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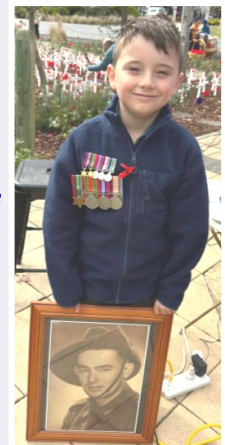
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ANZAC DAY AT WANDONG

ANZAC day commemorations at Wandong continues to draw big crowds with over 250 in attendance this year. The Australian Service in East Timor (1999 - 2013) was a special commemoration and the individual tribute was for local soldier Private Charles William Dau (1885 - 1918). The Master of Ceremonies was Geoff Woodman and he was supported by Lauren Kathage, Member for Yan Yean and Wandong Primary School captains - Deegan Fearn, Hollie Tolevski, Zara Delany, Sebastian Delovski and Poppy Tempini. Local youngster Reeve Yates pictured right proudly displayed his family’s medals. Many thanks to Karen Christensen, the Wandong History Group, Clonbinane CFA and the volunteers who make the event so successful every year. See more page 18.



It is with great sadness that the Wandong Heathcote Junction community has lost two more of our great personalities with the passing of Mr John Elliott (owner of the Australiana) and Mr John Lambart (Wandong tennis and coach for 40 years). They will be remembered for their huge contribution to the history of our town and they will be greatly missed. We pass on our sincere condolences to their families and friends. R.I.P.

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Wandong - Heathcote Junction - why would you live anywhere else. Until June 2024, Allen Hall (editor)
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WANDONG TENNIS CLUB

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



Information is posted on our
Facebook page.

www.facebook.com/wandongtennis

April was a sad month for our club as we said goodbye to one of our Life Members John Lambart.

John was coach at Wandong for 40 years. Many of you would have known John.

John is pictured here when a court was named after him.

RIP John. We will all miss you



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Membership enquiries membership.upmclg@gmail.com or Chris Cobern 0413855490



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ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS

16 May Brian & Rose Dove W
17 May Neil & Chris Douthwaite HJ
17 May Norman and Anne Rose K
24 May Ian & Sue Marstaeller HJ

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COMMUNITY WEBSITES

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www.upperplenty.com

Mitchell Bushwalking Group

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Mary 0428 479 469
or Wayne 0451 519 734
or email
mitchellwalksgroup@gmail.com

for more information

Mitchell Photography Club Inc

Visit our website
(www.mitchellphoto.org)
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meets third Wednesday of
the month
(except January) at 7:30pm

Broadford Community Centre

Contact Sarah 0438 847 577
for more information.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

We wish the following
people a very happy
birthday

15 May	Erin Gough	HJ
15 May	Ian Jarvie	Dromana
17 May	Jacqui Candy	W
17 May	Aiden Bartolo	UP
17 May	Daniel Kirwan	W'sea
18 May	Ian Flannery	W
19 May	Lewis Coter	W
19 May	Mathias Kelly	HJ
21 May	Oscar Spadafora	KE
20 May	Carol Jarvie	Dromana
23 May	Julie Milton	W
23 May	Dylan Woods	K
23 May	Jerry Vallenge	W
24 May	Mitchell Seeley	HJ
25 May	Luke MacDonald	W
26 May	Claire Rayner	Wallan
26 May	Graeme McSolvin	W
27 May	Alex MacDonald	W
29 May	Kym Champion	HJ
29 May	Debbie Hastie	K
29 May	Ken Jackson	HJ
30 May	Amira Hall	B
1 Jun	Pauline Candy	W
1 Jun	Pat Awad	W
2 Jun	Nadia Amoroso	HJ
3 Jun	Maureen Buggy	HJ
4 Jun	Tyler Dennehy	HJ
6 Jun	Roger Flannery	W
6 Jun	Karen Hobson	HJ
7 Jun	Missy Sannweld	HJ
8 Jun	Casey Seeley	HJ
8 Jun	Matthew Day	UP
8 Jun	Billy James Flannery	W
9 Jun	John McCarthy	HJ
9 Jun	Sandra Bartolo	UP
12 Jun	Scott Sannweld	HJ
13 Jun	Heather Waldie	W
13 Jun	Terri Burns	HJ
13 Jun	Kate Smith	W



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Vicar: Rev Ruwan Palapathwala 9014 0696

• **Web Site:** www.christchurchwhittlesea.org

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• **Sunday Services:** 10.15am. Incl kids program

• **Services to the Community:**

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Pastor Allan Laurens 5787 1020

Or David Moran 5787 1738

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All Welcome. Love to see you there

Have you stolen anything from Bunnings?

A person who used to work with me overheard me say that I was calling in to get something at Bunnings on my way home, they said, "Do you pay for things at Bunnings"? Taken by surprise, I was lost for words! (Not a common occurrence for me) This person, a great worker and one for whom I greatly respected, went on to say that her father never pays for anything that he can conceal! He says they are a large firm and cater for (shrinkage).

This conversation reminded me of a recent incident at Aldi's Broadmeadows. There I was shopping at the meat counter when a chap in overalls and a black and white cap almost elbowed me out of the way and proceeded to fill his personal shopping bag with pre-packaged eye-fillet-beef trays. He took about seven or eight containers and I thought he must be having some sort of a flash bar-b-que!

Curious, I watched as he walked quite quickly around the aisles, not like most in Aldi's shoppers who just browse, he headed over to the entrance gates which in the Broadmeadows store just automatically swing in as you enter, he waited until someone entered and just walked out! I went to the check-out girl and asked if anyone had purchased a big order of meat and told her what I had seen. The cashier said that the store security had to be extremely careful to intercept a suspect on the street and would notify the police of the incident! Obviously, the thief had a market for the goods and knew where to dispose of them quickly.

Theft (taking goods or services without payment) is dramatically on the increase, it could be for survival, for thrills, or habitual reasons. It needs to be stated that stealing is wrong according to the law, society's expectations and it is frowned on in no uncertain terms in the Bible, 'thou shall not steal', that doesn't mention Bunnings or Aldis specifically, but you can bet they are included. However, listen to this! while Mr black and white cap is tucking into the eye-fillet that he kept for himself, God has already forgiven him for breaking His commandment!

He said that if we admit to our wrongful acts. He will faithfully forgive us and clean our records and remember our sin no more. That to me is a pretty fair offer. That, before we even admit to our failing, God has forgiven our rejection of Him, all that we need to do to be totally freed and our minds cleared from guilt is to ask for His forgiveness! Amazing!

He promised to remove our wrongdoing as far as the east is from the west (that's a fair distance) Need more assurance, have a look at 1 John v 9.

A.G. (enquirer)

(PS) Just in case you haven't had time to look it up yet, the verse says-

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness!

WANDONG-HEATHCOTE JUNCTION COMMUNITY GROUP

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



WEBSITE: In April the <www.wandong.vic.au> website received 1544 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 WHJCG tries very hard to keep Wandong Heathcote Junction rubbish free but feels as though we are losing the battle. Last week we took another 18 bags of roadside rubbish to the Wallan transfer station. We can only appeal to residents to take their rubbish home but it is hard to restrain those who pass through Wandong. We have asked VicRoads what is being done to remove the tyre dumps all over the Shire but no response to date. Dumping is a huge problem for our environment and we need us all and the authorities to do more to curb it.





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GARDEN SCENE WITH GAIL

May already, our last month of Autumn but still so good for planting. The ground is softer for digging, the weeds are easier to pull out and this weather is so good to work in. If you still have potted plants that need to go into the ground, get that done sooner than later so they are settled ready for a good soaking in Winter. Autumn / Winter flowering Camelias will benefit from a liquid fertilise every one or two weeks to push more flower growth and maintain a healthy plant and then when they finish flowering, tip prune them to encourage a bushier plant. They are such tough plants, basically disease resistant with a variety of colours that are amazing, and they are so adaptable for hedging, topiary, specimen planting, potted up, massed planted and much more. Some established plants may throw down seed pods that will take root and up comes a new addition to your garden. Daphnes are getting ready for their Winter display, their buds are nearly ready to burst into flower and delight us with beautiful perfume. Liquid fertilise them every one or two weeks leading up to their flowering season and right through until they finish. On completion of their flowering period and just as they are pushing new growth take some cuttings either from the plant or the little bouquets that you may have taken inside to enjoy the perfume. Another method is peg layering. With a sharp knife or blade, cut halfway through a low-lying branch at a node and wrap it in peat moss, then peg it into the ground firmly using a tent peg, 'y' shaped stick, strong peg, or anything that will hold it in the soil. You can also peg the branch down into a pot for it to take root. Once you're confident that the end of the branch is thriving on its own, without the parent plant, you can cut it from the main plant, close to the peat moss wrap (main plant side). This is also a great month to ensure our plants are ready to absorb all the moisture, hopefully Winter will provide. Aerate around the base of plants lightly so as not to damage any shallow roots, top dress with well-rotted cow manure and gypsum if your soil is a bit clayey. The more moisture the plant can access the better it will grow and stay healthy. Ensuring a plants ability to absorb moisture and not become hydrophobic and less stressed is so beneficial to the growth and longevity. If you are still wanting to trim up hedges, try to get that done this month before the frosty season starts. When plants are pruned, they put on new growth and new growth can be burnt by frost. May is a great time to check out if you have any plants, particularly in pots, that will be damaged by the chill of Winter. If possible, bring them under the cover of a verandah, carport, or a structure that will assist in protecting them from frost. If that isn't possible, pop them under the protection of an evergreen plant or close to a North facing wall, with some protection. As the weather gets colder it's a great time to check out other areas of the garden that may require attention, such as an old path that needs rejuvenating, or a walkway that could do with revamping perhaps with an arbour or paving and maybe a seat at the far end, enticing you to sit and enjoy. Curved garden beds, hedges, established trees and paths create interest, leading from one garden area or room to another. Garden rooms are fantastic, and each one can be as individual as you are. You may consider a cottage garden room, a formal garden room, a Japanese garden room, a children's garden room, a vegetable garden room. Each one a different theme but under the one banner, 'your garden'. Remove any debris from your garden which will reduce habitats for unwanted nasties such as mice, rats, spiders, snakes and rabbits. Moving things now will reduce the risk of moving them when the nasties are active but take care what might be hibernating under that piece of metal, etc. Good quality gardening gloves are an essential part of your gardening attire, it's that extra layer that biting and stinging things need to penetrate before you get hurt and if anyone has ever been bitten by a bull ant, it's not pleasant. May is also a good time to prune fruit trees. This is done to reshape and keep the plant open in its growth to allow light into the centre of the plant. Take out branches that are growing inwards and always cut on an angle just above a healthy node, keeping in mind that the way the node is facing or pointing is where the new branch will grow. Get rid of branches crossing over other branches and any unhealthy, split branches. Always keep around the base of fruit trees clean, free from weeds, or any debris to avoid unwanted pests such as Pear and Cherry slug, they love to 'overwinter' at the base of our trees and emerge in Spring as clear coloured slugs. They climb the trees and as they reach maturity they darken in colour and skeletonise the leaves by sucking the goodness out of them. This won't kill the plant, but it can weaken it because less green leaves results in less ability for the plant to photosynthesize. Some people apply a gel around the lower part of the trunk to deter these slug type pests reaching the leafy part of the plant. If you don't notice these pests until the warmer months, you may need to use a systemic spray that will be ingested by the slug.



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

Gail Mains Kendrick (your local real estate agent)





A careless burn-off could be burning money

As fire restrictions ease around the state, EPA Victoria is warning landholders that what they toss into the flames while burning off this autumn could be costly for the environment and their hip pocket.

EPA Northeast Regional Manager, Ben Kneebone, says many waste items create toxic smoke and residue as they burn.

“Burning farm waste like silage wrap, old tyres and chemical drums sends smoke and other residue into the atmosphere, waterways and soil,” Mr Kneebone said.

“Don’t let a routine burnoff turn into something that contaminates your land or neighbouring properties; send any waste to an appropriately permitted facility,” he said.

There’s a handy publication dealing with waste disposal and recycling on the EPA website at epa.vic.gov.au/about-epa/publications/iwrg641-1

If you are burning fallen trees or other natural wood, make sure they are as dry as possible to limit the volume of smoke, and farmers should make sure they have any relevant council or CFA permits.

Timber from buildings, furniture or other manufactured products is not safe to burn because it has probably been chemically treated and would be considered waste.

EPA can fine offenders more than \$9,000 for burning anything other than vegetation-sourced matter like timber and crop stubble.

“Farmers understand how important a clean environment is to their livelihood and their community,” Mr Kneebone said.

“By thinking twice about what goes onto the pile when burning off, you can protect the environment from contamination of the soil, water and air around your farm and your neighbours,” he said.

“You can also protect yourself from a hefty fine, which EPA would consider if we **find** evidence on illegal matter getting burned.”

Members of the public can report pollution by calling EPA’s 24-hour hotline on 1300 372 842 or providing details online at epa.vic.gov.au/report-pollution/reporting-pollution



Hiking, fishing, camping and dumping stuff in the bush

With autumn here, Victorians are going bush to enjoy the environment, but EPA Victoria says some people are just using it as a dumping spot for their rubbish: plastic bags, car boot loads and even industrial skip bins full of it.

EPA is asking every Victorian who loves the bush to store the EPA hotline number 1300 EPA VIC (1300 372 842) in their mobile phone and report any dumped rubbish they find.

EPA’s Northeast Regional Manager Ben Kneebone says anyone camping, mountain biking, hiking or just having a barbecue in the bush can do their bit for the environment.

“Give us a prompt report and an accurate location of the dump site, and you are giving EPA a better chance of tracking down the culprit and making them pay the price,” Mr Kneebone said.

“Taking a photo can help, too. With these simple measures, you can make sure your favourite spot in the bush doesn’t turn into a stinking, illegal tip,” he said.

Loads of waste dumped in the bush often include construction and demolition waste, hazardous materials like asbestos and rotting household rubbish.

Cleaning up abandoned waste costs the State Government and local Councils millions of dollars every year, and many of EPA’s prosecutions in court are for illegal waste dumping.

EPA can issue regulatory notices and fines that start at more than \$9,000 and can go well into the hundreds of thousands if the case goes to court. The court can also order the culprit to pay for the clean-up, which can cost even more than the fines. And cases involving small items of litter can be reported to your local council.

“Illegal dumping creates an eyesore and can contaminate the soil and nearby waterways, and if the culprits get away with it, the cost of the clean-up is too often left to the community or landholders,” Mr Kneebone said.

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You can also report small amounts or scattered litter to your local council.

WANDONG NETBALL CLUB



SEASON 2024

Our season started on the 20th of April with 4 out of our 5 teams taking to the courts.

Our 15's side had to wait another week due to a bye, but were looking forward to starting fresh the week after.

Our Under 9s and 11s played away at Broadford with the sun shining.

The U9's played a great game, for many it was their first ever match. Their faces said it all as the nerves and excitement blurred into one.

The U11's had a tough first game finding their feet moving up from U9s. By the end of the game, it was all flowing nicely, a great sign of things to come.

The U13s started the season with a friendly game of Wandong White vs Wandong Green. The game was fast paced and evenly matched right through to the final quarter, where White stepped up a notch taking home the win.

Congratulations to all our players – new and returning on a great start to the season.

MERCHANDISE

This year we have introduced new items into our catalogue of Merchandise.

It has been great to see the Green and White both on and off court the past few weeks.

Families and supporters alike, can now proudly show their support by purchasing and wearing our team gear for the season.

Anyone wanting to order jumpers, beanies or t-shirts can pop down to training or game days to try on sizes and purchase your merch.

SPONSORS WELCOME

We are looking forward to introducing our sponsors to you over the coming months.

Sponsors for our club come in many forms, big business, small business and even family contributions.

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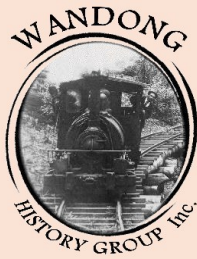


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Ever wondered about Pretty Sally? Was she a real person, who was she, what is her story. Come along to hear Guest Speaker – Graham Thoms as he reveals an intriguing story about Pretty Sally and the treacherous hill that was named after her.



This event, presented by the Wandong History Group will be held at the Wandong Public Hall on Thursday, 30th May at 7.00pm.

Admission \$5.00 Light Supper provided.

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Wandong Primary School



CYBER SAFETY

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

DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS OPPORTUNITY

Susan is Australia's foremost expert in the area of cyber safety and was a member of Victoria Police for 27 years. Widely known as the 'cyber cop' she was the first Victoria Police Officer appointed to a position involving cyber safety and young people. In 2003 she was the Victoria Police Region Four Youth Officer of the Year. She has also been awarded The National Medal and the Victoria Police Service Medal and 2nd Clasp, and the National Police Medal. <https://www.cybersafetysolutions.com.au/>

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

Walk to School

On Friday 10th May the school participated in Walk to School Day. On this day students are encouraged to walk to school. For those who live too far away to do so were dropped off and walked from the Wandong Fire Station. Available staff positioned themselves along the stretch between 8.30 and 8.45am to cheer and encourage students along.

IMPORTANT DATES IN MAY

Wednesday 15th Susan Mclean Cybersafety Staff & Parent Session 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Friday 17th Education Week - Science Fair - All Day

Friday 17th Working Bee - 1/2T, 3/4E & 3/4M 2.30pm - 3.30pm Parents welcome

Friday 24th Second Hand Uniform Sale - 3pm - 3.45pm \$5 per item - Cash only

WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL WARRIORS WIN DOUBLE FLAGS AT THE MITCHELL DISTRICT FOOTBALL PREMIERSHIP

Congratulations to the boys team which went undefeated all day and congratulations of the girls team which created history as the first ever Mitchell District Girls Premiers. Both teams will now play in the Whittlesea Division AFL finals.



Lauren Kathage MP

Labor Member for Yan Yean

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



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Wandong Fire Brigade

Mother's Day Photo Shoot

We recently got together with the gorgeous and ever-generous Narrelle from North Mountain Studio for a photo session celebrating Mothers in the brigade. It started formally, but predictably due to working with kids and firefighters ended in mayhem and laughter. We will be displaying the photos on Facebook in the coming weeks. Big thanks to Narrelle for your support and amazing skills.



Wandong Fire Brigade Trivia Night is Back See advertisement Page 12

Wandong Fire Brigade together with the Safer Together program have planned a Trivia Night to warm up your Winter. We have sourced The Melbourne Trivia Company, we have games lined up and a mega raffle prize will be on offer. The trivia night will be on Saturday 1st June from 7pm at the Wandong Primary School Hall. Tickets are \$20 per person, with tables of 10 available. Bookings can be made by emailing wandong.fb@cfa.vic.gov.au. Don't miss out, there are limited tables available.



Burning Off

Mitchell Shire Council allows burning off in town areas on Wednesdays and Saturdays between 10am and 3pm.

You must register your burn-off by calling the CFA Burn Off Line on 1800 668 511 or via the website <https://firepermits.vic.gov.au>



Wandong Fire Brigade Juniors

The Wandong Fire Brigade juniors recently held their elections with Jenson being voted in as Captain, and Charlotte as Lieutenant. The juniors were proud to represent the Brigade at the Wandong ANZAC day ceremony and lay a wreath.

CLONBINANE C.F.A.



ANZAC Day

Last month members from Clonbinane CFA participated in the ANZAC Day ceremony at Wandong.

On ANZAC Day and every day we remember the sacrifice made by the men and women of the Australian Defence Force.

We thank those that have served and those that are currently serving.

Lest we forget.



Burning Off

Now that fire restrictions have been lifted in the Mitchell Shire we ask members of the community to be mindful when planning a burn off.

- Check and monitor weather conditions – particularly wind
- Always register your burn on 1800 668 511 or online at firepermits.vic.gov.au

With the absence of rain burn offs can quickly get out of control if not monitored.

Please remember to:

- 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

And if for any reason your burn off does get out of control

- Call '000' immediately

Wood Fire Heaters

Now that the weather has changed, we are starting to rely more on our wood fires for heating. Here are some tips to keep in mind when using your woodfire.

- Ensure that your chimney has been cleaned
- Use protective gates/guards around your fire to keep children safe
- Keep an eye on your children when they are near the fire
- When drying clothes near the fire-place, please ensure that the drying rack is at least 1 metre away from the fire
- Use dry firewood as green wood can cause a build-up of creosote which can result in chimney fires





Stop kidding yourself. If you drink, don't drive.

Thinking about driving after a couple of drinks? Think again.
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including fines, losing your licence, getting an interlock installed
in your car and having to blow zero for three years.



WANDONG HISTORY GROUP



What a wonderful day we had for ANZAC Day, a huge crowd attended and the weather was kind to us. This event is getting bigger each year, and next year will be our tenth anniversary. hasn't that gone fast.

It was great to be able to host the members of the Dau family prior to the event. We took Charles Dau's great grandson and children on a visit to Heather Farm, the home of their ancestors, then on a tour of the church and we then pointed out the family homes that various Dau family members lived in. Topped off by the ANZAC Day service where our featured soldier was Charles Dau. The family was very moved and appreciated the efforts we went to, to ensure their visit was packed full of family connections.

We also need to thank all those who helped with the service, Geff Woodman for carrying out the duties of MC, the school captains who read most of the service out and did an excellent job, and all those who helped with the set up and pack up after the event.

On a sadder note, we have recently lost two Wandong icons, John Lambert, who most will know from his long association with the tennis club and the many hours he spent coaching and looking after the courts, and John Elliot who established the Australiana caravan park and restaurant, both wonderful Wandong people who will be sadly missed, and our condolences go to the families of these fine Wandong men.

In May we are running an event at the Wandong Hall. Graham Thom from the Kilmore Historical Society will be giving a talk on Pretty Sally, see the ad in this edition for more information. It promises to be a good night so don't miss it.

Stay safe everyone, Karen.

ANZAC DAY AT WANDONG



ANZAC DAY AT WANDONG



DRY CREEK-WOODY WEED ACTIVITY



Join the Upper Plenty Merri Catchments Landcare Group for a working bee to remove woody weeds from along Dry Creek.

When: Wednesday 22nd May

Time: 10.30 to 12.30

This is the first activity of a series of working bees to restore native vegetation and wildlife habitat along Dry Creek in Upper Plenty in preparation of a National Tree Day planting day in July.

Where: Dry Creek Reserve

Meet: Near the start of Mahadys Road Upper Plenty

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/F34fyEFccjcQXBMo6>

- Wear suitable clothing and sturdy footwear.
- Attendees will receive a free weed control dabber bottle.

To register contact Landcare Coordinator Chris Cobern on 0413 855 490 or email chriscobern@mcmc.org.au



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WANDONG JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB





Our Town's Football Club

Jumper presentation, naming of Captains and Teams kicked off our season. A big thankyou to Salv and **Bertocci Smallgoods** for supply of hot dogs to finish off the night and send the young warriors home with full bellies.

We have started the season strong with wins in our U12's and U14's

Plenty of excitement around the club with all age groups raring and ready to get back into the season proper. Good weather has graced us thus far, although winter is just around the corner.

New sponsorship signs have been installed around the ground and on the scoreboard. A new siren is on the way and will be blaring before too long.

Our canteen has moved into the larger kitchen of the Memorial Stadium. We have had a new bain marie and cake display fridge installed thanks to the ongoing generosity of one of our major sponsors **Bendigo Bank**. Thankyou for your ongoing support of our club and providing our volunteers much needed equipment to cater for the hungry players and supporters.



UPCOMING GAMES

<p>Round 4 Sunday 5 May Broadford v Wandong Harley Hammond Reserve</p>	<p>Round 5 Sunday 19 May BYE For Wandong</p>
<p>Round 6 Sunday 26 May Alexandra v Wandong Alexandra Showgrounds</p>	<p>Round 7 Sunday 2 June Wandong v St Mary's LB Davern Reserve Wandong</p>

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

 Wandong Junior Football Club

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





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 in full swing heading into round 4 in the 2024 season. Watch out for them and please support our Junior Clubs.

Auskick is on a Wednesday night at 5.00pm under lights, and membership is at over 40.

Tennis continues with their ever increasing membership with Tuesday and Thursday nights. There will be a short break before recommencing the winter season of competition in juniors and afternoon comps.

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.

The L.B.Davern is full of life with our community supporting their groups and other activities enjoyed by those who participate.

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

Continued developments at the Reserve will complement our sport groups and community. We are very lucky to have a Reserve that has character and bush ambiance 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 an \$800,000+ project.

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



Community Centre 2003

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



Future Meeting Room at the Community Centre: April 2004

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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



L.B.Davern Reserve- We have come a long way to have a facility that we all can be proud of. A different perspective from above - 2023



Roadway to the Stadium 2003

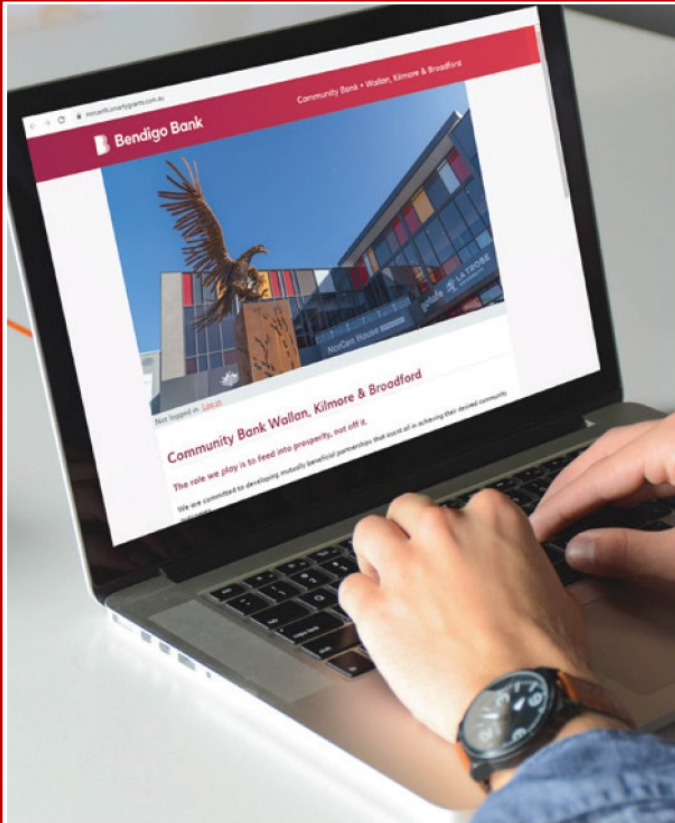


Pre Sports Pavilion Site 2004 The Wandong/Wallan Lions Club built the Public Toilets for the Community



During Covid, Spoonville was created by our little ones of the community. If anyone knows who started the Village please contact the Reserve's contact below as it would be good to revitalize this Village for the little ones to continue, as it is deteriorating and needs a little love.

**Rob Telfer, President, Davern Reserve Committee
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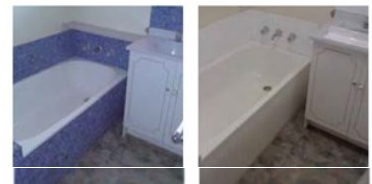
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On the road to nowhere

The autumn excursion of the Combined Probus Club of Whittlesea was scheduled to take in the excitement of the Opal Mining town of White Cliffs NSW. The town itself is often stated as being nowhere! It is actually somewhere but a fair distance from anywhere!

To soften the culture shock and relate the famous tyranny of distance the first day's travel was the five hundred kilometers to Mildura to the overnights accommodation at the Inlander Resort. On the way we passed the world's smallest mountain Mt Wycheproof. Next day in search of nowhere the tourist party ventured into Mungo National Park which although a shorter travel distance took up the whole day.

The Willandra Lakes Region World Heritage Area covers 2,400 square kilometres and takes in all 19 lakes of the Willandra Lakes system. It includes much of Mungo National Park and a larger area of leasehold grazing country. Scientists have discovered artefacts dating back over 50,000 years across the expanses of the last ice age. This makes Mungo one of the oldest places outside of Africa to have been occupied by modern humans since ancient times. In 1974, after some heavy rain, geologist Jim Bowler spotted something he hadn't seen before—the gleam of a white object poking out of the soil. When he looked closer he realised it was a human cranium. Further investigation revealed the almost complete skeleton of an adult male. Best advice today by the scientists is that the skeletal remains 40 thousand years old. Our members were given an extensive cultural background by the folks who conduct the Aboriginal Discovery Tours. Part of the day was outdoor hiking to visit cultural and geological significant parts of the park. Each will have taken their own counsel on the information gleaned and as the sun was dropping low they returned to the resort for a meal and sleep.

Hale and hearty and well breakfasted we headed again into NSW and on our way to nowhere. To make the destination a fuel-stop at Wilcannia on the Darling River gave an insight into the Australia that was, and is unlikely again. The town was the third largest inland port in the country during the river boat era of the mid-19th century. Today it is sparsely populated with the percentage of aboriginals around three quarters. Some small industries and community activities keep the town afloat. Included are a friendly supermarket and a professional pharmacist! Finally we arrived at White Cliffs and were allocated accommodation and soon tucked into our selected meals.

Next morning a visit to the Red Earth Opal Gallery and Café was an eye opener. It is run by owner Graeme and family. The area was widespread and of first class standard, with a large amount of Opals and other Gifts for sale. Following shopping and coffee break Graeme took us on a tour of his large underground mine. His experience of three decades was evident. His enthusiasm searching for Opal shone through and his passion for finding Opal pineapple clusters in particular was a highlight.

After that extensive underground visit, another Guide, Rob, boarded our coach as we travelled around the district of White Cliffs pointing out a variety of places of significance. Rob gave us an insight as to how many residents have burrowed into the white cliffs and made their home. Inside the temperature remains a constant low 20 degrees all year round as opposed to double that outside. [In 1939 51.5C was recorded]. It was interesting to learn that White Cliffs NSW is the site of Australia's first Solar Power Station, built in 1981, upgraded in 1996, but closed in 2005!

Day five we loaded up and took one of the several roads to lead from nowhere to somewhere. We took the one back to Wilcannia and onto Ivanhoe for luncheon. Our presence caused several tradies that had stopped for luncheon to give it a miss and move on. Many of us were assisted by a young aboriginal girl with the coffee machine. [She was actual a customer but wanted to help]. Mid-afternoon we arrived at Hay where our accommodation waited, but had to wait until folks had a wander around the town centre. Some eighty kilometres back we passed by a small town made famous by Banjo Patterson in his poem Hay and Hell and Booligal. Banjo predicted us in the lines: - You never see a stranger's face; They hardly ever care to call;

After breakfast and all but one passenger taking all their possessions we went down town for group photographs and then to visit Bishops Lodge. This building was constructed in 1889 as the residence of the bishop of the Riverina. In 1985 the Hay Council purchased the property and it is now an interesting tourist attraction, as is the attached Rose Garden which has 500 varieties. We rolled along through the southern Riverina and made it across the Murry River to Echuca for luncheon at the Workers Club. From there it was an express trip home to Whittlesea and each to his own!

Our arrival at White Cliffs meant close to doubling the population. Major tourist companies expect bigger contingents so will not have the town as a destination. It is groups like Probus that can organise smaller numbers and perhaps make a visit to nowhere! Written by : Michael Halley



Neighbourhood Watch

Let's watch out for each other

South Mitchell

Driving Safely in the Wet



Driving on wet roads is different to driving on dry roads. The conditions vary from slippery roads, heavy downpours to light or heavy spray from passing trucks on the freeway.

Taking some precautions could save your life. Driving in heavy rain tips:

- Slow down: tyres will have better traction & contact with the road & increase your distance from other cars significantly;

- Stay vigilant of other drivers and dangers in your surroundings. Anticipate dangerous situations rather than waiting to react to them. Always drive with two hands to stay in control;
- Use your headlights to increase visibility and use air-conditioning to prevent the windscreen from misting up;
- Drive in another vehicle's tracks. This makes it easier for the tyres to handle the water and see what's up ahead;
- If someone around you is driving dangerously (cutting in & out of traffic or driving close to your tail), let them pass. It's better to have them in front of you than behind;
- When turning, brake in a straight line before you get to the turn. Maintain a constant speed through the turn. Do not brake during the turn as this can make you slip; and
- **DON'T USE YOUR CRUISE CONTROL** – this will keep accelerating if you start aquaplaning;
- If you hit water and start to aquaplane, take your foot off the accelerator. **DO NOT BRAKE**; and
- **PULL OVER IF IT'S REALLY BAD** and wait for the rain to slow down.

Driving on wet roads can be just as treacherous as is the risk of accidents. Our tips could help you stay alive:

- Be conscious of spray from other vehicles, especially large trucks. This could temporarily reduce your visibility;
- **DON'T DRIVE THROUGH FLOOD WATER**;
- Drive in the middle lane if possible. Water tends to pool near the edge of the road;
- Be considerate of your own spray and avoid driving fast through puddles near pedestrians or cyclists; and
- **DON'T** set off with adequate fuel or a charged mobile. If delayed, these things might be very useful.

Vital Car Maintenance

Here are some ways to help keep your car running smoothly:

- Inspect your tyres regularly, ensuring you have the proper amount of tread, a minimum depth of 3mm, and tyre pressure as per the manufacturer's specifications;
- Check your oil, water, and coolant each month;
- Test your lights for loose connections or burnt out bulbs; and
- Inspect your wiper blades for wear & tear.

Basic maintenance may prevent your car from breaking down on the road and also may prevent an accident.

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The first Members Morning Tea for the year will be held at the JJ Clancy Facility on Friday May 17th at 10am. Members are welcome to attend and enjoy a Singalong with the Ukulele Class. We will also be holding a "Memories of Sport" Competition; bring or wear something special from your sporting career. There will be prizes for Medals, Badges, Blazers Hats and other memorabilia. You are welcome to bring a plate to share.

The Recorder Group have settled in to their new space within the JJ Clancy Centre and find that the large space does have good acoustics, which is a bonus. We have retained our players from last year plus welcome a new addition to the group. We have added a few good arrangements to our library thanks to Committee funding, which we hope to showcase later in the year either as a recital or as part of a concert. No dates are confirmed as yet but we aim for around September /October. Keep an eye on the Newsletter for further information

Expressions of interest are being called for a new class to be held on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, from 1 to 2.30 pm. If the interest is there the 1st class could commence in May. This class will help you understand Windows and Office on your laptop. The class will start slowly and build your confidence in using these programs. It will be informal but structured to start with. Initially we will start with Windows and later can advance to Apple Mac and other platforms as the need arises.

The garden group remain very active and in March, visited a beautiful country garden in Broadford. It had lots of nooks and crannies, a great vegetable garden and lots of chooks. The lucky attendees went home loaded with cuttings and plants. Exposure to nature through gardens and gardening activities can positively affect mood, lower blood pressure and slow heart rate, so come on all you gardeners out there, join U3A and also enjoy the social benefits of the garden group.

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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Hello Readers,

I'd like to introduce you to our U3A at Wallan.

We are into our 11th year since our humble beginnings in 2013, having celebrated our 10th anniversary in March last year with a deliciously catered lunch for all our members.

We have approx 70 members, still small by comparison with other U3A groups, however we offer a wide range of activities and classes covering aspects of both mind and body. For example, we have an expert Pilates teacher who adapts the classes to suit our mature age group and also a participant's individual needs as required.

Also, once a month we enjoy a popular Trivia session which tests our general & music knowledge.

Once a month, we also have a luncheon at a different location and cuisine, we frequently have guest speakers from different areas of expertise who share their knowledge with us.

We generally have 2 promotions a year at our local shopping centre where we showcase, discuss and invite age appropriate members of the community to give us a try.

All our members are volunteers and as such, we work together to provide an interesting, happy and safe learning space.

Our ultimate goal is to embrace new and current members by making them always feel welcome, needed and comfortable, so that they can enjoy our classes, outings and activities.

Please feel free to check out our website at: <https://u3awallan.org.au> for further details.

We hope we see you soon

John Lanphier
President - U3A Wallan Inc.

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THIS MONTHS QUIZ

Answer appears on Page 30 but no cheating!

1. What is the capital of India?
2. What is the deadliest insect in the world?
3. How many colours are in a bag of M&Ms?
4. What is the largest island in the Mediterranean Sea?
5. How many stripes does Adidas have in its logo?
6. Which country has the most number of vegetarian citizens?
7. Which Beatles' single was No. 1 the longest?
8. And what is the meaning of 'Hakuna Matata'?
9. How many stars are on the United States flag?
10. Which fast food restaurant has the most branches in the world?
11. What colour is the sunset on Mars?
12. Which bird has the largest wingspan?
13. What is the oldest soft drink in America?
14. How many years are there in a millennium?

Kilmore/Wallan RSL Sub Branch

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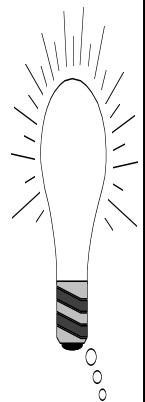
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Many carers find that they go through different ‘stages’ during their caring role. It’s useful to understand that these stages are normal, and you can get help at every stage. It’s also useful to realise that you may go through some stages several times. Every caring situation is different.

Noticing changes

You may start your caring role by noticing something wrong with someone close to you. The changes may be physical or mental. You may notice changes happening quickly or over a long time. It might take some time to find out what’s wrong. If you are at this stage, you can:

- talk with family and friends about what you have noticed
- talk with your doctor about what you have noticed
- look for information online about symptoms and possible diagnoses

Confirmation

You may start your caring role when you receive a diagnosis from a health professional. You may need to make decisions about treatment and care. It’s a good idea to find out as much as you can about the condition and what you can expect. If you are at this stage, you can:

- talk with your doctor about what you can expect and what treatment they recommend
- talk with family and friends and start planning care
- look for information online about the condition and possible treatments

Surviving

Once you know about the condition of the person you care for, you start a routine of treatment and care. You work out what they need in health care and personal care, and you contact health professionals who might help you.

If you are at this stage, you can:

- talk with Carer Gateway about what support you can get (call 1800 422 737 Monday to Friday between 8am and 5pm)
- talk with your doctor or other health professionals about equipment or strategies that might help you
- talk with other carers who care for people with the same or similar conditions (you can join our [online carer forum](#))

Managing

At this stage, you have set up a routine and organised some of the support you need. This stage can be stable, but you can also experience emergencies that take you back to the Surviving stage. If you are at this stage, you can:

- make an emergency care plan
- find out what other help you can get at home or in the community
- explore ways to manage your stress

Thriving

At this stage, you have not only established routines for the person you care for, but know how to handle emergencies and have ongoing ways to care for yourself and manage your stress. If you are at this stage, you can:

- take a break and get help when you need it
- have time for yourself and for your other family and friends
- return to work or study

Life after caring

At some stage, your caring role may come to an end – either when the person you care for recovers, when they die, or when they leave your care and other people take over the caring role. You may need to deal with grief, and will need to plan for your life after caring. If you are at this stage, you can:

- get personal or grief counselling
- talk with other carers who may have experienced the end of care
- join community groups

For more information and support, please reach out to the team at the Carer Gateway by calling 1800 422 737 or heading to the website <https://www.carergateway.gov.au/>

Until next time,
Jason

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Weather Report - Heathcote Junction/Wandong April 2024

The temperatures for the month were much cooler than previous months, averages were in the mid-teens. There were no major events for the month other than a fierce storm on the 1st April which resulted in the recording of 96.5 mls of rain for that 24 hours. The remainder of the rainfall of 30.5 mls was recorded over the rest of the month.

No doubt the heavy influx of water into our supply dam, Sunday Creek contributed to the recording of 92 % on the 22nd April. This helps ensure future supplies in the coming months.

Stats - Rainfall

April 2024	-	127 mls
Previous year	-	75 mls
Average prev 10 years	-	64 mls
Total this year	-	325.5 mls
Total prev year	-	172 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. New Delhi
2. Mosquito
3. Six
4. Sicily
5. Three
6. India
7. Hey Jude
8. No worries
9. Fifty
10. Subway
11. Blue
12. Albatross
13. Dr. Pepper
14. 1000 years

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Understanding Dogs Makes Training Easier

How Do Dog Learn ?

This is a question that often creates debate amongst the dog fraternity. We have studies now that try to answer this, however it is important to remember that prior to 1995 the science community stated that dogs; “**didn't** experience emotion”. This was pretty convenient when you consider some laboratories were still using dogs for research as well as testing products such as chemicals or cosmetics. So it was much easier to think that their test subjects had little, if any comprehension of what was happening to them.

By the year 2000 we had studies appearing that begin to influence opinions. But as with any subjects these studies can take 20-30 years for research to be proven, disproven, disputed and perhaps re-proven... so even now in 2024, there is still great debate between training factions. However, all I can say is, that after 40+ years of living and working with different species of animals and dogs being my main focus.... My motto has been:

*“Science is great background information when it comes to training dogs.
But really we must remember we have to train the dog that is in front of us.”*

So What Is Intelligence ... ?

We need to understand the difference between Intelligence and Academic.... It can be common to see a person who excels in academic pursuits but they may have limited skills when it comes to the practical day to day. Remember there are arguably 7-9 Types of Intelligence for humans and the same can be said with dogs, horses etc. Also there can be certain traits displayed with different breeds and this can help guide us with how to approach the training needs of the individual dogs.

From my own experience, *I spend time watching a dog interacting with his environment, particularly with other dogs. This really can provide an insight into the dogs personality and helps to understand them.*

Brain Speed :

Over the years one of the major observations I have found helps me work with dogs is watching to see how quickly their brain works to process information around them. Relaxing with dogs and happy to take your time, will help decide the best approach to training individual dogs. Let's look at two examples of how different breeds can work :

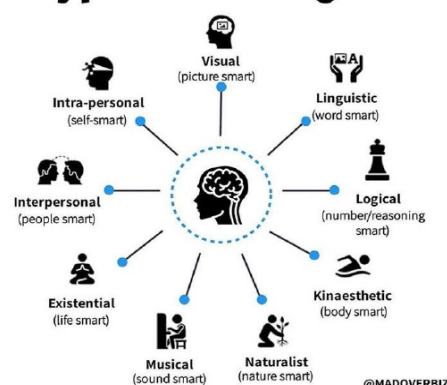
1. The Kelpie Dog - Moves so quickly and often distracted, hence even appears to have ADHD. Their attention flits from one thing to the next. This makes it difficult for these dogs to actually absorb information because it is hard for the human to catch the moment when the dog can see what we are wanting. Hence when working these dogs we have to try to slow the dog's activity - Ideally to set the dogs brain to our pace thus avoid the handler becoming frustrated.

2. The Golden Retriever - Appears easy going under most circumstances but in reality their brain moves quite slowly. They can easily become bored and then disinterested in what we are trying to achieve. I often describe 'Goldies' as somewhat lazy. Hence at times we see fun 'You-tubes' with someone trying to walk a Goldie but the dog just drops to the ground and doesn't want to move. Although Goldies can be highly food motivated we have to be careful we don't just become a treat dispenser for a greedy dog.

Developing the Team

We also have different humans working with the dog... and these humans have variations in intelligence styles, therefore different techniques are needed for different training combinations. No matter where you train it is important that Trainers do not lock into one idea or there will be dogs and handlers who fall thru the crack.

9 Types of Intelligence



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Understanding how their brain operates allows us to adjust our manner to help them learn in a way that suits the individual.

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Hello! It's really starting to feel wintery! Grab a cuppa and check out what's coming up this month at Whittlesea Community House.

Save the Date:

Paint and Sip is coming to the House in May! Keep 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.

Celebrate Law Week (Friday 24th May 12.30pm – 1.30pm) with us and make your complaints effective! Our team of experts will show you how to complain effectively and get results. The Victorian Ombudsman will be in attendance alongside Whittlesea Community Legal and our financial counselling team. If you have issues with local government or public service entities the Ombudsman can even lodge your complaint on the day (from 10am)!

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.

High Tea Fundraiser is BACK! This popular annual event will be held on Tuesday 17th September from Noon – 2pm at Whittlesea Bowls Club \$40 pp money raised goes to Whittlesea Community House.

Visy Recycling

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. Thursday 23rd May 11.30am – 1.00pm \$2.00 per person.

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 – MORE DATES ANNOUNCED

We are trekking to Op Shops all over Melbourne twice a month in 2024 and you can join us. Different route each month! These trips sell out fast so grab a friend and join the fun:

Saturday 3rd & 10th August 9am – 4.30pm \$20 per person

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 returns this month! 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 24th May 10am – 1.00pm

Pop in during open hours for a cuppa Mon – Thurs 10am – 3pm. 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.



All three Pennant teams have had wins and are looking to repeat last years grand slam with all teams in the finals which will be held at Strathbogie on Sunday May 5th.

The Ladies Pennant results are not finalised and are too close to call at the moment. Results from Monday's competition may make the situation clearer.

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.

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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.

TRIBUTE TO LOCAL SOLDIER PRIVATE Charles William Dau

The 13th child (and 4th son) of Johann and Martha Dau, was born July 6th, 1885, at Heather Farm Wandong. Charles was student No. 154 at Wandong State School, enrolled in October 1890, his parent is listed as Dow, Farmer, Wandong. Charles was one of 17 children of the family. By early 1902, Charles aged 17, was the eldest son still at home. Brother Fred had died in the Boer War. Harry and Ernest had gone to Western Australia. Walter was 13, Arthur 11, and Wilfred 7. Ethel was 15 years old, and the nearest 3 older sisters, Alice, Annie and Ada were involved in Salvation Army work, often interstate with two soon to marry.

Charles's sister Nance, on a brief New Year visit to the farm in 1904, notes that "Ern, Charl and Ethel and Walter were there, it was so nice to see them all again, there is no place like home. In 1906 Charles visited his sister Emma, and Alf Coates in Chiltern just prior to, and at the time of the death of their 11-year-old daughter Alice, (Oct 8th). Emma recorded that Charles was moved to become a Christian at this time, although he apparently has no deeper involvement in church work later.

Nance (Charles's sister) sees Charles briefly at Heather Farm next April, when she is having "sick leave" from her Salvation Army duties in Queensland. Charles sends a registered letter to Martha in September 1907, from Yea, this may be a contribution from his wages to the family still there. His sister Ethel by now has married and is living in Brim at Western Victoria.

In November 1908, Charles marries Edith Patton at "The Manse" Northcote, the Patton's were another Wandong family well known to the Dau's. Charles's work seems to be mainly associated with the Victorian Railways, subject to much shifting of location. Their first child Thelma is born 27/9/1909 at Nyora Gippsland.

In 1910, Nance has an extended time in hospital. Charles had invited her to stay with them when she could. He is now a storeman and cook for the railway workers and now has reasonable living quarters. Nance spends two weeks there. Edith and Charles's son Frederick John Dau (named for Charles's brother Fred killed in the Boer War) is born on 25th March 1911, at Wandong. By now Charles is working as a Ganger with the railway construction branch at Eltham and the quarters are now "a tent with a wooden floor. We assume that Edith was at her parent's home in Wandong for some time before and after the birth. There is a photo of the young family outside a double tent set in bushland with a sign, "Home Sweet Home", proudly displayed. Edith and children may have spent more time at Wandong while Charles's work took him further afield. Lillian is born at Wandong 7/9/1913.

World War 1 commences in August 1914. Charles enlists in the army in January 1916, the family are then at Hamilton in Western Victoria. Edith returns to Wandong, and the children go to school there, the same school that previous Dau generations attended, and children still attend today. Charles embarks April 1st, 1916, for England via Egypt.

Charles William Dau (Service No. 5073, enlisted on the 4th of February 1916, he was 30 years and six months old. His occupation was Railway ganger, his next of kin his wife, Edith.

Charles embarked aboard the "S.S. Briton" arriving in Alexandria on the 23/05/1916. The unit trained in England and Charles writes to his sister Nance commenting on the greenness of the English countryside and that he had seen their brother Arthur who was in Egypt when he, Charles passed through. In September the unit moved to France, where Charles writes they are away from the battlefield and very comfortable with good quarters and food. He is able to travel around the countryside.

Charles was a casualty when his group was caught in a gas shell attack in what we believe was a command bunker being dug by the unit on July 23rd, 1918. He was taken to the 41st Stationery Hospital where he "Died of Wounds, Gas shell, Mustard and Phosgene. He was buried at the British Cemetery at Pont Remy, just south of Abbeville near Amiens.

Arthur visited the sad scene, bringing back photos of Charles's grave at Pont Remy. Charles's son, Frederick John Dau, later wrote in his own story of their early family life, the impact of Charles's death. "I was only seven years old, but I felt the weight of responsibility rest on my shoulders". Frederick later trained for the Anglican ministry.

In her diary Nance records Charles's death; Seventeen years since Fred was killed, and now cruel war has robbed us of Charl. Just a month ago on the 26th of July in France. Last mail bought a letter from him, and I had expected no more, it was lovely to get it, just the last words I shall ever hear from his pen.

Ethel recalled being on a train on which a minister was travelling to Charles's family. He told Ethel the details of his sad mission, "Why, that's my own brother, said the shocked Ethel.

Charles Dau's name is listed on the War memorial at Canberra, Kilmore and here at Wandong.



Darraweit Guim Primary School News



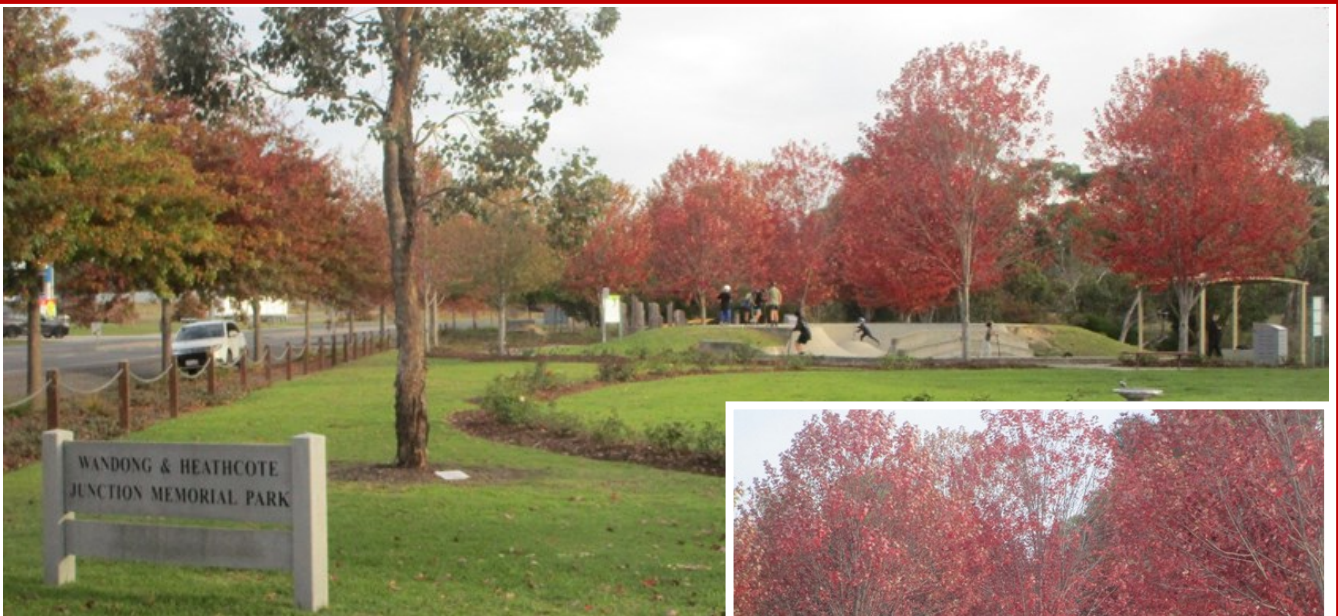
Hello from DGPS

Over the past weeks our students have enjoying creating unique poppies to commemorate the sacrifices made by our fallen soldiers. In our school grounds a monument stands in honour of a past student, Thomas H Mahoney. He fought at Wilmansrust, South Africa during the Boar War. He sadly did not return home. He was only 21 years of age. Our lunchtime activities run every week on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and all students are encouraged to participate in the fun.

Our school captains proudly led a ceremony at school and led the school in joining the Wallan march on ANZAC day.



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