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Finals Fever for Wandong Warriors

Wandong under 12's finished their season on the top of the ladder with an impressive 10 and 2 home and away record, which is an impressive achievement. An amazing season of hard work, determination and most importantly team work that continuously showed on the field. They fought hard in the Preliminary final against second on the ladder Alexandra, with a 2 point loss at the final siren. With a second chance round, they came up against Broadford. Though the team gave it their all, they were unable to match up against the much bigger Broadford side. Still an incredible performance by the team, who were courageously led by their extraordinary coaches Grant and Ben and their super organiser team manager Jo. Well done team!



NOW IS THE TIME FOR RESIDENTS IN WANDONG HEATHECOTE JUNCTION TO HAVE A SAY ABOUT THE ARTC PROPOSED NEW BRIDGE - SEE MORE COMMENTS PAGE 10

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

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AT LAST HEATHCOTE JUNCTION HAS A PLAY- GROUND FOR KIDS



For years the Wandong Heathcote Junction Community Group has campaigned for facilities for the youth at the Heathcote Junction part of town.

At last, as compensation for losing three exercise equipment pods on the Say G'Day trail, Mitchell Shire has erected a childrens playground at the Heathcote Junction (North Mountain Road) end of the trail.

There are now two exercise pods and the playground on the Say G'Day trail between Kooralinga Drive and North Mountain Road.

It was originally intended that there be five exercise pods between Affleck Street and North Mountain Road to create a continuous and frequent row of exercise pods and to improve the connection between Wandong and Heathcote Junction.

Of the three built, one went into Davern Reserve and only two on the trail. Maybe future Mitchell Shire Councils will commit to fill in the gaps.

Seating along the trail was provided by the Wandong Heathcote Junction Community Group.



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20 Oct Mark & Chris Page C
29 Oct Peter & Rochelle Gough HJ
1 Nov Darren & Jodie McLennan W
6 Nov Philip & Lisa Kelly HJ
11 Nov Lisa & Adam Dennehy W
14 Nov Kathy & Mick Lawrence K

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or Wayne 0451 519 734

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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

We wish the following people a very happy

birthday

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

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God of love and justice, we pray that our political, religious and community leaders act in the interest of all the people of this land.

God of love and justice, we pray for those who suffer sadness because of government policies of the past. May they be healed by us walking the talk of our Gospel - command to love. God of love and justice, we pray for all those who live in the cities and towns, those who live in the communities, settlements and missions, those on the islands, those in the bush, those who are far from home, those who do not know where home is, those who have been taken from their homes, those in prisons. May they all come to know your compassion and love.

Walk with us, O God, towards peace and reconciliation.

Matthew 6 verse 6 :

But when you pray, go into your room and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

ABORIGINAL OUR FATHER

You are Our Father, you live in heaven

We talk to you, Father you are good.

We believe your Word Father

We, your children, give us bread today

We have done wrong, we are sorry

Help us Father not to sin again

Others have done wrong to us

We are sorry for them, Father today

Stop us from doing wrong

Save us all from the evil one

You are Our Father, you live in heaven

We talk to you, Father you are good.

Matthew 6 : 9 - 13 THE LORDS PRAYER

Our Father in heaven

Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come

Your will be done

On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debt ,

As we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation,

But deliver us from the evil one

For yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever.

Amen.

Keep praying for our nation.

Merle Croskell.



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GARDEN SCENE WITH GAIL

Spring already and doesn't it go so quick and as the seasons change so does our work in the garden. This is a great time of the year to catch up on the plantings that you may have missed out on doing during Winter, early Spring is pretty forgiving to new plantings. Lots of Spring flowering plants have burst into blossom, ornamental pears, cherries, and many others, including fruit trees, and aren't plum trees so hardy and the lovely *Prunus nigra* is amazing with deep burgundy leaves, it's planted a lot on nature strips. This is a great time to choose plants for their blossom and there are some great varieties you may consider in addition to fruit trees, such as Crepe Myrtle and Forest Pansy and if you're interested in a very different leaf colour, try the Chinese Toon Tree, (Chinese Cedar) the leaves are pink all year through or Autumn Blaze Maple, stunning red leaves. If you are having trouble with kangaroos eating your plants, you may want to pop some wire around them and if you do that now it may be easier to get the stakes in while the ground is still a bit soft. I caught a kangaroo munching on one of my palm trees the other morning, having a wonderful time. If you are preparing new garden beds dig over with loads of well-rotted cow manure, it's great for improving soil structure, drainage, as well as providing nutrients to the plants. Choose plants that will do well in that particular area, taking into consideration the aspect, where the hot afternoon sun will be, how much shade is needed, and if it's a windy area. If you're lucky enough to have created a microclimate already with mature plantings to accommodate plants that wouldn't normally do as well, that's fantastic and it's worth remembering that if you have plants massed together, they may require deeper waterings and adequate fertilising, so they all get their fair share. Our bulbs look stunning when massed planted in swathes and they will do even better if we can liquid fertilise them while they are providing beautiful displays and as their flowering period comes to an end and just before the leaves begin to wilt apply a pelletised fertiliser that will eventually be absorbed into the bulb ready for their next flowering season. As our *Daphne* finish flowering and just before the plants push new growth take some cuttings, apply a hormone growth powder or gel or even honey on an angled cut and pop into good quality potting mix, keep moist but not wet or use the peg layering method by cutting half way through a low branch at a node using the hormone gel /powder/ honey and securing the cut branch into the soil or a pot on the ground. Keep weeds at bay while it's easy to remove them and if you can, apply gypsum, or any organic matter to the soil / garden beds / lawn, to encourage good soil structure and in turn, good healthy growth. The deeper the roots can go into the soil the better they can locate moisture, cooler conditions and better growth during the Summer period. Shallow rooting plants such as *Rhododendron*, *Azalea* and *Camellia* need to be checked regularly during the warm months particularly if you have a rabbit problem where they will dig near roots and expose fibrous roots causing them to dry out. After you have treated the soil follow up with a generous layer of mulch to suppress weeds, maintain as much moisture in the soil for the warmer months ahead and improve the soil structure.



Enjoy our first month of Spring,
Gail Mains Kendrick
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ARCHBISHOP'S VISIT TO ST JOHN'S WANDONG

Next month, on Sunday 29th of October, the Archbishop of Melbourne, Rev Philip Freir and his wife, Jill, will be visiting St John's, to celebrate the church building's 90th birthday. It was a replacement for the original church, which burnt down in 1932. Unfortunately, there isn't much historical material, photos, etc to display. Are there any local families, who might have a tale to tell, or photos that could be displayed for His Excellency's visit? It would be appreciated if any material could be borrowed for the day.

The service will be conducted at 10.30am and all are welcome to attend.

An RSVP would be appreciated, as the church is small and extra seating may be needed.

Any enquiries can be directed to me, thank you

Irene Bartlett Church Warden.

Contact details

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LIONS CLUB OF WANDONG - WALLAN INC.

President: Marilyn Moore
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Its report time again. They come around quick.

We held our first meeting with Daniel at the helm. A successful discussion but I'm not sure why we have to play "Hail to the Chief" every time he enters the room. We had a productive meeting resolving to help out a Wandong family with funds for the children's school excursions. And to contact another four schools to determine whether we can help more families with our food parcels.

Our food donation trolley at IGA Wandong has been a great success and we thank everyone who has contributed. We recently distributed fifteen hampers via the Wandong School. We will also hold a fundraising bbq at Wandong Plaza this month.

There was a club bbq at our place in Heathcote Junction, the upmarket end of Wandong, with several prospective new members in attendance. We all seemed to enjoy the day despite the cold and a lot of hot air was blown about. Another highlight was the arrival of a couple king parrots which Marilyn's grandson got to feed out of his hand. My cheeky brother rang and asked if I had fallen over. Anyone would think that I was accident prone. Anyway he plays with Barbies. This is the first of a number of social events we are planning. Why not come and join us and you too could get your name in the press.

Now what are our members up to? For some reason they are reluctant to talk to me. Marilyn has just had a birthday. She tells me that she is now 38. I am not sure whether she is getting that mixed up.

Steve and Tania are back from their travels and are getting their flooded house back into order. Steve recently became the proud owner of some stray sheep. Deciding that he was going to become a primary producer he told Tania that he was going to get an agbike to get around his half acre sheep paddock. Tania of course said no. Sometimes females can be quite negative. Anyway the sheep have now gone so there is no need for the bike.

Bill was going to lend a friend his petrol posthole digger but discovered that the hoses and primer were perished and broken. He put the unit in for repair and found that the repair cost more than the original implement. It could only happen to Bill.

Just before I finish Hugh McGowan was due to have a hip replacement but it has been put off temporarily. Hopefully it won't be long before he is up and about and running marathons.

The next report will be written by Steve Munro. Hopefully he won't say anything scandalous about me because I am blameless. However he has been talking to my sister, the crabby old matron, so there may be some exaggerations in there. Don't believe it.

Catch you. Clyde Riley

WANDONG PUBLIC HALL

The Wandong Hall committee held it's Annual General Meeting at the hall on the 30th of August and the same committee was returned for 2023/2024. 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.

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

The hall is available for hire phone Christine for bookings on 0448 604770.

Christine has an answering service so please leave a message if she cannot answer the phone, she will respond promptly.

WANDONG HISTORY GROUP



The AGM was held on the 30th August and the existing committee re-elected. We desperately need the services of a secretary, and welcome anyone who thinks they can dedicate some time to it to come on board.

Our history month event will be on the internment camps and prisoners of war and will be held on the 14-15 of October, this will coincide with the referendum so while people are out and about voting, pop into the church for a look at the display.

Remembrance Day this year is on a Saturday so we expect to see more people than usual there, the service starts around 10.45 and is followed by morning tea. Please join us as this is a special day and a chance to collectively remember the service and sacrifice that our soldiers made.

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 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.



ARTC Inland Rail – IT’S NOT JUST ABOUT THE NEW BRIDGE DESIGN

The ARTC has finally provided a Reference Design of the new rail bridge at Wandong for community feedback, comment and questions. However, the new bridge is not all there is to the Inland Rail project’s impact on Wandong-Heathcote Junction. There are still a number of impact issues that have been raised with the ARTC by the Wandong-Heathcote Junction Community Group which are yet to be addressed and answered. For instance, do you know –

- How your trips to and from Wallan, Whittlesea, Epping and beyond will be affected by the delays caused by 1.8 km long freight trains rolling through Heathcote Junction, Lightwood and Wallan level crossings?
- How the traffic bank-up at these level crossings will impact on road safety and driving behaviour?
- How, where, how often and by whom will the noise intensity levels during bridge replacement and then through freight train operations be measured and identified risks addressed? The trains will be travelling at a noise intensity level of 80 to 90db. Regular exposure to noise intensity levels of 70db and over is damaging to human hearing.
- How, where, how often and by whom will the air quality be measured for dust and other pollutants during bridge demolition, construction and freight train operations? By whom and how will identified harmful air pollution risks be addressed?
- If the transport of hazardous materials will be permitted on the freight trains travelling through our town past our school, shops and homes? Who will be responsible for risk management?
- Who will be responsible for removing the graffiti from all the concrete comprising the bridge and its pylons? Who will be responsible for removing the litter and maintaining the bridge roadwork embankments and surrounds?

If you want to know the answers to these questions, then go and ask the ARTC. It’s your town, your well-being, and the quality of your environment which will be impacted.

Alicia Poperechny, Member Wandong-Heathcote Junction Community Group.

THE FOOTPATH IS ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THE ROAD



The Wandong Heathcote Junction Community Group has also requested ARTC to incorporate graffiti resistant walls and embankments and to move the footpath on the eastern side of the Wandong Broadford Road / Rail Street to the western side of the road by going under the bridge thus eliminating two pedestrian crossings and a footpath that will get little or no use if on the eastern side.

WANDONG-HEATHCOTE JUNCTION COMMUNITY GROUP

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



WEBSITE: In August the <www.wandong.vic.au> website received 1188 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

We have planted correas and grasses around the mural at Wandong Plaza and the key plate under the mural is now attached. A few weeks ago the mural was graffitied. CCTV, curtesy of Sam at Wandong IGA, has now been introduced so any graffiti attempts on the mural and pedestrian bridge will now be viewed and perpetrators hopefully prosecuted.

Following a meeting with Mitchell Shire officers, a survey of residents will be conducted to determine the preferred sculpture to replace the rotting wooden sculpture in the Lions Park. We now feel a sculpture depicting Wandong of the past eg timber industry might be most appropriate but residents may have better suggestions.

The ARTC has finally released its preliminary plan for the proposed new bridge. We believe the foot-path on the east side of the Broadford Road should be on the west side by going under the bridge. A foot-path on the east side would get very little use and requires two pedestrian crossings. We also want guarantees that surfaces used will be graffiti resistant. ARTC still have not provided documentation on how dust, noise, etc will be controlled.

The WHJCG has for many years implored Mitchell Shire to place the drain between the Bushfire Memorial car park and the Epping Kilmore Road underground, remove the bollards and seal the car park to make it the showpiece it should be as a major entrance to Mitchell Shire. The toilets at this location are the most used in Mitchell Shire but the Council chooses to prioritise lesser projects. We are told numbers of requests hold much weight when deciding projects so we ask the WHJ community to get on board and sign our petition or better still lodge a request to Mitchell Shire.

We have asked Mitchell Shire to remove the graffiti on the Council owned pedestrian bridge but this seems to be another time we will have to keep asking or do it ourselves.



Another 20 bags of rubbish were removed from the freeway ramps and the Epping Kilmore Road. CCTV on two of the ramps will help identify perpetrators. but If you see anyone rubbishing our towns please let us know or report it to EPA Victoria..



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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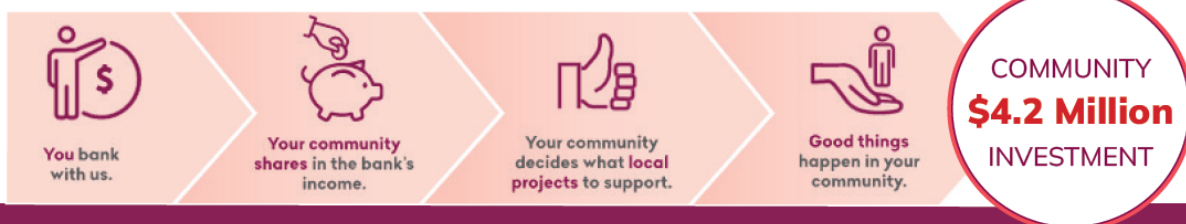
To celebrate Landcare Week 2023 more than 30 people from the Whittlesea, Kinglake and Upper Plenty Merri Landcare Groups came together in Whittlesea for a celebration dinner. As one Landcare volunteer put it. "We both really enjoyed last night's Landcare Week celebration. We usually aren't very comfortable mingling in a group, but we did chat with quite a lot of people whom we'd never met before. It was a lovely idea to bring together several groups with similar aims and ethics. It's good to share experiences and ideas and to connect with other people's passions and inspirations. We enjoyed all of the talks and learnt from each of them."



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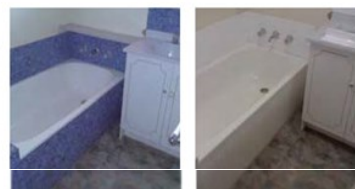
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CFA, DEECA and Mitchell Shire will be in attendance and are encouraging property owners to clean up their properties in preparation for the upcoming fire season. Free greenwaste disposal and prizes are on offer!

Registrations for 2023 are open Monday 18 September and close Friday 6 October. The winner will be drawn on 16 October.

For more information contact Justine Gard, Safer Together Project Officer on 5734 6250 or email justine.gard@mitchellshire.vic.gov.au

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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".

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

Congratulations to Riley Mendola who played his 50th game for the Warriors during the finals. One of our top age under 12's who regularly doubles up and holds his own against much bigger forwards in the under 14's. A great defender that definitely makes his younger team mates feel safe around him. Well done Riley!

Congratulations to the Tolevski brothers Noah and Levi who both played their 50th games for the Warriors. Noah is our oldest warrior and knows no other way but to run in straight lines when the ball is near, Levi is nearly half his older brothers' size but plays the same fearless way, see ball get ball. Both the brothers are some of the clubs best on field takers, consistently guiding and encouraging their teammates. Levi's on field positivity is infectious and no matter where you're standing at the ground you can definitely hear him. Well done boys!

Congratulations Dylan Cairns-Foster who played his 50th game during the finals. One of our smallest Warriors but one of the clubs biggest personalities. Still bottom age in the 12's it seems Dylan has been around the club for years as he started very young. On track to threaten the clubs record games tally if he can manage to avoid injury! Well done Dylan!

Season 2024 will be upon us before we know it, hopefully everyone returns with a fire in their belly ready to take the field and continue to grow as players and wear the warrior jumper with pride and most importantly have fun!

Canteen

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



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**Congratulations to our Saturday afternoon team who won the grand final against Seymour on Saturday.
Well done Lisa Kelly, Michael White, Tyson Burmeister, Andrew Brooks and Aaron Crawford. (absent Reilley White)**



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

THE FANTASTIC UNDER 10 WARRIORS

On Sunday 3rd September the brave Wandong Warriors Under 10 team played in a Lightning Premiership at Seymour.

After defeating St Marys and Yea, the Warriors went down to Seymour by a solitary point in the grand final.

WELL DONE GUYS



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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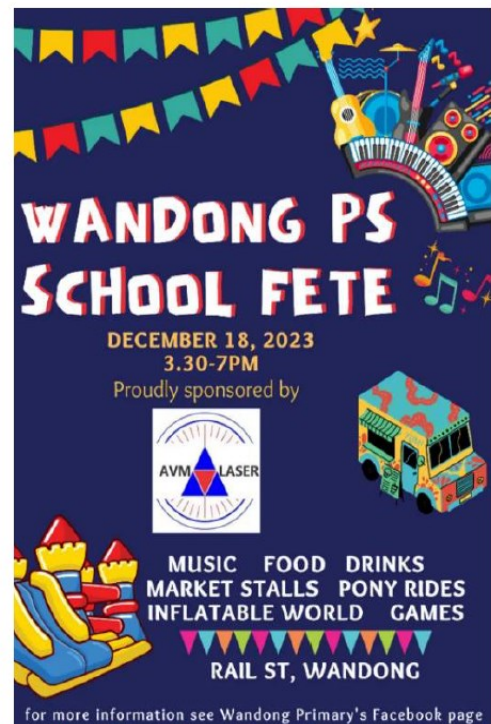
Wandong Primary School



Our School Fete is Coming!

Ways to get involved:

- Sponsor a stall (starts at \$50 and you have your family name on the stall).
- Grab a business sponsorship package ranging from \$350-\$1000.
- Volunteer your time to PAFA prior to or on the day assisting with setup and running of the event.
- Help your classroom teacher run a stand.
- Donate milo tines or some spooky stuff for the haunted tunnel.
- Hold a market stall.
- Have a special skill? We'd love to hear about it!



Need more information? Get in contact! Stephanie.domino@education.vic.gov.au



Launchpad

Our kinder Launchpad program is well underway now, with all of our groups participating in our on-site classes. Over the coming weeks, we will learn some more letters and start blending sounds to read words! Thank you to all of our amazing families for helping their children to "start ahead, to stay ahead" in 2024!



Key Dates:

Thurs 14th Sept: R U Okay? Day – Yellow Dress Up
Fri 15th Sept: Wandong Gratitude Games
Fri 15th Sept: Last Day of Term Three – 2:30 pm dismissal
Sat 16th to Fri 29th Sept: School Holidays
Mon 30th Oct: Grandparents Day – All day



The L.B.Davern Reserve is full of life with our community supporting their groups and other activities, enjoyed by those who participate even when it's cold. As we enter into spring and the weather warms up please be mindful that our local snakes will start being active and our creeks may flood due to those spring storms. Our Winter User Groups are at the end of their seasons programs and heading into the business end of presentations of a challenging 2023. Congratulations to those teams that bring home a Grand finalist Cup or have reached the Finals-you have done your club and community proud.

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

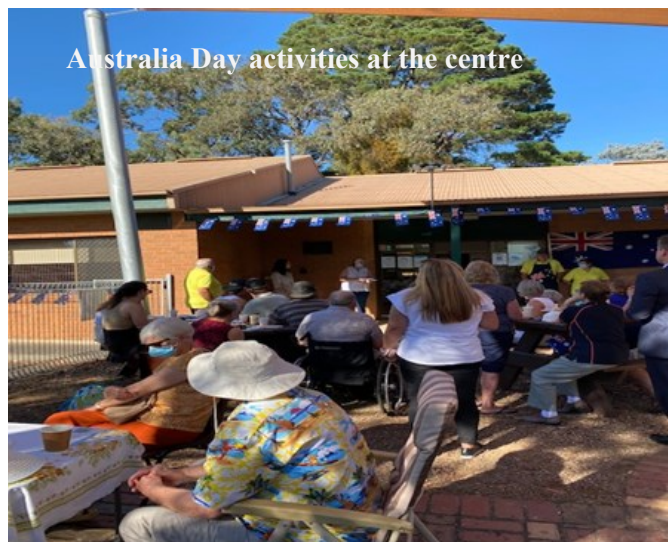
Mitchell Agility Dog Club. Junior Tennis /Saturday Afternoon Tennis. Night Tennis, Standardbred Riding Club, Kilmore and District Adult Rider's Club, Cricket, School Sports,

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

L.B.Davern Reserve Projects update:

Project 1:Redevelopment of the Community centre.

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. This project is a \$800.000+ project. The Redevelopment of the Community centre at the Reserve is at confirmation stage of tender appointment of construction contractor. Due to the project the Reserve committee will not be taking any bookings for the centre from September onwards.



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.

This project will start 1st week in September up until New Year.





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Flooding at the Reserve:

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



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



ABOVE: Lions club Toilet project pre 2004 –the site is now the Sports Pavillion

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:

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Recreation and Open Space unit ph. 5734 6200.

-Community Centre and Sports Pavillion contact:
Darlene Gunter
Booking Officer for the WHJSCC
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**Rob Telfer, President,
Davern Reserve Committee
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WANDONG NETBALL CLUB



The Season that was

The Winter KBNA season has now come to a close. Congratulations to all players who took the court in Green and White. We are so proud of you all.

On Saturday the 26th of August both the **9 & Under** teams played in a series of Round Robin games in a tournament held at the Kilmore courts.

It was great to see all the smiling faces as they were awarded their Medal at the end of the day.

Both our **13 & Under** teams faced tough competition throughout the year, each improving in leaps and bounds as the season went on. We can't wait to see you all back for the Spring comp starting next term.

Our **11 & Under** team remain undefeated for the season finishing top of the ladder – amazing work from a young team who have put in a huge amount of effort all year round – best of luck for the finals!

Our **16 & Under** team finished 4th on the ladder making it to the first round of finals.

They played a great game and were in front for the first 3 quarters before going down in the 4th by just 2 points. A valiant effort team.



Wandong Green U9 Team

WANDONG WHITE U11

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SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER

Grand Final

Our **11 & Under** team are preparing for the **Grand Final** after beating Pyalong Gold in a thrilling Preliminary Final on the 26th of August.

The team started our nervous with the pressure of being undefeated weighing heavily on their minds. It wasn't long before they remembered to have fun and enjoy the experience, lifting their game to their usual winning standards.

The final scores were Pyalong 18 to Wandong 25.

The team now have a week off and will play the winner of Saturdays game in what is sure to be an exciting Grand Final.

Join us at the Kilmore Netball Courts at 9:45am on Saturday the 9th of September for the big game.

GO WANDONG!

NetSetGo Registrations are open!

In term 4 we welcome back our NetSetGo program.

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)



Spring Summer Comp

Commencing October 9th please Email: wandongnetball@gmail with any enquiries.

PRESENTATION AND AGM FRIDAY 13TH OCT 5:30pm
Details will be emailed to all players in due course.



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

Spring has arrived, the weather is improving and the Kilmore and district U3A exercise group are looking to boost their numbers. We meet every Wednesday at 10am in the Kilmore memorial hall supper room. We offer a 15 minute tube and tone session with resistance bands followed by either a gentle, chair or cardio session that lasts around 40 minutes. New members are most welcome. Some equipment is available for you to use. Please call Cheryl on 0408 171 033 for more information.

The luncheon club outing to Nagambie was very well attended last month, it was a lovely venue and a very pretty drive followed by an excellent lunch, all in all a pleasant day's outing. The next venue will be The Royal Hotel in Seymour. The fortnightly lunch excursions are very popular being great value for money and an opportunity to socialise.

The ukulele group played their second gig at the Caledonia nursing home on Wednesday 30th August. They were very well received and will be playing there for the residents on the last Wednesday of each month, in place of the usual session at the U3A centre in Sydney St. Ukulele is a fun little instrument to play and it is easy to pick up the basics. Being smaller than guitar and having only four strings it is less complicated and less of a stretch for the fingers, reducing the wrist tension associated with guitar. If you want to have a go, call Amanda on 0429 317 553.

The recorder group also got to play out at the Old Courthouse in Kilmore on Saturday August 26th. A small group of enthusiasts are breathing life back into the annual Celtic festival, which had suffered badly during covid. The line-up this year featured local artists and the recorder ensemble was invited to participate. They played a selection of Irish airs and reels and some Scottish and Welsh folk songs in three and four part harmony. There was a lot of interest from the audience in the wooden bass, tenor, alto and soprano recorders being played by the group. The recorder group meets at 1.00pm on Fridays at the U3A centre, Sydney St, Kilmore. Why not dust off your old school recorder and come and join us?

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.

At last there maybe some more pleasant weather on the way which will entice more players to come and enjoy the Kilmore Golf Course. The volunteers have been working hard to have the course ready for the start of Spring and a busy schedule especially with commencement of the Club Championships.

Social players are always welcome with green fees \$20 weekdays, weekends \$25. Carts can be hired @\$40 but must be booked the previous day. An Honesty box situated at the front of the shop can be used if the shop is not open. Check our website for special deals now that the weather is improving. kilmoregolfclub.com.au
Competition days are Wednesday and Saturday.

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Cyril Anderson will play Matt Murray in the final 9th September

Some reminders of upcoming events

Fri 1st September is the commencement once more of the Friday 9-hole competition- mixed Stableford available to be played anytime of the day every Friday. Contact the club shop for more details on 57821123 or info@kilmoregolfclub.com.au

Fri 29th September (Grand Final Holiday) Mixed and Men's Ambrose.

The new flags on the greens continue to invite positive comments from players. Thanks to Shaun Kool & Andrew Young for their kind donation of these flags.

In mid-November there will be a "Try Golf Day". A day basically for golfers/anyone who does not have a handicap and would like to try golf. Details will be on our website-kilmoregolfclub.com.au

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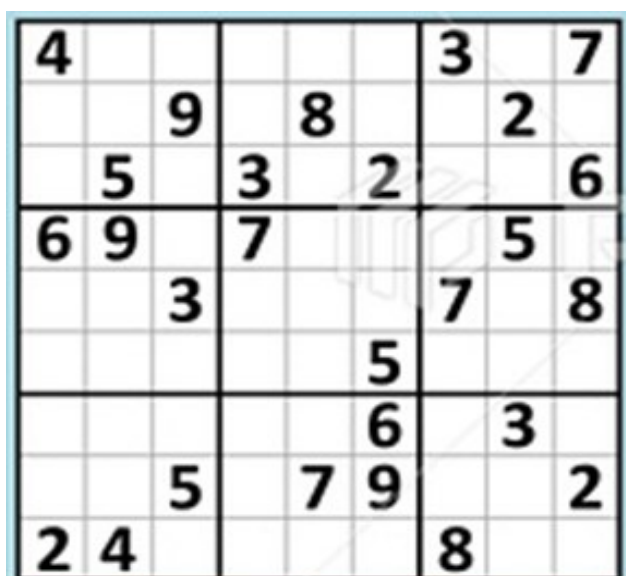
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Answers on
page 26

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



THIS MONTHS QUIZ

Answer appears on Page 26 but no cheating!

1. What are Melbourne's four airports?
2. How many billions in a trillion?
3. How many funnels did the Titanic have?
4. How many Harry Potter movies are there?
5. Which planet has the most moons?
6. Which planet is closest to Earth?
7. Which house was Harry Potter in?
8. What nut is native to Australia?
9. Which company owns Barbie?
10. Which country has the most castles?
11. What is the oldest land on Earth?
12. Who is married to Nicole Kidman?
13. What colour is the flag of Canada?
14. What is the most visited country in the world?

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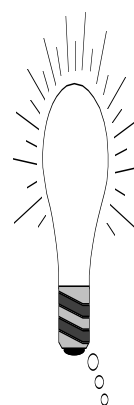
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The Carer Gateway can provide up to six counselling sessions to carers and can be accessed either in-person or via phone.

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

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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.

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Weather Report - August 2023

Heathcote Junction/Wandong

There were no events during August of any account. Nocturnal temperatures remained cold but diurnal temperatures a few degrees higher on average, making for more comfortable conditions.

Rainfall was light at 31 mls and was similar to those in July of 29 mls.

Our supply dam at Sunday Creek was recording 99% of capacity on 28th August.

Now for spring and hopefully sunny weather.

Stats

August 2023	-	31 mls
Previous year	-	19.5 mls
Average prev 10 years	-	85 mls
Total this year	-	432 mls
Total prev year	-	541.5 mls

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

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John on 5781 1604

QUIZ ANSWERS (from page 24)

1. Tullamarine, Avalon, Essendon, Moorabbin
2. 1000 billion
3. Four
4. Eight
5. Saturn (145 latest count)
6. Mercury
7. Gryffindors
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Whittlesea Community Network

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Spring has sprung! Get out of your cave and try something new! Call 9716 3361 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 also assist you with pantry packs and free pet food if you stop by the office during office hours Monday – Thursday 10am – 3pm. Don't forget Foodshare happens each week Tuesdays and Wednesdays behind the Uniting Church, Fir Street, Whittlesea from 11,00am – 2.00pm.

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 14th September 11:30am – 1.00pm \$2 per person

Thursday 12th & 26th October 11:30am – 1.00pm \$2 per person

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Saturday 14th October 9.30am – 4.30pm \$15 per person

Saturday 18th November 9.30am – 4.30pm \$15 per person

Garage Sale Trail Tour

The Garage Sale Trail is back in 2023 over 2 weekends in November (11-12th November and 18-19th November). Jump onto the website to check out sales in your area www.garagesaletrail.com.au Ursula will be refuelling the Bus and taking a tour of local sales if you need a lift!

Saturday 11th November 9.30am – 4.30pm \$15 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 (12th Sep, 10th Oct, 14th Nov, 12th Dec) 1.00pm – 4.00pm

Whittlesea Community Activity Centre, Laurel Street, Whittlesea

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)

22nd September Appointments between 10am and 11.30am FREE

Boat Licence

Saturday 4th November 9am – 1pm \$140 per person

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

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

Online learning + face to face Saturday 7th October \$85/\$150/\$195

SAVE THE DATE

Whittlesea Uke Muster returns **Saturday 25th November, 2023** If you would more information call 9716 3361.

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 22nd September 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.

**We understand that
retirement means you
finally get to focus on
living.... *save yourself
time and stress***



**Have your medication
PACKED and DELIVERED
FREE***

**CALL US ON
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***FOR FIRST THREE MONTHS. CONDITIONS APPLY.
PLEASE CALL OR SEE IN STORE FOR DETAILS**

**YOU WOULDN'T POISON YOUR FAMILY.
SO WHY ARE YOU POISONING MINE?
STOP BURNING PLASTICS etc.
IN YOUR HOUSE or BURNOFF FIRE.**

When burnt, anything with even the tiniest bit of these things is extremely hazardous. They release cancer causing substances, including dioxins, acids and lots of other dangerous stuff. That's why any whiff makes your nose sound huge alarm bells.

DON'T DO IT.



THE SHACK IS BACK

The Upper Plenty
Community Hall

**“THE SHACK”
is open for hire.**

For more information and
bookings call Susan or Wayne
on 5783 1456.

If not answered leave your name and number
and we will return the call.

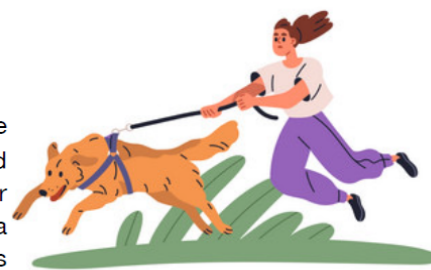
TAKE YOUR RUBBISH HOME

The Wandong Heathcote Junction Community Group 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.

Are You The Bad Human ?

By Anne Zelvys IACP-CDT

Helicopter Parenting: Consider a common situation when at the supermarket and some little kid is whinging and tugging on their mum and the mum keeps apologising to the kid, "It's okay dear we won't be long", or "Settle down darling, everything's okay", even worse, they hand the kid a chocolate bar to keep the kid quiet BUT, once lolly is finished the kid starts again. Doesn't it make you want to Scream "BAD PARENT" (but you don't 'cause it's none of your business).



As a Trainer, that is how I feel every time I go to a Vet Clinic or a Dog Park... I see dogs who are Over-Excited / Anxious / Shrinking back / Lunging or even Jumping on Furniture.... and their owners are there holding the dog on a short lead and patting the dog, trying to calm the dog... "It's okay Rover we won't be long" or "Settle down, mummy's here" or "Oh..No.. don't do that" and all using a quiet and hesitant voice.. It makes me want to yell "BAD HUMAN"... (but I don't...)

First - Stop patting the dog to make him calm ! When you take your dog out in public the dog needs to see that his 'parent' is confident... We must not confuse the dog with mixed messages. It DOES NOT make a dog feel better because you are patting them. Trying to reassure a dog when he is nervous is madness... they are a dog - they don't understand your human words... Instead they interpret that YOU are worried and scared and this makes the situation worse. The dog feels you can be relied on, the dog don't TRUST you because you seem scared and might run away any minute.... "BAD HUMAN".

Second - Stop trying to bribe the dog with food ! This does not work... Just like with a child, the human hopes that DISTRACTING the dog with food will solve the problem ! However, because the dog is already so overwhelmed by the situation the dog can mentally shut down, they cannot think....but the human keeps trying to push food in the dog's mouth because they read somewhere we must use rewards to 'teach/distract' our dog... However this is not a teaching situation, this is a dog just trying to cope with now.

"Positive Only" Philosophy - Does not work under Stress in many of these stressful situations the dog's brain is fried... the dog cannot think... and instead only has an instinctive reaction which is to Fight or Flight... Consider when you are taking dog to the vet. Again, this is not a teaching situation. The dog can be very nervous and the stress level is heightened because the staff have to crowd the dog during treatment. Food or soft voices don't connect with the dogs brain. Trying to force food onto a dog in these situations, just creates more confusion... and again dog can distrust your ability to guide him to a safe conclusion..... "BAD HUMAN".

Behind every Bully is a Coward in disguise.

Both the Bully and the Coward lack confidence. If your dog is barking or growling at 'something'... It is usually because he wants that 'something' to GO AWAY.. If you tell him 'No' but then pat him, again you have sent mixed messages. You can keep talking and patting all you want, but the dog is not paying any attention to you he is focused on the problem in front of him. Mouth is Going and Brain is Not.

HOWEVER ... if the dog does stop for a brief second and realises you are patting him, he can think that you condone this behaviour. So, Dog Barks or Growls... you pat him and use soft calm words ... He is proudly going to continue to Bark and Growl, why not! You seem to like it.... "BAD HUMAN"

Your dog's behaviour is a reflection on you...!! The way you behave will determine how the dog behaves. "Separation Anxiety" more often than not, it is the human who creates this problem.... The human keeps patting the dog and trying to explain they are going and then when they get back they fuss over the dog, always using high pitch worried tones. The dog doesn't understand they are just reacting to humans anxieties... "BAD HUMAN"

Alfoxton Tip : Accept the Good Behaviours 'BLOCK' the Bad Behaviours

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Neighbourhood Watch

Let's watch out for each other

South Mitchell

Bushfires and Water Tanks

Being prepared for a bushfire involves preparing your property and emergency kits. This month we have researched which water tank or position is the best for a bushfire.

Plastic water tanks can fail prolifically during a fire. They are often positioned adjacent to what becomes a fire source. If positioned on their own in an open paddock they can handle a low level grass fire.

Fibreglass tanks are significantly worse. During a fire, if these explode it is like a car is driven into the side of a structure at about 50 km/hr.

Metal tanks that have a pool liner inside them, or concrete tanks, are the most reliable in a bushfire to hold the water for duration of the fire making it useful for fire fighter defence. Ideally, you will have a gravity feed so you don't have to rely on any means like a pump to give you the pressure for your hose or sprinklers.

Are you ready for this bushfire season?



COMPLETE YOUR BUSHFIRE PLAN



PREPARE YOUR PROPERTY



KEEP YOUR FAMILY SAFE



September is our Annual General Meeting



South Mitchell Neighbourhood Watch

NOTICE

Annual General Meeting

To be held at 7.45pm* on

Thursday 28 September, 2023

Community Centre, L.B. Davern Reserve, Dry Creek Rd, Wandong

The meeting is being held to:

- Confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 29 September, 2022.
- Receive the President's report, financial statement and other related reports of South Mitchell NHW for the 2022/2023 year.
- Elect members of the Committee, Co-ordinators and Office bearers (all positions will be vacated).

The AGM will commence following the September General Meeting.

Carolyn van der Ree, Secretary

Hotlines:

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Emergency

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Police Assistance Line

1800 333 000

Crime Stoppers

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

For more information visit:

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