping the organisation running as smoothly as they are able during these challenging times.

Sadly the theatre group has fallen victim to Covid because of continuing last minute cancellations, making it nigh on impossible to coordinate. There is only one more show scheduled; Phantom of the opera in early 2023 and then the group will recess and hopefully regroup at a later date. Morning tea and chat numbers have also fallen, however the walking group and the gardeners are keeping busy. Post Covid, it seems people are tending to avoid indoor settings but as the temperatures rise and the current Omicron wave subsides, hopefully we can soon return to a semblance of normality.

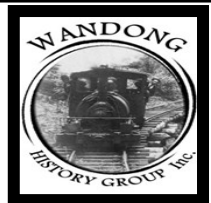
Social isolation continues to be an issue even now Covid restrictions have relaxed but it is important to remember that social interaction is a necessity for our physical and mental wellbeing. U3A classes can provide a safe, affordable and enjoyable outlet for like-minded people to interact and keep both mentally and physically fit. Whether it is solving difficult Sudoku puzzles, trivia competitions, darts, embroidery, walking and fitness classes, there is something on offer for everyone. Check out the website [u3akilmoreanddistrict.com.au](http://u3akilmoreanddistrict.com.au) or contact [info@u3akilmoreanddistrict.com.au](mailto:info@u3akilmoreanddistrict.com.au) for more information.

The U3A recorder ensemble, “Kandis”, under the expert tutelage of Alex Priestley are working on a selection of classical, baroque and contemporary pieces with a view to performing at the Kilmore Community Garden open day to be held Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October. The group has come a long way from humble beginnings when they dusted off their old school recorders and began to learn simple tunes. These days they are playing beautiful wooden professional instruments of various sizes which range from bass through to soprano, looking and sounding sensational. Why not come along to listen and enjoy all the activities planned for the open day. There will be plenty of family fun to be had by all.

Cheers and be safe, Amanda Oades

## WANDONG HISTORY GROUP

Please note the AGM for the Wandong History Group will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 12.30pm. We are seeking interested members of the public to join the committee.



We were very pleased to be able to have the event for the families of the lost airmen in August. The official unveiling of the plaque occurred last year but Covid restrictions prevented many family members of the airmen attending. Although a smaller event, the families appreciated the intimacy it provided for what was a very moving and emotional time for them. The group would like to thank Trevor Vienet who put so much work into the event, it was a memorable day for all.

We also need to thank local Kenny Bausch who quietly in the background without fuss does much for the local community. Kenny has offered the history group a storage container that we will use to hold all the things that are only used occasionally freeing up valuable space in the church for displays.

We are also working on adding content to the website in readiness for the grand launch. We are excited to finally have a site that people can find us on and find out more about the local history.

The grand reopening of St Michaels church is planned for the 8<sup>th</sup> October. Anyone interested in coming along let me know, we just need to have an idea of numbers for catering.

The Robertson reunion will take place on the 29<sup>th</sup> October. This event will be at the public hall and members of the public are invited to attend. Again let me know if you want to come along.

If you would like to be part of this dedicated team looking after our history and heritage contact us. We love having new members and there is a job for everyone no matter what your skill level.

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](mailto:Wandonghistorygroup4@gmail.com)

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# Wandong Fire Brigade



## Fire Danger Ratings in Victoria changed September 1, 2022.

From 1<sup>st</sup> September, fire danger ratings in Victoria will change in line with the Australian Fire Danger Rating System. Fire danger ratings provide information so that people can take action to protect themselves and others. The higher the fire danger rating, the more dangerous the conditions, and the more difficult it will be to stop a fire if one starts. Every State and Territory will now use the same rating system. The fire danger rating system uses four colour-coded levels and plain language to provide clear advice on what action communities need to take at each level. New signs (see page 16) will be installed progressively across the State from September 1. Prior to changeover, all current Fire Danger Rating signs will have a sticker placed over the sign to promote the new four-rating system.

Up to date Fire Danger Ratings and other emergency information can be found on the VicEmergency website and VicEmergency app.

## Wandong Fire Brigade Juniors

The Juniors recently smoked up the station with a smoke machine to practice their search and rescue techniques. The smoke machine was so effective that a caring community member called the fire brigade to check that all was ok, and if the station was actually on fire! 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.

## Burning Off in Mitchell Shire

All burn offs must be registered with the CFA. Restrictions on burn offs are dependent on the zone that you live in. For those with residential or semi rural properties under 0.4 hectare, burning off is permitted from 10am to 3pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Council permits are required outside these hours. Rural properties can burn off at any time, outside the CFA declared fire danger period. Zones can be found on the Mitchell Shire Council website.

<https://www.mitchellshire.vic.gov.au/services/fire-and-other-emergencies/heat-and-fire/burning-off-and-fireworks>

All burn offs must be registered with the CFA. This may be done by calling 1800 668 511, or online at Fire Permits Victoria. <https://firepermits.vic.gov.au/>

## Training

Training occurs weekly on Wednesday nights starting at 7pm at the fire station. Wandong Fire Brigade is a 100% volunteer brigade of members living in the Wandong / Heathcote Junction area. For more information contact us on our facebook page or call Lt James Stephens on 0418221458.

## WANDONG PUBLIC HALL

I was looking through some old records and found that the craft group still using the hall today has been with us for at least 30 years. If anyone knows the date it actually started, I would love to hear from you. I think that might be a record for ongoing use of a community building.

On this note the AGM will be held in October, 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

# WANDONG JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB



## Under 11 Gala Grandfinal

Congratulations Wandong JFC on the incredible day and taking out the Lightning Premiership for 2022. Great way to conclude the season with all clubs participating in the Grand Final Day in Seymour.

Congratulations to Grant and Ben and all our under 11's who won the lightning premierships today. We kicked off our pool games with a dominant first half against St Marys before letting them back in the second half, but we held on to claim a narrow victory. Our second game was against one of the benchmarks in Broadford. It was 1 point apiece at half time but with the aid of a strong breeze in the second half we powered away to win convincingly. Our 3rd pool game was against Seymour and that was over at half time with us up by 21 points and the wind at our backs in the second half.

The grand final saw us pitted against Euroa who finished on top of their pool. We had the breeze in the first half and things looked grim when Euroa goaled very early. We kicked the next goal and went in 2 points up at half time but we're against the wind in the last half. Once again Euroa kicked the first goal of the second half but our warriors answered straight back to retake the lead. We managed to kick the next 2 goals against the breeze to run out 15 point winners and be crowned the inaugural AFLGM under 11 lightning premiers.

A fantastic reward for a very consistent season. Well done to Case Thomas who was voted our player of the tournament by our coaches. Thanks to all the volunteers who umpired, ran water and all other jobs that needed filling.

## AGM

Our presentation day and AGM is being held 2nd October, starting 10:30. Lunch will be provided from 12:30. Archery on the oval will be from 1:15 onwards. New committee members welcome.

Enjoy the off season and we look forward to 2023 !



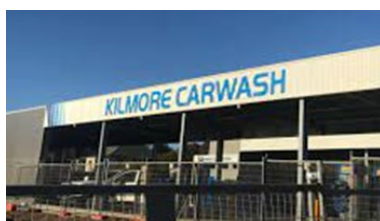
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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting (followed by the ordinary monthly meeting) for the Wandong Heathcote Junction Community Group will be held at the Wandong Public Hall at 11.30am Monday 3rd October. All welcome to come along and make a difference.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WANDONG PUBLIC HALL  
The Annual General Meeting for the Wandong Public Hall will be held at the hall at 11am Monday 3rd October. All committee positions will be declared vacant and a new committee will be elected. ALL WELCOME





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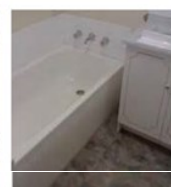
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# Wandong Primary School



## Book Week 2022 – Dreaming with Eyes Open

To celebrate Book Week, students, parents and families joined in the celebrations! The day kicked off with our costume parade in the morning and it was a huge success. As per usual we were blown away by the amazing effort, dedication and creative ideas that were on display. It was also wonderful to have so many visits back on site to share in the fun.

## STEM

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics are core parts of our weekly curriculum. We are lucky to partner with Quantum Victoria (affiliated with La Trobe University and the University of Melbourne), to provide our students with state of the art STEM lessons. All of our students have the option to attend lessons at this centre of excellence and innovation. There they participate in programming and robotics, 3D printing and physical/chemical science experiments- learning with state of the art equipment and experts in the field.

## Athletics Carnival

Earlier this month, we had our whole school Athletics Carnival! Students had the opportunity to compete for their house and to earn house points by showing athleticism and sportsmanship; all the while having fun and a lot of laughs with their friends and family. We would like to thank our incredible teachers and especially our PE teacher Mr Fearn, for making this fantastic community day possible!



## Australian Fire Danger Rating System

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# Clonbinane Rural Fire Brigade



## Training

Training for our fire fighters is increasing in preparation for the fire danger period. Training will occur mid-week and on Sunday mornings. All fire fighters must gain annual accreditation in entrapment drills and tree hazard awareness.

## Weather

After another wet weather winter, we can expect plenty of grass growing once the sun warms the damp earth. It is anticipated a wet spring is ahead of us. It is a good time to prepare your machinery for the pre-summer clean up. Change oil and fuel for pumps and mowers. You might need to charge up the battery on your ride-on mower.

## Burning Off

Burning off grass, stubble, weeds, undergrowth, or other vegetation is generally permitted outside the Fire Danger Period. There are many bonfire piles building around the district. Do not leave this to the end of the season to burn off, burn as early as possible once the branches and leaves have dried off. It is safer and easier to control multiple smaller piles rather than a large bonfire. Consider the weather, a strong gusty wind is not a suitable time to burn off. Light up early whilst the humidity is higher, this lessens the likelihood that your fire will get away. By lighting up early it is more likely the fire will be cold before the sun goes down. If you are in an urban area such as Waterford Park, then check the Mitchell Shire website as to when you are allowed to burn off. All burning off requires registration with the CFA.

Unregistered burn-offs can cause brigades to be called out unnecessarily. Before you notify the CFA and carry out your planned burn, ensure:

- You are following regulations or laws by CFA and your local council.
  - You notify your neighbours if your activity will generate fire and smoke.
  - Check the weather forecast for the day of the activity and a few days afterwards.
  - Establish a gap in vegetation or fire break of no less than three metres cleared of all flammable material.
  - There are enough people to monitor, contain and extinguish the burn safely and effectively.
  - Consider alternatives to burning such as mulching.
- Have a fire rake and wear appropriate clothing and boots.

There are three methods in which you can register your burn. –

- Phone the CFA on 1800 668 511 to register your burn

Or go online to the CFA website to register your burn [www.cfa.vic.gov.au/contact/register-your-burn-off](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/contact/register-your-burn-off)

Or complete the [Burn off Notification Form \(PDF 191.5KB\)](#) and email the form to [burnoffs@esta.vic.gov.au](mailto:burnoffs@esta.vic.gov.au)

**IT IS A MUNICIPAL BYLAW THAT ALL BURN-OFFS ARE TO BE REGISTERED WITH THE CFA**

**The CFA burn registration will request the following information about your burn-off when registering:**

- Name and phone number
- Location- your address, they will confirm your nearest road intersection.
- Date and expected start and finish times
- Estimated size of the burn
- What you intend to burn

For further information on making your home safe from bushfire and house fire, go to the CFA website [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au)

Please contact the brigade if you require any local fire safety information.

Check us out on Facebook.

Stay Safe

John Mahoney- Captain





**Hi from the WHJSC Committee,**

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 even when its cold.

- Walking the dogs
- kids in the playground
- individuals/groups doing their fitness workouts
- mums with the kids in the pram
- riding bikes
- playing kick to kick 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

**Our Winter User Groups are at the end of their seasons programs and heading into the business end presentations of a challenging 2022.**

**The summer user groups are in planning mode and ready to commence their prospective season.**

- Mitchell Agility Dog Club.
- Junior Tennis /Saturday Afternoon Tennis
- Night Tennis
- Standardbred Riding Club
- Kilmore and District Adult Rider's Club
- Cricket
- School Sports

**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.**



## **L.B.Davern Reserve Pod Update:**

Works have been completed on the L.B.Davern Pod, This pod will be open to the public shortly. 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.





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### Flooding at the Reserve:

Flooding at the Reserve: Warning: As severe weather fronts came through Wandong / Heathcote Junction please take care throughout the Reserve as the creek can flood and our trees may come down throughout the Reserve. If you notice any damage please let us know.



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

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Photos of The Tennis Club En Trout Cas Tennis Courts and Stadium in construction



**To our community, we need your help;**

**We need to catch any persons vandalizing our Reserve!!!!**

If Residents notice anything out of the ordinary please contact the police on 000

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

**Please note:**

Somebody or persons are filling up the Reserve bins with their own rubbish, the Reserve bins are provided for user groups and the community using the Reserve.

**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

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## **Carer Skills Courses**

As a carer you are often quite busy juggling the demands of the caring role that it is easy to neglect other aspects of your life, including work, study, volunteering and your general health and wellbeing.

The Carer Gateway program has a strong focus on supporting carers to develop skills and knowledge to manage in their day to day caring role.

The Carer Skills courses are a series of free, self-paced learning modules available on the Carer Gateway website <https://skills.carergateway.gov.au/>

There are six skills modules available that provide information, insights and practical tips to help carers develop new understanding and skills important to their caring role. Each module takes approximately 20 – 40 minutes to complete and you can download your responses to questions in the modules to use as a resource and reminder at a later time.

These Carer Skills courses are designed to help improve your health and wellbeing. You may choose to complete all six modules or just the ones that appeal to you. The modules focus on the following topics:

- **Carer Skills 1: Dealing with Stress** – gain a better understanding of stress, its causes and your options for dealing with it
- **Carer Skills 2: Effective Communication Techniques** – refresh your communication skills to help you manage the communication styles and behaviours of others to get the results you need
- **Carer Skills 3: Recharge and Reconnect** – gain a better understanding of the importance of regularly recharging and reconnecting. Learn how to deal with negative feelings such as guilt and create your care team.
- **Carer Skills 4: Legal Issues** – An overview of legal issues including: capacity to make decisions, who can give consent, Power of Attorney, Guardianship, Advance care Directive / Plan
- **Carer Skills 5: Social Connections** – gain a better understanding of the importance of being socially connected, build your social connections map, learn how to deal with guilt, fear and anxiety
- **Carer Skills 6: Sleep** – learn more about sleep and its importance to your health and wellbeing, as well as understanding why you don't get enough sleep, what you can do about it and develop strategies to manage your day after poor or no sleep
- The Carer Gateway team are here to support you in your caring role. To find out more contact the Carer Gateway on 1800 422 737. Visit the website <https://www.carergateway.gov.au/> or the Carer Skills course page <https://skills.carergateway.gov.au/>

All the best,  
Jason



## Neighbourhood Watch

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### South Mitchell

## Scams and Online Safety

Getting scammed is a violation of your privacy. However, you can avoid the unpleasant feeling of loss to you and your family by taking preventative measures in your daily life.

The internet fulfils many people's lives on a daily basis with its wealth of information. However, it is also full of scams. Here are some scam examples:

- Charity rackets – impersonators of genuine charities.
- eBay – read their comprehensive terms and conditions and how to stay safe whilst using their platform.
- Home repairs – Ensure they are a licensed contractor with references and if there's a contract involved it should be structured properly so the case of a dispute you understand your rights. Confirm their testimonials and/or references.
- Investment & Insurance – fast ways to make money.
- Online dating – pretend to be romantic partners and play on your emotions to get money, gifts or personal details. Search for the same photo on other dating sites and look for generic answers to questions.
- Phony lottery or winnings – don't give them money upfront or personal information in order to receive a prize.
- Buying or selling online – not every transaction is legitimate.



### Tips to Identify Scammers

- How did they get your name?
- Do they have reliable references?
- Is there any pressure to act immediately?
- Do they require you to pay money up front?
- Do they promise you'll be wealthy overnight?
- Is it too good to be true?

To stay as safe as possible online, it is essential to learn some of the basic concepts of using a computer and how to protect your personal information.

Here are some basics to keep you safer online:

- Have someone you trust help set up your computer, email passwords and security codes.
- To feel more secure, purchase anti-virus software and ensure you know what it does and how it works.
- Secure websites are indicated by a lock on the browser's status bar and the prefix 'https://' or 'https://'.- Limit the information you share on social media.
- Have a few different email accounts to cut down on spam and privacy issues. i.e. personal, business, sign-ups and buying online.
- Ensure you know a website is legitimate before signing up for anything and read the terms and conditions.
- Ensure you know a website is legitimate before signing up for anything and read the terms and conditions.
- Scamming websites send emails and when you click on parts of the email this allows phishing scams and malware to infect your computer.
- Phishing is a form of identity theft where you are tricked into giving your personal information. The information is then used to steal your identity.

### Hotlines:

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### Emergency

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### Police Assistance Line

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## THIS MONTHS QUIZ

Answer appears on Page 25 but no cheating!

1. In what US State is the city Nashville?
2. Who was first to play Dumbledore in the Harry Potter films.?
3. How many hearts does an octopus have?
4. Which famous artist recorded the theme song for Goldeneye?
5. In which century did Rembrandt live?
6. In which country would you find the original Legoland?
7. Botany is the study of what life form?
8. Which part of your body has the cruciate ligament?
9. Whose face was said to have launched 1,000 ships?
10. What is the doll, Barbie's, full name?
11. Who founded the World Scouting Movement?
12. What type of animal is a Flemish giant?
13. Who was the US President during WWII?
14. Where were the Hemsworth brothers born?

## Kilmore/Wallan RSL Sub Branch

meets the last Thursday night of the month  
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- > Fortnightly Council Ad in the local newspaper
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Or, contact Mitchell Shire Council on 5734 6200.

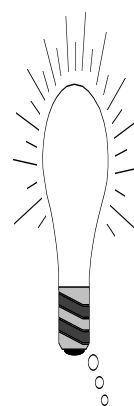
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# Whittlesea Community Network

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Email [wchi@whittleseach.com.au](mailto:wchi@whittleseach.com.au)



Spring has sprung! Time to shake off the winter blues and try something new!



**Whittlesea  
Uke Muster  
2022**  
Saturday 15th October

**FREE!**

Whittlesea Secondary College, Laurel Street, Whittlesea  
9.30am – 6.00pm

Workshops including Speakeasy Blues, Song Writing, Gypsy Jazz, Absolute Beginners, Picking and Plucking PLUS Grand Finale Concert  
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REGISTER EARLY  
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[wchi@whittleseach.com.au](mailto:wchi@whittleseach.com.au)  
or use the QR code



## 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 and Thursdays October 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> 11.30am – 1.00pm \$2.00 per person

## Crafternoons

Join us each week on Mondays and dabble in all sorts of crafts! **Coming soon:** Terracotta Painting.

Join anytime just let us know you are coming so we can have materials available.

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

## Death Café Event

Join this interesting discussion about funerals and rights of passage with the team from “Last Hurrah Funerals” learn the tricks and traps with funerals.

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 11.30am – 1.00pm FREE includes coffee and cake

## Boat Licence – The weather is on the improve – time to hit the water!

Saturdays September 17<sup>th</sup>, October 1<sup>st</sup>, November 5<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> and December 10<sup>th</sup> 9.00am – 1.00pm

\$130 per person (students over 12 years are eligible). PWC Licence is included unless you are under 16 years

## 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 October 8th \$85/\$150/\$195

## Food Handling

Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup> 9.00am – 1.00pm \$70

## 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, Expresso Legal, Uniting Financial Counselling, NDIS, Centrelink, Victoria Police, My Aged Care, Under 60s Home Assistance, No Interest Loan Scheme, FREE Kinder info and heaps more! Solve lots of drama at one place on one day! Call 9716 3361 to register in advance, it's **FREE**. Friday September 30th 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 are now offering assistance by appointment, call 9716 3361 to arrange a time. Please bring your ENTIRE most recent electricity account and your banking details (BSB and Account number) when you attend.

## 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.

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**QUIZ ANSWERS (from page 23)**

1. Tennessee
2. Richard Harris
3. Three
4. Tina Turner
5. 17<sup>th</sup>
6. Denmark
7. Plants
8. Knee
9. Helen of Troy
10. Barbara Millicent Roberts
11. Robert Baden- Powell
12. Rabbit
13. Franklin D. Roosevelt
14. Melbourne



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

August in the main followed the previous  
months of winter, being wet and cold with very  
little relief for comfort.

During the last ten days of the month, we  
welcomed a few sunny days. Spring weather  
did show itself to a degree through the emerging  
flowers and blossoms, but quickly reverted to  
cold and wet again.

Rainfall for the month was 119.5 mls recorded  
over 19 days of the month.

Our Sunday Creek supply dam has a capacity  
of 1650 mls. The reading recorded on the 30<sup>th</sup>  
August was 1658 mls (99%) which holds well  
for the coming seasons.

**Stats**

August 2022	-	119.5 mls
Previous year	-	39.5 mls
Average prev 10 years	-	74 mls
Total this year	-	541.5 mls
Total prev year	-	564 mls

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## 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 sickness. Perhaps the biggest issue with dogs medical care now, is how everyone likes to panic at even the smallest issue with our pets. When rumours spread there is Kennel Cough around, people become very worried and often feel that others might be taking their infected dogs out and placing their own pets at risk.... so let us break down what kennel cough really is to help you 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 one 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 can we do...?

- We kept them quiet and reduced their activity and 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.

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# Darraweit Guim Primary School News



This month at Darraweit Guim Primary School we celebrated BOOK WEEK! This month's theme was 'Dreaming with Eyes Open'.

Each year, since 1945, the Children Book Council of Australia has brought children and books together through Book Week. At school, we spent one marvellous week celebrating books and Australian authors and illustrators.

Everyone at DGPS got into the Book Week spirit and created some magnificent costumes to show at our parade. Our students went above and beyond finding and creating custom costumes of their favourite book characters.



## 2023 ENROLMENTS

*We are 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*

## GRAND RE-OPENING

**The Newly Restored  
St Michael's Catholic Church  
11 Dry Creek Cresnet, Wandong**

Home of  
The Wandong History Group

**Saturday 8th October, 2022  
11.00 - 2.00pm**



RSVP: Friday 30th September, 2022  
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