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The dedicated members of the Wandong C.F.A. have been collecting for the Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal for over 26 years and this year collected a record \$10,194.55.

WELL DONE WANDONG C.F.A.



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12.00PM

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Runners up in our summer Saturday afternoon competition section 2 pictured right.

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3 May John & Noelene Pyle K
4 May Mandy & Goran Coter W
9 May Phillip & Maureen Buggy W
16 May Brian & Rose Dove W

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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

We wish the following
people a very happy
birthday

19 Apr	Natalie Hannemann	W
21 Apr	Lucas Rhead	HJ
21 Apr	Alan Knight	W
22 Apr	Byrn Dickinson	W
23 Apr	Charlie Kilroy	W
24 Apr	Ali Marstaeller	B
24 Apr	Craig Johnson	HJ
24 Apr	Luke Weller	HJ
24 Apr	Taryn Kneebone	W
24 Apr	Brian Cawthorne	Wallan
25 Apr	Avril Thomas	K
25 Apr	Ivan Kovacic	WP
25 Apr	Rochelle Gough	HJ
25 Apr	Joel Page	CI
25 Apr	Phil Waite	W
25 Apr	Jack Rayner	Wallan
26 Apr	Glenn O'Brien	W
27 Apr	Bob Brown	HJ
27 Apr	Kane Chisholm	HJ
28 Apr	Joanne Gedye	HJ
28 Apr	Krystal Dickinson	W
29 Apr	Amy Littlewood	K
30 Apr	Isobel Mumberson	HJ
1 May	Jarad Kelly	HJ
1 May	Jamie Marstaeller	Wallan
5 May	Keston Waldie	W
5 May	Kathryn Ryan	KE
6 May	Alastair MacDonald	W
7 May	Norm Hulett	HJ
7 May	Mitchell Smith	HJ
8 May	Jessica Dickinson	W
10 May	Jamie Champion	HJ
11 May	Morgan Smith	W
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13 May	Phillip Buggy	HJ
13 May	Di Vidal	W
15 May	Erin Gough	HJ
15 May	Ian Jarvie	Dromana



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All Welcome. Love to see you there

How's your new year's resolutions going?

Last week has not been my best time, it seems like my decision keys are all changed around, the faster I work the behinder I get! My driving is suffering, my efforts to even eat healthily have gone out the window. Even my mate Charles told me to pull myself together, wake up to myself and grow up. Now Charles is normally a sensible reliable mate but this time advice like that is not helping.

Next time you see Charles would you tell him that I needed sympathy, and an understanding ear, and return that \$50 I lent him last year!

Do you ever get the droops? They can come suddenly and cause a feeling of despair, a feeling of inability to cope, maybe a need for outside help. (If your desperate I'll give you Charles mobile!) I feel very privileged to be able to refer to our rule book in times of stress. (p'raps I should read it more often!)

I refer of course to the Bible it has some very astute directions for most of today's concerns. Some powerful promises are found in many areas of this fascinating collection of books.

Reverend Google is not always correct in content but the references are accurate, in Romans 8/31 the verse says "If God be for us who can be against us? Further along verses 37,38,39, have helped me to face events in my life that would normally have left me dragging my feet badly.

When I get down in the dumps, I remember a conversation with a homeless person one night when working with the Vinnies food van, he asked me for a couple of pies I said "Sure mate" when I returned with the food He said "I really don't want your food Mate I just want you to touch me! We hugged each other (and cried) outside Fed Square until I had to rejoin the food van. "You know he later confided to me that at times he felt so lonely that he would go to a hotel and just brush up against somebody in the crowd, as he put it, so he would feel human again!! Does that describe us at times? Do we feel dehumanised, rejected, even unworthy? maybe feeling a failure?

Does our expensive super camera phone hug us, or maybe mock us, who can we rely on? The distractions the world offers do not appear to help in the long term. The list of difficulties facing all of us whatever our age or stage seem to be overwhelming, at times, blocking out our ability to think rationally. The rule book states clearly in Matthew 11 v 28. Jesus is speaking- "Come unto Me all ye that labour and are heavy laden and He says He will give you rest He went on to say that He is gentle and lowly in heart and we will find rest for our souls. That's a pretty fair offer in this day and age!

Just to list a few ideas that have helped me in the past.

Look around for somebody to help, believe me, while at first this may seem subject to rejection or misunderstanding it is the most moral boosting, activity that I have ever undertaken. Opportunities are all around us, phone an old friend, pay it forward at Macca's, admire a child's activity, mow a needy person's lawn, buy a sandwich for a homeless person, volunteer at one of many service groups in your area!

Meanwhile 'Back to the Rule book'. John 15/27 says Jesus said "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you," (hey listen to this next bit) "Not the peace like the world gives you!! Let not your hearts be troubled neither let them be afraid"!!

Folks give it a try, it has worked for millions of people in the past and it works for me!

I've got a guilty conscience about resolutions! Ed said no Dad jokes! But here we go!

Recently Doctors warned against letting children play with parent's cosmetics! A Wallan lady had some tablets that promised to take ten years off her life, her eight-year-old son took some and hasn't been seen since!! There's one of my new year's resolutions broken already.

A.G. (Sorry Ed.)

Upper Plenty Merri Catchments Landcare Group

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GARDEN SCENE WITH GAIL

Hope the Easter Bunny came to everyone, he certainly came to me, and my family and we once again enjoyed a fantastic Easter egg hunt. I love the hunting game and it's so good to see young children, absolutely amazed with many brightly coloured eggs strewn through the garden. It did make me think though about some of our plants at eye level and not all are friendly with sharp or pointy leaves that could do a lot of damage if someone ran into them or brushed up against them. Yuccas were all the rage about twenty years ago, hardy drought tolerant and will grow nearly anywhere. Originating from Southern North America, they thrive in dessert conditions, and this made them very popular. The flowers they produce are a creamy white and quite stunning atop of the dark green of their leaves but keep them well away from pathways, indeed, any traffic areas. Their leaves are sharp along the edges and the pointed ends can really hurt. But believe it or not, cattle will still eat them? Sometimes children like to run the hands along grasses and some of these, while being great for landscaping, can cut the skin. Rhus trees are another plant to avoid, touching the plant, sap or resin and contact with smoke from burning any part of a Rhus tree can cause painful reactions including severe dermatitis with a rash, redness, severe itching and blisters and localised swelling of the face, arms and legs. Petty Spurge, that upright weed that grows on disturbed soil is another plant that contains toxic sap as does some Sedum plants. Hasn't the rain been amazing, it's made such a difference to the mature plants/trees as well and the grass has a tinge of green now! Alas, some of the deciduous plants didn't get a chance to show off their magnificent Autumn colours due to being stressed without rain for a lengthy period over February and March but the avenue of trees in Wandong / Heathcote Junction never seem to disappoint. Now we have the favourable weather to prune all the plants we've been waiting to get to but ensure you check their flowering time because it's so easy to nip off tips of plants and then we realise that we may have taken off the early flowering buds, Daphne, Camelia and some citruses are good examples. Pruning to reshape, regenerate or perhaps change the way some of our plants look is great at this time of the year. Take for example the sturdy Olive tree. They can create lovely shade and make beautiful strong trees as focal points in the garden, I saw a huge specimen in W.A, one of the oldest and its trunk was huge, well for an Olive anyway. This is also a great time to choose Winter flowering annuals such as Viola/Pansies, they make a stunning display in garden beds, pots, borders and planted at the base of taller plants. Of course, weeds are forever giving, growing quicker than our plants but with the softer soil now they can be pulled out relatively easy. It's a good time to prune back those wonderful Hydrangeas and take cuttings, mass planted in a large pot, they look amazing. Another job I thoroughly enjoy at this time of the year is planting any potted plants that I have nurtured through the dry months, it's such a buzz, popping them in the ground and then getting the rain to settle them in. I tend to do most of my planting in Autumn so they can settle in over the cooler months and by Spring/Summer their root system is well developed.



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MEDIA RELEASE

14th March 2024

Nominate Medicare Champions Across McEwen

Federal Member for McEwen, Rob Mitchell is encouraging constituents to recognise and honour Medicare Champions across McEwen with nominations now open for the Stronger Medicare Awards.

Medicare Champions are outstanding individuals and practices that provide exceptional care, embrace innovation and work together to improve the health of the community.

“We all know of someone who has gone above and beyond to make a positive difference to our health, our lives, our families and our communities,” Mr Mitchell said.

“These Medicare Champions deserve recognition, as we celebrate 40 years of Medicare this year.”

Nominations are open for individual health professionals, practices or health centres and multi-disciplinary teams working across the full range of primary care services.

“Nominations are also open to the many hard-working people who do not have health care profession qualifications, such as receptionists or administrative staff, but work for primary care services and help patients access health care,” Mr Mitchell said.

“This is our chance to say thanks and to call out the dedication, innovation and expertise in our local community.”

Primary care is the foundation of our healthcare system, delivered through general practice, community health centres, mental health centres and allied health services.

These professionals and their support teams are often the first place Australians turn to for their health needs.

Nominations close on Sunday 30 June 2024.

The Medicare Champions will be announced at a ceremony in Canberra in November 2024.

To nominate or for further information on the awards, visit:

<https://www.health.gov.au/medicare-turns-40/stronger-medicare-awards>

ENDS

Media Contact : Cath Mogridge 0427 672 546

VALE Desmond Charles Ryan

24.04.1934 - 29.02.2024

Des Ryan was a well respected sheep farmer who started his lifelong career, spanning 65 years, working alongside his father at 'Burnside', Wandong and also at 'The Dene', Wandong, 'Greystones', Caveat, east of Seymour and later at 'Redwood' Gatum in the Western District and 'Shelwood' Shelford, south of Ballarat.

Desmond Charles Ryan was born in Kilmore on April 24, 1934, to Robert and Florence Ryan, the third child of four siblings, Alan, Eric and Elaine, and grew up on the family farm in Wandong. Des attended Wandong primary school and Seymour high school. He completed his wool classing, 'farmers class' at the Melbourne technical school, now known as RMIT, enabling him to work as a shearer and wool classer locally until the early 1970's. Days were hard and long with hand held blades used until electric shearing plants were installed. During these teenage years he milked the Ryan's cows and began a regular milk delivery around the township of Wandong with his horse and cart.

Cricket was another love, preferably as a batter. Many hours of a Saturday were spent on the Wandong Reserve playing cricket and having a social chat over afternoon tea. He started playing at 13 years, however due to a lack of numbers the team folded in the late 50's.

At 19 Des completed his national service at Puckapunyal, fortunately he did not have to serve and dedicated himself to sheep farming alongside his father at 'Burnside'. Aside from cricket, social activities included Saturday night dancing at local halls. It was here that Des met Joan Kerris and in 1957, Des and Joan were married, moving into 'The Dene' at Wandong where they had three children; Marlene, Julie and Christine. It was during this time that Joan and Des also farmed their property, 'Greystones'. One most challenging time was when a fire in the summer of 1982 swept through 'The Dene'. Most of the property was burnt however the family home was saved. It was devastating for Des and Joan as most stock were lost and many miles of fencing

Des would enter his fleeces at local shows and with quiet pride be pleasantly surprised with many of a ribbon laid across a fleece and presented with trophies for champion fleece or most valuable fleece. Des was the quiet achiever and these mementos are an indication of the dedication that he not only put into the blood lines of his stock but also to the land and his pastures.

Community involvement was Des' way of contributing and he joined the fire brigade in 1964 with his lifelong friend Maurice Scanlon. He was honoured to hold the role of First Lieutenant and received life membership for his established service of 32 years. At the brigade's 50-year anniversary Des proudly received his service awards.

He loved being on the land following his dream of producing fine merino wool and always wished to farm on a larger scale which led Joan and Des to purchase 'Redwood' at Gatum. Des' most memorable and stand out year of farming was at 'Redwood' in 2003 when everything aligned and in that shearing season there was 6000 plus sheep shorn producing 136 bales of wool, Des triumphing his dream.

After Joan passed Des sold 'Redwood' and bought a smaller property 'Shelwood' at Shelford. Des reluctantly retired from farming at the age of 84, unable to do the physical work required on the farm, however enjoyed several more years closer to family and friends living at Bannockburn independently and maintaining his own small garden. With more time available Des travelled to many destinations in Australia and overseas with friends, thoroughly enjoying each experience.

Sadly, Des passed away aged 89, 29th February 2024 at Estia nursing home, Bannockburn.

Written by:

Christine Blackley (daughter)



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Time for some new Lions adventures. Steve is off to the drags again, this time in South Australia. The rumour that he came home because he left his high heels behind is probably not true. This story was started by Cliff. It couldn't be true anyway. Steve would never leave his high heels behind.

Life in the club has been quiet. Most of the things we have done such as donating a toaster for Kilmore School and piano for St Pats were reported by my offsider Steve. This last month we had a successful Bunnings BBQ. The profits would have been better if Daniel, Peter and Sharon didn't do so much quality testing. Sharon claims that she only ate the crooked ones. Next time we are going to weigh the Three of them before and after to determine how much profit we lost.

Speaking of Daniel he took his young son Owen to Steve's house to play with trains. Steve has a great train set. Anyway when it was time to leave Dan didn't want to go. Owen had to drag him away crying. Steve promised that he could come back another time.

Marilyn has been running around looking for gorse bushes. Most people want to get rid of them not Mrs Moore. Her son-in-law wants to put bees in them to make honey. Why bother you can buy honey in the super market. They are strange people in Hidden Valley.

More Steve stories. He is a never-ending source of entertainment. He, Tania, Cliff and Dianne went to a Pink tribute concert at Trackside. He looked a treat in his pink tutu and all the old grannies wanted to dance with him. Cliff was quite put out. Nobody wanted to dance with him.

Bill has had the eaves at one end of his home damaged by his brother-in-law backing up his motor home. There is a rumour that Bill was directing at the time. Brother-in-law is going to get a fright when Bill sends him the inflated invoice.

We have had our youngest grandson for a week. He is even sillier than me. We now need a holiday. What with running around on the tractor and digging up spuds he has run me ragged.

Steve and Tania are gradually getting their house into order after their major flood. Tania is no longer storing her clothes in plastic bags. Their bathroom and bedroom have been fitted out and looks good. Next thing she needs to sort is Steve. That will be a greater task.

I have to make a confession. I went out to the pub with my jumper on back to front much to Diane's delight. The only excuse I can offer is that it is not my fault, it is the way my wife dresses me.

Steve will be doing the next report I am being forced to go to the Cook Islands. I said no but I was threatened with major harm if I didn't. It is hard work being a husband.

Don't believe anything Steve writes about me. His reports are highly inaccurate. In the meantime be good like me.

Clyde Riley

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Wandong Primary School



Practicing Gratitude

Staff at Wandong begin each meeting with an “Attitude of Gratitude”. What have you been thankful for this past week? This is something you could try around the dinner table each night.

Take turns to share something that you were grateful for during the day. It could be something small or something big. But what we do know is, it shifts our thinking and changes our brains to look for positives in every situation.

Focus in on Cybersafety!

We are fortunate to have Susan Mclean booked to do an information session for all staff and families Wednesday May 15th 3.40pm. It would be wonderful to have all families attend this session, alongside our staff. The school has invested significantly to support families in this new era that we are now trying to parent and educate children in.

Please call or email now to reserve a seat – wandong.ps@education.vic.gov.au

ANZAC Day Service – Wednesday 24th April

We are excited to be able to run our service once again this year and as always, we are inordinately proud of our leaders who will be facilitating this wonderful event. All children will gather on the tiered banks in front of the flag poles at 2.30pm

APRIL IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 15th	First Day Term 2
Monday 15th	Foundation 2025 enrolment applications can be accepted
Wednesday 24 th	ANZAC Day Service 2.30pm - 3.30pm
Thursday 25th	Anzac Day Holiday
Friday 26th	Grade 5 / 6 Interschool Sport - District Winter Sports Consent/Payment due
Monday 29th	Grade 3 - 6 Cross Country Selection Trials @ LB Davern

The Eminent Panel for Community Engagement, working in partnership with Traditional Owners, has been established to provide advice and recommendations to the Victorian Government on the Central Highlands state forests.

You can help shape the future management of the Central Highlands state forests at Engage Victoria until 29 April 2024 or drop in to meet the panel and share your ideas at the following:

**WANDONG PUBLIC HALL
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Wandong Fire Brigade



Good Friday

The weather was gorgeous for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal this year. There was a steady stream of traffic heading through town and the final tally for Wandong donations was \$10,194.55! Thanks to our volunteers who collected on the day, and to everyone who donated in person or via the online collection tin.

PHOTO: Denise, Sandra, Simmo.

Change your Clock.

Check your Smoke Alarms.

Daylight Savings ended on Sunday 7th April, and it is the perfect reminder each year to check your smoke alarms. Smoke alarms should be tested monthly, dusted/vacuumed annually and replaced every 10 years. 10-year lithium battery smoke alarms are now available. If you have a 9-volt smoke alarm, this is the time to replace the battery. After 10 years every smoke alarm should be replaced, regardless of the type. Remember, Only Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives.



Wandong Fire Brigade offers a service to vulnerable community members to install 10-year lithium battery smoke alarms. If you, or someone you know, could benefit please contact Yvette on 0417545228.

Fire Restrictions

Fire Restrictions for the Mitchell and Murrindindi Shires will end at 1am on Monday 15th April, 2024. Even though we are beginning to experience milder conditions there is still potential for fires to occur. If you burn-off after the conclusion of the Fire Danger Period, please be mindful that the vegetation is still very dry and it is easy to lose control of your small burn-off. Take care and make sure you have water available at all times and never leave your burn-off unattended. Before lighting up, we urge residents to always notify their neighbours and register their burn with the Burn-Off Notification Line on 1800 668 511. Always check and adhere to your council's local laws and regulations before burning off.

Clean your Chimneys

As the weather cools down it is important to conduct your fireplace and chimney maintenance. Unfortunately, firefighters respond to numerous chimney fires every year that start from fireplaces and wood heaters. It is important to have chimneys inspected and cleaned annually to avoid the build-up of creosote – a highly flammable black tar-like residue – that can clog chimneys.

- Have chimneys cleaned annually and gas heaters inspected and serviced every two years.
- A secure guard or fireproof screen should always be used to prevent sparks and wood from falling out of the fireplace and causing a fire or burn injury.
- Never dry clothes or have flammable items such as curtains close to a heater or open fire – make sure they are positioned at least one metre away and constantly monitored to reduce risk of a fire.
- Children and pets must be supervised near all types of heating. Maintain a safe distance between children and heating.
- Always extinguish any open flames, and turn off heaters before going to bed or leaving the house.

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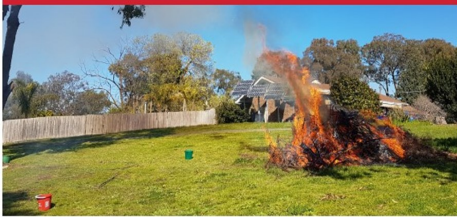


End To Fire Danger Period on 15th April, 2024

The Fire Danger Period for Mitchell Shire Council will cease at 1am on Monday 15th April, 2024. Although this date does now allow for burns to take place there is also some things you need to consider before you light up.

- Check and monitor weather conditions – particularly wind
- Always register your burn on 1800 668 511 or online at firepermits.vic.gov.au
- Let your neighbours know when you plan to burn as there will likely be smoke in the air
- Leave a 3 metre fire break (free of flammable materials) around your burn
- Never leave a burn unattended
- Have sufficient equipment & water available to stop your burn from spreading
- If your burn does get out of control, call '000' immediately

Are you burning-off safely?



Forest Fire Management Victoria - Planned Burns

We recently saw Forest Fire Management Victoria conduct a fuel reduction burn at Wandong (Dry Creek Rd) this was one of many planned burns for 2023/2024. Other burns within in the Mitchell Shire include.

- Reedy Creek (Tonsil Rd) - 4 Km SE of Reedy Creek
- Tallarook (Magazine Tk) - 10 Km SE of Tallarook township
- Clonbinane (Two tees Rd) - approx 6.5Km east of Clonbinane
- Tallarook (Freemans Link Rd) - 9 Km SE of Tallarook township
- Flowerdale (McMahons Rd) - 8km W of Flowerdale

These burns will only be conducted if the weather conditions permit.

For the latest information about upcoming planned burns please check the Planned Burns Victoria website:

<https://plannedburns.ffm.vic.gov.au/search-results/>

Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal

Following our efforts on Friday 29th March, 2024 along with our virtual tin we managed to raise a whopping \$3914 for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. For a small community with no township, we have done an incredible job. Thank you to the members that assisted on the day and to those that gave generously to a wonderful cause.

ANZAC Day - Clonbinane CFA will again be a part of the ANZAC Service at Wandong on 25th April, 2024

Clonbinane CFA and Southern Cross Gold (SXG) working together to better protect our local community.

At the start of the 2023/2024 fire season, members of the Clonbinane brigade management team met Lisa Gibbons (General Manager), Geoff Pollock (Operations Manager) and Jonna Maclean (Land Manager) of the Southern Cross Gold (SXG) team to thank them for a recent donation towards the purchase of some new equipment for our vehicles.

Some of the items purchased through this donation included a new Thermal Imaging Camera (TIC) for Clonbinane Tanker 2 and new blackout hoses. This new equipment will assist our members when we are blacking out (making a fire safe after it has been controlled, by extinguishing or removing burning material along or near the fireline). The TIC will assist members with identifying hotspots in fires and the new hoses are smaller/lighter and will help reduce fatigue to members when carrying/moving around a fireground. Other items donated to the brigade include helmet torches, to assist members when light conditions are fading. Although, we haven't had much use for these items this fire season we have been training with the equipment and feel fortunate knowing that we have this equipment on hand if needed in the future. Thank you to Southern Cross Gold for ongoing support towards our brigade in assisting us to better protect our community. Stay Safe, Tom Snaith – Clonbinane Captain

Pictured right (Left to Right): Ross Hibbert (3rd Lieutenant, Clonbinane CFA), Lisa Gibbons (General Manager, SXG), Meagan Hibbert (Secretary, Clonbinane CFA), Tommy Snaith (Captain, Clonbinane CFA), Thomas Finnigan (Treasurer, Clonbinane CFA), Geoff Pollock (Operations Manager, SXG) & Jonna Maclean (Land Manager, SXG)





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BLACKBERRY SPRAYING IN WANDONG.

The Wandong Heathcote Junction Community Group provided the Sunday Creek/Dry Creek Landcare Group with a map indicating blackberry hot spots in Wandong.

Residents may have noticed pink blackberry bushes after spraying, and will soon see these bushes dying.

The WHJCG thanks Landcare for the very generous offer and carrying out the spraying.



WANDONG HISTORY GROUP



The back to Wandong luncheon was a lovely day for all those who attended. It was great to catch up with people that we don't often get the chance to see, old friends and new, all are welcome.



ANZAC Day is nearly upon us, we have some visitors from Canberra attending this year, members of the Dau family of Heather Farm. It will be great to host these family members who are hoping to visit the places around town where their ancestors lived.

Members of the family have been very generous in sharing the information they have on the family of seventeen children most born here at Wandong, and we are putting the information together in the hope that it may become a book at some time in the future.

Once again anyone who can spare some time to help set up and pack up after the ANZAC Day service would be greatly appreciated, there is a lot to do on this day and not many of us to do it. We really need to have some help as we are not getting any younger and may not be able to keep doing this without extra help.

See you on the 25 th April for our ANZAC Day service starting at 12.00 followed by a gold coin donation sausage sizzle.

Stay safe everyone.

Karen.

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Our Town's Football Club

As our first game fast approaches the Warriors are training hard and preparing for a tough opening round against Yea at home. If you're interested in playing this season there's still time to register. Follow the link below.

UPCOMING GAMES

<p>Round 1 Sunday 14 April Wandong v Yea LB Davern Reserve, Wandong</p>	<p>Round 2 Sunday 21 April Tabilk v Wandong Nagambie Recreation Reserve</p>
<p>Round 3 Sunday 28 April Wandong v Seymour LB Davern Reserve, Wandong</p>	<p>Round 4 Sunday 5 May Broadford v Wandong Harley Hammond Reserve</p>



For all up-to-date news ,please follow us on Facebook.



Wandong Junior Football Club

We would like to thank our current sponsors; without their generosity our club would not exist.



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The L.B.Davern Reserve is full of activities for all our community, so please come down and enjoy this great facility, join the various clubs, just walk along the Say G-Day trail, take the kids down to play on the play equipment or just play and exercise on the oval.

Junior Football and Netball Clubs are busy organizing their activities ready for the 2024 season. Registrations and preseason has started, watch out for them and please support our Junior Clubs.

Wandong Tennis Club is in early planning process of their winter programs, juniors, and open and weeknight completion.

Wallan Junior Football club are down at the Reserve in preseason training at present whilst Greenhill Reserve is under minor works.

The Wandong Primary continue with their sporting activities programs down on the Oval and Stadium.

The Kilmore Adult Riders Group and Standard Bred Riding group are well into their programs down at the Reserves horse Arena area.

When their programs are on please be aware that horses are in the area of Reserves entrance to the Stadium, Oval and Tennis club, please observe the cautions and speed limits in that area.



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 an \$800,000+ project.

The redevelopment of the Community centre at the Reserve is well under way with the construction stage.

Due to the project the Reserve committee will not be taking any bookings for the centre until mid-2024.

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We're investing in a community space that brings people together

Wandong Community Centre Redevelopment and Accessibility Upgrade.

- Updated kitchen
- New storage room and cupboards
- Accessible car parking
- Upgraded heating and cooling

Project cost: \$800,000
Expected completion: Early 2024

mitchellshire.vic.gov.au/projects

This project is being delivered in partnership with Mitchell Shire Council and the Wandong Community.

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2024

Our Community building

Is also a great asset to hold Kids parties, family type events and private functions of all sorts, please consider when planning a function. You can contact our booking officer— **Darlene Gunter on 0418 312 762**

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

Please Note:

Unfortunately the Community Centre is not open for bookings until the Refurbishments of the Centre is completed mid 2024

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



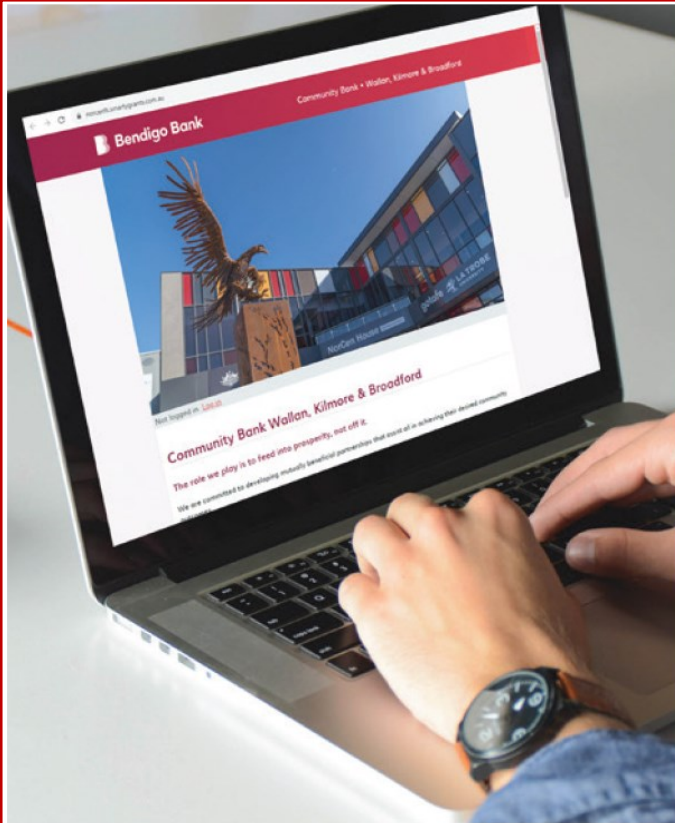
If anybody in our community would like to share any photos of history of L.B Davern Reserve for us to share on What's News please send to kooraw@bigpond.com

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!!



**Rob Telfer,
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Davern Reserve
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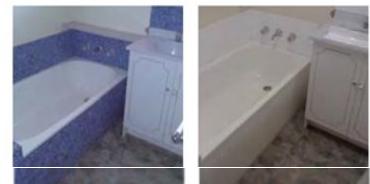
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Whittlesea twins with Gettysburg

There is some contention as to the text of the Gettysburg Address so the Whittlesea Court House Association [WCHA] probably did not infringe Copyright when it declared a motto “*Of the Community, For the Community & By the Community*”. President Abraham Lincoln in his Gettysburg Address used similar wording, but even he may have quoted others!

At the April meeting of the Combined Probus Club of Whittlesea there was no doubt about the authenticity of the address *delivered* by Nesta Russell representing WCHA. The association’s Visitor Information Centre resides in the historic building (Circa 1864) which was formerly the Whittlesea Court of Petty Sessions.

It is a volunteer service, dedicated to providing tourist information for visitors to the township and district of Whittlesea. Open 7 days a week from 9am – 5pm (except New Year’s Day, Good Friday and Christmas Day) it helps support many attractions and features which the region has to offer.

Ms Russell explained the service delivery and how unfamiliar with our town and district many visitors are. It became slightly obvious that even town residents have some learning to do. However a number of members were “full bottle” on the Courthouse history.

Marketeers seek to have a unique product and guard its specialities and attributes jealously. WCHA has uniqueness as it is the custodian of the mysterious local land mark *Bears Castle*. Built in the eighteen forties *Bears Castle* is closed to the public except by arrangement with Whittlesea Courthouse Visitor Information Centre.

Information about WCHA and other local undertakings are published in the Whittlesea Historical Society’s *Town Crier* produced monthly except in January. Close to four thousand copies are distributed each month and contain local community news and events, giving non-profit organisations valuable media coverage at no cost. It also provides an outlet for businesses to pay for advertising and promotion.

John Bear with his wife Ann (nee Hutchins), sons John and Thomas and daughter Ellen Ann, arrived at Williamstown in the ship ‘Brothers’, on 20 October 1841. Soon after his arrival Bear purchased from the Crown for one pound per acre, the freehold of Section 20, Parish of Yan Yean, and comprising 935 acres to the east of the Plenty River.

The life of John Bear, his family and associates is comprehensively documented at Chapter 3 of the book *Up the Creek* by Bruce Draper [ISBN 978-0-6483636-0-6]. From the first purchase he spread across Victoria and had control of over seventy thousand acres of land. Bears Lagoon 209 kilometres from Melbourne, takes its name from the said gentleman. This indicates his reach! Arguably he was Victoria’s earliest land baron!

In 1853 the Government bought most of Bear’s land to establish the Yan Yean Reservoir. On it was the aforementioned *Bears Castle* which was left in situ and has since been placed on the Victorian Heritage Register.

It was a small two story structure built with the method known to John Bear as cob. The technique is a walling method using clay, straw and gravel. Overtime the building fell into disrepair so an effort was made to combat the ravages of “living on a windswept hill”. Apparently the contractor took the easiest action and simply rendered the outside. But the original construction method and layout are discernible.

The WCHA invites you to contact the office about arranging a tour which includes a morning or afternoon tea. Contact (03) 9716 1866 or [Contact - Whittlesea Courthouse Visitor Information Centre \(whittleseainfocentre.net.au\)](mailto:Contact - Whittlesea Courthouse Visitor Information Centre (whittleseainfocentre.net.au))

Abraham Lincoln would accept that Whittlesea Courthouse Association was developed of the people, by the people, for the people. It is only the people that will ensure the association survives. Volunteering underpins the various community support that is delivered so if you can assist please do so.

Written by
Michael Halley

PHOTO: Sue Wright Tour Guide Bears Castle with Nesta Russell





Neighbourhood Watch

Let's watch out for each other

South Mitchell

Caravan Security

As caravan demand rises, so does the potential for caravan theft. Here's what you need to know to help prevent caravan theft, whether on the road or it's at home.

Caravans are typically expensive vehicles that have seen high demand with Australians in recent years, as holidaymakers consider local holidays rather than overseas getaways. "Unfortunately, the spike in demand for new and second-hand caravans has resulted in a spate of caravan thefts and black markets," says Bambi Gordon, CEO of Neighbourhood Watch Victoria. "Caravans are a lucrative target for thieves and often have expensive valuables left inside."



Protect your caravan when it's on the road

When parking your caravan on a road trip, no matter whether it's an overnight stay, a quick fuel stop, or an extended stay, always securely lock your car and caravan before going to sleep.

Our tips to keeping your caravan safe when it's on the road include:

1. Park in a well-lit and secure location and consider parking with the hitch away from the access;
2. External sensor LED solar lights can deter the nosy thief;
3. A wheel lock, coupling padlocks, or WiTi alarm all can be used to boost your security while on the road; and
4. Ensure your caravan is covered adequately with the roadside assistance and insurance;

Storing your caravan when not in use

Like with other vehicles, caravans can be at risk if you don't take some simple precautions. These can include:

- Store your caravan in a secure location and make sure the caravan's windows, doors & hatches are locked;
- A wheel lock, coupling padlocks, WiTi alarm (see below) or sensor lights can deter theft;
- If the caravan is exposed to public view, then use automatic lights to give it the illusion it is occupied; and
- Speak to your neighbours about keeping an eye on your property.

Beware of caravan scams and cons

There is a growing black market for stolen caravans. Caravans, even smaller models, are expensive and often sell for the price of a car. If you are looking to buy a caravan, follow these hints:

- check the VIN number from the caravan to the VIN Identification Number Check to check whether it's stolen. Go to www.checkmyvin.com.au;
- You can also see if the seller is a member of RVMMap – the Caravan Industry Association of Australia national accreditation program and visit the listed address to make sure the caravan actually exists; and
- Look for customer feedback and warranties on seller's websites.

There are other strategies available at <https://www.racv.com.au/royalauto/transport/security-tips-theft-prevention-caravan.html>.

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The Kilmore and District AGM has been and gone and it was decided that last year's Committee would stay on to allow continuity as we iron out any little problems that may occur with J.J.Clancy Pavilion. Special thanks go to our President, Mark Perrott, for quietly but purposefully representing U3A on the JJ Clancy committee for the past two years and ensuring that our needs as a group have been catered for.

The Official Opening of the JJ Clancy Integrated Community Facility was held at 5.30pm on March 14th with our committee in attendance. Local MP Jaclyn Symes 'Cut the Ribbon' and the Mayor declared it "An investment in Community wellbeing." Having several of the Senior and Junior Football Teams training on the Oval added to the occasion. It was a special moment for the JJ Clancy Committee of Management which had been working on the Project. Our thanks go to Senior Coach Paul Derrick and Committee Member Alice Irons for introducing us to the "Kilmore Blues."

The games group meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 9:30. It is proving to be very popular and a fun way of meeting new people and we've had a great response so far. Many new members are enjoying the challenge of experiencing new games and there are many to choose from. If you feel like re-visiting long forgotten card or board games, come and join in.

On Thursday March 21st, the ukulele group performed at the Kilmore Community Centre to help celebrate "Harmony Day". People from different cultural backgrounds and some of the local businesses donated a variety of dishes and came together to enjoy a meal and celebrate our multicultural community. We had a lot of fun and the food was great!

The Kilmore and Wallan U3A Groups ran a Fun Car Rally on Sunday 24th March. The rally participants were sent off from the Wallan Primary School via some challenging routes to their final destination at the Kilmore Memorial hall. Some of the clues were a bit bewildering and there were some shenanigans along the way but also lots of laughs.

U3A is open to people over 50 who are no longer working full time and is a fun and cost effective way to learn new skills, to meet like-minded people and to socialise.

Check out the website at <https://u3akilmoreanddistrict.com.au/> or contact us at info@u3akilmoreanddistrict.com.au

Cheers, Amanda Oades

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JUNE 8-9		Round 8	JUNE 16	Round 9	JUNE 23	Round 10	JUNE 30
GENERAL BYE KING'S BIRTHDAY		BROADFORD v ALEXANDRA YEA v WANDONG TABILK v ST MARY'S SEYMOUR BYE		WANDONG v TABILK ALEXANDRA v YEA SEYMOUR v BROADFORD ST MARY'S BYE		SEYMOUR v WANDONG BROADFORD v ST MARY'S YEA v TABILK ALEXANDRA BYE	
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		Grand Final	AUGUST 25	UNDER 12	11:00AM	13 & UNDER	12:00PM
				UNDER 14	12:30PM	15 & UNDER	1:15PM
				UNDER 16	2:00PM		

Please note all times are subject to change.
 This fixture is correct as of 13 December, 2023

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Answers on page 30

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

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THIS MONTHS QUIZ

Answer appears on Page 30 but no cheating!

1. What are the primary colors?
2. Who is the most decorated Olympian of all time?
3. How many legs does a crab have?
4. What is the capital of Finland?
5. In what US state is the city Nashville?
6. Which Tennis Grand Slam is played on a clay surface?
7. What was Istanbul called before 1930?
8. From what grain is the Japanese spirit Sake made?
9. What's longer, a nautical mile or a mile?
10. How many keys are there on a piano?
11. What part of a plant conducts photosynthesis?
12. Botany is the study of what life form?
13. How many dots appear on a pair of dice?
14. Which is the only edible food that never goes bad?
15. What was the first *James Bond* movie made?

Kilmore/Wallan RSL Sub Branch

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

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We have Pension and Welfare Officers to help veterans in the area.

MITCHELL SHIRE COUNCIL



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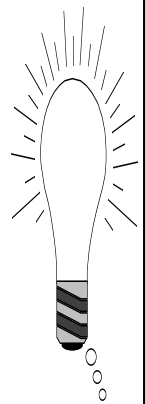
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Hi everyone, this month I would like to have a quick chat about Carer Gateway's In Person Peer Support program.

What is In Person Peer Support?

In Person Peer Support is the opportunity to learn from peers through the sharing of lived experience.

For carers, sharing of knowledge and the support of a peer who 'has been there' can offer reduced levels of worry, tension and distress.

Studies have shown the benefits of peer support to include gaining skills, increasing self-knowledge, sharing positive experiences and forging connections with others.

What is an In Person Peer Support Group?

The In Person Peer Support Group is a FREE facilitated peer support group for carers enabling connection with other carers. The group allows for personal connections and sharing of personal stories and experiences amongst carers.

Over 4 – 6 weeks the group will cover the following four topics:

- Connection
- Finding Community
- Making Meaning of Now
- Finding Purpose

All sessions are flexible and tailored to different groups of carers.

Importantly In Person Peer Support is suitable for ALL carers, including young carers.

I'm interested – what do I do now?

Great! For more information or to register your interest please contact Jill Smith the In Person Peer Support worker at Familycare. Jill can be contacted on 5823 7034.

Until next time, Jason

WANDONG-HEATHCOTE JUNCTION COMMUNITY GROUP

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WEBSITE: In March the <www.wandong.vic.au> website received 1012 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

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 deserving projects. We have asked Mitchell Shire to explain why the facilities in the park were left in a deplorable state over the Easter period.

Something has to be done about all the car / truck tyres being dumped on our roadsides. Most are dumped on Vicroads controlled roads such as the Hume freeway and ramps so we have asked Vicroads to investigate their origin and to advise what is being done to remove the tyres. A reply has not been received.



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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Phone: Anne **0402 118929**

60 Junction Rd, Heathcote Junction, Vic

Alfoxton is a registered Domestic Animal Business - Mitchell Shire

Weather Report - Heathcote Junction/Wandong March 2024

March started the first month of the autumn season and temperatures were in the high twenties and thirties, overtaking what would be expected in the summer period. It was a particular dry month with only 5 mls recorded, equalling the low recording in February 2018.

Our supply dam, Sunday Creek, was recorded at 86% on the 25th March, which indicates high usage over the past dry month. This figure represents a very adequate supply for the coming months.

Stats - Rainfall

March 2024	-	5 mls
Previous year	-	57.5 mls
Average prev 10 years	-	53 mls
Total this year	-	198.5 mls
Total prev year	-	97 mls

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

QUIZ ANSWERS (from page 28)

1. Yellow, blue, red
2. Michael Phelps
3. Ten
4. Helsinki
5. Tennessee
6. French open (Roland Garros)
7. Constantinople
8. Rice
9. Nautical mile (1.15 miles)
10. 88
11. Leaf
12. Plants
13. 42
14. Honey
15. Dr No

SUKODU
solution

1	2	3	6	7	8	9	4	5
5	8	4	2	3	9	7	6	1
9	6	7	1	4	5	3	2	8
3	7	2	4	6	1	5	8	9
6	9	1	5	8	3	2	7	4
4	5	8	7	9	2	6	1	3
8	3	6	9	2	4	1	5	7
2	1	9	8	5	7	4	3	6
7	4	5	3	1	6	8	9	2

Discipline or Punishment ***Understand the difference !***

In our human society we categorise hitting or smacking as a form of 'Aggression'. But have we gone too far down this positive track?

Have we got to a point where we have lost the ability to understand how to respect others?



Now - it is not that I am condoning violence but the problem is, that when Humans feel they are in situations they cannot control they often resort to confrontational behaviours. This can lead to highly charged emotional reactions that just create further confusion.

With this article we are talking about working with our dogs, but the similar principal applies when teaching our children how to fit and adapt in our community.

Discipline & Punishment might appear to be similar, but actually have very different meanings!

DISCIPLINE

Is when you have set **clear** boundaries for behaviour. If the dog crosses the boundary then the Authority Figure (YOU) should step in and block the behaviour - UNTIL the dog stops and withdraws from the action... Behaviour stops, then you stop... then just go back to what you were doing and ignore the dog.... *(do not praise the dog for stopping, this will just distract and prevents the dog for seeing the mistake).*

If the dog then breaks the boundary **again** the Authority Figure once again steps in to block the behaviour and again you stop when the dog stops and withdraws from the action. The dog starts to see a pattern, hence will diminish this behaviour. We **do not** need to reward normal behaviour we just want it to become 'the norm'.

Example: Dog barks – you growl using enough energy that distracts the dog to stop barking – once the dog is quiet, then immediately lower your energy and even turn away and ignore dog... now wait to see what the dog's next choice is... Hopefully he will remain quiet or even walk away, if dog starts barking then repeat the Block.

PUNISHMENT

Is when you apply physical or mental restraints when your dog breaks the boundaries. This might sound similar to the previous definition, however, the big difference is; that should verbal or physical restraints **CONTINUE** when the dog attempts to withdraw from the action then you have now fallen into the category of Punishment.

Example: Dog Barks – you growl, chastise - then dog moves away and becomes quiet - however you keep yelling, threatening, shaking your fist. The dog cannot see what is wrong, hence dog becomes confused, then your dog is likely to cower or become hyper erratic. The dog cannot see the pattern to know how to do what you want.... so he keeps repeating the same mistakes over and over again....

DON'T BE AFRAID TO TRY !

Many families are scared to enforce discipline so they become confused and frustrated. Then human emotions come into play... *"The bloody dog won't do what he's told!"*... Whereas the reality is..... *'The bloody dog can't see what you want!'* So, although you think your dog is being an idiot ... he is really just being a dog... SO you need to take a big breath and BLOCK the unwanted behaviour, if dog stops then you stop and BREATHE OUT to release your emotional tension. Then Repeat if needed..... and as often as needed.

Nobody chooses to hurt their dog either physically or mentally. But if we are honest with ourselves, most people are afraid that the animal will become upset and NO LONGER LOVE THEM, so often humans just DO NOTHING. Well some good news – The love your dog shows is a dog love, which is different to a human love. After all, human love is varied and fickle whereas animals show love in an uncomplicated and honest fashion. Actually, what a dog finds really cool is to live with humans who understands dogs.....



Alfoxton Tip:

Behaviours CAN change - However IF a dog can "PROFIT" from a behaviour then this will continue..... BUT.... If a dog DOES NOT PROFIT ... then the behaviour will diminish.

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Whittlesea Community Network

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Hello! We hope you have had a great Easter/School Holiday Break!

Save the Date

Paint and Sip is coming to the House in May! Keep the Saturday 18th May (1pm – 4pm) free and get ready to produce a masterpiece, sip beverages and demolish a cheeseboard! \$25 per person. Money raised will go to the Food Relief Program at the House.

Helping Hands Expo join us for an information day on all the things you can do and use to help you stay in your own home. Mobility aids, scooters, services and heaps more – it's FREE and morning tea is included! Thursday 30th May (11am – 2pm) at Whittlesea Community Activity Centre.

Visy Recycling

Buried in cans and bottles from camping over school holiday break? We can help! Over the counter recycling is available Monday, Wednesday and Thursday each week 10am – 3pm and Saturdays from 8am – 4pm. Please note that we are not open on Public Holidays. Got some time on your hands and looking for an easy and regular volunteering role (perhaps to meet your Centrelink obligations). Look no further! Our recycling team is seeking volunteers for regular shifts call 9716 3361 to discuss.

Are you a group or club? Did you know that you can register as a donation partner and receive the 10 cent return on recyclable items as a donation from the community. Go to <https://cdsvic.org.au/donation-partner-registration>

Community Meals

Big Blokes Brunch meet at the Whittlesea Community Activity Centre on Tuesdays! Join the blokes for brunch each week: Tuesdays 11.00am – Noon \$2.00 per person

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

Sadly there will not be a lunch in April due to school holidays and Anzac Day.

Thursday 9th and 23rd May 11.30am – 1.00pm \$2.00 per person

Employable Me

This course is perfect for anyone trying to enter the workforce. Set up your resume, tune up your interview skills and learn how to get noticed on employment sites!

Tuesdays from 23rd April 10.00am – 1.00pm FREE

First Aid (CPR, Provide First Aid & Provide First Aid in an Emergency in an Education & Care Setting) Online learning + face to face Saturday 1st June \$85/\$150/\$195

Mental Health First Aid Returns!

Just like regular first aid, mental health first aid is the assistance given in a crisis. This course will ensure you can identify a crisis or the potential for one and be in a position to provide support to a person until professional help is provided. Perfect for anyone working, volunteering or who has contact regularly with family or friends who are vulnerable

Two Day course – Wednesdays 8th and 15th May 8.30am – 4.30pm \$220/\$120 concession

Op Shop Tours return for 2024

We will be trekking to Op Shops on a monthly basis in 2024 and you can join us. Different route each month! Saturday 8th June 9am – 4.30pm \$15 per person. Also, Saturdays 13th July and 10th August Feel free to bring a snack to share on the Bus there will be a lunch stop,

Fix It Friday RETURNS!

Fix it Friday is back in 2024! 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 Neami National (Mental Health Program), Victoria Police, My Aged Care, No Interest Loan Scheme, Haven Homesafe, Gamblers Help and heaps more! Call 9716 3361 to register in advance, it's FREE Friday 26th April 10am – 1.00pm

We can't wait to see all your smiling faces. A more comprehensive list of what is coming up at the House can be found on our website www.wchi.com.au or you can pick up a brochure from the House or call to book any of the above on 9716 3361. See you soon!

Kilmore Golf Club Inc.



After the coring and the recent heavy rain, the greens are returning to their previous condition and scores for competitions have been quite high.

The first round of the Muller/Butcher was held late March. This was won by Ron Campbell & Cheryle Andersen with Andrea & Mark Boland runners/up. The final round will be Saturday April 13th

All three Pennant teams have had wins and are looking to repeat last years grand slam with all teams in the finals.

The Ladies Pennant competition starts Monday 8th April to be played at Yea against Seymour. We wish the Ladies a successful season.

Woodend held their Annual bowl competition on Thursday April 4th. Our team comprising Helen Clancy, Cheryle Andersen & Jill Banon were the winners with Jill scoring 10 pts.

KGC will be hosting their Annual Bowl event on Thursday 11th April so the course will be closed until 2.30 pm

Helen Dennett & Cheryle Andersen will be competing for the John Ryan Rose Bowl to be held on Wednesday 10th April.

The golf shop is not always attended so if players wish to hire carts please contact the club via phone 57821123 or 0437712973 the day before. Carts will not be hired after 12.30 pm.

For walking players use the Honesty box to make payments \$25 weekdays & \$30 weekends. Alternatively, payment can be made by direct debit (instructions in the box)

The function room is available for hire for community groups by emailing info@kilmoregolfclub.com.au or ph.: 57821123 and leaving a message.

There are membership opportunities at KGC so check our website for a package which suits you. Further enquiries can be made to info@kilmoregolfclub.com.au

WANDONG PUBLIC HALL

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.

The Wandong Public Hall (1902) is a special place and the place to hold your special event. In recent years it has hosted weddings, wedding receptions, Australia Day celebrations, art shows, birthday parties, even funerals. While the Wandong Community Centre is under reconstruction, the Hall even hosted the Wandong Community Carols in 2023. It was so successful many attendees asked for it to be held at the Hall annually but unfortunately the Hall cannot seat more than 100 inside.

Our regular user groups are always keen to have more people come along they are listed below:

- 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.



THE COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF WHITTLESEA INC.
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Whittlesea Probus New Members

The two new members indoctrinated at the April meeting of the Combined Probus Club of Whittlesea pushes our membership toward triple figures. Newly elected President Cheryl conducted her first swearing-in ceremony.

The two ladies Cheryl Parkes and Jennifer Phillips both have interesting backgrounds and live at Doreen. Other members also reside at Doreen, Wollert, Eden Park, Kinglake and Mernda which are in the Whittlesea feeder basin.

Jennifer Phillips enjoys swimming, singing in a choir and being with family.

Cheryl Parkes enjoys line dancing, singing and hydro exercise.

Both have an interest in singing and water based activities and each has an interesting life story to tell! Should an occasion present we may ask them to sing and dance!

Jennifer, as a baby was sent to an orphanage but became part of a loving family that even accepted the life changing disease she contracted. In her words "I have had a lovely life with them, which is why I am the person I am today". Both her childhood and another family home have been demolished and child care centres built which pleases her.

Cheryl a retired nurse, ticks many boxes of the special interest groups of the Club and is looking forward to becoming involved in activities including our short and long trips. She is a widow with two children whom she classes as "both doing well".

Probus is open to retired or semi-retired community members and has a motto "Fun and Friendship"



Left Cheryl, Right Jenny, Centre President Cheryl

THREE BRUSHES STUDIO

What a treat for the students who attended Sharon Delaney's art classes at Wandong during the school holidays.



Sharon Delaney is the owner of Three Brushes Studio and the number of her students has outgrown the size of her current studio. Sharon wants the studio to remain in Wandong and would welcome any assistance of a larger studio.



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