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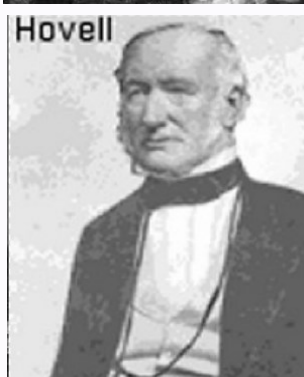
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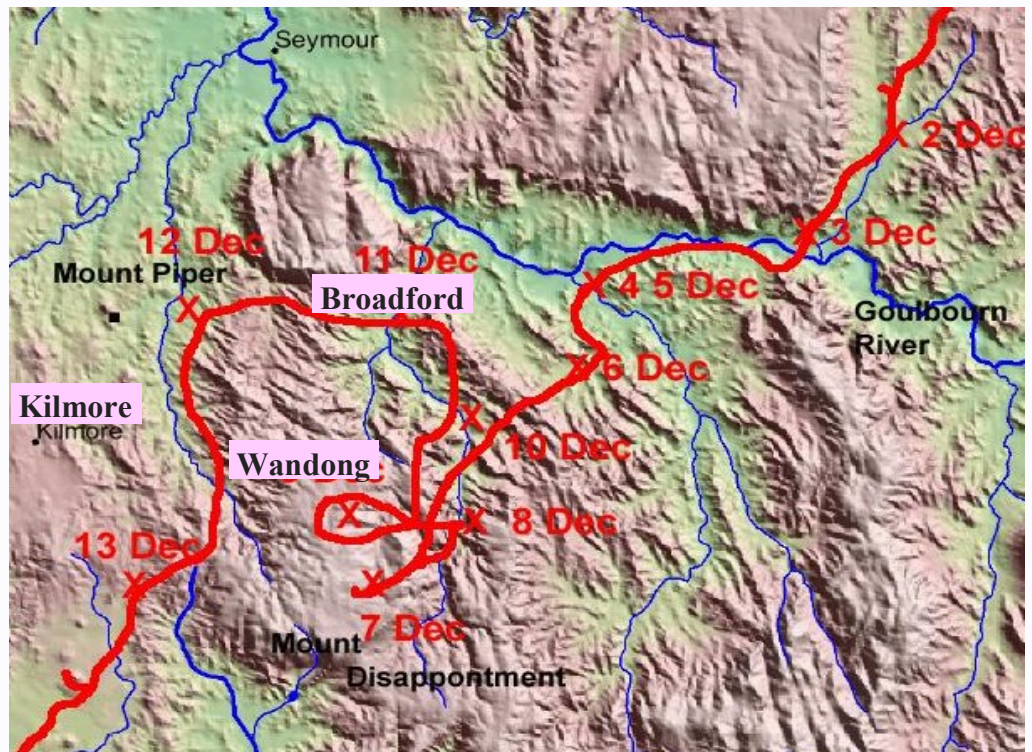
Now that it has been established that the correct route taken by Hamilton Hume and William Hovell in 1824 was through Wandong instead of Kilmore, the Wandong History Group are making arrangements to commemorate the 200 year old journey. Hume and Hovell travelled south along what later became the Wandong-Broadford road. It took them straight through the middle of Wandong, across Arkells Lane and up to the watershed peak on the Great Dividing Range that is 1260 metres South of Arkells Lane. Having crossed the peak Hume continued to ride in front along Eastern Ridge, Wallan (Happy Valley) to about the now Emelia Court intersection, according to the accurate measurements left by William Hovell. Hume led the party off the ridge to the left in a South by East direction and they camped that night on the Merri Creek at about present-day Kelby Lane, Wallan.



Hume



Hovell



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We wish the following people a very happy birthday

16 Mar	Lisa Kelly	HJ
16 Mar	Chris Waldie	W
17 Mar	Catherine Humphreys	W
17 Mar	Andrew Ryan	KE
17 Mar	Kylie Warburton	HJ
17 Mar	Abigail O-Sullivan	W
19 Mar	Jackson Kilroy	W
20 Mar	Mark Seeley	HJ
20 Mar	Margie Sanders	B
21 Mar	Ben Marshall	HJ
22 Mar	Helen McMahon	HJ
22 Mar	Steven Burns	HJ
22 Mar	Kim Tierney	UP
22 Mar	Kaitlin Dodds	W
23 Mar	Jenny Sannsweld	HJ
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24 Mar	Emma Ryan	KE
24 Mar	Mark Shingles	W
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26 Mar	Galen Sartore	W
27 Mar	Kayla O'Sullivan	W
28 Mar	Jason Harrington	HJ
28 Mar	Gerard Hibbert	W
29 Mar	Hayley Seeley	HJ
29 Mar	Joshua Walsh	HJ
30 Mar	Greg Gibbs	W
30 Mar	Chris Bellomo	HJ
31 Mar	Nicholas Villanti	HJ
3 Apr	Sarah Hanson	W
3 Apr	Mia Albert	HJ
4 Apr	Lachlan Hardwick	Wallan
5 Apr	Don McNaughton	HJ
6 Apr	Kaylah Sanders	HJ
7 Apr	Travis Symons	HJ
7 Apr	Lyn Gutterson	W
8 Apr	Jared Plumbe	CI
10 Apr	Lachlan Gough	HJ
11 Apr	Abby Maree Miller	W
12 Apr	Katherine Kovacic	WP
13 Apr	Georgia Shingles	W
14 Apr	Simone Burns	HJ
14 Apr	Jason Watson	Ywa
15 Apr	Kelsey Batey	W
15 Apr	Chris Ryan	KE
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The Two-Day Group was born on the principle that it is not the amount that is remembered or talked about it is the thought that counts! It is the goodwill that is generated, the tendency for the recipient to repeat the gesture and the fact that no judgement of need was considered.

The idea of The Two-Day Group is that you set aside two dollars a day, let it accumulate and give it away anonymously and without judgment.

We feel that it is important not to judge. If we were to give something to a wealthy person (Judging again) it could be argued that it may not be a good idea, however that might convince them to become more thoughtful of others. (Maybe, even join our group) We just distribute, the final effect is out of our hands.

Many are already helping folk in other ways and do not need us to point out the benefits that can flow into our own lives as we minimise our problems in the service of others.

One of our group is paying a pensioner for the parts needed to recondition bikes rescued from the tip to be donated to kids in his area who are unable to afford much at all.

A café in a regional town recently served free coffee and a donut to a bunch of surprised street workers!

Hearns Hobbies delivered some top-quality Meccano sets to two different families to help the strain on relationships during the recent lockdown.

You could get a free key cut at Wallan and Seymour lately.

A cashier at a supermarket saw us pay for a pensioners shopping and was excited to tell us about making up a young boys lolly purchase of \$1-50 (It's not the amount that he will remember.)

Our emails repeatedly tell us that good things are happening, the cost, just Two Dollars a day! Look us up on Facebook--The Two-Day Group.

Allan Gray

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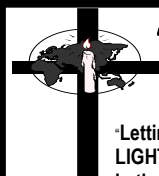
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GARDEN SCENE WITH GAIL

Well, Autumn is here and that brings varying jobs in our garden. After the first good rain we can commence pruning to help regenerate, reshape and clear plants from dead or damaged branches. Cooler weather reduces dehydration within the plant and the thicker the branch pruned, the more chance of dehydration. It is favourable to prune on a cooler day, after it has rained, or you have watered. If you are pruning Lavender, never prune into the dead wood as this can kill the hardy Lavender and don't forget, the pieces you prune off can be used as cuttings for new plants. Ensure, for cuttings you take some hard, or older wood and cut on an angle to give more surface area for a better success rate and these should strike well, particularly, if you use hormone rooting gel or powder. Autumn is a great time with the intense heat of Summer subsiding it's very inviting to get out into the garden. Weeding, mulching and deep watering is so essential to encourage roots deeper, reducing shallow roots that are then more susceptible to drying out. Some plants, however, are naturally shallow rooting such as Camellias, Rhododendrons and Azaleas, and these plants require generous mulching to stop the hot weather drying out their roots. Even though it's Autumn, we are still having warm days, but the cooler mornings are lovely and with the shorter days our deciduous plants have already started to colour up and as Autumn progresses colours will intensify. We will see colours of bronze, orange, green, red, claret and mixes of all especially with the Chinese Pistachio. A pretty small tree growing to about 5 metres high by about 2-3 metres wide and these estimates may vary depending on soil type, location and other influences which of course can affect all our plants. Larger growing deciduous plants such as Claret Ash, Golden Ash, Pin Oak, Oak, Elm, Ornamental Pear, Robinia pseudoacacia and Plane Tree, just to name a few are absolutely stunning as mature plants. The Liquidambar tree is amazing, but it can be a bit of a nuisance with its root system, with underground pipes etc. Visit some gardens to appreciate the beauty of Autumn, Mt Macedon, Lancefield, Woodend and the main throughfare through Wandong, very tastefully planted. After viewing mature varieties and if you are in the market to add a deciduous plant to your garden, source your favourite/s from a reputable nursery because it may be a good idea to order now, ready for planting in a couple of months. After the Autumn rains begin, start your hole preparation ready for the Autumn planting. Hopefully the ground will soften enough and make it a bit easier for digging because it's been a few months since we've had decent rain and the ground can be hard in some areas of our gardens. Remember to allow quite a bit of room for your new plantings and the ideal size of hole per pot plant is twice the depth and width. Sometimes, with hard ground you can be tempted to skim on hole size but try not to because a hole not big enough may retard the expansion of the new roots that are trying to push into fresh ground, and this may result in the root ball continuing to stay in that shape, thus the plant will not do well, not grow well and be stunted. Take your time when preparing to plant, it will absolutely pay you back. If you are planting on the side of a hill, try to ensure that the high side of the hole is below the ground level on the lower side, this will aid in water being absorbed into the hole when you pop the plant in. This will work if you have prepared your ground with well-rotted cow manure, some gypsum and / or any organic matter that can improve the soil structure, absorption and drainage, so, so important. When you're ready to choose your new plants, look at the area they will be planted into, ensure they can reach their maximum height without overhead trees, power lines or other obstructions impeding their growth, will their mature size and root system interfere with underground pipes and / or drainage? Enjoy the first month of Autumn and we'll chat next month.



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Welcome to March 2023, and let's ask ourselves "Where have the last couple of months gone?" It seems like Christmas was only a few weeks ago, and summer will soon be over.

If "Time flies when you are having fun", we must be having a ball! I hope everyone in our Community is going well.

Our regular scribe Clyde, and his lovely wife Elizabeth, and family, are off on holidays to the Cook Islands. We are led to believe that it is in celebration of his Birthday, of which I can't disclose his age, other than to say it's somewhere between 79, and 81. Now any man who takes his new bride on a Honeymoon, in a Mini Minor, on the dirt roads of the Australian outback, all those years ago, has a lot to answer for. Personally, I think this holiday is part of the ongoing forgiveness he seeks from Liz, for that motoring Honeymoon "saga" he subjected her to, at the beginning of their long marriage.

While on the subject of Clyde, he has been showing us pictures of a big fish that he claims to have caught on his recent fishing escapade. It's surprising how big a fish looks when a short person is holding it. And, rumours are circulating hinting that he paid a handsome sum to one of the locals, who caught that fish, to borrow it for the pictures. Is it only me who wouldn't put it past him?

On to serious matters. The Club's 6 x4 trailer has been cleaned up and painted, and will receive Lions Club decals and a weatherproof cover to go over the cage. It will be handy for transporting BBQ equipment, where the large BBQ trailer is not required, and other miscellaneous items, in all weather conditions. A powered jockey wheel, battery, and battery charger, have been purchased for our large BBQ trailer, and will be fitted in the near future, to make moving the trailer manually, a lot easier.

A Social Dinner is planned for Wed 22nd March, to be held at the Magpie And Stump Hotel in Wandong. Members, and potential new members, keep this date marked on your calendar, as we want to make this as big as possible. Circumstances over the last couple of years have made Dinner Meetings not possible, so with our freedoms all returned, we'd like to get back to bi-monthly Social gatherings.

This year sees our Club turning the big "50". Fifty years of doing things for our Community is something to be very proud of, and with that, an official Birthday celebration will be organised for later in the year. As soon as a date and venue are determined, members will be advised. It's hope as many Members as possible can attend, especially the "long termers" who have contributed so much to the Club throughout their tenure. Additionally, past members are welcome to join us for this important event, so anyone who is still in contact with past members, could you please extend an invitation to the event once the details are finalised.

We are planning another Number Plate "security screw" fitting session for 2023, and once that date, and a venue is determined, we will get that information out to the Community.

OK, that's about it for me. Next month it's back to our regular scribe Clyde. I'm sure we will hear all about his and Liz's holiday, and all his "superhuman" achievements during his break.

Take care, stay safe.

Steve Munro

EASTER SERVICES AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH, WANDONG

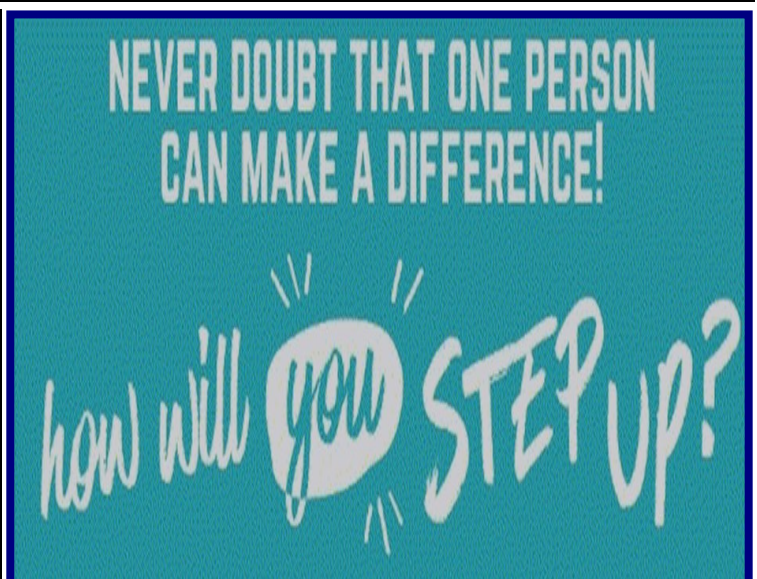
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PALM SUNDAY (2nd April) 8.30 AM

GOOD FRIDAY (7TH April) 2PM

EASTER SUNDAY (9th April) 8.30 AM

ALL WELCOME



WANDONG PUBLIC HALL

Finally we have rotting weather boards replaced and the hall painted, something the C.O.M has been seeking for months. Hopefully the hall will once again look at its historic best.

The Wandong Hall Committee is still in need of a secretary to function properly to manage the hall and meet the needs of or regular user groups and casual hirers. If you feel you may be able to be part of the committee in some small way please call Christine to discuss what the role entails.

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 during term time.

Contact Claire Bennett 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 Christine Cram Ph: 0458 238 270

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 – Karen Christensen Ph: 0432 120 736

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President: Elaine De Gabrielle

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2023 looks to be an interesting year with two new groups commencing, Play Reading and Upholstery. Check out the Kilmore and District U3A website for days and times for these new classes. To join a class you must join Kilmore and District U3A. Look up the Website or

email – info@u3akilmoreanddistrict.com.au to request an enrolment form or

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The play reading group would like to see more men enrolled as most plays have several men in them and whilst women are quite able to fill these roles, it is more satisfying to have men do so. All participants in this group have had some small experience in theatre so it would be a good group from which to learn and it should be a lot of fun. Play scripts will be sourced from the Victorian Drama League, which has everything from Shakespeare to the very modern playwrights, both English, American and Australian.

Liz Dillon Hensby will teach upholstery so if you have a chair or stool your think has seen better days and you would like to renew its covers then check out the website for day, time and place and give Liz a ring to see if you need tools and what to bring.

The Book Club has grown in number this year and has changed leaders. New faces bring new ideas and new interpretations of readings.

Do you have a ukulele or just Love singing and wearing Loud Shirts.? Then this may be the group for you . email the club and request a contact.

The Luncheon Club convenors have been very busy sourcing new places to visit for lunch plus they will visit some of the old favourites.

Sadly the Theatre Group has lost its convenor and has disbanded , a victim of Theatres' shutdowns for Covid , but there are lots more groups for all interests.

Darts, Local history, Recorder, Art with a new and well experienced leader, Yoga continues as does Writing, Exercise and Indoor Bowls, Recorder Group and the Stickers and Knitters and Gardeners are all busy again.

So come and join us. We are a friendly Lot and will make you feel welcome. Before you know it we will be in our new venue at the JJ Clancy Reserve and that is exciting for all of us.

Cheers, Dawn Barr

WANDONG-HEATHCOTE JUNCTION COMMUNITY GROUP

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



WEBSITE

In February the <www.wandong.vic.au> website received 767 visits. If any business or group has noticed any change which needs to be corrected to their entry, please let us know. To add your business or group email: whatsnewswhj@gmail.com.au

EASTER EGG BASKET RAFFLE

Tickets for the Community Groups annual Easter egg basket raffle are now on sale. Please support the raffle, all proceeds go to projects and facility maintenance in Wandong Heathcote Junction.

WANDONG MURAL CIRCA 1900

Installation of the Wandong mural circa 1900, commissioned by the WHJCG and painted by Mr Vivian Kenney, has commenced. Steel poles that support the mural have been added to the retaining wall at the rear of the Wandong Plaza car park and arrangements are now being made to transport the mural to the Plaza and join it to the poles.



MEETING WITH MITCHELL SHIRE COUNCIL

In response to letters exchanged with Mitchell Shire regarding projects and the maintenance problems in Wandong Heathcote Junction, Mitchell Shire officers met three of our members on Friday 17th February. Some results of discussions are as follows

- **HUME AND HOVELL MEMORIAL TO REPLACE ROTTEN WOODEN SCULPTURE** - Since Wandong has been recognised as the true route taken by Hume and Hovel in 1824, the Wandong History Group and the WHJCG want to recognise this in 2024, the bi century, but Mitchell Shire cannot meet to discuss until late 2023. Time is running out to create the memorial and put a program together.
- **FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE (CRACKED CEMENT PAVEMENT RAIL ST / BITUMEN NTH MTN RD** - Mitchell Shire agreed to revisit decisions previously made that footpaths did not warrant maintenance.
- **TOILET / BBQ CLEANING AND SCHEDULE (CAR PARK RUBBISH BIN TO BE REPLACED IN FEBRUARY)** - Mitchell Shire agreed to increase frequency.
- **RUBBISH BIN OVERFLOWING** - the new rubbish bin for the toilet area in the Memorial Park was to be installed in February but did not happen.
- **BUSHFIRE MEMORIAL PARK CAR PARK (BITUMEN, BOLLARDS, DRAIN)** - we were told nothing is planned in the near future but we should submit the project for consideration in the budget which we have done.
- **PLAYGROUND UPGRADE AT MEMORIAL PARK** - there is no plan to upgrade this playground and again we were told to submit it for consideration in the budget which we have.
- **THE MESH FENCE ALONG RAIL STREET / RAIL RESERVE**
- Mitchell Shire insist that the green mesh fence along Rail Street is the responsibility of VicTrack and will write to them - WHJCG believes the fence was handed to Mitchell Shire to maintain.
- **THE LAND AT THE CORNER OF RAIL STREET AND WANDONG AVE**
- Mitchell Shire has no plan to make this area car parking for the Wandong Hall.
We may have to do it ourselves as the hall is in desperate need of more car parking.



There has been several loads of rubbish dumped (see photo) beside the Wandong Broadford Road at Clonbinane - Mitchell Shire was advised and asked for comment but no response yet.



THE BROADFORD CEMETERY TRUST

The Broadford Cemetery Trust is seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified members of the community who would be interested in becoming honorary trust members. Women and those from a diverse background are actively encouraged to seek appointment.

Cemetery trust members are appointed by the Governor in Council for a term of up to five years on the recommendation of the Minister for Health. Cemetery trusts are responsible for the proper and efficient management of the public cemeteries under their control, including planning for future cemeteries services and the preservation of local history.

Being appointed to a cemetery trust provides successful applicants with a unique opportunity to develop their competencies as a board member. The Department of Health provides free governance training to all trust members.

The trust would particularly welcome applications from those with office administration skills and computer literacy.

More information about the role of cemetery trust members is available at:

<https://www.health.vic.gov.au/cemeteries-and-crematoria/class-b-cemetery-trust-appointments>

To register your interest, please contact the Secretary of the Broadford Cemetery Trust as follows within two weeks of the date of this advertisement:

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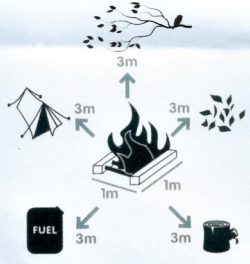
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The Victorian Government is committed to ensuring that government boards and committees reflect the rich diversity of the Victorian community. We encourage applications from people of all ages, Aboriginal people, people with disability, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and from lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, gender diverse, intersex and queer people. The trust will provide adjustments to the recruitment process upon request.

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Things to remember:

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- Do not light or maintain a campfire on hot or dry days if the wind is more than 10 kilometres per hour.
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Visit cfa.vic.gov.au or call **1800 226 226**



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THE COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF WHITTLESEA INC.

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Pruning and propagating

Members of the Combined Probud Club of Whittlesea [Club] under the leadership Marie Mack each month join with the Whittlesea Community Garden [WCG] to visit citizen's gardens. These visits are planned for the first Wednesday of the month, and generally occur after the PROBUS meeting on the first Monday.

But in March the garden visit came first and twenty allied gardeners learnt about propagating and pruning which seemed appropriate as the same actions were to happen at the Club's annual general meeting.

Keith and Bev [BJ] Sutton are the driving force behind the WGC and each month find a blooming good garden for their members to visit. This couple are true examples of how volunteering brings results and satisfaction. The garden visit was to Doreen where an associate of some members welcomed the visitors to a unique landside garden.

In 2015 there were many new subdivisions appearing in Doreen. Council was struggling to keep up with all the new areas that needed attention once the sub dividers handed over to them. One was the area which borders on Ivanhoe Grammar Mernda Campus and became Twist Walk.

A resident has an illness which cannot tolerate chemicals, approached Council to ensure no weeds were being sprayed along Twist Walk. After much discussion permission was given to weed and care for the area along with other interested permanent residents who loosely formed Twist Walk Residents Group!

As the clay area was not conducive to most of the sub-divider's plants, over 80 natives were obtained mostly by donation and planted within this area. Many hours of bucket watering during the drought years kept the young new natives growing. Council has also helped by supplying compost/chip bark for the area every three years.

Over the past 8 years many plants have lived and died. The garden has attracted birds, bees and butterfly that mingle with indigenous wildlife. The dog and wildlife water bowl is available beside the path along with bird baths higher up!

Due to the 12 beautiful old gum trees along the fence line, water is the biggest issue. The residents have provided three soaker hoses to help. But many of the plants still struggle to meet their full potential! However, as the years go by they are adapting and growing with the extra water supplied and as the different seasons change. Visitors enjoy promenading down Twist Walk breathing in the fresh air and enjoying the scent of the native gums, and plants.

The Whittlesea visitors were awestruck to see what had been achieved. The nomenclature of the different plants both botanical and everyday was a popular topic. The achievement of the main resident who has bouts of illness is more that commendable. After the group savoured the fragrance and occasional bird call a morning tea brought the excitement to an end.

The Annual General Meeting was held on Monday 6 March at the Whittlesea Bowls Club. The induction of new members, Denise Inglis, Sue and Glen Giri and the attendance of five visitors reflect the success and hard work of the outgoing Management Committee under President Alessandra Testa.

Before the election a eulogy and a minutes silence was held for member Marg Hale who had died recently. Keith Mason a past president took the chair and declared all positions vacant and asked for nominees. Keith and Jenny who was the meet and greet officer for the past several years are leaving soon on a grey nomad tour for the rest of 2023. The election was a foregone conclusion as nominations had been secured at the February meeting. In line with the gardening theme Keith Miller was grafted on as President. Cheryl Manicolo will add Vice President to her Secretarial duties, and the immediate past President Alessandra Testa will take over as Treasurer from Roma Harris who continues in a less exacting role.

Coral Strange [Hospitality] has served morning tea for fourteen years and Andrew McCormick who has been membership officer for seven or more years, together with Rosalie Johnson who looked after welfare resigned their commissions.

We welcome new "seedlings":-

Sue Giri [Welfare] Sandra Hocking [Newsletter] Bev Horan [Meet and Greet].
Kaylene McKay [Hospitality], Glenda Vincent [Membership]

The bookies were laying odds on that Life Member Mary Wood was hanging onto the Newsletter, but the smart money came for Sandra Hocking who was declared the "winner".

Before the April meeting a number of committee and members will take part in a progressive dinner, where no doubt the election results will be discussed. At the meeting on 3 April Andrew Hall and his assistance dog Lola will be discussing post-traumatic street disorder. It will be interesting to see if any new committee member seeks advice from Andrew.

So the new committee moves into the forthcoming twelve months with a blend of experience and enthusiasm..

Written by Michael Halley (Publicity Officer)

SEE PHOTOS PAGE 13

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Cheryl Manicolo is Secretary 03 9715 1420

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THE COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF WHITTLESEA INC



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1. 2016 start of garden
2. Seven years on.
3. President Keith Miller being appointed
4. Group at Twist Walk
5. New members
Sue and Glen Giri,
Denise Inglis with
2022 President
Alessandra Testa

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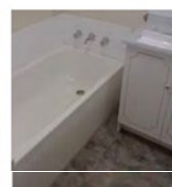
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The new ages groups will be under 9, under 10s, under 12s and under 14s

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Wandong Fire Brigade



We thank you for all your support during the recent fires. Our firefighters were doing long days and it was lovely to come back to some cold soft drinks or icy poles that had been delivered to the fire station. We are still cleaning the dust from the vehicles (so much dust!), and think we may treat them to a good detail at the end of the season.

The recent fires in Beveridge, Flowerdale and Maintongoon (near Bonnie Doon) have demonstrated that there is still a significant fire risk and precautions need to be made. Fire restrictions remain in place, and at this stage will remain in place until May 1st 2023. This means you cannot light a fire in the open air unless you have a permit or comply with certain requirements. If you don't obtain a permit, you could be breaking the law and may be prosecuted.

Wandong Fire Brigade Fundraising and Trivia Night

Wandong Fire Brigade volunteers will be tin rattling at the Wallan South Bound BP on the Hume on the March long weekend. Come say Hi if you are passing by! We are also currently planning a Community Trivia night to be held in May, and will have details out soon!

Wandong Fire Brigade will soon be recruiting new firefighters!

Wandong Fire Brigade is a 100% volunteer brigade made up of people living in the Wandong / Heathcote Junction area. We will soon be looking for new people to join the brigade and train as firefighters.

All training is provided, and is nationally accredited. There is no financial expense to volunteers, just your time and commitment. Uniforms are provided and it is a great way to meet new people and form friendships, develop new skills and have greater involvement in your local community.

Active members have the opportunity to gain valuable transferable qualifications including first aid certificates and truck licenses. If you are interested in hearing more about becoming a firefighter with Wandong Fire Brigade please call Captain Yorin Miller 0418 568 598 or Lt James Stephens 0418 221 458.

Wandong Junior Fire Brigade

The Junior program is run on Mondays at the fire station from 6.30 – 8pm. Kids from 11 to 16 years who live in Wandong, Heathcote Junction or Clonbinane are eligible. There is no cost involved. Contact Terry 0413 644 319 for more details.

Recently, our Juniors and Junior leaders completed their Level 2 first aid certificates over 2 nights, learning CPR, bandaging and anaphylaxis treatment.



Training

Training has resumed on Wednesday nights starting at 7pm at the fire station. For more information contact Lt James Stephens on 0418 221 458.

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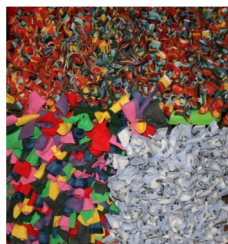
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Wandong Primary School



Touring Wandong Primary School – Monday April 3rd, 2023 @ 6pm.

Our 'Touring Wandong' session on Monday April 3rd is already filling fast. Please phone the office asap to secure your spot.

Launchpad Learning Celebration

The Launchpad motto is “Starting Ahead, to Stay Ahead” and thanks to the incredible partnership between Wandong PS and our dedicated families in 2022, 82% of our Launchpad students already know their Term One phonics sounds and are starting Foundation ready to work on reading books early!

What is Launchpad?

- Launchpad is an original program designed by Wandong PS.
- It is designed to teach the skills needed for kinder aged children to start reading and writing, before coming to school.
- Our program is free for all WPS enrolled Foundation students and begins the year before they start school.
- It includes a hard copy take home program booklet, a parent's 'app' for access on the go, free entry to our onsite classes for children throughout Terms Three and Four, personalised goals for your child and unlimited parent support from our Curriculum Leaders.
- At the end of Launchpad, children also participate in a screener, which gives us the necessary information to set goals for your child early in their first year of school.



School Leaders 2023

Student voice and agency at Wandong is a key vision for improved outcome, learning engagement and empowering our students for the future.

These students were required to address their peers with a leadership speech addressing their vision around education and school improvement and engagement.



Our Student Leadership Team is made up of School Captains, House Captains, Specialist Captains and Students Representative Captains leading a team of 16 students who help to advocate for the views of their class group.

We could not be prouder of these aspiring leaders and cannot wait to see how their voice inspires others.



March Dates

- Monday 6th – Friday 17th AFL Primary Play Program
- Friday 10th Curriculum Day – No Students in Attendance
- Monday 13th Labour Day Public Holiday
- Wednesday 15th NAPLAN begins for Grade Three and Five students.
- Friday 17th
National Day of Action Against Bullying & Violence
HARMONY DAY Celebration “We all belong” Out of Uniform Day.
- Wednesday 22nd Second Hand Uniform Sale 3 pm – 4 pm.





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

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

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

Kilmore Cricket Club are at the Reserve-, both Senior, Junior and the Female team, Friday evenings, Saturday Mornings and Afternoons.

At present the Broadford Senior Football club are training at the Reserve on a Monday and Wednesday.

We have been successful in obtaining Grants from the State Government and Council in the refurbishment of the Community Centre and the drainage rectification of the west and North side of the oval.



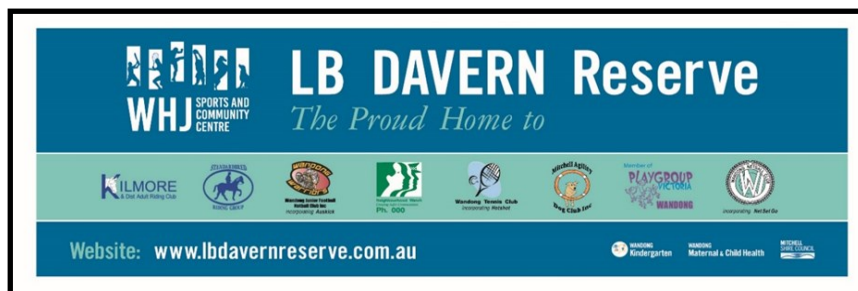
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The works that will rectify the Drainage problems with in the boundary of the oval.



The Exercise pod at the Reserve has had some minor works in the establishment of easy excess to the pod for anybody whom has any disabilities.

Minor improvements to our Exercise Pod at the Reserve

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



L.B.Davern Reserve
We have come a long way to have a facility that we all can be proud of.

Left: A different perspective from above.



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!!

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:
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WANDONG NETBALL CLUB



2023 REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!

The Wandong Netball Club has opened registrations for the KBNA, Winter Season starting on 29 April 2023. You can register players from the 16th of Feb, right up to 07th of April 2023.

Register via the Netball Connect app by following the link: <https://netballconnect.worldsportaction.com/login>

Follow the prompts and select Wandong Netball Club - KBNA Winter Season 2023

For the Under 9 competition please select *KBNA Go Competition 9 & Under*

NetSetGo REGISTRATIONS



NetballConnect

The Wandong Netball Club is proud to host our annual NetSetGo comp.

We run our program in Term 4 each year at the Wandong Memorial Stadium.

The NSG program is designed for children aged 5-10 and is a fun, inclusive and diverse program aimed to provide future potential players, with the basic skills required to understand and enjoy Netball.

This year we are opening registrations early so that every NetSetGo-er can take advantage of the new and exciting opportunities and events that will occur over the next few months.

Program Dates: Commencing Wednesday Oct 4th – Wednesday 13th December weekly.

Time: 4:30pm – 5:30pm



To register please log in to Netball Connect, follow the prompts, and select NetSetGo -NetSet Program.

PRESEASON TRAINING

Its time to put your runners on and hit the courts, Pre-season training will commence Wednesday 1st March 4:30 – 5:30pm. This is a great opportunity to increase fitness and skills before the official season begins.

Pre-season will run for 4 weeks, Wed 01/03, 08/03, 15/03 & 22/03.

Please note that players do not have to be registered for the first 2 sessions as these are “come & play” sessions. After that they will need to be registered to take part for insurance purposes.



TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

At the conclusion of the last pre-season session, we will announce the teams for 2023. Save the date 22/03/2023.

GET ACTIVE KIDS

Round 6 of the Get Active Kids Voucher Program is now open and the Wandong Netball Club is a registered partner. Victorian families with a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card can apply for up to \$200 to support their child's sport and active recreation activities.

Find out more at www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers. Applications close Wednesday, 10 May 2023.



VOLUNTEERING AT THE CLUB

A successful Club is only as strong as its volunteers and many hands makes light work. We at the Wandong Netball Club are fortunate that each year we have fantastic people offering to help. The type of support provided by each person differs as well as the time they can offer the club. Have a look below to see how you can be involved.

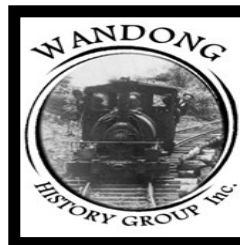
COACH	You might want to put an application in to Coach a team in 2023 – a very rewarding position. Training expectations are once a week on an afternoon of your choosing, with an hour Saturday morning at the matches. Being a Coach keeps you fit and active as well as the opportunity to give back to the children in your local community.
TEAM MANAGER	What team could succeed without a Team Manager. You would attend training sessions and support the coach with drills and on court activities, you would delegate roles such as set up, scoring, timekeeper, BBQ etc with parents in your team and be a point of reference on game day for families.
COMMITTEE MEMBER	Join our committee, we meet on the second Monday of every month at 7:30pm. You might have great fundraising ideas, be fantastic at organising events, or simply want to help the Club be the best it can be. Our main roles are all filled but we are <i>always</i> welcoming of new faces with fresh ideas.
BBQ MANAGER	Are you available on Saturday mornings? Our BBQ Manager would be responsible for setting up our BBQ in the mornings and getting the food cooking. This is a fun and social role that would suit a parent, a grandparent or a retiree in the community who has good people and money skills. You would be supported by the Committee as well as a rotation of parents during games. You would only be investing a few hours each Saturday at our home games but providing the Club with a valuable source of ongoing income to pay umpires etc throughout the season. No food experience necessary but is an advantage.

If you are interested in being a part of our 2023 season please email wandongnetball@gmail.com to register your interest.

The Wandong Netball Club is a child safe club. For more info please visit

<https://www.playbytherules.net.au/online-courses>

WANDONG HISTORY GROUP



You may have noticed a bit of work going on around St Michaels, as part of our permit to have the container we have to beautify the area and "Hide" the container as much as possible. A community grant from ARTC has provided funding to help us achieve that and we are working on making the container a cottage, at least from the outside.

Our annual Back to Wandong luncheon is on again this year, please let us know ASAP if you are coming we need to know numbers as there is a minimum number required for the event to go ahead. See the ad in this edition for all the information.

Our website has been successful, and we have already had some enquiries from it. This month's hits are 190 and growing every day.

We are asking Heritage Victoria to reassess the Monument Hill registration in Kilmore, given the recent research which has proven that Hume and Hovells journey did not take them through Kilmore, the registration of the site needs to be corrected. With the bi-centennial coming up in 2024 it is important that this be done as soon as possible and we are asking our local member of parliament and the Minister to get this matter dealt with by Heritage Victoria who have not moved on this yet. We also ask Mitchell Shire to make their position on this clear as well with Broadford and Wandong being the towns which Hume and Hovell passed through we would expect the council to support the towns which have a rightful claim to the journey of Hume and Hovell.

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.

Stay safe everyone.

Karen

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WANDONG TENNIS CLUB

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Information is posted on our Facebook page.

www.facebook.com/wandongtennis



We are almost to the end of our summer season. All our teams will be competing in finals. Good luck to them all.

We recently held a junior tournament at Wandong. It was part of the BDJTA competition. Wandong hosted section 3 at our courts.

Well done to everyone who competed. For some players it was their first tournament and also the first time they had played singles.

Well done to the following members

Reilley White runner up section 1 singles

Kade Faralla winner section 3 singles

Kade Faralla and Riley McKendry winner section 3 doubles

Our night competitions are in full swing every Tuesday and Thursday night.

We host a social tennis night on the first Friday of each month. Last Friday we had over 39 people attending. Come along and join in.

Next social night is Friday 31st March as Easter is the following week.

BBQ supplied and BYO drinks.

All welcome.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE - BECOME A VOLUNTEER

If you are young, elderly, retired or working, please consider joining a community group and enjoy the rewards of volunteering. Join one of the community groups operating in Wandong Heathcote Junction.

Wandong Heathcote Junction Community Group Inc: Call 0413 832 411

Wandong Wallan Lions Club: Call 0418 142 172

Wandong History Group: Call 0432 120 736

Many carers find that they go through different 'stages' during their caring role. It's useful to understand that these stages are normal, and you can get help at every stage.

It's also useful to realise that you may go through some stages several times. Every caring situation is different.

Noticing changes

You may start your caring role by noticing something wrong with someone close to you. The changes may be physical or mental. You may notice changes happening quickly or over a long time. It might take some time to find out what's wrong.

If you are at this stage, you can:

- talk with family and friends about what you have noticed
- talk with your doctor about what you have noticed
- look for information online about symptoms and possible diagnoses

Confirmation

You may start your caring role when you receive a diagnosis from a health professional. You may need to make decisions about treatment and care. It's a good idea to find out as much as you can about the condition and what you can expect.

If you are at this stage, you can:

- talk with your doctor about what you can expect and what treatment they recommend
- talk with family and friends and start planning care
- look for information online about the condition and possible treatments

Surviving

Once you know about the condition of the person you care for, you start a routine of treatment and care. You work out what they need in health care and personal care, and you contact health professionals who might help you.

If you are at this stage, you can:

- talk with Carer Gateway about what support you can get (call 1800 422 737 Monday to Friday between 8am and 5pm)
- talk with your doctor or other health professionals about equipment or strategies that might help you
- talk with other carers who care for people with the same or similar conditions (you can join our [online carer forum](#))

Managing

At this stage, you have set up a routine and organised some of the support you need. This stage can be stable, but you can also experience emergencies that take you back to the Surviving stage.

If you are at this stage, you can:

- make an emergency care plan
- find out what other help you can get at home or in the community
- explore ways to manage your stress

Thriving

At this stage, you have not only established routines for the person you care for, but know how to handle emergencies and have ongoing ways to care for yourself and manage your stress.

If you are at this stage, you can:

- take a break and get help when you need it
- have time for yourself and for your other family and friends
- return to work or study

Life after caring

At some stage, your caring role may come to an end – either when the person you care for recovers, when they die, or when they leave your care and other people take over the caring role. You may need to deal with grief, and will need to plan for your life after caring.

If you are at this stage, you can:

- get personal or grief counselling
- talk with other carers who may have experienced the end of care
- join community groups

For more information and support, please reach out to the team at the Carer Gateway by calling 1800 422 737 or heading to the website <https://www.carergateway.gov.au/>

Until next time, Jason

Clonbinane Rural Fire Brigade



Weather Forecast

Clonbinane has experienced a dry start to the year and this dry weather is forecast to continue throughout autumn. The nights are becoming cooler. We may still experience severe fire weather even in late March.

Fire Danger Status

The fire risk remains elevated due to very dry grasslands. Even on cool days, if a fire starts in grasslands, then strong southerly or westerly winds can create a fast and severe fire. We experienced this with the Mickleham fire of February 2014 that started at Mickleham and travelled quickly in a northerly direction all the way to Pyalong.

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

We are approaching the big camping weekends of Labour Day Weekend and Easter. With numerous people using the forest, we have added risks of fires. We will cover campfires this month so that you are aware of the rules.

Please continue to be active in fire prevention work. There have been considerable amounts of leaves dropping. Don't wait for a fire to start to prompt you to clean the roof gutters or around your home.

Brigade Activity

The Clonbinane CFA has been busy with many call outs to grassfires and were kept very active with the recent Flowerdale fire and more recently to the fire near Eildon.

Royal Children's Hospital Appeal- 7 April 2023

We will be supporting the RCH Appeal again this year. Support the Kiddies with our virtual tin rattle by donating now online. Follow this link for the Clonbinane Fire Brigade RCH virtual tin rattle funds raiser. Please support our virtual tin rattle by hitting the link below.

<https://fundraise.goodfridayappeal.com.au/.../ClonbinaneF...>

Campfires

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

Do not light a fire or maintain a fire on warm or hot days when wind speed is in excess of 10 KPH.

This is one of conditions that allows us to have campfires on public land such as forest camping areas. In NSW campfires are banned in the declared fire danger period. In Victoria campfires are allowed for cooking or warmth if the fire safety conditions are being followed.

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

You cannot leave any hot embers remaining in your campfire. Remember, if your campfire is cool to touch, it is safe to leave. Ensure you have adequate water available to extinguish a fire before you light it. Our nearby forest camp areas do not have water available; you must bring it in with you. Check CFA and DEECA websites for further details on the rules and law related to campfires.

Please contact the brigade if you require any information or check out the CFA website -

www.cfa.vic.gov.au

Cheers

John Mahoney- Captain

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Answers on
page 29

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

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THIS MONTHS QUIZ

Answer appears on Page 29 but no cheating!

1. Which country has the most pyramids?
2. What is Australia's No.1 pub food?
3. What is a group of frogs called?
4. What bird can fly backwards?
5. What per cent of Earth is covered by water?]
6. What is the first colour a baby can see?
7. What is the most eaten fruit in the world?
8. What city is overrun with ghosts in *Ghostbusters*?
9. Which continent gets less rainfall than any other?
10. What is used to make glass?
11. What is the Statue of Liberty made of?
12. Who invented scissors?
13. What is the most popular spectator sport in the world?
14. How long is the period of Lent?

Kilmore/Wallan RSL Sub Branch

meets the last Thursday night of the month
and open every Wednesday 10am -12pm at
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We have Pension and Welfare Officers
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- > On our website www.mitchellshire.vic.gov.au

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- > Fortnightly Council Ad in the local newspaper
- > Monthly radio shows

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We have started the New Year off with a bang and there's lots happening here at the House! The Semester 1 Brochure is out and our new website is up and running and allows you to book and pay for courses with just a few clicks! www.wchi.com.au

Community Meals

Big Blokes Brunch continues at the Whittlesea Community Activity Centre on Tuesdays! Join the blokes for brunch each week:

Tuesdays 11.00am - Noon \$2.00 per person

Ladies Lunch - join the ladies who lunch each fortnight at the Whittlesea Community Activity Centre

Thursday 16th & 30th March 11.30am - 1.00pm \$2.00 per person

16th March we are celebrating Harmony Week with a multicultural menu and Bollywood Dancing!

Catering for Community

As part of our ACFE program for 2023 we are looking for students to join our Catering for Community course. The course is FREE to eligible students and you will learn how to cook for a crowd as we cater for the fortnightly Ladies Lunch. There's still room for you to join! Thursdays 16th & 30th March, 27th April, 11th & 25th May and 8th & 22nd June 9.00am - 1.00pm

Pop Up Fresh Food Market

Are you struggling with rising food costs? Join us for this one-off Fresh Food Market! Meat, fresh vegies and some pantry staples as well as pet food, grow your own food demonstration and heaps more. **You must register to attend call 9716 3361**

Friday 24th March 10am - 2pm FREE

Digital Essentials 1

Tired of asking your kids and grandkids for help with technology? We can teach help!

Tuesdays for 8 weeks from 11th July 10.00am - 12.30pm \$20/concession FREE

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

Online learning + face to face Saturday 15th April \$85/\$150/\$195

Boat Licence

Saturday 25th March 9am - 1pm OR 1pm - 5pm \$130 per person

Students from 12 years+ (students under 16 years are not eligible for PWC endorsement)

Tapping for Wellness

Join Lynette and discover this simple tool to promote calm, provide stress relief and address anxiety. Wednesdays each week 11am - 12 Noon First Session FREE \$50/\$40 per Term

Save the Date - Scooter Safety Session

Are you thinking about buying a scooter to aid your mobility? Do you have a scooter but lack confidence in using it? Travellers Aid are coming to Whittlesea Community Activity Centre for this one-off session to answer all your questions and provide an opportunity to use a scooter to try it out!

Tuesday 2nd May 1.00pm - 3.00pm FREE

Please call to book 9716 3361 or

book online at [Scooter Safety - 02 May, 1:00 PM \(socialplanet.com.au\)](https://socialplanet.com.au)

Fix It Friday RETURNS!

Fix it Friday is back in 2023! Sweep your problems into a pile and bring them to our experts for real help that doesn't involve a queue or a call centre!

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

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

Friday 24th March 10am - 1.00pm

We can't wait to see all your smiling faces. 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 pick up a brochure from the House or call to book any of the above on 9716 3361. See you soon!

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Weather Report - February 2023

Heathcote Junction/Wandong

Summer conditions during February were typical. Hot days and warm nights. The only month of summer we could say was normal, but it was very dry with only 20mls total (15mls in the first week and 5 mls in the last 10 days).

Despite these dry conditions, the Sunday Creek Dam was recorded at 97 % of capacity at 27/2/2023.

Stats

February 2023 - 20 mls
Previous year - 39 mls
Average prev 10 years - 24 mls
Total this year - 39.5 mls
Total prev year - 83 mls



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QUIZ ANSWERS (from page 27)

1. Sudan
2. Chicken parmigiana
3. An army
4. Hummingbird
5. 70%
6. Red
7. Tomato
8. New York
9. Antartica
10. Sand
11. Copper
12. Leonardo Da Vinci
13. Soccer
14. 40 days

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Desexing your Dog Why and When.....!

By Anne Zelvys IACP-CDT

Some History : The desexing program was started back in the 1970's when local laws about dogs were often pretty relaxed so it was common to see dogs wandering at large in suburban streets of Melbourne. Often silly young male dogs hanging around in packs outside houses when a bitch was in season. But this is NOT the same now due, to the vast majority of owners that keep their dogs in secure yards.

Councils, Welfare groups and Vet Practices push the idea of desexing our family pets.... Many Councils charge higher prices for dogs who are entire (*Note Mitchell Shire's sensible approach allows for entire pups UP TO 12 months to have the lower fee*) Some Councils have even introduced 'mandatory' desexing which really seems to be an overstep into an individuals personal rights to make their own choices. I suspect this is just another sign of nervous Politicians pandering to the noisy minority with the illusion that it will gain votes. However, this is a slippery slope to reducing the ability to find an affordable new pup in the next 5-10 years time..

Consider the Math : There is an estimated 4.2 million dogs in Australia, so if we consider that dogs might have a 10-12 year life then we require nearly 400,000 puppies each year just to replace the dogs who die from accident or old age.... Hobby breeders belonging to the National Kennel Association only produce around 70,000 per year and there are limited local individuals having even just a one off litter, which means most families will then be trying to source a pup thru the Commercial Pet Industry. But these Companies then mass produce and often cater to fashionable trends which then can lead to inflated prices and poor environmental development of pups.

Get a Rescue Dog : This is the argument that welfare groups will use... However there are often factors these groups don't take into consideration..... Most dogs thru rescue are NOT puppies,.... Many families DON'T want an older dog nor is an older dog always suitable for the family as they may have behaviour or health issues.... So if there is a limited number of healthy pups locally where will these Rescue Pups come from in the future...? Perhaps we will even see puppies 'rescued' from overseas countries (as we are already seeing with 'street dogs' taken from the developing countries or being 'saved' from meat markets , then flown over, into quarantine to fill the USA needs).. *So does this mean that we just end up just sending 'Puppy Farming' offshore in future..... ???*

Desex Benefits are often just a Myth : If your dog gets to 6-9 months and starts showing bad behaviours (such as humping, over-excitement, high prey drive, or anxiety) So then you 'google', read social media or even ask many Vets... you might be led to believe that desexing will solve these problems. This is just a Myth.

Having bred and trained dogs for decades.... I will say... in the vast majority of cases desexing **DOES NOT** change your dogs behaviour... Bad Behaviour is Bad Behaviour.... You need to address the problem by learning where you have failed to put in the boundaries to that help to create good behaviour.

When to Desex ? - There's no problem with desexing your pet, just consider that experienced Breeders often recommend waiting till your dog develops both mentally and physically prior to desexing. The diagram below shows the Canine Growth Plate Development. With a medium sized breed such as a Border Collie we should wait until your dog is towards the older scale. So at least after 14 months. In fact, Dogs Victoria and Monash Animal Hospital published a paper in 2018 to announce they do not recommend juvenile desexing.... Due to feedback from many of the science studies.....Although many Vets are starting to follow this recommendation there are still Veterinary Practices that will often recommend desex at 5-6 months old...??

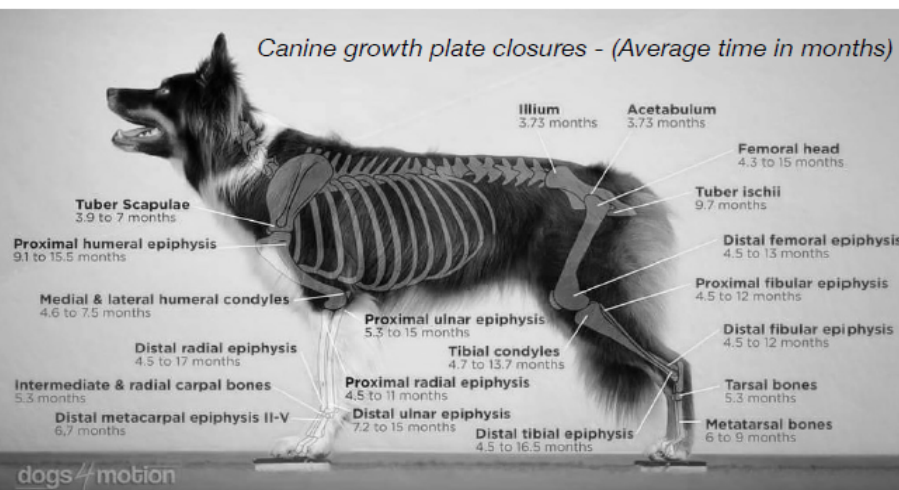
As a simple explanation: it is our understanding, that the Oestrogen produced by your puppy helps to builds the bone structure during the first year of your pups life. (Note: even in male pups the testosterone is then converted to oestrogen). (© Original property - this is not to be reproduced without the written permission of the author)

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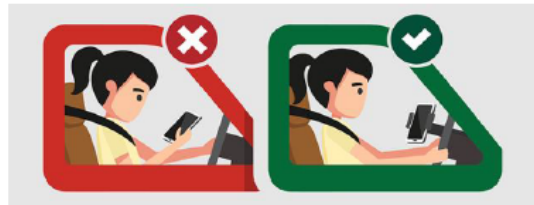
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New road rules

New road rules are being introduced on 31 March, 2023, to regulate the use of a range of portable, wearable and inbuilt devices while driving a vehicle or riding a motorbike.

The rules reflect the significant increase of in-vehicle technologies capable of distracting a driver. The new road rules cover:

- **Portable devices** – unmounted mobile phones & tablets;
- **Wearable devices** – smart watches & wearable heads-up displays;
- **Inbuilt devices** – navigational & entertainment systems;
- **Mounted devices** – all devices mounted in or on a vehicle; &
- **Motorbike helmet device.**



Drivers with Full Licences

In general, drivers cannot touch an unmounted portable device, portable, mounted, wearable and inbuilt, whilst driving. These rules do not apply when parked. Specifically you must NOT:

- Touch a portable device to enter text, numbers or symbols. This also includes devices which are switched off;
- Scroll (on websites, social media or playlists);
- Play videos, games or take video calls;
- Display text messages, social media, emails or photos;
- Rest a device on any part of the body or clothes (unless it is in a pocket or attached to your belt or in a pouch); or
- Pass a device to a passenger. You are also not allowed to look at the display of a device operated by your passenger.

You can:

- Connect to your vehicle's Bluetooth and place the device out of sight and reach BEFORE you start driving; and
- Use a mobile phone or other device to pay at a drive-through.

Exceptions

- An inbuilt or commercially mounted device can be used to play music, used for audio calls, or use a navigation function, but you must not touch, scroll, read a message or make a video call.
- Smart watches can be used using voice controls only. They do allow for incidental contact of these devices caused by wearing the device.
- When using motorbike helmets with smart functions, they allow for the brief touching of the device.
- **Stricter rules are in place for L & P platers as they have to park the vehicle before using any of these devices within a vehicle.**

For more information, refer <https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/safety-and-road-rules/new-vic-road-rules-2023/learner-and-probationary-drivers>

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