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THREE BRUSHES STUDIO ART SHOW AT WANDONG

On Sunday 10th September Wandong's Three Brushes Studio held its annual art show at the Wandong Public Hall. Local artist and owner of Three Brushes Studio, Sharon Delaney was excited that her 160 students were able to display their artwork to relatives and the over 300 visitors to the art show. See more page 17.



NOW IS THE TIME FOR RESIDENTS IN WANDONG HEATHECOTE JUNCTION TO HAVE A SAY ABOUT THE ARTC PROPOSED NEW BRIDGE

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

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You are cordially invited to the
90th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service
Saint Johns Anglican Church Wandong



Celebrant and Preacher
The Most Rev Dr Philip Freier
Archbishop
Anglican Diocese of
Melbourne

Date: 29th October 2023

Time: 10:30 am

Place: 37 Wandong Ave, Wandong

Refreshments to follow service

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ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS

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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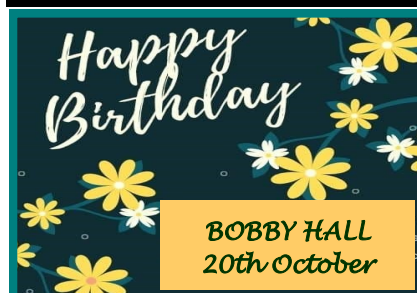
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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

We wish the following people a very happy birthday

18 Oct	Jim Robson	W
20 Oct	Glenda Watson	W
20 Oct	Rob Dawson	HJ
20 Oct	Bobby Hall	W
23 Oct	Gerard Buggy	HJ
23 Oct	Mollie Colbert	W
23 Oct	Elisa Lehmann-Kay	WP
24 Oct	Kara Chisholm	HJ
24 Oct	Ella Stewart	W
26 Oct	Carolyn Morris	W
27 Oct	Joshua Lancaster	W
27 Oct	Candice Lancaster	W
27 Oct	Jake McLennan	W
29 Oct	Tennaia Knight	W
29 Oct	Katie McNamara	HJ
31 Oct	Tony Allen	Q
31 Oct	Bill Candy	W
1 Nov	Chris Page	C
1 Nov	Adrian Zimbardi	K
2 Nov	Daniel Bartlett	W
2 Nov	David Limbrick	B
3 Nov	Jarrad Weller	HJ
3 Nov	David Claxton	Wallan
6 Nov	Sharon Saw	HV
6 Nov	Lisa Candy	W
8 Nov	Karen Dawson	HJ
8 Nov	Jay Kneebone	W
10 Nov	Kevin Bartlett	W
11 Nov	Len Poorter	HJ
11 Nov	Jenny Amoroso	HJ
11 Nov	Robyn Hannemann	W
12 Nov	Tamara Smith	W
12 Nov	Rhonda McDermott	W
13 Nov	Debra Claxton	Wallan
14 Nov	Mark Sannweld	HJ
15 Nov	Louise Buggy	HJ
16 Nov	Adam Georgelin	HJ
17 Nov	Ros Hulett	HJ



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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
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Something fishy!

You haven't met my mate Charlie yet. Please overlook his obvious faults (He'd talk the leg off an iron bed!) Charlie and I go fishing whenever we can get away. (Which is not often enough!) we generally go up the Murray to Picnic Point, like most places these days it has changed from the early days. (A bit too crowded for our liking) now into my little secret. Unbeknown to Charles I sneak out into the sand hills to dig for witchetty grubs under the gum tree branches (you get em with a home-made corkscrew on a wire down their holes. Now as any good Murray River fisherman will tell you a Bardy grub in the Murray is a monty to get you a good size Cod! I will tell Charl on this trip why he's not doing any good with worms! (Just to ease my guilty feeling) When the're not biting Charlie and I have some great discussions about almost everything, we have solved most of the worlds problems by now, often without resolving to violence! I like Charles attitude to religion for instance, he is not frightened to discuss the doubts and difficulties that I try to avoid at times when talking to others about their faith. He confides in me about the difficulty he has trying to live a Christian life, he follows the 10 suggestions (I remind him that the main word here is commandments) he is a good family man, he is a witness by his life style and language to all of his associates that his life is guided by a higher power and yet he is not sure of his standing in God's little black book! What he reckons would be very handy would be a scoreboard to check his progress in his walk with his God! When he goes to church thinking about the last week and its wins and losses, he says that he is reasonably content with his efforts to live the Christian life. However, almost before he sits down the congregation is told that all of them have fallen short, they have followed their wicked ways and they are not very healthy in God's sight! Totally disillusioned by now Charl's says that he is ready to stuff his filthy rags into his Coles shopping bag and sneak out before he is stoned to death by one of the Deacons, I have to agree that this situation is not ideal nor attractive to anyone considering joining the Christian way of life! It got me to thinking how do we know if we are on the straight and narrow or drifting along fooled by our own pride?

We've got John 3/16 tucked nicely into our resume and we faintly remember our call to faith in Hebrews 11 but in the background hovers the warning of Mathew 7/23 and Revelations, God says 'Go away you make Me sick'! Charlie says those verses alone are enough to make him veerry stressed and nervous! I'll have a close look at the Rule Book before our next trip, but now it's time to look for more Bardys before it becomes illegal. (This time it's Charl's turn to do the shovelling)

The editor has politely suggested that I take a BEX and have a lay down until next month, so I guess I'll have to continue this discussion later!

Allan G. (Very, grumpy contributor!)

SAVE WANDONGS HERITAGE LISTED ST MICHAELS CHURCH

Please help by donating your 5 cents
in the collection tins at Kemps Bakery
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LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

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WANDONG COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS 2023 DATE AND 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, the carols will be held at the
Wandong Public Hall.

GARDEN SCENE WITH GAIL

What a start to Spring, September was so dry that it's a concern and we need to ensure that we water thoroughly to avoid plants drying out, because it will happen all of a sudden. We spot drying leaves but, in many cases, this may be too late for the plant. But whatever, we still can rely on beautiful displays of Jonquils, Freesias and Daffodils and many other bulbs. They seem so hardy and so happy as they put on the loveliest display, and they look fantastic, especially if grown in mass. Daphne has now finished flowering so it's a great time to take cuttings. (I've taken 6 cuttings, and they seem to be doing well). Cut from the plant just above a node and include some older wood on the stem. Make the cut angled and dip it into hormone growth powder, gel or honey and directly into a potting media suitable for cuttings. This media may hold more moisture than a normal potting mix because the cuttings will take time to grow the new white fibrous roots but until then the cuttings need to be kept moist, not wet, to encourage the new roots. You can still take cuttings from Hydrangeas also using the same method, they are such tough plants, and the strike rate is usually 100 %. Roses are leafing nicely so keep the fertiliser up to them for optimum growth and keep an eye out for Aphids. An application of soapy water can deter these pests. After it rains is a good time to apply fertiliser to your lawn and if you have weeds through the grass, 'Weed and Feed' is a great product. If you are transplanting any plants, ensure that you take a generous lot of soil with them and have the hole where they are to go ready. The less time out of the ground and stressing, ensures a better success rate and try to do it in the cool of the day. As our bulbs finish and the green stems begin to die down use a liquid fertiliser that the stems can absorb quickly and take down to the bulb for storage until their next flowering season. Our veggie gardens are looking for new plantings and if you have prepared them already then, you're in front and if you're going with seeds try beetroot, carrot, dwarf beans, climbing beans, peas, lettuce and if you think our frosts have finished pop in tomatoes plants. Corn seems to have a better growth rate if you start with seeds, and it appears you get a taller plant. If you are covering your veggies and/or fruit trees keep in mind that regulations have been introduced stating the hole size in the netting has to be smaller than in previous years. Check it out.



Talking about fruit trees, clear the area at the base of your fruit trees, especially Pear and Cherry trees, to deter the annoying Pear and Cherry slug. These skin-coloured slugs climb up the trunk and feed on the leaves, skeletonising them and thus effecting the ability for the plant to absorb the sun as efficiently. As they mature you can find them easy on the leaves, they are black in colour, but stopping them before they make the journey is preferable. Deciduous plants are looking beautiful, some with blossom, with new leaves pushing through, a real testament to Spring being here. What a beautiful season but keep weeds under control because as the ground dries those pesky weeds are going to be so hard to get out. Now is a good time to prune (on a cooler day) hedging that has finished flowering however, if your hedge is still flowering, prune directly after the flowering finishes and it's amazing to witness how the new growth takes off, if you stand still long enough you may even see it growing! Have a really lovely month.

Gail Mains Kendrick
(Your Local Real Estate Agent)



ARCHBISHOP'S VISIT TO ST JOHN'S WANDONG

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

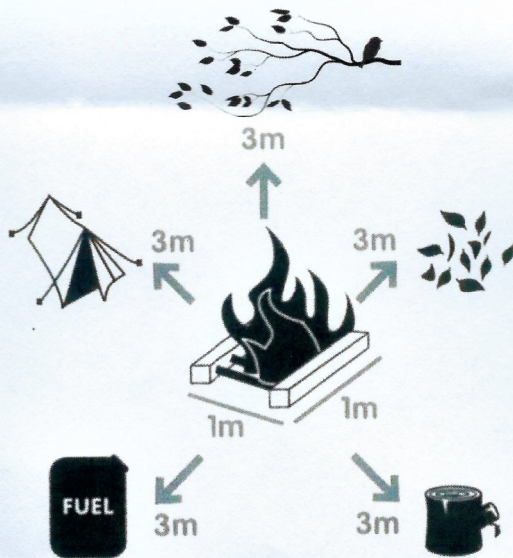
Irene Bartlett Church Warden.

Contact details

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Campfire Safety

Don't let your campfire go bush!



Things to remember:

- Before lighting - always check the weather conditions and fire restrictions in your camping area.
- Do not light or maintain a campfire on hot or dry days if the wind is more than 10 kilometres per hour.
- Campfires are **not** allowed on days of Total Fire Ban.
- Never leave your fire unattended, not even for a short time.
- Children and pets should be supervised at all times when near a fire.
- Keep your fire just big enough for cooking and keeping warm, not exceeding one square metre.
- Do not burn dangerous or flammable items, such as aerosol cans as they can explode.
- Check the **'Can I or Can't I'** brochure for what you can and can't do during the declared Fire Danger Period and on Total Fire Ban days or visit cfa.vic.gov.au/can

Tips for building a safe campfire:

- Use a built fireplace (where provided) or dig a 30 centimetre deep trench to prevent fire from spreading.
- Create a border around the fire using large dry rocks – never use river rocks as they can explode.
- Clear 3 metres of ground surrounding the fire - remove branches, leaves and twigs and check there are no overhanging branches above the fire.
- Ensure the fire is at least 3 metres away from tents and other camping equipment, especially flammable items such as gas cylinders and fuel.
- Never use flammable liquid or fuel such as petrol or diesel on a fire.
- Always keep a 10 litre bucket of water, and a shovel nearby.

Can I or can't I?

To report a fire
DIAL 000

This guide gives you general information about what you can and can't do during declared Fire Danger Periods and on Total Fire Ban days. It is not a substitute for the more detailed information in the CFA booklet 'Can I or Can't I' which you can get from your local CFA branch or from the CFA website. For further details about your property, contact your local council or the CFA website.

During Fire Danger Period
You, unless:
• You are not in the area (e.g. you are on holiday)
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On Total Fire Ban Days
All camp fires are banned on Total Fire Ban days. This includes campfires, barbecues, and any other fires. You must not light a fire on a Total Fire Ban day.

Can I have a barbecue, light a camp fire or light a fire for warmth or comfort?
No, unless:
• You are not in the area (e.g. you are on holiday)
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I run a meal preparation business (e.g. catering), or am a community charitable fundraising or similar organisation. Can I set up and light a fire to operate a barbecue, cooker or hotplates at outdoor functions?
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Total Fire Ban

Putting your campfire out:

- Make sure your fire is completely extinguished using water before leaving. Remember, **if it's cool to touch, it's safe to leave!**
- Do not use soil. Fires can still smoulder under soil and can stay hot for more than eight hours. This is a danger to anyone walking in the area once you have gone.

Visit cfa.vic.gov.au or call **1800 226 226**

WANDONG HISTORY GROUP

We recently had contact from the niece of Ken Wood, one of the airmen killed at Mt Disappointment. It was great to meet this relative who had not known about the plaque and missed that event. We have now been able to put her in touch with some other relatives and they plan to meet and some items that were with Ken when he died will be handed over. We hope to be able to do a story on this when it happens and expand on the sad story of Kens loss, told to us by his niece Margaret.

Don't forget 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 on this 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.

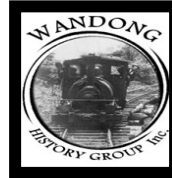
Stay safe everyone.

Karen

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Scan the code to go to our website.

Another huge thank you to Ken Bausch for his patience and support of the Wandong History Group. Ken not only provided the bollards to protect the church but has been asked to move the bollards around with his machinery on three occasions. THANKS KEN.



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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.





THE COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF WHITTLESEA INC.

REGISTERED # A0041714F

Established 2001

MEDIA INFORMATION

MICHAEL B HALLEY PUBLICITY OFFICER

You had to be there

Almost every person would have had a response, or heard the remark ‘you had to be there’. Such was the summary of a recent outing to Melbourne CBD by members of Whittlesea Probus Club.

They travelled to the edge of the Hoddle Grid in early September to visit the Fire Services Museum Victoria and Parliament House.

The coach trip down to Melbourne was uneventful, but it could have been different! Along Hoddle Street we were in the bus lane and travelling at legal speed. Suddenly a motorist making a left turn into a side street propped, due to insufficient room on the line of traffic. The coach drive reacted and did not hit the car!

Past-President and current treasurer Alessandra Testa is becoming quite skilled in organising day trips, and encouraging members to participate. This was to be shown as the day progressed. Some difficulty with the coach driver’s instructions and the supply of food at the luncheon venue were addressed by Alessandra and satisfactorily resolved.

Our first excursion was into the fire museum and it was an experience in the history of fire brigades and the manner in which firefighting is conducted. The museum is housed in the original building that dates from 1893 and has National Trust protection.

Our hosts gave a running commentary on the various memorabilia that is on display and a history of fires and fire brigades dating back to the great fire of London in 1666. There are over 10,000 related items contained in the different rooms of the building. These include vintage fire vehicles and appliances, numerous helmets, uniforms, badges and replicas of past personnel.

Unfortunately, it is more a visual and auditory event and writing about it does not give the personnel or the memorabilia justice. [You had to be there!] One thing that is evident today as well as historically is the camaraderie of fire-fighters that has a tendency to involve many generations of families. But it is understandable that groups who have daily risk tend to bond and follow family traditions.

A meal-break had been arranged at a convenient hotel, but some slow service made for an anxious few minutes as our appointment at Parliament House was past-due. It worked to our advantage as our appointment had not been booked correctly. [As an aside one of the members had been taken to our luncheon venue as a young girl on her first date and catered meal.]

So across Spring Street and up the Parliament House steps we went and, after Alessandra sorted things we entered to home of our politicians.

Parliament House is located on Spring Street; the grand colonnaded front dominates the vista up Bourke Street. Construction began in 1855, and the first stage was officially opened the following year, with various sections completed over the following decades; it has never been completed, and the planned dome is one of the most well-known unbuilt features of Melbourne.

Between 1901 and 1927, it served as the meeting place of the Parliament of Australia, during the period when Melbourne was the temporary national capital. The building is listed on the Victorian Heritage Register. Opulence plus is the best description of the internal set up of this seat of power.

Our guide was very skilled and understanding giving us some close personal treatment. We did see something special. A member of staff was explaining to a group of school children how members are elected and the manner in which the Legislative Assembly operates. Again “you had to be there!”

The saying “don’t give up your day job” is generally used as sarcastic criticism, but if this lady gave up hers it would be a shame.

Not only did Alessandra preside over the day’s activities but for a few minutes took over the seat as Speaker of the Legislative Council.

The time had come for the return to home so we loaded into the coach and headed north. Many memories will remain and no doubt will be recalled over the years to come.

Written by Michael Halley

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**Madame Speaker
Alessandra Testa**



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On your toes

At the October meeting of Whittlesea Probus the meaning of a family business was sheeted home when the keynote presenter attended with baby grand-daughter Morgan in tow. [Excuse the pun]

The presentation of the day was organized with the family owned Doreen Towing Service. The owner Caroline Munnery and Towing Operator Brett Dugdale came along to tell us about what is quite a unique organisation. The company is also the RACV roadside assistance contractor and straddles both suburban and rural communities.

The focus of the company is upon breakdown towing, roadside assist to designated areas and agricultural transport, for equipment vehicles up to 5.4 tonnes. This entails providing transport for, but not restricted to, wheeled vehicles for all manner of vehicles and many clients such as automotive workshops and fleet owners.

Cars, floats, tractors, farming implements, caravans, motorbikes, trailers, caravans, shipping containers, light machinery, forklifts, were displayed on a montage of photographs showing the work undertaken.

The pride of the fleet is their flat-bed rotational tray. Most people have seen the run of the mill tilt tray in operation where the tow truck reverses to the front of a disabled vehicle and tilts the tray which becomes a ramp upon which the vehicle is winched. The tray then returns to a flat position and looks just like any other tray truck.

But when Brett arrives at a site to collect a vehicle there may be some issue with the location of the load. Imagine that a vehicle has broken down in a car park and there is insufficient access for the tow truck to back in front.

Doreen Towing has the solution!! The truck stays on the roadway and the tilt-tray is rotated up to ninety degrees and the normal procedures take place. The rotation can be either right of left!

The company also has some uniqueness about it with the RACV contract. If your car is disabled you must call RACV to get assistance. If you only need to tow the vehicle and you are not a RACV member with towing benefits as part of your membership you can call Doreen Towing direct. Should your car be disabled at Doreen and has to be towed that job is allocated by RACV to their suburban contractor. If you are lucky enough to be disabled in Whittlesea and surrounding areas Doreen Towing can do the job.

Given their feeder basin stretches as far as Strath Creek, Flowerdale and Donnybrook and back into congested suburbia the sixty minutes response demanded by RACV can be challenging at times. If the patrol car or tow truck is required at one side of the call out area and it is already attending a call all the way on the other side it can sometimes be a "near miss".

But towing a vehicle damaged in an accident is a different matter. This may only be done by a licensed tow truck and is controlled by the accident allocation team at VicRoads. Vehicles performing accident towing services must be licensed. These vehicles will be issued with a 'TOW' or 'HTT' number plate. Drivers and passengers (except customers) in tow trucks who attend accident scenes must be accredited.



Brett related some stories from the road of how his job ranges from comforting a young Mum with kids on board worried about how she will get home to dealing with some arrogant people who make a situation challenging with their behaviour even though they may have caused a crash. It seems that the tow truck operation can be the cause of temporary road closures or delays in moving cars that have broken down or been in accidents.

He reinforced the concern of locals that the district is riddled with potholes and some of their work is coming from disabled motorists who met a pothole to disastrous effect.

Listening to the presentation one can support their web-site statement:

"Doreen Towing prides ourselves on providing stress free, good old fashioned customer service and treat your car/equipment with the highest care and attention. Professional service to both car and client guaranteed".

Photo above displayed showed that they can move anything between an FX Holden and Ferrari. The meeting came to a close with a small token of appreciation presented. It is expected that Morgan will continue the family tradition in a couple of decades hence.

Photo right: Michael Halley thanking Brett, Morgan and Caroline

Written by Michael Halley



Contacts at the Club

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WANDONG TENNIS CLUB

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We are about to commence our summer seasons for both seniors and juniors.

Night tennis seasons are well under way with most teams having a successful season.

Coaching is available at the club for all ages.

Please contact Karl on 0423 611 317 or kv.tennis@hotmail.com



Wandong Fire Brigade

Santa is Coming to Town

It's almost that time of year again when you can book Santa to visit your house on the back of our fire truck. If you're looking to make your Christmas party a little different, or just want Santa to visit your kids or grandkids, then booking a Santa visit with us is the perfect thing to do. Do follow our Facebook page 'Wandong Fire Brigade' for all Santa updates.

Get in quickly, as bookings fill up fast. Let us know your address, preferred times and the number of children to visit. This service is provided by Wandong Fire Brigade volunteers, and donations to the brigade are welcomed. For bookings, contact Santa's helper Heath on 0419 359 374 or wandongssanta@gmail.com

Pre-Season Preparation of Your Property

With the weather starting to warm up it is time to think about preparing your property before the fire season. Remove fire hazards from around your house and clean out the gutters. The CFA website has some great resources on preparing your property. <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/how-to-prepare-your-property>. Every burnoff should be logged by calling VicFire on 1800 668 511.

Mitchell Shire Council as part of the Safer Together Project has joined with CFA and FFMV and is running a Community Clean Up Challenge with some great prizes. Submit before and after pics of the preparation at your place. Register for the challenge by 6 October to gain access to CleanUp Challenge resources including free green waste disposal. For more information contact Justine Gard of the Safer Together Project via email Justine.gard@mitchellshire.vic.gov.au or phone 5734 6250.

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 0419 472 579 (bh) or 5735 3114 (bh) or contact us via our Facebook page.

BP Collections Melbourne Cup Day

Our volunteers will be tin rattling to raise funds for brigade equipment on the Melbourne Cup Day long weekend. Please say hi!

Training

Training for our firefighters is on Wednesday nights at the fire station. For more information contact Lt James Stephens on 0418 221 458.

Junior firefighter program

Junior firefighter sessions are run during the term on Monday nights 6.30 – 8pm. There is no cost to families. Young people between the ages of 11 and 16 years who live in Wandong, Heathcote Junction, Clonbinane and Kilmore are invited to join our Juniors program. For any queries contact Kylie on 0409 962 172. This is what one of our juniors wrote :

"One activity I really enjoyed doing at Juniors was the Search and Rescue. The engine bay was filled with smoke from the smoke machine, and we had to find a person and a dummy body. I really liked this activity because it looked really cool inside the engine bay and I enjoyed working together to find everything."





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Rabbit Control Information Session

When: Saturday 14th October

Time: 10AM to 2PM.

Where: The Shack, Wallan-Whittlesea Road,
Upper Plenty



Join Landcare and the Victorian Rabbit Action Network (VRAN) presenter, Neil Devanney for an information session on how to manage rabbits on your property.

Did you know that it only takes one year for a pair of rabbits to produce up to 184 rabbits in a good year?

The feral rabbit has had a devastating effect on our native biodiversity and agricultural productivity.

Rabbits are invasive pests and cause damage to gardens, bushland and agricultural areas.

In this session, we will:

Create awareness about how to eradicate rabbits with integrated pest management control methods.

Look at the various control techniques that can be applied on your property.

The technical side of effective rabbit control including:

- 'how big is the problem?' importance of monitoring
- how to knock down numbers effectively
- warren and harbour destruction
- the importance of follow up control
- and the strategic application of these components of control

RSVP to Upper Merri Landcare Facilitator Chris Cobern on 0413 855 490 or chriscobern@mcmc.org.au

Morning tea provided.

- ***COVID Safe Rules:***
- Do not attend the activity if you are unwell, especially with cold/flu symptoms.
- Do not attend if you have been in contact with someone who has tested positive to COVID-19 in the last 7 days.



THE FOOTPATH IS ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THE ROAD



The Wandong Heathcote Junction Community Group has 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.

RESIDENTS IN WANDONG HEATHECOTE JUNCTION ARE URGED TO HAVE A SAY ABOUT THE ARTC PROPOSED NEW BRIDGE BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE

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Darraweit Guim Primary School News



Hello from DGPS

After one year since the devastating floods, we are so close to having our original school buildings, gardens and play areas fully re-instated. I am so proud of this school community – students, families and staff, who have showed patience and resilience and supported the school to ensure that our number one priority - academic and wellbeing programs for

our students – continued without interruption.

We would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to the many people, companies, community groups, friends, children and more, that dug deep and donated resources and funds to make this possible.

We would not be in our position if it were not for these generous donations.

We look forward to a busy and engaging term four with some great programs to look forward to – River detectives, I am mindful, Swimming, Somers Camp, the Annual Concert, Christmas Carols and our celebration day at the Wacky Splash Park to name a few.

Our 'First Steps to Foundation' transition program will run throughout term four, where we will get to know our new families ready to begin in 2024.



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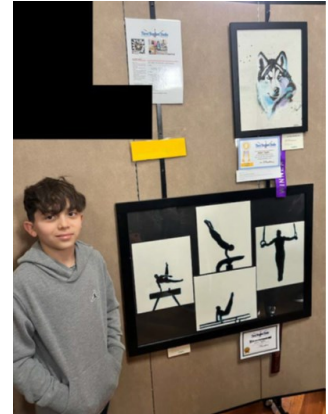
THREE BRUSHES STUDIO ART SHOW AT WANDONG

On Sunday 10th September Wandong's Three Brushes Studio held its annual art show at the Wandong Public Hall. Local artist and owner of Three Brushes Studio, Sharon Delaney was excited that her 160 students were able to display their artwork to relatives and the over 300 visitors to the art show.

Sharon thanked the many sponsors who contributed prizes and services. These included the Bendigo Bank, Kilmore Art Society, Wellington Square, Lions Club, Wandong-Heathcote Junction Community Group, Wandong History Group, Officeworks and Wandong IGA.

Sharon is also desperate to find a larger studio as the number of students grow with 50 currently on the waitlist. If you can help, please contact Sharon.

For more information, people can visit Three Brushes Studio on Instagram and Facebook or visit www.3brushesstudio.com.au.



SUPPORT ELLIE RAE

Ellie Rae opened up on September 9th after taking over shop 5- 3272 Epping-Kilmore road (previously Wandong Collective). Owner Elisha has handmade a range of jewellery and accessories for over five years now, attending local markets and falling in love with small business and handmade or locally made items. The shop front not only carries her full range of handmade creations, but has a large and rotating collection of products from other locally sourced or locally made gifts, decor, accessories and plenty more. With Christmas soon approaching, be sure to check out their wares and shop local for the gift giving season.

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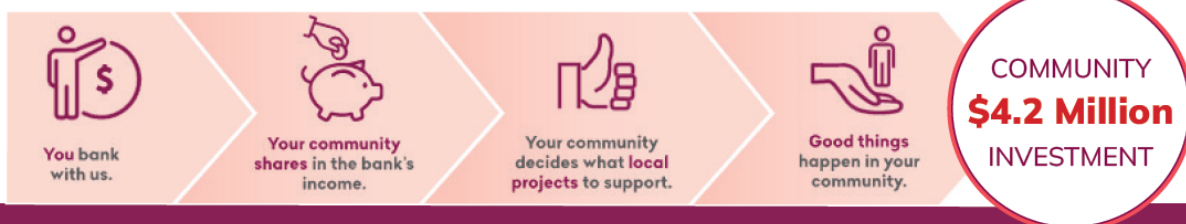
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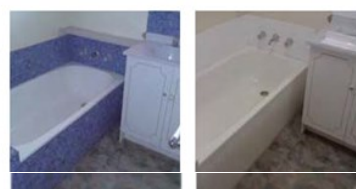
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Wandong Primary School



SunSmart

We are all excited to warmly welcome the beginning of Spring. With this change, it's crucial that we keep the health and safety of our students at the forefront of our minds. It is time to retrieve, perhaps find under the bed, the old sun smart hat. Term Four is a "No Hat, No Play" term and we encourage children to apply sunscreen before leaving for school and to reapply during the day. New hats can be purchased through the office.



Gratitude Games

On the last day of school each term, we like to take some well-earned time off from formal schooling, to enjoy being together and to practise gratitude for all that we have achieved. Gratitude Day is about thankfulness and a readiness to show appreciation for people, and to return kindness.

On this day we also value fun, social skills and team collaboration. To conclude Term Three, we had an amazing day of Gratitude Games with our parents, teachers and students.



It's an Online World – Susan McLean – Cyber Cop, Keeping Our Kids Safe Online

Book in with the office.

Susan McLean is Australia's foremost expert in the area of cyber safety and was a member of the Victorian Police for 27 years. Widely known as the 'cyber cob' she was the first Victorian Police Office appointed to a position involving cyber safety and young people.

Key Dates:

Monday 30th Oct: Grandparents Day (All Day)

Monday 6th Nov: Curriculum Day – No Students

Tuesday 7th Nov: Melbourne Cup Holiday – No Students

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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As the weather starts warming up, at long last more and more of the community are coming down to the reserve to utilize this great facility we have in our community.

What is our community up to down at the Reserve:

Walking the dogs, kids in the playground, individuals/groups doing their fitness workouts, mums with the kids in the pram, riding bikes, playing kick to kick football, passing shots in netball shooting hoops at the basketball ring, riding the horses, training dogs to behave, Wandong primary doing their sporting activities on the Oval, Wallan basketball in the Stadium, Having a hit of tennis Doing a round of activities at the newly installed exercise pod

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 October through to February 2024.

RIGHT: Community Centre 2023 before the Revitalization project commences



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 has started, completion of project December 2023.





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L.B.Davern Reserve Committee of Management

A.G.M

Thursday October 19th 2023 at 7.00pm,

Followed by General Meeting at 7.30pm

Sue Marstaeller Sports Pavilion

L.B.Davern Reserve Dry Creek Crescent, Wandong

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

Contact our booking officer

Darlene Gunter 0418 312 762.

Get in quick as bookings are coming in fast.

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

-Oval Bookings, Stadium bookings and enquiries
Mitchell Shire Council
Recreation and Open Space unit ph. 5734 6200.

-Community Centre and Sports Pavilion contact:
Darlene Gunter
Booking Officer for the WHJSCC
on 0418 312 762

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

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

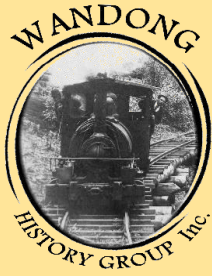
**If Residents notice anything
out of the ordinary please
contact the police on 000
It is in our community
interest that we all keep our
Reserve safe for all to use!!**

Please Note:

**We are not taking any bookings from October to
February 2024 due to the Refurbishments of the
Community Centre.**

**Rob Telfer, President,
Davern Reserve Committee
12 Dry Creek Cres,
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WANDONG HISTORY GROUP

INVITES YOU TO OUR HISTORY MONTH EVENT



Featuring the internment
camps of Mt
Disappointment and our
local soldiers who became
prisoners of war.

This exhibition is a look into the lives of those
interred during World War Two in our forest, how
was it managed by the Forestry Commission and
what was life like for those living at the camps?

We also look at some of our local soldiers, learn
the stories of what being a prisoner of war meant
during those dark days and the heart wrenching
story of life on the Burma rail.

Where: St Michaels Church 11 Dry Creek Crescent Wandong

When: October 14-15 open 10.00am to 4.00pm each day.

Entry: Gold coin donation



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

It is lovely to enjoy some warmer days after the cool winter we have endured in Kilmore and the spring flowers everywhere are looking spectacular. The U3A Garden club are enjoying being out and about again and during September they visited two beautiful gardens, one at The Elms and another larger one in the Elms Boulevard where they enjoyed afternoon tea. The smaller garden showcased just how much it is possible to do with a small space and the group went away with plenty of ideas. Gardening is a great way to relax as well as a form of exercise. It is also important for older adults to maintain a healthy social life and the gardening group offers both of these benefits.

After the imposed break due to Covid, the recorder group is set to perform at their annual concert at 2pm on Sunday 26th November in the John Taylor Room at the Kilmore Library. They will be joined by the ukulele group and another local musical duo. It will be a two hour programme including a 20 minute break for afternoon tea. It will be a great afternoon's entertainment for the price of a gold coin donation to cover the costs, so why not come along? There will be more information available next month.

The lunch club outings also continue to be very popular, their last visit being to The Royal Mail Hotel in Whittlesea, where the food servings are generous and they have a comprehensive seniors menu. Due to unforeseen circumstances some of the venues and dates planned for the remainder of the year have had to be changed. During October they are looking forward to visiting the Pig and Whistle in Trentham East and also the Pyalong Pub. Details are posted on the website at <https://u3akilmoreanddistrict.com.au/>

U3A is open to people over 50 who are no longer working full time. There are a variety of classes available including trivia mornings, solving difficult Sudoku puzzles, book club, play reading, carpet bowls and exercise classes. If you are a member of another U3A group, you can join Kilmore and District as an associate member for only \$5.00 and take advantage of any of the activities on offer. Or if you are interested in joining us, full membership is only \$35.00 (plus a one off \$5.00 joining fee) and anyone who joins now will be covered for 2024.

Email us on info@u3akilmoreanddistrict.com.au or write to PO Box 550, Kilmore, 3764. New members are always welcome.

Cheers, Amanda Oades

WANDONG-HEATHCOTE JUNCTION COMMUNITY GROUP

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



WEBSITE: In September the <www.wandong.vic.au> website received 1312 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

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 footpath on the east side of the Broadford Road should be on the west side by going under the bridge. A footpath 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.

Remembrance Day this year is on a Saturday so we expect a larger crowd to attend. The ceremony commences at 10.45am.

If you see anyone rubbishing our towns please let us know or report it to EPA Victoria..

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Answers on
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THIS MONTHS QUIZ

Answer appears on Page 26 but no cheating!

1. What is Australia's busiest train station?
2. What is Australia oldest train station?
3. What are the 4 largest cities in Australia?
4. What train operates between Sydney and Perth?
5. Who owns the most land in Australia?
6. What is Melbourne's oldest suburb?
7. What is Melbourne's Aboriginal name?
8. What is the most populated state in Australia?
9. How many billions in a trillion?
10. What is Australia's national floral emblem?
11. Who is the Governor-General of Australia?
12. Where was the birthplace of Ned Kelly?
13. What year was the first AFL grand final?
14. What year did TV go colour in Australia?
15. What is the longest river in Australia?
16. What country is neutral in every war?

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

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

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

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

All the best,

Jason

MAKE A DIFFERENCE - BECOME A VOLUNTEER

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

Wandong Heathcote Junction Community Group Inc: Call 0413 832 411

Wandong Wallan Lions Club: Call 0418 142 172

Wandong History Group: Call 0432 120 736

All Weather Training Facility - Heathcote Jct (Established 1995)

Puppy School - Social Classes
Adult Classes - Trick Training
Behaviour Problems



Workshops
Dog Park Etiquette
Intro to Agility
Dock Diving
Cross Country

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www.foxton.com.au

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Dogs have large indoor/outdoor pens. Also big play paddocks
where your dog has room to get out and burn off their energy.*

*Cats and little Dogs get to hang out in fully enclosed and heated
Mud Brick Cattery*

Phone: Anne **0402 118929**

60 Junction Rd, Heathcote Junction, Vic

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Weather Report - September 2023

Heathcote Junction/Wandong

Conditions were a complete reversal
from previous month with warm and
dry days throughout the month.

Residents were able to get out and about in
the gardens with some lovely sunny days.

Rainfall was very light for the month with
only 24.5 mls, all of which were recorded in
the last half of the month.

Our main supply dam, Sunday Creek,
is still at 100% of capacity.

Stats

September 2023	-	24.5 mls
Previous year	-	84.5 mls
Average prev 10 years	-	54 mls
Total this year	-	456.5 mls
Total prev year	-	626 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/](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 24)

- Central station, Sydney
- Flinders Street Station, Melbourne
- Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth
- The Indian Pacific
- Gina Rinehart (9.2M hectares)
- Fitzroy (1839)
- Naarm
- New South Wales
- 1,000 billion
- Golden wattle
- General David Hurley
- Beveridge, Vic.
- 1898 (St Kilda Cricket Ground)
- 1975
- Murray River (2508 kms)
- Switzerland

SUKODU solution

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Whittlesea Community Network

92a Church Street Whittlesea 3757
Ph: 03 9716 3361 Fax: 03 9716 3816
Email wchi@whittleseach.com.au



The weather has finally turned around and it's time to 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

There will be a special Big Blokes Movember celebration on 14th November – Save the date!

Ladies Lunch -join the ladies who lunch each fortnight at the Whittlesea Community Activity Centre
Thursday 12th & 26th October 11:30am – 1.00pm \$2 per person

Op Shop Tours

Join Ursula from Boomerang Bags for a tour of the region's best Op Shops!

Saturday 21st October 9.30am – 4.30pm \$15 per person

Saturday 2nd December 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 (10th Oct, 14th Nov, 12th Dec)

1.00pm – 4.00pm

Whittlesea Community Activity Centre, Laurel Street, Whittlesea

Boat Licence

Saturdays 21st October, 4th & 25th 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 2nd October \$85/\$150/\$195

White Card

Friday 10th November 8am- 4pm \$149 per person

SAVE THE DATE

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

Fix It Friday

Fix it Friday rolls into October! 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, Whittlesea Community Legal Service, Uniting Financial Counselling, NDIS (Brotherhood of St Laurence), Centrelink, Lift (Mental Health Program), Victoria Police, My Aged Care, No Interest Loan Scheme, Naemi National mental health support, Haven Homesafe, Gamblers Help and heaps more!

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

Friday 27th October 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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PLEASE CALL OR SEE IN STORE FOR DETAILS**

Kilmore Golf Club Inc.

Golf Tournament Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th September.

Sponsored by T J Scott & Sons

Saturday was a Mixed and Men's 4BBB event. This consisted of 10 Men's teams and 12 mixed teams most of whom were from Kilmore. The Men's winners were Nick Wogan and Tony McGregor with 43 pts. Shane Culpin and Rob McDonald were second on 40 pts. The Mixed event was a close contest. Three teams tied with 43 pts- the winners being Helen Clancy & Cyril Anderson, followed by Sophie Banon & Rob McFadden then Andrea & Mark Boland. On 42 pts were the teams of Jill Banon & Merv Schadendorff, followed Cheryle Andersen & Ron Campbell.

The Sunday event had a field of 32 players with A & B grades. Chris Bilfin won A grade on a c/b from Justin Ryan nett 72 pts and with another c/b B Grade Mick Roberts won from James Boland nett 67 pts.

The Jan Reeves Memorial Trophy event held on Thursday 21st September sponsored by TJ Scott. Players from 10 clubs attended with some good scores. Jacqui Baker (Kingswood/Peninsula) won the Scratch after a playoff from Gail Leigh (Marysville) 84 gross. Jacqui started her golfing career at Kilmore as a Junior.

Grade winners

A Grade Sue Byrne (Trenthan) 73

B Grade Sue McCall (Seymour) 73

C Grade Elaine Scanlon (Romsey) 77 on c/b Lesley Rundle (Marysville)

Vets Di Dixon (Kilmore) 102-28-74

Club Championships have started for the Men. G Otene won the 1st Rd 40 pts.

Spring Cup 2nd Rd Wednesday 27th Sept. There were some good scores on the day. James Boland 38 pts pipped by Ian Gray & Mario Maddalena 39 but overall winner was Dennis Bush 46 pts.

The course is looking wonderful and we have had so many positive comments on its condition – fairways & greens.

Grand Final Ambrose Results 29th September

Jill Banon, Cyril Anderson, James Boland & Mark Boland with a gross of 64 Nett 53.57

On Sunday November 19th there will be a "Try Golf Day" for golfers/anyone young & old who does not have a handicap and would like to try golf. Details are on our website-kilmoregolfclub.com.au

The date for the Annual Par 3-day 2024 will be Sunday March 3rd. Keep this day free as places fill up quickly. The cut off is 108 players. This event is open to anyone with/without a handicap and a chance to win prizes on every hole for NTP.



WANDONG PUBLIC HALL

From 1st October to 16th October the hall was occupied by the V.E.C. for "The Voice" pre polling so we made alternate arrangements for our regular groups.

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.

Confused about Vaccinations..... ???

By Anne Zelvy's IACP-CDT

Firstly this is not medical advice. I am not a vet, but as a trainer and breeder, I do keep up to date on the subject of vaccinations and this might help you understand how vaccine works.



Maternal Derived Antibodies (MDA's) - At birth pups receive MDA's from their mum. The strength of these antibodies will depend on the health of the bitch and also the environment. This is why we may need to do multiple vaccinations as we are unsure when the MDA levels are low enough so that the new vaccine will have effect. So a rescue pup with an unknown history might have low immunity so welfare groups often start with a 6 week injection then recommend having a 12 week and 16 week follow up. With my own litters we give an 8 week and then recommend one at 12 weeks.

Types of Vaccinations - In Australia there are two main vaccinations we give to dogs, which are referred to as C3 then either C4-C5. (Note: we do not have **Rabies** - Dogs who are brought into Australia must have full blood testings for a few months prior to being imported)

Core Vaccines - Commonly referred to as C3 - This vaccine covers the 3 life threatening viruses, **Canine Distemper Virus, Canine Adenovirus (hepatitis) and Canine Parvovirus** (an extreme form of gastro).

Your dog will have a course of 2-3 injections as a puppy and then around 14 month old - after that 3 yearly intervals until your dog reaches 10 years of age. An alternative is to have a blood titre test which will evaluate your dogs immune levels to see if they need to be vaccinated. After 10 years of age your dog is unlikely to need vaccinations. Current science shows that each vaccination has at least a 3-5 year life. *In the future we may find that the vaccination may last much longer and the recommendations will eventually filter down thru to the vets.*

Non Core Vaccines - If added to C3 is called C4 or C5 injection - Commonly called Kennel Cough or KC..
Parainfluenza virus, Bordetella bronchiseptica, Leptospira interrogans

It is important to note that there are actually about **8 strains of Kennel Cough** but the vaccine only covers two. (Sometimes given as an injection or otherwise as a nasal spray) So even if your dog is vaccinated then it may catch a strain not covered. Current research indicates that the vaccination only has a life of between 6-9 months.

KC Risks - Firstly, it is important to understand that **Non Core virus'** are **not life threatening**. In fact there is usually no treatment needed for the KC virus as it will just run its natural course. However remember that when a dog does have KC they may experience a secondary infection as their immune system may be compromised, this is why IF you take your dog to the vet clinic they may put the dog on antibiotics as a "just in case".

Symptoms - When your dog has Kennel Cough he/she may appear perfectly normal but have a definite hacking cough, much like they have something caught in their throat. They may also have a runny nose or reddish eyes (Similar when you have a cold) A cough is often very noticeable if the dog has been running around.

Treatment of KC - There is no particular need to take your dog to the vet... much the same as humans having a bad cold virus there is no real need to give antibiotics. Instead the aim is to make the dog comfortable. This means to keep the dog in a warm environment, reduce activity and perhaps provide something to soothe the throat. Remember to avoid your dog having direct contact with other dogs, although it is somewhat random in which dogs are affected. A strong immune system will often mean the dog has reduced likelihood of getting sick.

Vaccine Regime - Most vet clinics will offer an annual vaccination... Why...?.. Perhaps this is an easy way for everyone to fall into a routine so they don't forget to keep their dogs vaccinated. However most vaccines don't need annual updates and KC vaccine doesn't cover all the strains. Eventually it would be useful for vet clinics to offer an alternative such as the Titre Test, however they need to make this test cost effective for clients.

Alfoxton Tip : Vaccinations should never be given to your dog if they appear unwell....

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Puppy School - Social Skills - K9 Ninja - Trick Classes - Behaviour Issues

All Weather Training Facility - Indoor and Outdoor **Ph: 0402 118 929**

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Alfoxton Dog Centre



Neighbourhood Watch

Let's watch out for each other

South Mitchell

Your Insurance May Not Cover It

If you leave your car unlocked, unattended and with the keys in the ignition in a busy public car park, don't expect an insurer to pay your claim on your car insurance.

So lock your car and close the windows completely when it's unattended, remove the keys from the ignition, accompany anyone who takes your car for a test drive when you're selling it, and avoid dangerous situations like rising floodwaters.

Property such as phones, tablets, computers, wallets, tools, or personal items that are over the \$500 claim limit can be covered by a general property insurance policy and will need to be claimed for separately.



Remove It, Lock It or Lose It

How to prevent motor vehicle break-ins

- Don't leave valuables such as computers, handbags, cash or shopping bags in plain sight within your car ;
- If you have a trade or work vehicle, consider installing a lockable tool box to secure your tools and equipment;
- Lock your car and close windows whenever you leave it, even if it's for a minute. This may seem simple but you never know who is watching your movements for a theft opportunity ;
- Ensure your vehicle has a working car alarm with a visible blinking red light to deter thieves ;
- Park your vehicle in a well-lit area, busy location, near motion-sensor lights, or in a secure garage; and
- Engrave any valuables that you need to keep in your car with a capital 'V' plus your licence number.

For more information, refer <https://www.racv.com.au/help-and-support/car-insurance.html>

Anti-Theft Screws

We have promoted our anti-theft screws a number of times but still people have their numbers plates stolen.

Offenders use stolen plates to avoid identification when committing serious offences such as petrol thefts, drug trafficking and burglary. Nearly 17 thousand plates have been stolen off Victorian cars in the past year and it is on the rise.

Neighbourhood Watch regularly hold safe plate events across Mitchell Shire but our Shire is quite large and at best we get to each community once a year.

However, we have them available to our community for a gold coin donation at all Police Stations, and as from September 2023, we now have them in Seymour, Broadford, Kilmore and Wallan libraries.

It is as simple as replacing two existing screws on your number plate with the anti-theft screws to give you a peace of mind and secure your plates.

We also have joined up forces with Seymour Rotary Group to have them available at their Seymour market.

Now there are no more excuses as there are plenty of ways to get your screws.

Hotlines:

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Emergency

131 444

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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