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The Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) Inland Rail has released the latest design for the proposed new road over rail bridge at Wandong.

Commencing next week, the ARTC will be conducting several consultation sessions at various locations in Wandong where residents can view the plan, ask questions and submit comments.

For the last four years the Wandong Heathcote Junction Community Group has carried the negotiations with ARTC and brought Mitchell Shire Council to the table and it will continue to do so but it is now over to residents to express opinion about the plan before it is too late.

Pages 17 to 20 of this issue of Whats News provides readers with information and the meeting schedule. Wandong Heathcote Junction residents and Kilmore and Wallan residents with children at Wandong Primary School will be impacted by this project so they in particular are encouraged to visit the information sessions.



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

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Community

Group BBQ.

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Presents

2023 Student Art Show/Fundraiser

Featuring amazing student art works created in our very own Wandong studio, by kids from 6 years, up to adults and some Art For Sale.

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Judges, Kilmore art society, a local artist, an art teacher.

When : Sunday September 10th ,10am-3pm

Where: Wandong Hall- Rail street Wandong

For more info contact Sharon -0409 131 663



Community event, all welcome, come along and vote for the people's choice award, help our fundraiser.



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FREE ENTRY

This is an invitation for local artists to sell your work and help our fundraiser. Games and activities on the day.

What's Happening

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Operation Times

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After School Care 3:30pm – 6:30pm

Pupil Free Day 6:30am – 6:30pm

Holiday Program 6:30am – 6:30pm

ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS

28 Aug Heather & Rob Chisholm HJ
1 Sep David & Denise Limbrick
2 Sep Daniel & Robyn Hannemann W

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www.upperplenty.com

Mitchell Bushwalking Group

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Please contact:

Mary 0428 479 469
or Wayne 0451 519 734

or email

mitchellwalksgroup@gmail.com

for more information



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

We wish the following people a very happy birthday

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



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Wandong Playgroup

New members are welcome at playgroup.

You can start anytime of the year.

Come along and check it out.

The first session is free and
then it's \$5 per family
plus payment of Playgroup Victoria
membership to cover insurance.

Playgroup is for parents, guardians,
grandparents and careers and their
0-5 year old children.

Come and look!

Anytime is a good time to start.

Every Tuesday (during school terms)

9.30am till 11.30am

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Does God have a wicked (Sorry) sense of humour?

It has been suggested by some that God in his infinite wisdom decided to create an alternative thought process for those who have rejected the creation story in favour of an evolution idea. If there was only one avenue of thought available to the enquiring mind then we would have no alternative but to believe and follow blindly in one direction, we would have no choice but to accept the obvious. There would be no faith needed to follow a well-worn path! Say for instance that after a busy day God and the angel Mike (oop's Michael) were in a mischievous mood and God said Mike (it's O.K. they are good mates) Mike we have a stack of bones and things out the back, how about you carbon date some and plant them around the world, bury them in odd places so they will take some finding. Date some of them way back, millions of years if you feel like it. I have created my people with an extremely clever and enquiring minds and it will be fascinating to see some minds at work. Don't make it too easy for them we don't want the Job-Seeker system to be overloaded with archaeologists too soon.

(I think God's got more to do than tease his people with ideas like that!) But it's a good question to ask when our time comes.

Alan Gray

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LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

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GARDEN SCENE WITH GAIL

August already, where has the time gone? If you haven't finished the three applications of potash on your fruit trees, roses, hydrangeas and any other Spring flowering plant, this is the month to complete that task and if we get some rain you won't need to water it in. Daphne's are still looking beautiful and don't they smell so good. Keep the fortnightly liquid fertilising up until they drop their flowers and then it's time to prune them. You can take cuttings and using a root hormone gel or powder, pop the cuttings into a good quality potting mix, possibly a seed raising mix might do the job. Peg layering can work with Daphne as well. Find a low growing branch quite close to the ground, make a cut halfway through the branch at a node and apply rooting gel or powder into the cut. Remove some soil/potting mix directly below that cut and gently place the cut branch down into that hollow and keep it there with a peg, forked branch, tent peg or anything that will keep it down into the soil. Keep it moist but not wet and fingers crossed, over time, it will push down roots, then it can be cut from the main plant. If you haven't pruned back your fruit trees yet, try to get them done very soon, in the first part of the month. Maintain an open centre and prune off unhealthy branches, wayward branches that cross over other branches and any growth coming from around the base of the trunk, these may well be suckers from damaged roots of the plant, close to the surface. Keep in mind that the taller our fruit trees grow the harder it can be to retrieve the fruit from them. You may even want to take cuttings from the fruit trees, kids love to be in the garden so why not let them stick some of the cuttings in for fun. They will bear fruit but perhaps not in abundance! Bulbs such as Daffodils, Freesia's and Jonquils will still be flowering so get the liquid fertiliser on to them for the plant to store once again, for next year's growth and don't forget the lovely Violets, (both white & purple) sweet perfume and really hardy. Camellias are looking lovely now, and



the Olinda Camelia & Rhododendron gardens are worth a visit. Fertilise them with Dynamic lifter, or whatever you choose, and you can use fertiliser specific for Camellias, Rhododendrons and Azaleas if you prefer as you can for citrus plants, native plants etc. Weeds are still growing of course and while the soil is soft, they are easier to pull out but time is our enemy, we finish weeding and it's time to start again. If you have deciduous plants, they will be waking up from their Winter sleep and need to be fertilised so they can comfortably push new growth and don't experience any set-back. The lush green and yellow leaves of the Ash trees, the red and purple of the Cotinus and the stunning Maples, beautiful deciduous plants, waking up after their Winter sleep, are bursting into Spring to share their stunning colours. Enjoy our last month of Winter.

Happy Planting.

Gail Mains Kendrick

(Your Local Real Estate Agent)



WANDONG TENNIS CLUB

Email:

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



Information is posted on our
Facebook page.

www.facebook.com/wandongtennis

Our spring night tennis season starts on Tuesday 15th August for the doubles and Thursday 17th August for the singles.

Our Saturday winter season is well under way with all teams having a good season.

Coaching is available at the club for all ages. Please contact Karl on 0423 611 317 or kv.tennis@hotmail.com



I'm not saying spelling is important, but I'm saying spelling is important



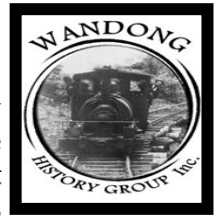
TAKE YOUR RUBBISH HOME.

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, the Wandong Broadford Road and recently from O'Gradys Road. Much of the rubbish is thrown from vehicles passing through Wandong but there is also rubbish that can only be from our residents. To those people we can only appeal to them to look after our beautiful town and take your rubbish home.

TIPS FOR ADULTS AT KIDS SPORT

- 1. Keep it fun**
don't take it *too seriously*
It's not the world titles 
- 2. Be enthusiastic**
but don't *scream* & *shout* instructions from the sideline 
- 3. Emphasise trying hard**
not winning 
- 4. Cheer & acknowledge**
good plays by *all players* 
- 5. Accept decisions by officials**
they are human & *can make mistakes* 
- 6. Let coaches do the coaching** 
- 7. Always remember, volunteers run kids sport** 
- 8. Understand, uphold and support your club's code of conduct** 
- 9. Allow your child to play for themselves**
Let kids make the decisions *on and off the field* 
- 10. Think before you speak**
Your words may harm others 

WANDONG HISTORY GROUP



ARTC must have been listening last month. We have been advised that they will be ready to show us the grand plan by the end of this month. They will be conducting a series of public pop up meetings, two of these will be done at St Michaels church giving the busy school run people a chance to see the big changes coming. In the interest of getting the message across to as many people as possible we have offered the church to ARTC to conduct these public interactions so please take advantage of the chance to find out what's about to happen in our town. No good going crook about it after if you are not prepared to be part of it while the opportunity for change is still there. The History group will be meeting with ARTC as the area affected by the new bridge will impact parts of the historical areas of the town and we want to make sure that proper process is followed in regard to anything that might be found during the works.

So once again big changes for Wandong, we seem to be always on the hit list, the price of being close to the freeway and railway.

We note with sadness the passing of Marcia Rochford, Marcia has been a long-time resident, her husband George a councillor in days gone by. Our sympathy to her family.

Our AGM will be held on the 30th August. Everyone is invited, details will be on the website and facebook page.

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 Heathcote Junction Community Group Inc: Call 0413 832 411

Wandong Wallan Lions Club: Call 0418 142 172

Wandong History Group: Call 0432 120 736

Supporting Community

It has been a pleasure to visit local community organisations of late and congratulate them on successful Volunteer Grant 2023 applications.

Volunteer Grants are part of the Australian Government's commitment to assist volunteers and encourage volunteering. Volunteer Grants aid the work of local community organisations by enabling the inclusion of vulnerable people and providing supports to increase participation in volunteering.

The Wandong Heathcote Junction Sports and Community Inc. Committee of Management were successful in their application for funding under the Volunteer Grants program.

The \$5000 received in funding will be used to purchase new tables and chairs for the community centre.

Volunteers are the backbone of our communities.

By supporting the people who provide this invaluable service, we are supporting communities in a substantial way that has a ripple impact for all.

Congratulations to the community groups who were successful in their applications and we encourage others to head to <https://help.grants.gov.au/> to keep up with available grant programs.

Also keep an eye on my Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/RobMitchellMP> for grant updates.

Regards,

Rob Mitchell MP

Federal Member for McEwen



PHOTO: Rob Telfer President of the Committee of Management and Rob Mitchell recently.

Snuffle mats for sale

The Snuffle Mat, is great mental stimulation for your pet. It can be used to reduce anxiety, slow down a fast eater or simply as a fun reward for your fur baby. Not only good for dogs, but cats and guinea pigs all love a snuffle mat. My mats come in three sizes and are double knotted and thick, every mat hand made here in Wandong.

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Upper Plenty Merri Catchments Landcare Group

is a new Landcare group for rural landowners in the Upper Plenty and Heathcote Junction areas. We provide support for land management issues such as weed, pest and erosion control.

Also improving soil and biodiversity by providing advice, support, and grant funding.

We meet the third Wednesday of the month 6.30pm at "The Shack" 1240 Wallan road Upper Plenty 3756. Guest speakers every 2nd meet. All welcome.

See our facebook page: Upper Plenty Merri Catchments Landcare Group
Membership enquiries membership.upmclg@gmail.com or Chris Cobern
0413855490

We particularly need new members from the Heathcote Junction area. Our approximate borders are North Mountain road down to Janna road. To the west the border is Merri creek and to the east is Mount Disappointment State forest. Members don't need to live within the borders but our activities are largely in that area.





PO Box 550, Kilmore 3764
President: Elaine De Gabrielle
Secretary: Mark Perrott
Contact: info@u3akilmoreanddistrict.com.au

The Grove at Hidden Valley resort and the Donnybrook Pub were the venues for the last two lunch club outings. The group continues to grow this year with the last two lunches having over 30 participants. Not only is it a nice affordable meal but a great day out catching up with everyone once a fortnight. Luckily so far this year most venues have been open and there has only been a couple of last minute glitches, one due to flooding and the other due to last minute staff availability.

The ukulele group is also growing as word gets out and people want to join in the fun. They had their first ever singalong gig at the Caledonia nursing home on the 26th July, which went down so well with the residents that it is to become a monthly event. It is great to be able to bring joy through music into people's lives and also provides a focus for the group. There is a list of requests for next time and there are new songs to be learnt. Thanks to a grant from the Bendigo Bank, we have purchased some new instruments so if anyone would like to have a go, call Amanda on 0429 317 553.

The gardening group enjoyed some indoor activities at the last meeting with a flower arranging demonstration at the town hall. Everyone then had a go and the results, judging by the photos, were spectacular. The gardening group meet at 1pm behind the Kilmore Memorial Hall each second Thursday of the month and visit a range of both public and private gardens. There is also opportunity to swap cuttings, seeds and gardening tips.

Creative Writing is a small group who learn together the elements of what makes a good story. Currently they are looking at what it means to "Show, don't tell" and "The Use of Dialogue." It adds to the essence of a story and not only makes it easier to read but more enjoyable. All good writers are great readers. The convenor for the writing group is hoping there will be some stories to self-publish for members at the end of the year. The Creative writers meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month at the U3A centre in Sydney St. Details are on the website.

U3A is open to anyone over 50 who is no longer working full time. Visit the website at <https://u3akilmoreanddistrict.com.au/> Email us on info@u3akilmoreanddistrict.com.au or write to PO Box 550, Kilmore, 3764. New members are always welcome.

Cheers, Amanda Oades

Kilmore Golf Club Inc.

August 2023

Player numbers continue to be down this month. However, some events have been able to be completed;

Rd 1 Spring Cup ; Lindsay Musgrave
July Monthly Medal ; Rick Campbell
August Monthly Medal ; Sophie Banon

August sees the beginning of further competitions such as the Carew Cup & Monthly Medal for the men.

September.

A busy month with the start of serious competitions

Fri 1st is the commencement once more of the Friday 9-hole competition- mixed Stableford available to be played anytime on the day every Friday. Contact the club shop for more details on 5782123 or info@kilmoregolfclub.com.au

Sat 2nd Monthly Medal

Sat 9th Rd 2 Spring cup

Sat 16th Kilmore Open 4BBB Stfd Men & Mixed

Sun 17th Kilmore Open Tournament sponsored by TJ Scott & Family

Thurs 21st Ladies Tournament sponsored by TJ Scott & Family

Sat 23rd Start Men's Club Championships

Fri 29th Mixed Ambrose 49 Ambrose

Volunteers continue to work on the course fertilising the greens and fairways to ensure the course is ready for all players to enjoy their game of golf with the better weather on the horizon.



Wandong Fire Brigade



Only Working smoke alarms save lives. Do you know someone in the community who needs assistance?

New smoke alarms that have a 10-year lifespan ensure families can feel the highest level of security. Working smoke alarms are your best defense against preventable residential fires, especially during the night, when people lose their sense of smell. These new alarms provide the security of knowing you and your family are protected, while ensuring you're not interrupted every year with a nagging smoke alarm.

Wandong Fire Brigade are participating in a program assisting older or vulnerable members of the community to have 10-year smoke alarms installed in their homes, at no cost to them. If you need assistance with having working smoking alarms installed in your home, please call Yvette on 0417 545 228 or contact us via our Facebook page.

Preparing your property for Fire Season

The weather is warming up and it is time to think about the upcoming fire season. Take a walk around your house and property and see what needs to be cleaned up. Please remember to call the Burn-Off Line to register your burn on 1800 668 511, before you light up. Mitchell Shire Council allows burning off, in town areas, on Wednesdays and Saturdays between 10am and 3pm.

<http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/contact/register-your-burn-off/>

Wandong Fire Brigade Juniors

Our junior program is run on Mondays between 6.30 (7pm in Winter) and 8pm at Wandong Fire Station. We currently have a full squad, but do have a wait list for kids wanting to join in. For more information contact us via our Facebook page.

Our Juniors held their election of office bearers recently and have commenced their new roles. The new position holders are Jessica (Captain), Harry (1st Lieutenant) and Jesse (Junior Brigade Representative).

Fire Equipment Maintenance

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

Training

Training occurs weekly on Wednesday nights starting at 7pm at the fire station. For more information contact us on our Facebook page or call Lt James Stephens on 0418 221 458. We have some awesome new recruits who are currently preparing for their General Firefighter qualifications. We are out and about training on Wednesday nights, so feel free to say hi.

WANDONG PUBLIC HALL

The Wandong Hall current committee will be holding it's Annual General Meeting at the hall on the 23rd of August at 5pm. If you have an interest in the Hall and it being part of Wandong's Heritage we are looking for new Committee Members or a Community Representative to help with the care, use and it's upkeep now and into the future. If interested please come along you will be most welcome.

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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Darraweit Guim Primary School News



On Friday 4th August, all the Foundation students celebrated 100 days of school. They participated in many maths games, investigating 100 and other art and craft ideas for 100 Days at Darraweit Guim Primary School. The theme throughout the days was 'Being Bright Sparks'. All students dressed in bright colours and celebrated the achievement of the first 100 Days of their schooling journey.

Some of the Grade 3-6's participated in Cobaw Athletics at the La Trobe Athletics Running Track in Bendigo. They participated in many track and field events, and represented Darraweit Guim PS with honour.

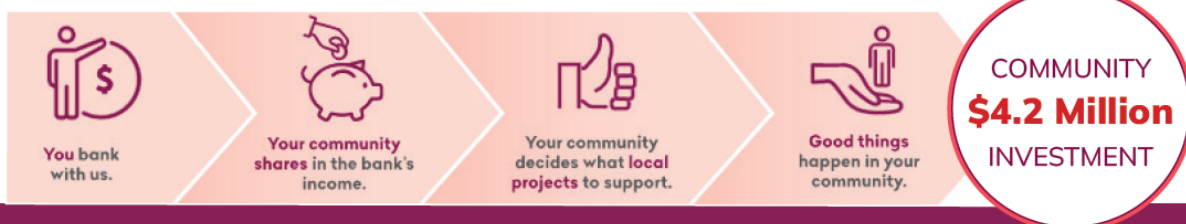
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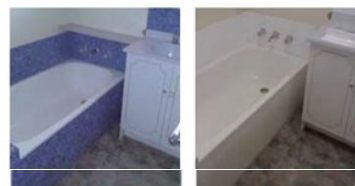
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TRAINING: We are training Tuesdays and Thursdays 4:30-5:30pm
Stay tuned with FaceBook and TeamApp to find out more.

50 GAMES!!

We had two Warrior's celebrate their 50th games this month!

Congratulations to Riley Marks from our under 12's on his 50th game! Riley is one of the clubs genuine hard nuts who is to brace for his own safety at times. See ball get ball best describes Riley and good luck to anyone who gets in the way (teammates included). Riley never takes a backward step no matter how big his opponent is, courage is one aspect of the game you can't coach, you either have it or you don't. Unfortunately for Riley's opponents he has plenty. Well done Riley!!



Congratulations to one of our newest Warriors Fionn Whelan who played his 50th junior game last Sunday. Fionn played 40 games for his previous club Greenvale before becoming a warrior. A great asset to the team, Fionn played a great game against Broadford, and has been in ripping form all year playing mostly off a wing. Fionn has pace to burn and great skills and has fitted in Warrior life seamlessly. Well done Fionn!



CANTEEN:
As always thank you to the Kilroy family and their crew for their work in the canteen.

SPORTS TRIVIA NIGHT!

The club enjoyed a night full of games, laughs, prizes and pizza's at their Sports Trivia Night fundraiser event. One of the clubs first adults

only functions for a while. Theme of the night was to dress up as your favourite sports star. Some amazing outfits were on show, from footballers, netballers, tennis stars and lots of others thrown in between. It was a massive success, everyone had a great night! Frankies Flamin' Pizza's served up amazing all you can eat pizzas! And Trivia Oz did an incredible job hosting the night of games!

Thanks to all our wonderful local business and warrior families who donated auction and raffle prizes. Wandong Chemist, IGA Wandong, Magpie and Stump, Crimp Hair Lounge, Wandong Collective, Kew Motors, Kilmore Car Wash, Marks Family Homes, Wolf Clothing & Mensland and M.T.I Qualos.



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Ok. Its report time again.

Things are a bit quiet. Tania and Steve are in Queensland. Last heard of in Townsville. They are sick of the heat and can't wait to get back to a balmy 8 or 9 degrees. Just to illustrate that nothing can escape this intrepid reporter, I believe that Steve left his car and caravan in drive and when he returned it wasn't where he left it.



There have been two notable events this month. Rose Dove's 80th birthday and the official induction of the new executive.

Rose's birthday was a surprise party at Hogan's and I have never seen a more surprised look on anyone's face. It was a great event with both family and friends. For almost the first time in his life Brian didn't make a speech.



Saturday evening was our changeover dinner. We met at the Cider House at Darrawiet Guim. A great event at a great venue. Some of us were concerned about a cold night in a marquee but it was warm and really pleasant. The formal aspects were conducted by past district Governor David Jones a long-time friend of our club. Daniel is now officially the president and Sam is in charge of vice. The new treasurer Peter has not wasted any time getting into the job having already started building a new home in Kilmore. The outgoing treasurer Hugh is celebrating with a trip to the NT on the Ghan. It is great to see our treasurers at work.

I have no roll other than the official scribe and truth teller.

Bill Forbes. Where would this report be without him? His new neighbour has installed security cameras and lights. Bill assure me that it has nothing to do with him as a neighbour but I leave you to draw your conclusions.

He also took numerous photos at Rose's birthday. He then discovered that the phone was pointing the wrong way and he was taking photos of himself. I think he only does these things to get his name into print.

It has been reported that some of my fellow Lions want a record of my misdemeanours. The trouble is that although I am a totally truthful scribe that I cannot think of anything that I have done wrong. It is hard work being this perfect.

I will finish off with an anecdote concerning my wife. Would you drive into an automatic car wash and leave the driver's side window open? She claims that it was my fault because she wound the window down to instruct me on how to set the machine in motion. I would never do anything as silly as that.

Until next time.

Clyde Riley

SHARING THE LATEST WANDONG DESIGN

In Wandong we're replacing the Broadford-Wandong Road bridge with a safer but higher bridge to provide clearance for double-stacked freight trains.

We know the community is passionate about how Inland Rail is delivered in their community, which is why we're sharing the progress of the latest design, listening to feedback and answering your questions.

Between 26 August and 23 September, we're inviting you to view the design online and at our shopfront. We are also holding drop-in events and community design discussions where you can talk to our team and find out more.

— Visit inlandrail.info/events for details of all our information sessions.

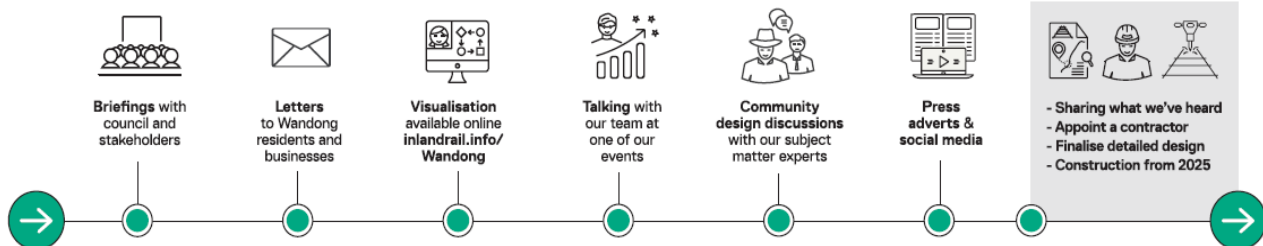


WHAT IS INLAND RAIL?

Inland Rail is a nation building project that will transform how goods are moved around Australia, generating opportunities for our regions and our economy, now and into the future. In Victoria, works will be undertaken at 12 sites including Wandong to enable double-stacked freight trains to pass safely. It will mean freight can be delivered faster and more reliably to our growing population, and beyond to global markets. It also means safer, less congested roads and fewer carbon emissions.

→ From 26 August scan the QR code for more information and to watch the 3D fly-through of the reference design.

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM US OVER THE FOLLOWING WEEKS



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Wandong events August–September

Between 26 August and 23 September, we're sharing the reference design with community and seeking your feedback.

Can't make these times? Call or email to book an appointment with one of our team.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
21 AUGUST	22 AUGUST	23 AUGUST	24 AUGUST	25 AUGUST	26 Shopfront with free BBQ 9am–1pm
28 AUGUST	29 Shopfront 4:30pm–6:30pm	30 Primary School 2:30pm–4pm	31 Train Station 6am–9am Shopfront 9am–1pm	01 SEPTEMBER	02 Shopfront with free BBQ 9am–1pm
04	05 Shopfront 4:30pm–6:30pm	06	07 Shopfront 9am–1pm Primary School 2:30pm–4pm	08	09
11 Design Discussion 11am–1pm RSVP required	12	13 Design Discussion 6pm–8pm RSVP required	14 Shopfront 9am–1pm Design Discussion 4pm–6pm RSVP required	15	16
18	19	20	21 Shopfront 9am–1pm	22	23

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Dear Owner/Occupier

WANDONG - INLAND RAIL DESIGN UPDATE

Inland Rail is Australia's largest freight rail project. It will transform the way we move freight around the country by allowing double-stacked freight trains to travel between Melbourne and Brisbane via regional Victoria and New South Wales.

In Wandong we will be replacing the Broadford-Wandong Road bridge with a newer, safer but higher bridge to the north of the existing structure. The new bridge will provide clearance for taller double-stacked freight trains to pass underneath.

It is clear the Wandong and Heathcote-Junction community is passionate about how Inland Rail is delivered. We thank you for waiting patiently for an updated design.

Through community feedback, ARTC has heard a desire for improved connectivity, road and pedestrian safety and the importance of maintaining access during construction. We've also heard the need to minimise impacts to private property, local heritage sites and Pickett Walk, including the community-planted mature pin-oak and she-oaks trees.

We have been working hard to deliver a safe and compliant design that meets community expectations, incorporating community feedback where possible. We are now ready to share our 'Reference Design' and look forward to hearing from you to gather your thoughts and feedback that will assist us to further refine the design.



Artist impression of the new Broadford-Wandong Road bridge Reference Design.

Your participation matters to ensure the best outcome is achieved for Wandong and Heathcote-Junction. Turn over-leaf to find out how you can participate.

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How can you participate and find out more?

- Scan the QR Code to see more information
- Visit our website inlandrail.info/Wandong
- Drop into our shopfront at Shop 7, Wandong Plaza
- Keep an eye on the North Central Review for more information
- Nominate to take part in a community design discussion.



Website updates will be live from 26 August 2023

Wandong Shopfront Hours

The Wandong shopfront is open every **Thursday, 9:00am-1:00pm.**

We have also added additional days, so everyone has a chance to talk with ARTC staff about the project.

- **Saturday:** 26 August & 2 September (Community BBQ 9:00am-1:00pm)
- **Tuesday:** 29 August & 5 September (After Hours 4:30pm-6:30pm)

Can't make those dates or times? Contact us to book an appointment at a time that suits you.

How to register to be part of a community design discussion?

We will be holding community design discussions to provide community members an opportunity to hear from our experts about the design process, design elements and rationale and have any questions answered.

The sessions available are:

- **Monday** 11 September, 11:00am -1:00pm
- **Wednesday** 13 September, 6:00pm - 8:00pm
- **Thursday** 14 September, 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Additional community design discussions will be scheduled if required

For all event details and to RSVP to our community design discussions visit inlandrail.info/events or contact us on 1800 732 761 or victoriaprojects@artc.com.au

What are the next steps?

The feedback we receive on our Reference Design will help inform the next phase of design called Detail Design. Detail Design is the final design phase that occurs after we award a Design and Construct (D&C) contract in 2024. This ensures safety and environmental impacts have been minimised before construction occurs. It is also where community can provide feedback on the look and feel of some urban design elements and where the community is advised of exactly what will be built and how it will look, incorporating feedback where possible.

Yours sincerely

Hamish Pink
Stakeholder Engagement Advisor
Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC)

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YOU, THE A.R.T.C. AND THAT NEW WANDONG BRIDGE HAVE YOU CHECKED IT OUT YET?.

Have you stopped in at the A.R.T.C. shopfront at Wandong Plaza to see what damage and disruption will be caused by the new bridge that will be built at the northern end of Rail Street, Wandong?

We have been promised a viewing of the plans for this construction by mid-August, including new road levels, new speed limits, and proposed temporary road closures. In speaking with many in our town it seems that most do not think that it will cause them much interruption during the eighteen months to two years that this job will take to complete.

I would like to lay out some facts that may disturb you about just how affected our town will be over that period.

1. During construction we will have many large trucks coming and going from the site, causing chaos around the existing bridge.
2. There will be road closures on both sides of the bridge as the road levels will need to be raised from about a meter and a half on the Epping Kilmore Road and on Rail Street the height will have to be raised by more than two meters.
3. As part of the project the contractors will be building a new roundabout some twenty meters north of the existing bridge. That roundabout will be approximately five meters above the current road level and linked to Rail St with one huge pile of dirt.
4. During construction it is estimated there will be more than four hundred thousand cubic meters of fill needed to form the new roundabout. All of this fill will need to be trucked in and will acquaint to more than sixteen thousand truck and trailer loads of fill coming in through the town. That will be about ten or twelve of these monsters every day coming on to site. By the time they finish all that cartage we will need a new bridge.
5. Then there is the problems of the dust and noise created by such a huge project. For those living close to the site it will be somewhat difficult, but this project will affect all of us who live in and around Wandong. So please make the effort and call in and see just what their plans are for our town. We cannot stop the job, but with enough complaints and comments we can try and keep disruption and chaos to a minimum.

The A.R.T.C. OFFICES ARE OPEN MOST THURSDAYS FROM NINE TILL ONE, AND THERE WILL BE MEETINGS AROUND TOWN FOR YOU TO HAVE YOUR SAY INCLUDING AT LEAST TWO FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLES ON SATURDAY MORNINGS FROM LATE AUGUST. IT IS YOUR TOWN SO CALL IN AND HAVE YOUR SAY AND GET INVOLVED.

David Moran (President, Wandong Heathcote Junction Community Group)



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**.



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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 fitness workouts, mums with the kids in the pram, riding bikes, playing football, passing shots in netball, shooting hoops at the basketball ring, riding horses, training dogs to behave, Wandong primary doing sporting activities on the oval, Wallan basketball in the stadium



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

Construction Works will commence soon down at the Reserve

Project 1: Redevelopment of the Community centre.

Wandong Community Centre Revitalisation

Revitalise the centre to contemporary standards by reconfiguring and upgrading the internal floor plan, which will create a versatile, multi-purpose centre for shared community use. The Redevelopment of the Community centre at the Reserve is out to tender for the appointment of the construction contractor. Due to the project the Reserve committee will not be taking any bookings for the centre from September onwards.



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Project 2: Drainage improvement at the Oval.

This successful funding agreement is part of the Country Football Netball Program. State Government will be contributing \$195,000 to the \$260,000 LB Davern Drainage Upgrade project with Council contributing the remaining \$65,000.

The project will see the installation of lateral drainage to eliminate the current ponding/flooding of water in key sections of the oval and a reshape of both goal square areas.



L.B.Davern roadway to Wandong stadium and Tennis club:

The committee of Management wishes to thank Ken Bausch in his work in rejuvenating the Reserves roadway in general to the Stadium and Tennis club. Your time and resources are most appreciated.



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

Contact our booking officer
Darlene Gunter 0418 312 762.

Get in quick as bookings are coming in fast.

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To our community, we need your help;

We need to catch any persons vandalizing our Reserve!!!!
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It's a good news data story at Wandong.

NAPLAN 2023 Results

This table shows the percentage of students achieving in the Strong and Exceeding NAPLAN categories, for 2023.

	WANDONG NETWORK SCHOOLS	WANDONG SIMILAR SCHOOLS	IVANHOE/ GREENSBOROUGH AREA SCHOOLS	WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL
Year 3 Reading	64%	68%	79%	80%
Year 5 Reading	71%	76%	86%	85%
Year 3 Writing	71%	77%	87%	87%
Year 5 Writing	64%	72%	82%	90%

Wandong Primary School students are now matching the achievement of schools within the Ivanhoe and Greensborough areas, after exceeding the average achievement of network and similar schools.

Wandong Primary School exceeds targets in NAPLAN Literacy.

WPS students are now achieving closer to schools in the Greensborough and Ivanhoe areas, after surpassing the average achievement of network and similar schools.

We are immensely proud of our students, and the hard work and incredible passion of our teaching teams, for this outstanding result.

At WPS we are passionate about our science informed Literacy approach- investing heavily in crafting excellent programs, which help all children to achieve their very best in English.

We would like to congratulate the following top achievers in this year's NAPLAN.

- Isla Domino – Excellence in NAPLAN Writing
- Jude Whelan – Excellence in NAPLAN Reading & Numeracy
- Harry Snepvangers – Excellence in NAPLAN Reading & Numeracy
- Tahni Saunders – Excellence in NAPLAN Writing
- Jaclyn Mazurek – Exceeding in All Curriculum Areas
- Elijah Bennett – Exceeding in All Curriculum Areas
- Harry Snepvangers – Exceeding in All Curriculum Areas
- Tahni Saunders – Exceeding in All Curriculum Areas
- Jacob Kubik - Exceeding in All Curriculum Areas

This honour roll includes the highest performing students in each curricular area, who outperformed students around the state. It also includes students who managed to score in the highest proficiency level for all three curricular areas (Reading, Writing and Numeracy).

A massive **congratulations to all our recipients** on your hard work and diligence with your learning, to reach beyond what is expected. As your community, we are all so proud of you!

August Key Dates:

Monday 14th – 18th – National Science Week
 Tuesday 15th – Curriculum Day
 Wednesday 23rd – Book Week Parade
 Wednesday 23rd – 29th – Book Fair
 Monday 21st – 25th – Book Week: Read, Grow and Inspire
 Friday 25th – Mitchell Shire District Athletics

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WEBSITE: In July the <www.wandong.vic.au> website received 1211 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

LIONS PARK SCULPTURE: The wooden sculpture in the Lions Park at Wandong was decayed and removed two years ago. We have been asking Mitchell Shire to replace it and we even offered to pay \$3,500, half the cost of a suggested sculpture. This was rejected but Mitchell Shire has now reopened discussions so something may happen hopefully soon. If any resident has a suggestion regarding the type of sculpture that would be suitable and preferably depicting Wandong history or lifestyle, please let us know.



THE WANDONG WAR MEMORIAL CAR PARK

We have long advocated for the large open drain along the west side of the Epping Kilmore Road at the Wandong war memorial car park to be placed underground to enable easier use of the car park. The cable fencing along the roadside should be removed to enable angle parking from the road. This busy car park constantly needs repairs to fix huge holes that develop. The car park (or at least the entry) could have been sealed for the cost of the constant repairs. This is the busiest roadside toilet stop in Mitchell Shire and continues to be ignored by Mitchell Shire. A request to the CEO Mitchell Shire to divert Davern Reserve drainage savings to the carpark has as usual been met with total negativity and refusal by the CEO. It appears one needs to be the loudest and have the numbers to be recognised as a priority by this Council so please look for our petition that will be circulated shortly.

NEW PICNIC TABLES NOW IN PLACE

The Community Group has recognized the very popular use of the picnic table at the Wandong War Memorial carpark and has purchased and installed a second table at this position and another table in the Lions Park. If we wanted the Council to do this it would have needed an Act of Parliament and it might occur in a years time. However 20 new picnic tables were installed in Wallan last year. When will our Shire grasp the fact that Wandong is a key gateway to the Shire?

GRAFFITI DISAPPOINTMENT

How disappointing it is to see our town buildings, and even our new mural in the Plaza, being graffitied. We have removed the graffiti from the mural and asked Mitchell Shire to remove the graffiti from the railway pedestrian bridge pylons and request businesses to remove graffiti from their buildings.

RUBBISH RUBBISH RUBBISH

The Community Group continues to collect the roadside rubbish around Wandong and would certainly welcome help from the community. Recently we cleared all the rubbish on O'Gradys Road from the Epping Kilmore Road and the Mathiesons Road only to travel the road two days later and see that motorists had thrown more rubbish. Over to you O'Gradys Road residents— have a go at keeping the road clean. The same applies to the Wandong Broadford Road. We cleaned the road to spotless only to find days later motorists and dumpers had created more rubbish. Come on residents, have some pride in your area - don't wait on Mitchell Shire to do it, it won't happen. A big thank you to Rhonda and Tilly McDermott who clean the area Wandong to Scanlons Road.



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Hello again. Last month we had a quick overview of the Carer Gateway and listed the supports that are available to you as a carer. This month I would like to focus on Carer Support & Planning - a very important part to assisting carers to access the supports they need. All too often carers put their own needs secondary to those of the person they care for. It is important that you as a carer prioritise your needs which in turn supports to continue in your caring role. The Carer Gateway has the needs of the carer as the main priority - all assistance that is provided through the Carer Gateway has the carer firmly at the heart of that support.

Carer Support & Planning is a process that has two main stages:

1. Understanding the carers needs
2. Support Planning

Through a guided conversation our carer support and planning staff work with each carer to understand their individual priorities. This conversation focuses on several key areas including: the carers health; the caring role; managing at home; how you are feeling; and how the caring role is impacting on your work / study / volunteering / social activities.

Once a carers priorities have been identified our carer support and planning team provide short term support to carers to help them navigate, coordinate and access the right services.

Support is tailored to your needs – we can help you connect with services that support both your needs and well-being.

We will keep in touch regularly and work with you to ensure your needs are being met, the support is sustainable and to check in on your well-being.

For more information regarding the supports available to you as a carer Contact the Carer Gateway at www.carergateway.gov.au or by phone on 1800 422 737.

Kind Regards
Jason

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WANDONG COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS 2023 - DATE AND POSSIBLE CHANGE OF VENUE

**The 2023 Wandong Community Christmas
Carols will be held on Sunday 17th December.**

**The event has been free thanks to the
sponsorship of the Bendigo Community Bank.**

**The event will start at 4.30pm with a free
sausage sizzle and Santa Claus, then the carols
commence at 6.30pm. Due to renovations
(yet to commence) at the Community Centre,
Davern Reserve, it is likely that the carols
will be held at the Wandong Public Hall.**

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THIS MONTHS QUIZ

Answer appears on Page 30 but no cheating!

1. The Nile River flows in to what sea?
2. Who was USA president during the civil war?
3. Where is Pearl Harbour?
4. What is the largest country in Africa?
5. Who was first to conquer Mt Everest?
6. In what year did Neil Armstrong walk on the moon?
7. What does the name Australia mean?
8. Is Russia in Europe or Asia?
9. How many stars are on the Chinese flag?
10. Where is the hottest place on Earth?
11. What were the last two States in the USA?
12. Who is considered the last Pharaoh of Egypt?
13. Which country first made boiled sweets?
14. Who won the Brownlow Medal in 2022?

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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Justice of the Peace for Victoria

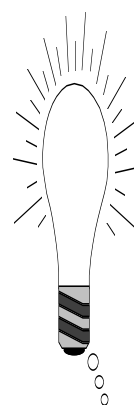
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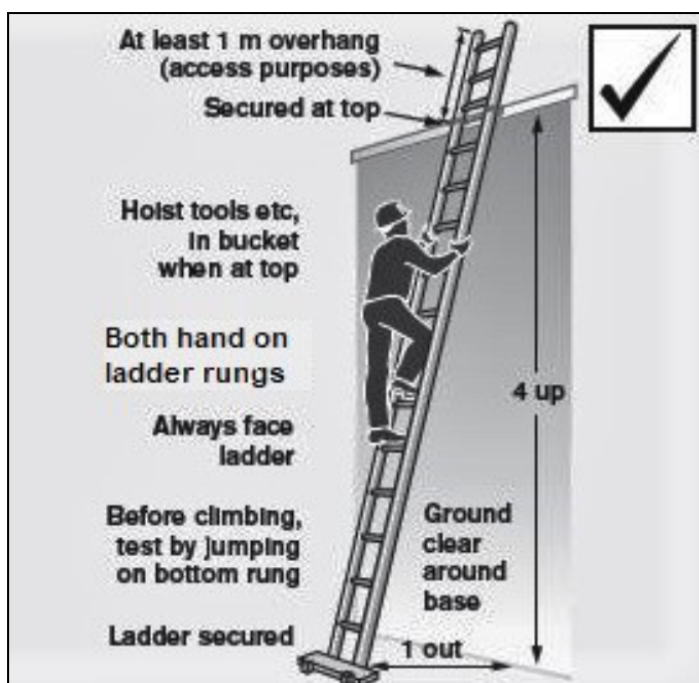
Ladder Safety at Home

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

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

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

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



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

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

Cheers and drive safely
John Mahoney (Captain)

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Weather Report - July 2023

Heathcote Junction/Wandong

It was a very mild month without incident of note. Temperatures remained cool/cold but there was a notable increment in some day temperatures with some sunny days to make for more comfortable.

Rainfall was light at 26 mls and was recorded over 10 days of the month.

The water supply day at Sunday Creek is remaining at capacity.

Improvements are noticeable with the full flowering of wattle and some blossom trees in the district with the coming of spring.

Stats

July 2023	-	26 mls
Previous year	-	69 mls
Average prev 10 years	-	79 mls
Total this year	-	401 mls
Total prev year	-	353 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 5781 1604

QUIZ ANSWERS (from page 28)

1. Mediterranean Sea
2. Abraham Lincoln
3. Hawaii
4. Algeria
5. Edmund Hillary (1953)
6. 1969
7. Land of the south
8. Asia
9. Five
10. Furnace Creek in Death Valley, California
11. 49th Alaska and 50th Hawaii (1959)
12. Cleopatra VII
13. Scotland (1820)
14. Patrick Cripps (Carlton)

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Whittlesea Community Network

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We have hit the ground running in Semester 2! The Semester 2 Brochure is out now and you can grab a copy at the house or you can download it or book into sessions directly from our website www.wchi.com.au

We know times are tough, don't forget that there is help at hand in your local community. Our community pantry is accessible 7 days a week and after hours and is located out the front of the House at 92A Church St. We can assist you with free pet food if you stop by the office during office hours Monday – Thursday 10am – 3pm. We are still assisting with Power Saving Bonuses so if you are yet to apply for your \$250 come and see us with your complete and current electricity account and your banking details (BSB and account) and we will get it sorted for you.

POWER SAVING BONUS ENDS MIDNIGHT 31ST AUGUST SO DON'T DELAY.

Community Meals

Big Blokes Brunch

Join the blokes for brunch each week at Whittlesea Community Activity Centre:

Tuesdays 11.00am – Noon \$2.00 per person

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

Thursday 10th August 11:30am – 1.00pm Thursday 24th August 11.30am – 1.00pm \$2.00 per person

Save the date

Wednesday 6th September Women's Health Week Special Dinner – 6pm at the Community Activity Centre – Laurel Street – Bookings on 9716 3361

NEW DURING WINTER - Soup and Games

Get out of the House and out of the cold and join us for soup and board games (chess, scrabble, backgammon etc)

Wednesdays 11.30am – 1.30pm \$2.00 per person

Textile Tuesdays

Don't throw out your old and unworn clothing, convert it to completely new outfits! The team from Boomerang Bags are getting ready to teach the basics of sewing, assist those of you who are able to sew but could use some help and show you how to keep clothing out of landfill! This program is supported by the City of Whittlesea.

2nd Tuesday of each month (8th Aug, 12th Sep, 10th Oct, 14th Nov, 12th Dec) 1.00pm – 4.00pm

Whittlesea Community Activity Centre, Laurel Street, Whittlesea

Starry Starry Night – Beginners Star Gazing Workshop Series – BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Local expert Steve Fleming will host this FREE workshop series starting in August! This is an all ages program (children under 15 must be accompanied by an adult), don't forget to dress warmly!

Tuesdays 15th, 22nd & 29th August and 5th September 7.00pm – 8.30pm

Whittlesea Community Activity Centre, Laurel Street, Whittlesea

Welding for Beginners

Places are filling up fast but there is still time to secure your spot in our next welding class. Learn skills including, TIG, MIG, ARC and sheet metal riveting.

Wednesdays for 7 weeks commencing 4th October \$130 per person BYO work boots.

Introduction to Blacksmithing

Come and have a go at being a Blacksmith! This 4 hour session includes making a take home item.

Saturday 25th November 8.30am – 12.30pm OR 1.00pm – 5.00pm \$55 per person

Heritage Pavilion – Whittlesea Showgrounds

Tax Help

Do you need help with your tax return? This Free service is provided at the house for low income earners with a My Gov account linked to the ATO. (we can help with that too)

Friday August 11th 10am – 12 noon

Friday August 25th 10am – 12 noon

*Sessions also available in September

Boat Licence

Saturday 12th August 9am – 1pm \$140 per person

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

Fix It Friday

Fix it Friday returns in August! 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 25th August 10am – 1.00pm

Feel free to pop in and visit us soon, we would love to see you, office hours are Monday – Thursday 10am – 3pm or you can call us on 9716 3361.



THE COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF WHITTLESEA INC.

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MICHAEL B HALLEY PUBLICITY OFFICER

A missing landmark

Until the new century arrived and suburbia, like lava from a volcano, spread toward the farmlands approaching the thirty kilometre radius mark from Melbourne the major shopping hub was at Epping.

Many of the members of the Combined Probus Club of Whittlesea used to traverse High Street and pass the prominent church on the corner of Lehmanns Road near where the suburb of Wollert commences. Not long into the new millennium the church was decommissioned and soon deteriorated.

We are talking about the former Wollert Methodist Church, officially founded within the Preston and Heidelberg Circuit in 1878, after a Wesleyan Methodist congregation had formed in 1859. It later became Uniting Church until closure in 2006.

Much construction of buildings and roadworks in the area took travellers attention for the next ten plus years and the church was “just there”. Suddenly something was happening and soon the church was gone and the land was vacant. Major Roads acquired the Church site as part of the Epping Road Upgrade and preserved the building due to its significance to the local community.

Together with the City of Whittlesea and Working Heritage Major Roads set in motion plans to protect and preserve the Church’s historic and social value. These plans culminated in May of 2022 when the building was moved and rebuilt at Carome Homestead in Mernda. Now open to the public, the church will be managed by Working Heritage and again become a hub for the community to use – for generations to come.

Much has already been published about the project, but not many have had a personal insight into the planning and logistics so we invited Kieran Davis (pictured) Cultural and Heritage Adviser at Working Heritage to join with members and advise how it all came to a successful conclusion.

The Working Heritage Incorporated Committee of Management (Working Heritage) conserves and manages heritage properties on Crown land on behalf of the State of Victoria. Working Heritage has been appointed to manage 16 sites across Victoria, undertaking expert conservation and adaptation works so the community can benefit from these revitalised historic buildings and sites.

A montage of photographs showing the various sites that are mainly in towns close to Melbourne, except for the Warracknabeal Court House was enlightening showing a pictorial history of architecture.

Kieran showed a video detailing the dismantling and relocation of the church. He explained the somewhat difficult undertaking due to the age and materials used in the original and subsequent construction. The new home for the church is, as mentioned, now at Carome Homestead a site managed by Working Heritage

Two managed sites are located within the Whittlesea council’s boundaries and again show the historical connection that the Plenty Valley has to Victoria’s establishment. They are Carome Homestead and Farm Vigano’

Carome Homestead dates from 1840 but Farm Vigano’ did not eventuate until 1934 when the well-known and respected restaurateur Mario Vigano’ purchased the property and built the family retreat. In its day Farm Vigano’ was the place where “A List Members” congregated to foster business and personal relationships. The property, with house, farm buildings, and designed landscape, provides the last tangible physical association with Mario and Maria Teresa Viganò, and is able to demonstrate their remarkable contribution to cuisine, hospitality, culture and the arts.

Whilst the restaurant and reception is privately operated the farm has 15 acres for Community Use and provides access to the Plenty Valley Gorge. The orchard has over 500 fruit trees that provide seasonal fruit for the Chefs at the restaurant. But Kieran advised that the public are allowed to pick some for their own consumption.

Carome Homestead was the site where Victoria’s [then NSW] first flour mills were established in 1840. The Plenty River provided the power for the water wheel but it was not highly productive. Records indicate it ground five [5] bushels an hour. A bushel of wheat is given as 60 lb which when milled gives about 42 lb of flour. To save readers taxing their memory or reaching for a calculator in today’s terms that would equal about 50 2kg packs of plain flour.

The mill’s operation was curtailed when the Yan Yean Reservoir was developed and the river flow slowed. The owner received six hundred pound compensation and the mill closed. The site is preserved and plans to interpret the site are currently underway.

The Wollert Church now stands sparking white and proud in the grounds of Carome Homestead and much discussion is being held about future use. Working Heritage is currently running a survey to gauge the level of interest from the community in using this building. The [link](#) closes on 31st August 2023.

Written by Michael B Halley



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At Neighbourhood Watch, we believe a connected community is a safer community. And at the heart of every connected community are neighbours like you and us.

Knowing your neighbours will help you feel safer, boost your mental health and wellbeing and improve your lifestyle. It doesn't mean you have to live in each other's pockets, but that you can give each other a wave and a smile and feel comfortable enough to ask for or offer help when required.

Being a good neighbour can be very simple if you say hi and introduce yourself. This may lead to having them over for a cuppa or barbecue. If people find you friendly, helpful, considerate and approachable, they're more likely to respond in the same way. Simple gestures such as mowing their nature strip, bringing their rubbish bin in, or offering them excess vegies from your vegie patch can foster great neighbourly relations.

On a farm, your kind gestures might include keeping an eye out for strangers, loaning the farm equipment or help out on a task if an extra pair of hands is required. Farms can be easy targets as they are often isolated and access to rear paddocks is unseen. Thefts from farms have enormous social and economic impacts. It can be costly, disruptive and mentally straining.

Neighbourhood Watch Victoria has developed a new app '*How safe is your farm?*' This app goes through the different areas of safety on a farm so you can evaluate your strengths and weakness, and make suggestions on what you could do better to keep your family, neighbours and equipment safer on your farm.



Free Smoke Detectors

Our Country Fire Authority (CFA) conducts free smoke alarm assessments and replacements in our community. The program is important in order to spread fire safety awareness throughout our shire.

The CFA recommends that you install a smoke detector between each sleeping area and the rest of your home. If you live in a house with more than one level, then install a smoke detector on each level.

Ideally, all smoke alarms should be interconnected so when one alarm goes off, all smoke detectors will sound. This is not always possible, especially in older homes where battery smoke alarms are fitted, but insist on it with new homes. All smoke detectors should have their batteries checked every month. This is done by pushing the test button. Dust the alarm and change the battery at least once a year.

The location of the smoke alarm also matters. Avoid locations where there is a nearby window, door or even an air ducts as there could be a draft. Dead air spaces are just as problematic as the air won't reach the smoke detector. Avoid placing them too close to the ceiling / wall junction or between exposed beams.

House fires occur more frequently during the winter months, and making sure you go in to winter with a working smoke alarm makes good sense. If you have a hard-wired smoke alarm, these still have a battery as a back-up and the battery needs to be changed as well.

If you are physically restricted, or elderly, and have no one to help you, then contact your local CFA station who will arrange someone to come out to assist you with fitting a new smoke alarm.

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Emergency

131 444

Police Assistance Line

1800 333 000

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www.facebook.com/southmitchell.nhw.inc

email: newsletters.smnhw@gmail.com

A Common Question : When is the best time to get a 2nd Dog...!!!

By Anne Zelvy's IACP-CDT

Most dogs love the company of other dogs. So just like with our human race, dogs are highly social beings and love being around others. This is perhaps why dogs are also happy to hang out with members of our human community.

There can be many advantages in having more than one dog but it is just about understanding the way dogs work to make sure this works.....

1. Families may feel they are having so much fun with their first dog that they can't wait to get another puppy.
2. Often when your pup gets to about 6-7 months old, the humans get a bit frustrated and perhaps not spending as much time with the pup. Now pup gets overly excited, often silly and difficult to 'train'.
3. Owners interpret pup's anxieties, extra energy and attention seeking, as a sign of loneliness!.... Hence they feel the need to get him a friend.

There can be huge disadvantages with how families handle this situations and the problems experienced with the first pup then become worse and then you can end up with *Double Trouble*.

Consideration: Prepare for the added cost ?

1. Feeding costs will more than double... Pups will often eat more thru their first year than they ever will as an adult.
2. When your family goes on holidays you might require a kennel or pet sitter which requires fees of around \$300 **per dog per** week. This can eat considerably into your holiday budget.
3. Vet bills **WILL** increase - even just for the everyday procedures, let alone the fact that in their first year, your pup has a greater chance of having an illness or injury. Pups can also be prone to swallowing foreign items which can require expensive operations.

Consideration : As a Trainer and Breeder, I see the issues when the dogs are too close in age

1. Both can become very co-dependant on each other - if one is not around then the other will start to fret.
2. Dogs become so fixated with each other - to the detriment on their relationship with their humans.
3. It is more difficult for each dog to develop independent social skills with the outside world.
4. They may even become competitive with each other over toys, food and time with the humans.

*Maturity - Dogs do not mature **mentally** until they are 2½ or 3 years old.*

Once your dog is 12-18 months old you might feel as if they are all grown up - So you get another pup... however when the new pup is around 6 months old the young adult who is still lacking confidence and experience, now reverts to their teenage self - and just like with humans kids, two rowdy, moody teenagers is never a fun living arrangement.

Perhaps the biggest issue is that a new pup can hinder both the dogs ability to develop a solid mature bond with their human family. Developing this bond takes time and effort and us working with dogs thru all the different stages of their maturity.

Recommendation : We have dogs at least 2½ years apart and even better to have 3 years apart.

Once your first dog is well established in the home they are better able to share... Your dog will also have the maturity to help guide the new pup to have good manners around the house.

Also families need to spend to socialise the new pup independently from the older dog. Taking them to visit friends or the dog park, learning how to cope with children etc... All **WITHOUT** the older dog for the pup to rely on. Plus is very important for the puppy to learn to stay home alone while you take your first dog out for some quality one on one time.

A multi dog household is a great place provided you have planned well to make this work, Otherwise your house could become one of those chaotic dog homes that friends might avoid visiting.....

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WANDONG NETBALL CLUB



Winter Comp Comes to a Close

With only 2 rounds left for the Winter season its only natural that we reflect on the season of 2023. The level of growth we have seen from the players leaves us in awe of their commitment and integrity. We could not have had the success we have seen without the amazing Coaches and Team Managers who are the behind-the-scenes wizards of the games.

Thank you to Amy Hall & Annette Gibson - Under 9 White, Jo Mazurek & Lyndal Browne - Under 9 Green, Jo Pascoe & Kate King - Under 11 White, Jodie Carland & Hayley Watson - Under 13 White, Cassandra McKenzie, Bec Leiper & Emma Elliott - Under 13 Green and Chris Mazurek & Ryan Elliott - Under 16 Green.

The time and effort that goes into planning training drills, game day strategy, being early to all the matches, setting up courts and BBQs etc – you are all incredible and we cannot thank you enough.

Spring Summer Comp

With Winter almost behind us its time to plan and prepare for our Spring/Summer Comp.

All games will be played at the Kilmore courts commencing October 9.

Monday nights – Under 15s @ 5:30pm, Under 17s @ 6:30pm and Open @ 7:30pm

Tuesday nights – Under 9s @ 5:30pm, Under 11s @ 6:15pm and Under 13s @ 7:15pm.

If you have not already registered your interest to play, please email wandongnetball@gmail.com ASAP

NetSetGo Registrations are open!

In term 4 we welcome back our NetSetGo program.

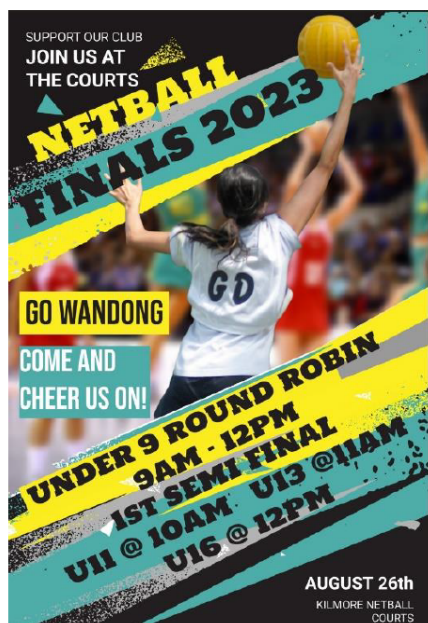
NetSetGO is Australia's official starter program for kids aged 5 to 10. It's a chance to learn the netball basics, get outside and make some friends. For a lot of kids, this is the first time they'll pick up a netball or chuck on a bib. It's a great learning experience and a lot of fun.

Registrations Via Netball Connect.

Dates: Wednesday 4th Oct to Wednesday 13th Dec 2023

Time: 4:30 – 5:30pm

Location: Wandong Memorial Stadium (L.B Davern Reserve)



Finals Fever

As the season comes to a close, we find ourselves with Finals Fever! The Under 9s will have the opportunity to play in a Round Robin Tournament first up on the day from 9am – 12pm.

The undefeated Under 11s will take the court at 10am in the hopes of securing a spot in the Grand Final.

Our Under 16s will then play it out to get through to the next round at 12pm.

Dress in our club colours of Green and White and come and cheer us on!

All finals will be played at the Kilmore Netball Club - JJ Clancy Reserve.

Semi Final #1	AUGUST 26 th
Semi Final #2	SEPTEMBER 2 nd
Grand Final	SEPTEMBER 9 th

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