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I.G.A. WANDONG ACKNOWLEDGES STAFF

In the last issue of Whats News we congratulated the Wandong I.G.A. for being nominated for awards in five categories at the I.G.A. Awards of Excellence 2023. Sam, pictured below on the left, is the Manager and owner and has asked that his staff be recognised and thanked for the excellent service offered at the Wandong I.G.A. Sam says no awards are possible without the support of his team and the community.



Pictured below: Wandong I.G.A. at the awards ceremony.



THE WANDONG PUBLIC HALL HAS A NEW MURAL

The mural just completed on the Wandong Public Hall playground concrete pipe was painted by local artist Sharon Delaney of Three Brushes Studio. Go to Page 31 to view photos of Sharons progressive work.



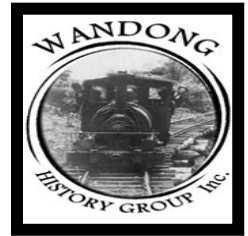
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Wandong - Heathcote Junction - why would you live anywhere else. Until June 2023, Allen Hall (editor)

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WANDONG HISTORY GROUP



Our biggest Annual event ANZAC Day was a great success, this event gets bigger each year with an estimated crowd of 250 this year we had perfect weather under a clear Autumn sky for the event. I would like to thank all the people who come together to make this day a special one for Wandong. It takes a small team of people a lot of effort to get everything moved to the park to stage the event. To all those who helped, without you we just couldn't do it, and I'm sure the townsfolk who come along appreciate the effort.

This years' service was in commemoration of the 50th years since the end of the Vietnam War, with our MC Peter Dore and Flag Attendant Dennis Krake veterans of this conflict it is important to understand how those veterans living amongst us deal with the memories of that time.

We also remembered Frederick Dau, a young man from Wandong who was struck down in the prime of his life during the Boer war. Australia was a very young country when the Boer war was fought yet we gave up many young men such as Fred in that conflict. Fred's brothers went on to fight in other wars, Charles was killed in WW1 leaving behind a wife and three young children. The large Dau family of seventeen children had its fair share of loss to war and heartache in the very early days of Wandong's history.

We also remembered Scottie McIntosh, who was lost on the Montevideo Maru, more about that in a separate article.

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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We wish the following people a very happy birthday

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19 May	Lewis Coter	W
19 May	Mathias Kelly	HJ
21 May	Oscar Spadafora	KE
20 May	Carol Jarvie	Dromana
23 May	Julie Milton	W
23 May	Dylan Woods	K
23 May	Gerry Vallence	W
24 May	Mitchell Seeley	HJ
25 May	Luke MacDonald	W
26 May	Claire Rayner	Wallan
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29 May	Kym Champion	HJ
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29 May	Ken Jackson	HJ
30 May	Amira Hall	B
1 Jun	Pauline Candy	W
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2 Jun	Nadia Amoroso	HJ
3 Jun	Maureen Buggy	HJ
4 Jun	Tyler Dennehy	HJ
6 Jun	Roger Flannery	W
6 Jun	Karen Hobson	HJ
7 Jun	Missy Sannwald	HJ
8 Jun	Casey Seeley	HJ
8 Jun	Matthew Day	UP
8 Jun	Billy James Flannery	W
9 Jun	John McCarthy	HJ
9 Jun	Sandra Bartolo	UP
10 Jun	Shirley Weber	HJ
12 Jun	Scott Sannwald	HJ
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13 Jun	Terri Burns	HJ
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15 Jun	Peter Gough	HJ
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TOUGH MOTHERS

Hello readers, This is an old excerpt of an unknown writer. So this is a former child's view of his TOUGH MOTHER rearing methods.

I thank God for giving me a TOUGH MOTHER as I now look back into the raising of myself and my siblings by her loving hands.

While other kids had lollies for breakfast I had to have cereal, eggs and toast. as you can guess my dinner wasn't like other kids and we had to eat at a table instead of in front of the television.

My mother also insisted in knowing where we were at all times. You would think we were on a chain gang or something. she always wanted to know who our friends were and where we were going. She even told us the time we had to come home.

I'm ashamed to admit it my mother even had the nerve to break child labour laws, she made us work. She got us to wash the dishes, make our beds and learn how to cook.

That woman must have stayed awake at night just thinking up things for us kids to do.

She always insisted that we tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. By the time we had become teenagers our whole lives had become more terrible. No tooting the car horns expecting girls to come running out for their dates. She expected the boys to come to the front door instead.

Not forgetting to mention most of our friends were allowed to date at the age of 13. Our old fashioned mother refused to let us date until 15. She really raised a bunch of squares.

None of us kids were busted for shoplifting or busted for taking drugs.

Who do we have to thank for this? Yes, you are right! it was my TOUGH, MEAN MOTHER!

Proverbs 22 : 6 Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it.

**SO LET US CONTINUE BEING TOUGH,
LOVING MOTHERS AND THE REST IS UP
TO THEIR OWN DECISIONS.**

Merle Croskell,

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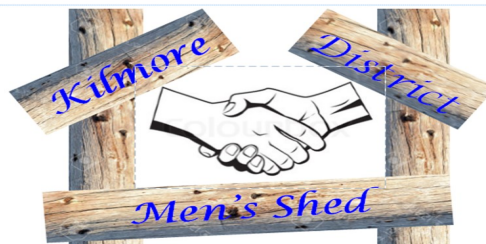
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GARDEN SCENE WITH GAIL

Hi for May. Even though it's the last month of Autumn and Winter is around the corner, don't snooze because there's plenty of work to do in the garden and such a great time to get busy and get warm. Weed growth has slowed which is great but you may still have old growth from the previous seasons so get busy and get it out from any unwanted areas, around your established plants, out of paved areas, anywhere that it doesn't belong. The soil is softer and there should be less stress to the root systems but be careful not to dig too deep for the weeds, reducing damage to the roots. Winter is a great time to start new garden beds, establish new paved areas, and it's a great 'clean-up' season. Remove any debris from your garden which will reduce habitats for unwanted nasties such as mice, rats, spiders, snakes and rabbits. Moving things now will reduce the risk of moving them when the nasties are active but take care what might be hibernating under that piece of metal, etc. Good quality gardening gloves are an essential part of your gardening attire, it's that extra layer that biting and stinging things need to penetrate before you get hurt and if anyone has ever been bitten by a bull ant, it's not pleasant. May is also a good time to prune fruit trees. This is done to reshape and keep the plant open in its growth to allow light into the centre of the plant. Take out branches that are growing inwards and always cut on an angle just above a healthy node, keeping in mind that the way the node is facing or pointing is where the new branch will grow. Get rid of branches crossing over other branches and any unhealthy, split branches. Always keep around the base of fruit trees clean, free from weeds, or any debris to avoid unwanted pests such as Pear and Cherry slug, they love to 'overwinter' at the base of our trees and emerge in Spring as clear coloured slugs. They climb the trees and as they reach maturity they darken in colour and skeletonise the leaves by sucking the goodness out of them. This won't kill the plant, but it can weaken it because less green leaves results in less ability for the plant to photosynthesize. Some people apply a gel around the lower part of the trunk to deter these slug type pests reaching the leafy part of the plant. If you don't notice these pests until the warmer months, you may need to use a systemic spray that will be ingested by the slug. If you haven't done so already, get some fertiliser onto your Rhododendron, Azalea,

Daphne and Camellia plant/s. Use a liquid fertiliser that can be absorbed quickly and give the plants nearly an instant hit. They will begin to flower soon and will benefit from the feeding. Actually, it's not a bad idea to fertilise all your plants as we head into Winter, a bit like us, they don't want to be hungry in the cold weather, leaves can turn yellow/bronze and give the whole plant an unhealthy appearance. Lawns can also benefit from a feed and aerating to allow for deep waterings during Winter. Another fantastic job I really look forward to at this time of the year is planting. Cool weather, softer soil, great digging conditions and the plants settle in well before the warmer weather, such a good time to choose your fruit trees and deciduous plants boasting beautiful Autumn colours.

Enjoy the month & a Happy Mother's Day to all the Mum's out there.

Gail Mains Kendrick (your local real estate agent)



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Our autumn Tuesday and Thursday night seasons are almost complete with most of our teams competing in finals. Good luck to them all.

For any coaching enquiries please contact Karl on 0423 611 317 or kv.tennis@hotmail.com

Our social hit and bbq will commence again soon. More details to follow.

WANDONG HISTORY GROUP



Found at Last

The Montevideo Maru has been found.

It was Australia's worst maritime disaster: a US submarine torpedoed the ship unaware that it was packed with prisoners captured in Papua New Guinea.

The Montevideo Maru sank in July 1942.

An estimated 979 Australians died, along with 33 Norwegian sailors and 20 Japanese guards and crew.

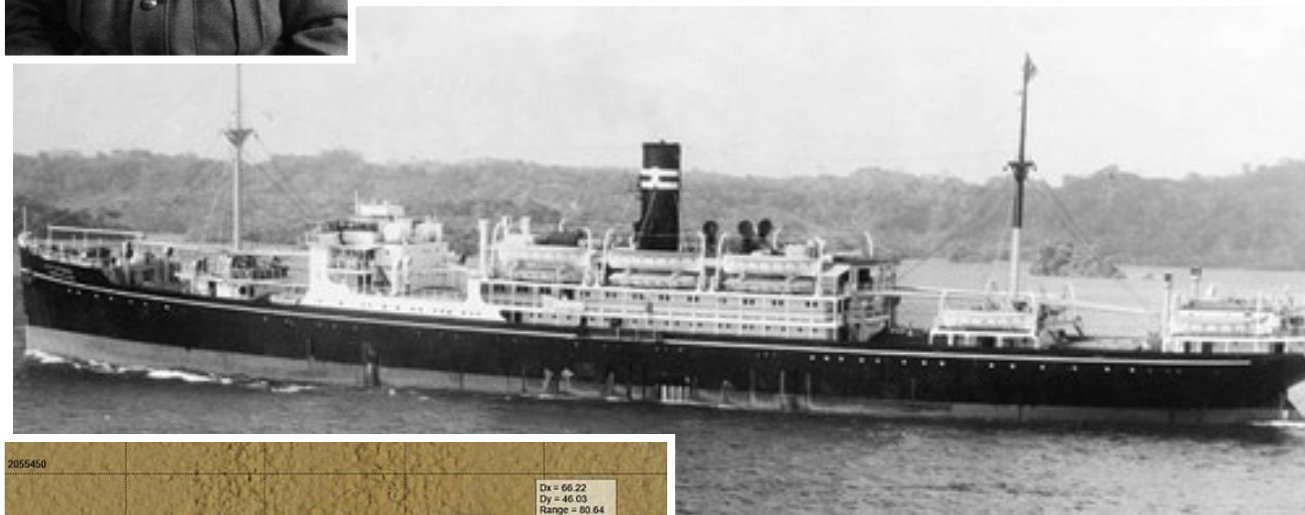
An Australian maritime archaeology group, Silentworld Foundation, organised the mission, helped by a Dutch deep-sea survey company called Fugro. The wreck was located by an autonomous underwater vehicle (AUV) at a depth of more than 4,000m (13,123ft) - deeper than the Titanic wreck.

Captain Roger Turner, a technical specialist in the search team, told the BBC that "it's a war grave now, it's a tomb that must be treated with appropriate respect". The closest the AUV got to the wreck was 45m, he said.

"It was a moment of emotion to see the images of the ship, the closed hatch covers where prisoners were kept on the voyage." The wreck will not be disturbed - human remains or artefacts will not be removed.

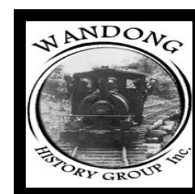


On this ship was one of Wandong's own, Andrew George Rex Reekie "Scottie" McIntosh was one of the prisoners of war on the ship. Andrew was born in Lethendy Perthshire, in the Stormont District of Scotland on the 19th June 1908. His parents Charles and Mary Agnes had ten other children, Scottie and his older brother Robert (born 1901) came to Australia, Scottie arriving in the 1930's. He met up with Robert and they both came to Heathcote Junction where they worked carting wood. Gold fever struck and the boys began prospecting, when Scottie enlisted, he entered his occupation as "Prospector". The finding of the ship means that Scottie's family and the families of all those affected by this tragedy can take some comfort knowing the location that their loved one was lost has now been found.



Above:
The Montevideo Maru

Left:
Image of the ship as found
in the South China Sea



LIONS CLUB OF WANDONG - WALLAN INC.

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



Welcome to the Lions report for April. At our last meeting we selected the new office bearers for 2023/2024. Daniel Rossignoli will be the new president and Peter Van de Paverd will be the treasurer. We talked Sam Bedi into becoming the new vice president especially when he was in charge of the club's vice. Tania Hall will be secretary again. Brian Dove was secretary for over 5 years. We wouldn't let him resign until he got it right. We gave up in the end. I'm sure that Tania won't take that long. I thought for standing for president myself. If Mr Biden can run for president at 80 so can I, although president of Wandong Wallan Lions would be much more difficult than being president of the USA.

On Anzac Day we presented wreaths at both Wallan and Wandong. Bill and Marie Forbes were at Wallan and I placed a wreath in the name of Lions at Wandong. It is an important activity for our club.

We turn 50 next month and we have planned a celebration function at Trackside on May 20th. Vivian Kenney and his group will provide music and it promises to be a great night.

Vivian's mural has been positioned in Wandong next to the shopping centre. It now has lights installed and looks great at night. There are plans to install a garden in front of it.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge outgoing president Marilyn Moore. In a period when the club was struggling Marilyn remained strong. The club owes her a lot.

Brian and Rose have flown off to Darwin and are planning on coming back on the Ghan. I trust that they will have a great time and that Brian doesn't talk too much.

A week ago Bill was so late ordering his meal at the Magpie and Stump that they were packing up and turning off the lights while Marie and their friends were still eating their food. Bill's trouble is he talks too much. The same fellow lost his mobile. He attempted to locate his phone by tracking it with Marie's phone but it was dead. Anyway he drove all the way back from Wallan to Wandong to find his phone under the chair at Wandong Bakery. Marie's phone still wasn't charged. If you want a cheap phone just follow Bill around. He is sure to leave it somewhere.

Big news regarding Steve. He is going racing in drag. I don't know how he will go running in high heels. He was getting into the mood by wearing Tania's jeans to the pub on Friday. Sorry. I seem to have that wrong. He is going drag racing. I still think my story is better.

If you are looking for a navigator call Marilyn. Coming back from Ballarat she missed the Ring road turnoff and ended up in Laverton. If you are entering a car rally she is the girl for you.

Now Cliff. He is always on the ball. Went to mitre 10, forgot what he wanted, turned around and came back home. He was half way back when he remembered what it was he was after. Another Cliff story. Coming back from the city by train he had no credit on his met card. Undeterred he snuck through the barrier just behind Dianne. She claimed that he had never been that close to her before.

Finally a story about my wife. She has recently had a piece taken off her leg and is supposed to keep the leg elevated. At the Magpie and Stump she had her leg up on a chair when Steve got upset because she was flashing her legs around. Despite my best efforts she is difficult to control sometimes.

Catch you next month. Clyde Riley



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You little beauty!

The word Bonsai has become generic for any forms of small potted plants. But the editor of the American Better Homes and Gardens magazine wrote "the term should be reserved for plants that are grown in shallow containers following the precise tenets of bonsai pruning and training, resulting in an artful miniature replica of a full-grown tree in nature"

Bonsai trees have a strong association with Japan. But the art of growing miniature trees actually originated in ancient China. Japanese visitors took notice of the art form and on return adopted and promoted a version.

Members of the Combined Probus Club of Whittlesea were privileged to an address by *Victor Byrde* the President of the Bonsai Society of Victoria a not for profit organisation focused on creating interest in and enjoyment of bonsai by both beginners and advanced growers. Victor brought a selection of his personal plants and explained in detail the type of plant and some specific details of the nurturing of each.

It happened that the Club was celebrating its 22nd birthday. Victor joined in the singing of "happy birthday to us" and partook in some of the celebratory cake.

His opening address to us was the same as that used at any gathering of people unfamiliar with the art of Bonsai. Our members had a 100% fail which is in keeping with the normal percentage even at garden clubs. Two questions gave the indication of audience bonsai expertise. Those asked to stand if they ever owned a bonsai soon sat down when asked if they still had it.

Besides the common name and the botanical name of trees we can now describe them in their bonsai family. Words like, myogi, huki-zukuri or fukinagashi are now implanted on our memories. The latter is named because of the windswept style of the treated plant. Mr Byrde told us to imagine this as a tree through which wind is blowing noting the main branches stay in position whilst the thin branches and leaves position themselves according to the direction of the wind.

Nurturing a bonsai is similar to that for a child or a pet. Bonsai plants are outdoor plants and will not survive an indoor environment. They must have fresh air and regular watering which in summer is vital. Fertilisers especially suitable for bonsai were shown and explained. The bonsai garden is reminiscent of a hospital acute care ward.

Any new plant purchased at a general retail garden suppliers need to be put on "life support". Victor explained that there is no surety that such plants have had proper nurturing. It is recommended that the plant be placed in a bucket of water for two or three weeks preferably in dappled shade. Having ownership of 800 trees this advice is from an expert.

Each of the plants that Mr Byrde brought along was shown and the type and action required explained in full detail. The clump style refers to a multi-trunk style if three or more trunks are growing out of the ground from a single root base. This very much reminded some of the Australian Mallee where what often described as trunks are branches from the actual trunk that is underground.

The Bonsai Society of Victoria conducts Novice Programs for those interested in exploring this ancient art. Time allocated only allowed Mr Byrde to give an abridged version of his normal address. But he still took time to fend questions.

Three things we learnt during this closing session:-

- ◆ You cannot miniaturise fruit or flowers. Victor grafted some different varieties of apples onto a bonsai stock. The plant produced a full sized Granny Smith apple which he ate for breakfast.
- ◆ As branches extend in length the leaves get bigger, hence the need to prune the branches regularly
- ◆ His maple tree, although a bonsai plant of some longevity needs an annual root pruning. Mr Byrde indicated that between the last pruning [12 month] the tree on display grew roots that when unwound were close to three metres long.
- ◆ Seeking to find a collective noun for bonsai plants we found nearly 40 that describe trees but none specifically for Bonsai. Based on Mr Byrde's collection lets opt for xylotheque or xylothek a special form of [herbarium](#) that consists of a collection of authenticated wood specimens.

Although not endorsing the Bonsai Society we would recommend a visit to their web site www.bonsaisocietyvictoria.com

If there was a way to bonsai time the meeting could have been extended, but sadly the convenor Teresa Carlin called a stop and thanked Victor on our behalf with a small token of appreciation

Written by Michael Halley



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There has been a small setback regarding the much anticipated new home of Kilmore & District U3A. Ongoing delays affecting materials needed to complete the building of the Community Hub at JJ Clancy reserve have pushed the likely access date to mid-June. The Committee of Management hope to have a "Walk Through" prior to their next meeting on May 31st and an update will be sent following the meeting. We have been able to extend our Agreement for the use of 92 Sydney St to July if needed.

We could still do with a few more participants in both the ukulele group and the play reading group. Contact Dawn on 0428 564 674 for more information about play reading. There is a new Play every month and we need a few more men, however females happy to take a male part are also welcome. If you wish to don a loud shirt and have a weekly singalong, contact Amanda on 0429 317 553. You don't need to know how to play a ukulele, we can teach you. Or just come for the singalong. Details of the classes are posted on the website so check it out at <https://u3akilmoreanddistrict.com.au/>

The luncheon club are keeping busy with trips to Pyalong, Whittlesea and Kyneton scheduled over May and June. The overall quality and value of the food has been outstanding at all of the venues visited thus far and return trips are planned for most of them. The Morning Melodies at Trackside are also a lot of fun and exceptional value for money. Christmas in July will be on next and a Tom Jones Tribute show is scheduled for September.

Our recent Grant Application to the Bendigo Bank has been successful and we should soon be able to purchase a Mobile Backboard for Darts, several Ukuleles and a new wooden Alto Recorder. Our sincere thanks go to Bendigo Bank. We are looking into a possible concert later in the year featuring our musical groups. Watch this space for more information as the completion date for the new community hub becomes clearer and we are able to lock in a date.

U3A is open to anyone over 50 who are no longer working full time. Email us on info@u3akilmoreanddistrict.com.au or write to PO Box 550, Kilmore, 3764 if you would like to join any of our classes, meet new people and generally have a bit of fun. New members are always welcome.

Cheers, Amanda Oades

Kilmore Golf Club Inc.



Recent major club events on the Men's calendar have included the Kilmore Cup – a 4BBB Par event. Congratulations to the team of John and Mick Roberts. The John Carr Cup was held throughout the months of February and March consisting of four rounds of stableford with all four rounds to count – Congratulations to Ron Campbell who won this event. The Ladies recently competed for the Foursomes Cup and Plate Championship both a scratch and handicap event. Congratulations to Molly Bell and Bronwyn Gunn who won both sections.

On the 5th March we held our 7th Annual Par 3 Day. This day is all about fun and what an event it has become not only for our club but also our district. With \$3,750 cash guaranteed to be won (\$200 nearest the pin on every hole and \$150 'hit the keg' prize) along with respective grade winner prizes a full field of 112 players took to the course on a beautiful autumn day. Our major sponsor once again Kilmore Toyota offered a car for a hole in one on the 2nd and our second major sponsor Kingsgate Retirement Village \$1,000 cash for a hole in one on the 7th. Neither of these major prizes went off. Each hole is sponsored by a local business and once again we thank all sponsors for their continuing support.

Congratulations to the following grade winners: Men's A Grade: Duncan Griffiths,
Men's B Grade: Andrew Young, Ladies: Jill Banon, Non-Handicap: Barry Kemp

If you haven't had the opportunity to be in the event before, keep an eye out for it next February / March. This day is all about 'fun' so those with/without handicaps are welcome. You can even enter and play with your own group. The Ladies at Kilmore have been travelling far and wide to Bowls Tournaments in the District. The highlight was winning the Romsey Bowl for the first time. Jill Banon, Sophie Banon and Helen Dennett were the successful team.

KGC were successful in receiving a grant from Business and Community Sport Flood Recovery Program which was open to Sporting clubs in flood affected areas. The grant will be used specifically to repair the paths on the course which were severely damaged and to ensure the safety of all golf players and the local community who use the course for exercise and recreation on a regular basis.

We have continued with our Junior Girls program and currently have 6 young girls on scholarship training with Nathan Roberts, and another 3 from the 2022 year involved in our 'continuing golf' program where we encourage the girls to obtain a handicap so they can join us in club competitions. Natalia Tippet was successful in obtaining sponsorship from DDGA to attend the Victorian Girls Development camp in Tocumwal where she will join our 2022 sponsor holder Madeleine Ryan.

Pennant Season has started for both men and women. All the Men's pennant teams are in the finals being played at Euroa on Sunday 7th May. We wish them all the best and hope they return victorious.

Wandong Fire Brigade



Wandong Fire Brigade Open Day

Thanks to all who dropped by the station on Saturday April 29th for our Open Day. Many community members had a look at the equipment and vehicles, with many of the younger visitors trying their hand at putting out the 'house fire' with the fire hose. This is the first Open Day we have had at the station in a few years, so it was great to see such interest.

Wandong Fire Brigade is looking to recruit 10 new Firefighters by June 30!

Wandong Fire Brigade needs 10 new firefighters by June 30! At the time of printing, we have had significant interest, but have not yet met this target. We are a family friendly brigade, all training is provided at no cost to you, and it is a great way to meet new people while helping your community. If you would like more information on this opportunity, contact Captain Yorin Miller on 0418 568 598.

Good Friday Appeal

Big thank you to all who donated to the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. Wandong Fire Brigade's count for 2023 in the Money Counting Room totalled \$7,244.60, and \$688 through our virtual tin rattle.

Burning Off

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

Wandong Junior Fire Brigade

The Junior program is run on Mondays at the fire station from 6.30 – 8pm. Kids from 11 to 16 years who live in Wandong, Heathcote Junction or Clonbinane are eligible. There is no cost involved. With a few of our members joining the senior ranks, we are opening up for more juniors to join. Contact Terry 0413644319 for more details.

Training

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

WANDONG-HEATHCOTE JUNCTION COMMUNITY GROUP

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



WEBSITE

In April the <www.wandong.vic.au> website received 878 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

MAINTENANCE

Our requests to Mitchell Shire over many years to fix the problems at the Wandong Bushfire Memorial Park car park apparently need more weight from residents. Potholes at the car park entrance (see photo) are filled regularly when requested by the WHJCG, bollards and signs are regularly hit by vehicles and the drain between the car park and the Epping Kilmore Road is dangerous and a disgrace, you could lose your car in it. Mitchell Shire officers have told the WHJCG that nothing is planned in the near future but we should submit the project for consideration in the budget which we have done. We want the drain put underground, bollards along the road removed, the car park sealed and parking to be angle parking off the road. The Shire refuses to recognise that this car park, toilets and park are the most visited on a daily basis in Mitchell Shire. So residents, please take the time to support the WHJCG by making a submission to Mitchell Shire.



Wandong Fire Brigade Recruiting Firefighters Now



Wandong Fire Brigade needs 10 Firefighters by June 30!



Wandong Fire Brigade is recruiting new members and we invite you to take an active role with your local CFA.

- ✓ Meet new people.
- ✓ Support your local community.
- ✓ Totally free and you'll be provided with all the training you'll need.
- ✓ We are a family friendly brigade made up of 100% volunteers
- ✓ Check out our frequently asked questions overleaf

Want to learn more?

Come and see us at our Open Day:
11am – 3pm Saturday 29th April 2023

Head along to one of our Recruitment Drop In Sessions:
10am Sunday 7th May 2023 or 7.30pm Tuesday 9th May 2023

Find us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WandongFireBrigade>

Get in touch with us at WandongCFA@hotmail.com

Frequently Asked Questions:

Wandong Fire Brigade
83 Rail Street Wandong

What do we do?

Wandong Fire Brigade responds to a range of emergency call outs in and around the Wandong and Heathcote Junction area as well as adjacent towns and can be called to anywhere in Victoria.

Who Can Join?

The minimum age to join CFA is 16 years (Under 18s need parental consent). People of all ages and backgrounds are welcome at Wandong.

Do I need to live close by?

Yes. Most operational members live less than a 5-minute drive from the fire station in Rail Street.

Will it cost anything to join?

No. All training and equipment is provided by CFA as required.

What Benefits will there be?

CFA fire fighters meet new friends, learn new skills, develop leadership and management skills and achieve personal goals, all whilst giving back to the community.

How much time do I have to commit?

Wandong trains on Wednesday nights. There is a brigade meeting once every 2 months. Firefighters are required to attend a certain number of training sessions each year and ongoing skills maintenance.

What will training involve?

Basic fire fighter training will include fire behaviour and suppression, map reading, radio communications, OH&S and vehicle and equipment training. From there you are only limited by your imagination!

Is it dangerous?

Safety is the highest priority throughout CFA. Whilst firefighting isn't without risk, you will be provided with the appropriate training to ensure your safety and the safety of those around you.

Wandong Fire Brigade
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Wandong Primary School



Sibling Enrolments:

ENROLMENTS FOR 2024 ARE FILLING QUICKLY! As you would be aware, all schools now have a 'zone' in place. To ensure that we are not accepting too many 'out of zone' enrolments, it is pertinent that all our current families who have a sibling starting in 2024 have their enrolments in. If you have not actioned this, please ensure that this is in at the office asap.



Integrated Curriculum

At Wandong we integrate Reading, Writing and Mathematics into meaningful, world contexts. Our integrated units enable students to make connections among concepts and experiences so that information and skills can be applied to complex issues and challenges.

After collecting feedback from our students' last term, we have harnessed their ongoing interest in animals and created learning units to match these! This term, our students will be engaging in a variety of design challenges around animal enrichment, man-made habitats and conservation, and the ethical issues that these scenarios present.

Annual ANZAC Service:



To begin Term Two, we held our annual ANZAC day service in our school terraced area which sits at the front of our commemorative garden of remembrance.

Anzac Day is a time for all Australians to reflect, remember and give thanks to all members of the Australian Defence Force who have served our nation, in both war and peacetime. In particular, those who gave their lives or their health, in various conflicts, operations and peacekeeping roles across the world.

During the ceremony, students and staff from WPS welcomed many distinguished guests and Veterans who have bravely fought for the country that we all call home.

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning. We will remember them."
Lest we forget.

Key Dates:

15 th of May – 19 th of May:	Education Week
19 th of May:	National Walk Safe to School Day
9 th of June:	Professional Practice Day – Student Free
12 th of June:	Queen's Birthday
29 th of June – 23 rd of June:	NAIDOC Week

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

Lauren Kathage MP

Labor Member for Yan Yean

For help with State Government issues such as housing, roads, transport or education, please phone my office on **9432 9782**.



 3/14 Yan Yean Rd, Diamond Creek VIC 3089

 lauren.kathage@parliament.vic.gov.au  03 9432 9782

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WANDONG JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB



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

FIXTURE

Note the change of date for Rd 5 at home versus Broadford. This will be a Friday night. Check facebook for game times

  OFFICIAL SEYMOUR SEASON FIXTURE 2023				
23rd April Round 1 Alexandra v Seymour St Mary's v Tabilk Wandong v Yea Broadford v BYE	30th of April Round 2 Broadford v Yea Seymour v St Mary's Tabilk v Wandong Alexandra v BYE	7th of May Round 3 Alexandra v Broadford Wandong v Seymour Yea v Tabilk St Mary's v BYE	14th of May Round 4 Yea v Alexandra Broadford v St Mary's Seymour v Tabilk Wandong v BYE	21st of May Round 5 Alexandra v St Mary's Wandong v Broadford Seymour v Yea Tabilk v BYE
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6th of August Round 13 Alexandra v Wandong Tabilk v Broadford Yea v St Mary's Seymour v BYE	13th of August Round 14 Alexandra v Tabilk Seymour v Broadford Wandong v St Mary's Yea v BYE	Finals Fixture Final Rd 1 - 20th of August Final Rd 2 - 27th of August Grand Final - 3rd of September	Times Under 9 & 10 - 9:45 am Under 12 - 11:00 am Under 14 - 12:30 pm Under 16 - 2:00 pm	Fixture applies to the following: Seymour U9 Seymour U10 Seymour U12 Goulburn Murray U14 Seymour

Congratulations to one of our young guns Case Thomas who played his 50th game for the Warriors today. Reining under 11 B&F winner, current under 12 skipper who often plays up in the next age group. A natural leader who is very vocal on the field guiding his younger team mates. Well done Case on 50 magnificent games

CANTEEN

As always thank you to the Kilroy family and their crew who for their work in the canteen. We have moved to the stadium canteen, and using a square machine along with cash for transactions.

TRAINING

We are training Tuesdays and Thursdays 4:30-5:30pm
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The Wandong Heathcote Junction Community Group, mainly due to the efforts of local resident Rob Barker, continues to remove rubbish from Wandong streets, the Epping Kilmore Road, the Wandong Hume Freeway ramps and the Wandong Broadford Road. Much of the rubbish is thrown from vehicles passing through Wandong but would you believe there is also rubbish that can only be from our residents. To those people we can only appeal to them to look after our town and take your rubbish home.





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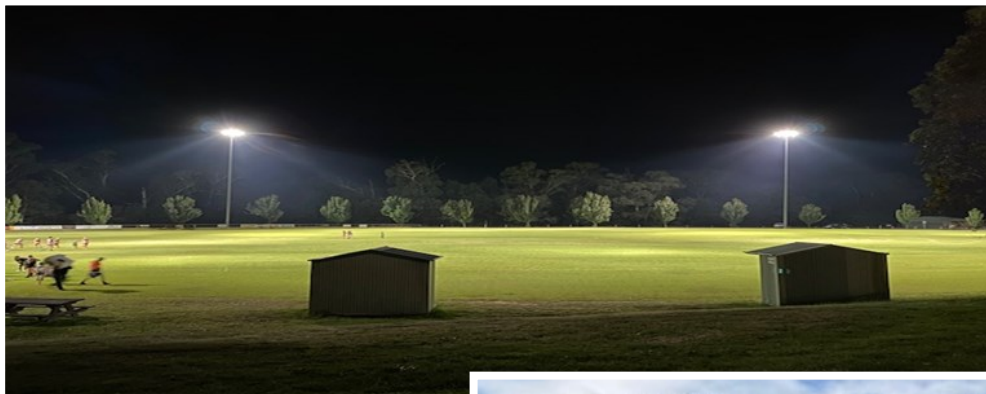


The L.B.Davern Reserve is open to all our community, so please come down and enjoy this great facility, join the various clubs, just walk through along the G-Day trial, take the kids down to play on the play equipment or just play and excise on the oval and use our exercise pod at the back of the north end goals. Junior Football and Netball Clubs are now in full swing heading into round 4 in the 2023 season. Watch out for them and please support our Junior Clubs. Auskick on a Wednesday night at 5.00pm under lights, and membership is at over 40 . Tennis continues with their ever increasing membership with Tuesday and Thursday nights. There will be a short break before recommencing the winter season of Tennis competition in juniors and afternoons.

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

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

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



LEFT:
L.B.Davern Reserve
oval under light 2023

BELOW:
Our Toilet project is
near completion.
Very much needed for
the Reserves Horse
Riding Clubs and I am
sure there will be
celebrations when open.

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





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L.B.Davern Reserve

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

Our Community building is also a great asset to hold kids parties, family type events and private functions. Please consider when planning a function.



ABOVE Aerial view of Davern Reserve 2023

Contact our booking officer

Darlene Gunter 0418 312 762.

Get in quick as bookings are coming in fast.

For all L.B.Davern Reserve Bookings to either:

**-Oval Bookings, Stadium bookings
and enquiries -**

Mitchell Shire Council

Recreation and Open Space unit ph. 5734 6200.

**-Community Centre and Sports Pavilion
contact:**

Darlene Gunter

Booking Officer for the WHJSCC
on 0418 312 762



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

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

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



**Rob Telfer
President,
Davern Reserve Committee
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Wandong 3758
Mobile 0408 393 250**



WANDONG

NETBALL CLUB



SEASON 2023

What a way to start the Season.

The Club has been lucky enough to fill 6 full teams for the 2023 competition.

We kicked off Round 1 with all teams getting the chance to take the courts – some players for the very first time. It was great to see both the nerves and excitement from the kids as they prepared to play.

Thank you to all our amazing Coaches for making everyone feel so comfortable and to our many parent helpers that help make the day run so smoothly.

To track games and check out Live Scoring please make sure you download the Netball Connect App and find your team.



NetballConnect

GOING PINK

Each year the Wandong Netball Club hosts a **PINK DAY** to help raise funds for the Breast Cancer Network Australia. Each day this year, 57 Australians will be told they have breast cancer – that's over 20,000 people in 2023. It is expected that 170 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year and many more are affected through diagnosis of a partner, mother or friend.

Across the country on virtually every weekend of the year, sporting clubs and players 'pink up' to **PLAY4BCNA**. From pink line markings to pink laces, pink jumpers and pink hair, it's all to raise funds for BCNA

This year we are hosting our **PINK** round on *Saturday the 17th of June.*

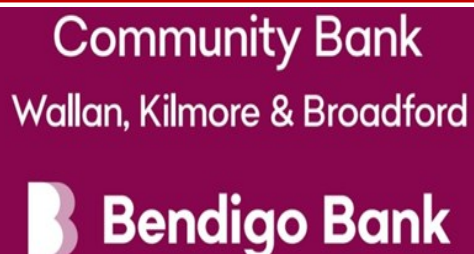
To make a donation online please follow our Clubs sponsorship link.

<https://pinksportsday.bcna.org.au/my-fundraising/1146/wandong-netball-club>

If you would like to donate towards our raffle or bake sale, please get in touch via our Facebook page or email wandongnetball@gmail.com



SPONSORS: *We would like to introduce our 2023 Major Sponsor.*



As our Major Sponsors Jackie, Lee and the Team at the Wallan Bendigo Bank have already had a huge impact on our Club.

Not only have they been sponsoring our Club trophies the past few years, but they have recently provided us with brand new seating at our Courts.

Your continued support and generosity is invaluable to our Club. Your ongoing contribution is vital to allow us to fulfill our goal to create an environment that supports the ongoing development of netball skills for young people in our community.

We cannot succeed without the generosity of supporters like you. **THANK YOU!**



NETBALL UMPIRES

Are you a current umpire (badged or unbadged); an umpire that is looking to get back in to the game after taking a break; or a parent that would be interested in becoming an umpire?.....Then we would love to have a chat .

If you are interested in having a chat about umpiring junior netball games, please contact Jo on 0422 579 934



Every thought about becoming an umpire?

If you have then we would love to talk to you.

Umpiring junior Netball is both fun and rewarding.

Umpires play an integral role in the game of Netball.

You help teach the players the rules of the game, allow them to grow as players and set them up for success.

Our Club is looking for people who have played before and are interested in taking the next step.

Games are played at our Wandong Courts on a Saturday morning/afternoon from April through to August.

Send an email or give Jo a call to discuss your future with our club.

The Wandong Netball Club is a child safe club.
For more info please visit <https://www.playbytherules.net.au/online-courses>

Support for Young Carers

Approximately 1 in 10 carers are under the age of 25, however many don't identify themselves as a young carer. This may be because family members, teachers and other service providers may not be familiar with the signs of being a young carer.

If you are aged 25 or under and care for someone, you may be a young carer.

Being a young carer can have a number of different challenges.

- You might find it hard to find the services and help you need to look after the person you care for.
- You might find it hard to do well at, or get to, school when you look after someone else.
- You might find it hard to make or keep friends, or to go out and socialize or have the time to do things that interest you.

Young carers often take on a range of different responsibilities, such as:

- shopping, cooking, cleaning, washing and household chores
- specific care tasks such as assisting with mobility, grooming, bathing, toileting
- support and monitoring of the family members needs
- managing financial issues – property maintenance, paying bills, banking
- care for other siblings in the family
- liaising with service providers and health care professionals e.g. making appointments, discussing treatments and medications
- interpreting for family members where English is a second language, and looking after siblings who have a disability if a parent is unable to look after them because of their own health issues.

All young carers should be able to enjoy life and to reach their potential. Help for young carers is available through the Carer Gateway. Our dedicated young carer worker is ready to help.

For more information visit the Carer Gateway website www.carergateway.gov.au or call 1800 422 737
Until next time. Jason

WANDONG PUBLIC HALL

Painting of the external area of the hall has been completed making a huge difference to its appearance. The conference / kitchen room window is still to be replaced in the near future.

Sharon Delaney has finished painting the mural on the playground pipe. The hall is worth a visit just to see this fantastic work done by Sharon. She will return to the hall later in the year to paint a mural on the shed wall adjacent to the playground. Go to page 31 for photos that show the various stages of painting the pipe mural.

We have an offer to fill our vacancy of a secretary and we hope this resident accepts the position.

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
- True Nature Retreats Yoga Classes Monday Evening 6.30 – 7.30 Cost \$20, concession \$15
CONTACT: Christopher 0428 826 003 <https://truenatureretreats.as.me/>

The hall is available for hire phone Christine for bookings on 0448604770.

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Clonbinane Rural Fire Brigade



AWESOME RESULT FROM CLONBINANE FOR THE ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

We are a small community of 350 people and look what we raised for the Kiddies! \$3,129 (\$2011 on our Good Friday door to door collection and \$1118 from our virtual on-line tin rattle). Last year we raised \$ 2925.75.

Thank you to everyone that donated, your generosity goes a long way to support children's health, now and into the future. Fighting cancer for kids is a big part of the RCH work along with other research in disease.

INCIDENTS

It is now permitted to burn off in rural areas of Mitchell Shire if safe to do so. However, the district has had many callouts to burn-offs out of control. It is a Mitchell Shire By-law that you must register your burn off.

Register online or by phoning 1800 668 511. Registering burn-offs online at firepermits.vic.gov.au is a quick way to ensure the burn is added to the state-wide register.

Conditions have to be right! Windy conditions greatly increase the likelihood that your burn off may get out of control. Warn your neighbours beforehand that there will be smoke in the air. Never leave a burn-off unattended - stay for its entire duration. If your burn-off gets out of control, call '000' immediately.

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

ANZAC DAY AT WANDONG 2023

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

CLONBINANE CFA AGM AND ELECTIONS

Clonbinane's Annual General Meeting and elections will be held on Sunday 28 May 2023 at 10:30 am.

All members are requested to attend.

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

Chimney Fires and your Flue

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

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

Creosote is a black, oily wood-tar condensate that forms in chimneys over fireplaces or woodstoves; it forms inside of chimneys and flues when burning wood in fireplaces and woodstoves. Creosote tar, a natural by-product of burning wood is carried into the chimney as a vapour in the smoke. The creosote tar vapour condenses as a liquid on to the cooler chimney sides as smoke passes up the chimney and flue. A long low-smouldering wood fire produces more creosote than a hotter faster-burning wood fire. That is because burning wood at a lower temperature result in an incomplete combustion of the wood itself. As the creosote deposits cool, they harden to a shiny black coating that can be difficult to remove especially if the creosote deposits are left over an extended period.

Creosote will continue to accumulate on chimney surfaces until it is removed. A chimney cap not only prevents rain from entering (and possibly damaging) the chimney, but it also improves draft and prevents downdrafts - conditions that can increase the rate of creosote formation. Creosote deposits can be removed by using a stiff chimney brush if the deposits are sooty in character. This is the easiest and best condition to handle. Creosote deposits that are glazed and hard on the chimney walls can be difficult to remove. A powered mechanical brush maybe required in this situation.

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

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

Stay safe, John Mahoney - Captain



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Answers on
page 28

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

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THIS MONTHS QUIZ

Answer appears on Page 28 but no cheating!

1. What is the capital of Fiji?
2. Which city is the UK's second largest?
3. Who was the oldest winner of the Brownlow Medal?
4. Where is the big guitar?
5. How long is a marathon?
6. What country grows most sugar cane?
7. How many legs does an ant have?
8. What is the official language of Mexico?
9. What is a xigua?
10. Who painted the Mona Lisa?
11. Which actors real name is Mark Sinclair?
12. Which company has most employees in world?
13. Which is the smallest ocean in the world?
14. What is the nearest city to Niagara Falls?
15. What is the most visited in London?

Kilmore/Wallan RSL Sub Branch

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

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

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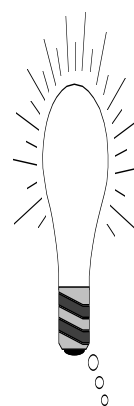
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Email wchi@whittleseach.com.au



What a great first term we have had here at the house! The Semester 1 Brochure is out, 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

Power Saving Bonus Returns for 2023!

A new round of the Power Saving Bonus returned on 24th March! Grab your most recent electricity account and your banking details and we can help you with your application. Regular sessions to assist community members will be held at the House for other dates and times call 9716 3361

Tuesday 16th or 23rd May 1pm – 3pm

Thursday 18th or 25th May 1pm – 3pm

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 25th May 11.30am – 1.00pm \$2.00 per person

Thursday 8th June 11.30am – 1.00pm \$2.00 per person

Machining

There are still spots left for our beginners machining. Learn practical skills in basic machining on metal lathes and grinders, along with skills to produce basic tools.

Wednesdays for 7 weeks starting 17th May 6.00pm – 9.00pm

\$40 per person + \$110 For materials (you must hold a GREEN Medicare card to apply and NOT be enrolled in secondary education.)

Intro to metal detecting

If you have always wanted to have a go of metal detecting then here's your chance!

Join us for an introductory lesson where we will cover all of the basics you need.

Bring your own detector if you have one.

Saturday 18th November 1.00pm – 4.30pm \$10 per person.

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 3rd June \$85/\$150/\$195

Boat Licence

Saturday 20th May 9am – 1pm OR 1pm – 5pm \$130 per person

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

Celebrate Law Week!

\$Money, Money, Money\$

Join us for this informative session with our panel of experts from Whittlesea Community Legal, United Financial Counselling and the team from Scam watch and get the low down on money and the law – risks for guarantors, unregulated lenders (pay day loans), money scams and identity theft.

Friday 26th May 12 Noon – 1.30pm FREE

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, Espresso 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 26th May 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 - April 2023

Heathcote Junction/Wandong

The season of autumn can usually be expected to be without extremes of temperature or weather and so it was with April.

We experienced many pleasant warm days and generally comfortable throughout.

Rainfall of 75 mls was recorded for the month – 67.5 mls in the first half and 7.5 mls in the second.

Our storage dam, Sunday Creek, registered 94 % capacity and holds well for the future.

Stats

April 2023	-	75 mls
Previous year	-	89 mls
Average prev 10 years	-	68 mls
Total this year	-	172 mls
Total prev year	-	234 mls

FRIENDS OF DISAPPOINTMENT

Are you interested in the history, conservation and community of the Mount Disappointment State Forest and surrounding areas.

Join "Friends of Disappointment" to share history, photos and ideas.

<https://www.facebook.com/mountdisappointmentclonbinane/>



For information about coming MBUG rides, check out the website at

< www.mbug.org.au >

or contact the Secretary,
John on 5787 1333.

QUIZ ANSWERS (from page 26)

1. Suva
2. Manchester
3. Barry Round (South Melb)
4. Tamworth
5. 42.195 km
6. Brazil
7. Six
8. Spanish
9. Xigua is a melon
10. Leonardo da Vinci
11. Vin Diesel
12. Walmart
13. Arctic Ocean
14. Buffalo (NY)
15. Buckingham Palace

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Vacations - Without The Dog ! - (Options to consider)

By Anne Zelvys IACP-CDT

Going on holiday, but what to do with your dog? There are different options so do some research and you can avoid any pitfalls. Remember the objective is to find what works best for you and your dog.

DAB (Domestic Animal Business License) : State Govt regulations require that those being paid to care for dogs must have a 'DAB' - These regulations are for the safety and welfare of your dog and require annual inspections and renewals. Boarding Kennels AND even those who take dogs into Home Boarding must have this DAB with their local council and show a certificate.

Read more here: <https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/livestock-and-animals/animal-welfare-victoria/domestic-animal-businesses>



Option 1 - Personal Friends and Relatives - DAB not required

Positives: This is a great option if your friends know and enjoy the company of your dog. Usually you provide the food and bedding and NO real cost, just remember you might have to return the favour when they go away.

Negatives: Ensure your friends will have similar house boundaries so your dog doesn't become a problem for them nor develop bad habits to bring home... **Warnings:** Also you need to be sure that your dog is comfortable with these friends and make sure they have good fencing that will keep your dog safe and secure.

Option 2 - House Sitter (live in or visiting) - DAB not required

Positives: This is a great option if you are away for extended periods as not only can they exercise the dog, but they keep the house secure and can water the garden. Sometimes these Sitters will stay in the house, some will visit just to feed the dog. Often a paid service or perhaps students who get free accommodation in exchange.

Negatives: If you don't know sitters personally then make sure they have police checks and recommendations perhaps from previous clients. **Warnings:** Ensure you have written agreement so all concerned understand boundaries, such as wanting to have parties or use of vehicles. Also state terms of who pays what.

Option 3 - Commercial Boarding Kennel - Must have DAB (Domestic Animal Business Licence)

Positives: Commercial kennels are set up with secure fencing and their staff should understand how to work with varied dog behaviours. Kennels can vary greatly but dogs are given a regular routine which will often help even the most anxious dogs settle. These kennels are also subject to annual inspection from the local councils to ensure they meet the State Government standards.

Negatives: Can be expensive (from \$40-\$80 per day). Even if a kennel charges a premium price this does not mean this is a better choice for your dog. Many of the big commercial kennels now operate in industrial settings and space is at a premium so the pens can be very small. Kennel staff can be fairly low paid and hence have a turnover, some may not have the experience to deal with dogs with issues and this can make a kennel stay quite stressful for your dog. **Warnings:** Dogs often don't want cuddles from strangers nor do they care about doona's and TV's. Owners should look past the slick website and fancy looking reception area - ask to see the full facility where your dog is actually staying (not just the premium pens) and check what is the dogs daily routine.

Option 4 - Home Boarding - Must have DAB (Domestic Animal Business Licence)

Often these names appear on local Facebook pages or on website such as 'Madpaws' - However it is important to know that these online marketing sites do not visit and inspect the facilities to ensure they meet the standards.

Positives: Local families are able to Host for **Up to 2 dogs** (from the same household) in their homes. Costs can run from around \$35-\$60 per day. Dogs get to live in the house and backyard with the host family and can be great for dogs who are not used to being away from their own family.

Negatives: You must ensure they have their DAB and not just say they are covered under the online website - They should have their DAB with their local council and experienced with dogs. Often the host will have the best intentions but do they know how to deal with any health or behaviour problems? **Warnings:** You should ensure the host has a safe place to house the dog when they are out. It is very important your dog is not able to climb fences nor that any visitors to the house do not end up leaving gates open or put the dog under stress.

For the welfare of your dog - choose Carefully !

Next Month - useful skills to teach your dog that help your dog cope with different holiday options.

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Pedestrians and e-Scooters

Strict trial road safety rules apply to both commercial and private e-scooters.

Victoria totally prohibits e-scooters on footpaths and riders who violate this rule will be subject to penalties. The evidence gathered during the e-scooter trials highlight the safety risks when riders do not follow safety-based rules. You can legally ride an e-scooter in Victoria but the following conditions apply:

- You ride on shared-use paths and roads up to and including 60km/h;
- You are at least 16 years old;
- You wear a properly fitted approved bicycle helmet;
- You do not travel more than 20km/h
- You do not use your mobile phone;
- You do not ride while intoxicated; and
- You do not carry a passenger.



The main issue for pedestrian safety is the high number of e-scooters being ridden on footpaths. Although an e-scooter is not permitted to ride on a footpath, they are allowed to ride on a shared footpath.

In order for pedestrians to be safer, we recommend pedestrians:

- Always keep an eye out for e-scooters when exiting a building; and
- Check for e-scooters as well as all other hazards before crossing a shared path, bicycle lane or a road.

All devices that use lithium-ion batteries pose a potential fire risk. E-scooters should be charged and stored away from walk ways, especially ones used in case of emergency, and used batteries should be disposed of safely. The battery of an e-scooter which may have been damaged in an accident should be disposed of immediately.

Pedestrians have road laws which apply in Victoria. These apply to crossing the road, walking along a road where there is no pavement, etc. Under the road rules, pedestrians include people on foot, on wheeled devices such as skateboards, rollerblades, wheel chairs & motorised mobility devices, and anyone pushing a bicycle.

Pedestrians **must not**:

- Cross the road if they are facing an amber or red light;
- Cross the road within 20 metres of a pedestrian crossing – they must use the crossing;
- Cross a railway level crossing when it is not allowed;
- Cause a traffic hazard by moving into the path of a driver; and
- Walk along a path which is for bicycles and other wheeled devices.

Pedestrians **must**:

- Use the shortest or most direct way to cross a road;
- Cross to the nearest edge of the road after getting off a tram; and
- Give way to vehicles at roundabouts or in a shared zone where the road is shared by vehicles and pedestrians.

Penalties apply when pedestrians break these rules.

Hotlines:

000

Emergency

131 444

Police Assistance Line

1800 333 000

Crime Stoppers

Online Reporting: <https://www.police.vic.gov.au/palolr>

For more information visit:

<https://sites.google.com/view/south-mitchell-nhw/home>



www.facebook.com/southmitchell.nhw.inc

email: newsletters.smnhw@gmail.com

ANOTHER BRILLIANT MURAL AT WANDONG

The Wandong Public Hall commissioned the brilliant artist and teacher Sharon Delaney (Three Brushes Studio) to paint a wildlife mural on the Halls' playground pipe. Photos are of the various painting stages.





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