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JOHN HOLLAND AWARDED CONTRACT

Inland Rail has engaged John Holland to plan and construct the new road over rail bridge at Wandong. Inland Rail has advised that it needs to expand the project area to cover more land adjacent to the existing project site and will seek approval from the Minister for Planning to amend the Planning Scheme.

Members of the community are encouraged to read the amendment and raise any concerns in a submission to the Minister by 24th June.

Queries can be made and maps viewed at the Inland Rail office in Wandong Plaza open from 10am to 1pm Mondays.



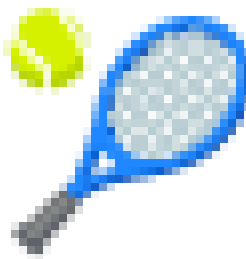
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WANDONG TENNIS CLUB

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



Information is posted on our Facebook page.

www.facebook.com/wandongtennis

Our Tuesday night autumn season has now ended with our section 2 team winning their grand final. Congratulations to Brad Wolfe, Lisa Kelly, Sean Dennis and Andrew Brooks



Our section 3 team was runner up in their grand final. Congratulations on making the final Riley Ross, Salv Mandanici, Scott Powell and Stephanie Phelan.

Our section 2 Thursday night singles team Dylan Hall and Jared Plumbe were also runner up in their grand final which was delayed a week due to heavy rain. Congratulations on making the final Dylan and Jared.

Our Saturday winter season is still continuing. Good Luck to all teams.

Coaching is available at the club.

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Pupil Free Day 6:30am – 6:30pm

Holiday Program 6:30am – 6:30pm

ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS

2 Jul Geoff & Liz Symons HJ
9 July Graeme & Marie Edwards HJ
12 Jul Doug & Helen Stewart B

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or Wayne 0451 519 734
or email
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for more information

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meets third Wednesday of
the month
(except January) at 7:30pm

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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

We wish the following
people a very happy
birthday

14 Jun	Murray Carter	HJ
14 Jun	Christian Bellomo	HJ
14 Jun	Fletcher Thomas	B
15 Jun	Jenny Kelly	W
15 Jun	Peter Gough	HJ
15 Jun	Daniel O'Connor	HJ
16 Jun	Sandra O'Connor	HJ
16 Jun	Natasha Mitchell	HJ
17 Jun	Lindi Leddih	HJ
17 Jun	Phil Waite	W
18 Jun	Gary Watson	W
19 Jun	Luke Villanti	HJ
20 Jun	Chloe Belfiore	HJ
20 Jun	Carol Ryan	KE
23 Jun	Jordan Cole	W
24 Jun	James Dennis	HJ
25 Jun	Adrian McMahon	HJ
26 Jun	Debbie Hanson	W
26 Jun	Barry Kemp	W
26 Jun	Goran Cotter	W
27 Jun	Melanie Spadafora	K
27 Jun	Shae Chisholm	HJ
27 Jun	Cathy Lancaster	W
27 Jun	Jazmin Wightman	W
29 Jun	Kevin Candy	W
2 Jul	Kristy Walsh	HJ
3 Jul	Adam Dennehy	HJ
3 Jul	Taylen Limbrick	B
3 Jul	Tyler Cole	W
4 Jul	Melissa Watson	W
5 Jul	Lyn Peachey	HJ
5 Jul	Nicholas McIntyre-Ellis	W
5 Jul	Andrew Brown	UP
7 Jul	Grace Hannemann	W
8 Jul	Laurie Lancaster	W
8 Jul	Roselie Dove	W
9 Jul	Grant Pearce	W
9 Jul	Kane Pearce	W
9 Jul	Elizabeth Humphries	W
9 Jul	Beth Gutterson	W
9 Jul	Rhonda Cole	B
10 Jul	John Dean	W
11 Jul	Haylee Dennehy	HJ
12 Jul	Rob Chisholm	HJ
12 Jul	Doug Stewart	B
13 Jul	Cindy Flannery	W
14 Jul	Ella Hall	W
15 Jul	Brad Dawson	HJ
16 Jul	Noelene Pyle	K
16 Jul	Olivia Allen	HJ
18 Jul	Michael Mason	W
18 Jul	Andrew Fletcher	HJ

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Vicar: Rev Ruwan Palapathwala 9014 0696

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• **Weddings/Baptisms** by appointment

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

• **Services to the Community:**

• **Whittlesea Opportunity Shop** 7 Laurel St

• 9716 3144 Open M-F 10-4 Sat 9.30-12.30

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IS ANYTHING EASY ANY MORE?

The times we find ourselves now living in compared to our former generations is so very different. We may struggle complying to certain leadership rules. Even if we don't agree with Government decisions and authorities we are asked to forgive and pray for them.

We still seem to be struggling living in unity with our own indigenous brothers and sisters.

The Old and the New Testament both mention "loving our neighbours as ourselves," one being a Commandment.

In the Old Testament times there were more brutal rulings like "an eye for an eye." Now, without being wimpy, we are to be bold, but turn the other cheek. Then, as we forgive others our heavenly Father will also forgive us.

Even in peace time, let alone wartime, free or in persecution we are supposed to forgive anyone who harms us. These are certainly some hard tasks to follow!

I would like to bring to your attention a fine example of this: about a month ago in Sydney when Bishop Mar Mari Emmanuel lost one eye in a personal attack while preaching. He used the New Testament teaching where he continues to forgive and pray for his assailant while he continues preaching the Gospel.

Is it perhaps time to take an inventory in our own lives?

Are you missing something, leaving you empty in your life?

If you are feeling heavily burdened when you need to be strong.

If you feel you are on top of the world and then you become dissatisfied, anxious or fearful.

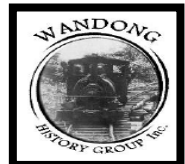
Do you wonder with the news around the world if God is still there for us as the violence appears to be increasing. If you feel like this then read Psalm 91 where this will make you feel safer.

For all of us were designed, knitted in our mother's womb by Him.

Now, He speaks to you, inviting and offering a free gift, a new life without price, freely as He created you freely. Also offering His Son's love freely too.

Merle Crockell.

WANDONG HISTORY GROUP



Through the winter months we will be open by appointment, however if we are at the church anyone is welcome to drop in.

Due to illness, key members of the History Group are currently unavailable so if you can help with our programs and events it would be very much appreciated.

On Thursday 30th May, the WHG hosted an evening at the Wandong Public Hall when Mr Graeme Thom of the Kilmore Historical Society gave the audience of about thirty a history of the naming of Pretty Sally.

During History month in October we intend running an exhibition featuring the 150 year anniversary of the Wandong Railway station. If you have any information, articles, photos of the station we would be very pleased to include them in the exhibition. More information in coming editions.

We have had several successful Bunnings sausage sizzles, these are great for fundraising for the group although it's a big day and we appreciate all the help we get. Dave does most of the organising for the day and carting all the gear to Craigieburn and back and it doesn't go unnoticed. Thanks Dave.

In May prior to Mothers Day, Bunnings Craigieburn ran a mothers day night and invited us to make pancakes for everyone who attended. It was very successful and we thank Bunnings, particularly Dominique, for including us in their events and for all the community services it provides.

Stay safe everyone, Karen

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GARDEN SCENE WITH GAIL

Wow, June already, our shortest day and the first month of Winter but it's another fantastic month to get more jobs done. Even though June can be a really cold month it's a great time to prepare lawns, gardens and garden beds for the warmer months to come, particularly if Spring comes early and we don't get a lot of rain. If your soil is clay based, top dress with a mix of Gypsum and fine white sand and if you can aerate the ground first it will work even better and be ready for fertilising in late Winter. Use the same mix for gardens and garden beds and for all, water in well after top dressing. Don't forget your mature plants, they can always use a bit of TLC. Daffodils, Jonquils and Tulips, to name a few, should be pushing through the ground so liquid fertilise every one or two weeks, after rain or watering them, the fertiliser will soak in better and keep it up until after they flower, and their leaves start to wilt. Daphne, Autumn/Winter flowering Camellias and Azaleas will also benefit from fertilising now and check out garden centres for some beautiful varieties of these plants available. Great for pots, garden beds, specimen plantings, hedging and for mass planting, what an impact! June is an ideal time to source and plant bare rooted plants but always purchase them from a reputable grower/nursery because you can't always tell if bare rooted plants are healthy or not and you won't know that until Spring when they should push new growth, or not? Reputable suppliers will nearly always honour your purchase providing you keep your receipt. Plant the same as potted plants, twice the depth and width, improve with well-rotted cow manure and don't plant over the graft. Sometimes, but very rarely from a reputable supplier, your bare rooted plant may turn out not the colour you thought you were getting and again if you've kept your receipt, you may be able to go back to your point of purchase? A lot of suppliers will pot up their bare rooted stock as they receive them to eliminate the risk of the root system from drying out. Some may keep their bare rooted plants in deep mounds of saw dust and pull them out as they are sold. If you purchase bare rooted plants in this way, it is essential to ensure the roots are covered and don't dry out from point of purchase until it is planted and then just prior to planting, lightly prune the roots before planting. Wet newspaper works well, packed around the root system and then wrapped in a plastic bag for transporting from supplier to planting. June is a great month to clear away any debris on the ground, old timber or steel, prune lower branches on trees and generally tidy up where needed. Keep a check on weeds, Blackberry nightshade is flowering now and can be quite harmful if ingested. This weed, related to the Potato Vine, both white flowering and purple flowering varieties, can be pulled out easily by hand, but do wear gardening gloves. Dispose of the weed into a plastic bag and seal the bag. Burning the plant can germinate the seed and further spread the weed. If you haven't yet pruned your fruit trees, get cracking on that. Cut out branches that cross over others and try to open the growth of the plant for more light to get into the centre. Cut to an outward facing node and if you can maintain a shorter plant, it certainly helps when you pick the fruit. Now to our tools, sharpen, spades, shovels, secateurs, hedge shears and loppers, clean and spray with WD-40. Check filters and spark plugs on lawn mowers and other gardening machinery to keep us going through the growing season. What a busy month.



Have a wonderful June.

Bye for now!

Gail Mains Kendrick (Your local Real Estate Agent)



Upper Plenty Merri Catchments Landcare Group

We provide support for land management issues such as weed, pest and erosion control. Also improving soil and biodiversity by providing advice, support, and grant funding.

We meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 6.30pm at "The Shack" 1240 Wallan road, Upper Plenty 3756.

ALL WELCOME

See our facebook page:

Upper Plenty Merri Catchments Landcare Group

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



Principal's Message

Staffing Shortages Continue...

I want to send out a massive gratitude word vomit to all our children, families and staff as we continue to battle workforce problems across the nation. This issue only continues to get worse. I've watched the news, seen on social media and witnessed the stress on colleagues as they face staffing shortages to the point of class and school closure. Teach position after teaching position have very few if ANY APPLICANTS.

This story is one shared from school to school, network to network and beyond. I'm saddened to hear of other network schools with a staffing shortage of anywhere up from 10 and some nearly 20 staff short. I'm forever thankful that we haven't moved to the dirty words of Remote and Flexible Learning and so thankful for our children who have rolled into their split rooms seamlessly with positivity, our staff who continue to take on extra, above extra to support and accommodate, then to our families who have been a massive encouragement day in and day out. THANK YOU!

Enrolments and Planning for 2025

This year we have again unprecedented number of Foundation enrolments and enrolments at other year levels with those wishing to move schools. As we head into Term 3, the Leadership Team will commence planning for 2025. We are looking at the number of students enrolled and considering our structure and the number of classes we will need to best support the learning programs that are provided for students. This planning takes into account the budget that will be available for staffing. This budget is determined by student numbers; therefore it is important to have the best possible information when we are making our decisions.

Any parents who know their children will not be continuing at Wandong in 2025, could you please let me know in writing to wandong.ps@education.vic.gov.au as soon as possible. Even if you are not sure at this moment, a note about the possibility that this may occur is always helpful. As enrolment numbers affect our staffing decisions and the number of classes we have, it is important that we are able to predict as closely as possible what our expected enrolment will be in 2025.

National Simultaneous Story time was a huge hit! All students watched author Aura Parker read her book 'bowerbird blues'.

Student then completed an activity related to the text! It was a huge success.

IMPORTANT DATES IN JUNE

Wednesday 12th	Foundation C & M Excursion – VEG Education
Wednesday 12 th	Scholastic Book Club orders close today
Friday 14 th	Foundation A & S Excursion - VEG Education
Wednesday 19 th	NMR Cross Country - selected students only
Thursday 20 th	Grade 3/4 wellbeing incursion
Wednesday 26 th	Three way conferences - alternate day - If your child requires care, please book in at http://theircare.com.au/
Friday 28 th	Community connections - breakfast morning (pancakes on bbq and coffee van) 9am to 10am
Friday 28 th	Last day Term 2



PLEASE TAKE YOUR RUBBISH HOME

The Wandong Heathcote Junction Community Group continues to remove rubbish from Wandong streets, the Epping Kilmore Road, the Wandong Hume Freeway ramps, the Wandong Broadford Road and recently from O'Gradys Road. Much of the rubbish is thrown from vehicles passing through Wandong but there is also rubbish that can only be from our residents. To those people we can only appeal to them to look after our beautiful town and take your rubbish home.

LIONS CLUB OF WANDONG - WALLAN INC.

President; Daniel Rossignoli.
PO Box 225, Wandong Vic 3758



Sorry about last month. Steve was away cross dressing (sorry, I meant drag racing) and my wife forced me to go to the Cook Islands. I tried to resist but was threatened with dire consequences so I had to endure snorkelling with tropical fish and swimming with turtles. It is hard work being a husband.

The club is progressing along quietly carrying out lots of background activities. The donations trolley is still operating at IGA in Wandong, mints are selling steadily at outlets around the towns in fact we were one of the top mint sellers in the state. Keep munching people. Marilyn is still sorting wool and collecting knitted garments. We also have a collection of used spectacles to be distributed through a club in Queensland. Daniel Tania and Sharon attended the Lions zone meeting at Euroa. I am not sure that they learned much but was told it was a talk fest.

The current executive have agreed to carry on for another year. They have to remain in their roles until they get it right. Brian Dove was secretary for many years. He never did get it right. Seriously the current group, Daniel, Tania Peter and Sam have done a great Job and have got the club moving forward.

Now what have our members and friends been up to. Cliff! You could write a book about him. Cliff and Dianne went on holiday to Bali. When some tourists got into trouble in the swimming pool Cliff jumped in to help he had to be rescued himself. Then they had an earthquake while he was there. I am not sure whether he caused that or not. Best story. Made himself a ham and sauce sandwich. Trouble was they had no ham. He used raw bacon instead. If you want a ham sandwich don't call Cliff.

My wife Elizabeth is a keen gardener. She has dug holes to plant me in several times. Apart from digging up dirt, weeds are her enemy. To get rid of the couch in the veggie garden she sprayed it with fertilizer. It was of course my fault. She claims that I didn't label the sprayers. Why is it always my fault?

Friend and past president Geoff Clark has just had a benign brain tumour removed. It was very successful and he is a changed person. He tells me that the space had to be filled with spakfilla. That surprises me. I thought that they would have used no more gaps.

A couple of rake stories. Both Cliff and Steve stored their rakes prongs up although they were advised not to. Cliff of course wacked himself in the head while Steve's caught Tania a nasty blow. That rake was thrown away and it took him days to find it. I believe that he was also called a silly sausage or words to that affect.

Bill went to the Magpie and Stump on Friday and didn't drink alcohol! This is a monumental event. It should probably be on the national news particularly as he was worried about the glut of red wine in Australia and the need to reduce it. It was a sensible move on Bill's part. He had to drive Geoff back to Wallan. Bill is not noted for being sensible.

Steve's home is still not finished. You will remember that they had a major flood while they were on holiday. Insurance companies work with the speed of light. He is going off to watch drag racing again this time in Queensland. He will need to buy a new outfit.

I have recently had a minor operation and am not allowed to lift or move anything heavy for six weeks. If I work it right I reckon I could milk this for about twelve months. I will keep you posted.

Until next time.

Clyde Riley

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Wandong Fire Brigade



Wandong Fire Brigade Trivia Night

Huge thanks to everyone who came to the Wandong Fire Brigade Trivia Night on June 1st. We sold out all available tables, and it was an awesome night. Big thanks to our supporters Safer Together, the Stihl Seymour shop, Flame N Good Firewood, Viva Event Hire, and to Lauren Kathage for donating the 3rd raffle prize. The raffle was highly supported by the community, and by patrons on the night.

Winners of the Raffle:

1st Prize: Stihl Chainsaw MS220C-B + batteries + charger.

Simon Kolotelo.

2nd Prize: A trailer load of Fire Wood –

Kim Challis.

3rd Prize: \$150 Visa cards –

Yorin Miller.

Winners of the Trivia Night:

1st Prize: Trophies, medals, movie tickets and bragging rights

Table 9 - Styles McStyles Face

Last place: Bag of oranges

Table 7 – Wandong Junction.

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>

Illegal Dumping

Illegal dumping of waste in the local area has been increasing. This is not only ugly, but often creates a danger to the public and those who must deal with the waste, due to the types of materials being dumped. If you have any information on these dumpings of waste please make a report.

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House Fires

Many residential fires that result in fatalities and/or serious injuries start in sleeping areas. Most of these fires are caused by mechanical failure of heating systems, appliances and equipment.

- The risk of dying from fire is greatest at night when you are asleep. When we sleep, we lose our sense of smell. Without a working smoke alarm, you may not wake up in time to escape.
- Smoking in bed is very dangerous. Never smoke in bed.
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Copies of the plans are available from:

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WANDONG NETBALL CLUB



SEASON 2024

We are only halfway through the season but the progress of our players far exceeds the weeks they have been playing.

Our Under 9s have started to spread out over the court, making space and calling for the ball. They have some great shooters on the team and are doing well at Centre breaks.

The Under 11s are getting the hang of a faster paced game in their first year in this age bracket. Their defensive work has picked up and they have shown themselves to be great sports at each and every game so far.

The 2 Under 13s teams are finding their feet and are settling into their teams well. Games have been competitive across the season so far and have been really exciting to watch.

The U15s are improving each week. Their run rate is incredible, and every player puts in 100%.

We are really impressed with all our players and the standard of Netball they are achieving.

Congratulations to all those players who have been awarded Player of the Week so far.

PHOTOS

Our club photos have been completed; we are looking forward to seeing the whole club pic when we receive them back. Thank you to all our volunteers on photo night for helping make sure the event ran so smoothly.

Orders can now be placed – see Team App for details.

MERCH

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.

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When Violet became Violent

On a very hot Friday, 7 February, 1969, at 7.02am, the *Southern Aurora*, the overnight express passenger train between Sydney and Melbourne collided head-on with an Albury-bound goods train, 174km north of Melbourne.

So the peaceful town and district of Violet Town became the centre of one of the most violent train crashes in Australia. As the years rolled by the memory of what had been described as “the fateful day” had almost faded from memory. A group of locals headed by Bruce Cumming set about organising a fiftieth anniversary memorial.

In November 2023 Bruce the driving force behind the Southern Aurora Memorial group [SAM] came down to present at the November meeting of the Combined Probus Club of Whittlesea.

He invited members to visit SAM and this was arranged by our short tours manager Alessandra Testa. On 3 May 2024 a coach load of members visited Bruce and retired railwayman Charlie Mead to see firsthand the Southern Aurora Memorial Garden.



The commemoration garden has an overall theme of *Helping Hands*. It is a way of signifying how people stepped forward to help each other, whether women or men, staff or passengers, whether voluntary or paid, or whether local or from far away. Everyone did what they could!

Following a 50th anniversary opening of the memorial gardens the expansion and development has been exponential. People who were on the train, or had family involvement have made contact and visited, to view the historical records that are displayed.

A lady whose mother and sister were killed makes regular contact with Bruce. She, then five years old, was trapped under the wreckage for more than five hours and recalled the name Cumming and “Bill”. [Bruce’s father]. Based on those scant memories she tracked Bruce and has gained valuable insight and become a friend.

The gardens are designed as a mediation place with history lessons displayed and highlighting the human side of a tragic event. People from all over have visited and few leave without gaining some personal or historical information.

After taking in the tranquillity of the garden and discussing issues with Bruce and Charlie the visitors lunched at the local hotel that had opened especially for us. Charlie Mead gave graphic details of his involvement at the crash site. His Way and Works gang arrived from Benalla around 8.00am and worked for 12 hours on that and next fifteen days.

After the repast we visited the level crossing where the crash occurred which is just on 600 meters from the station toward Melbourne.

After goodbyes were exchanged with Bruce the coach took to the Hume Freeway and home. The time in transit gave each an opportunity to reflect upon information gleaned.

Composed by Michael Halley
(Publicity Officer)

*The group photo is at
the Memorial Garden*





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If you blow .05 or over, you could face serious penalties,
including fines, losing your licence, getting an interlock installed
in your car and having to blow zero for three years.





Our Town's Football Club

With Bye's for Mothers Day and then a general bye, May has seen plenty of training and only two games. Both game days have been successful for the Warriors. The U12's have had strong wins in both games whilst the U14's have had a win and a hard fought loss.

Our youngest Warriors in the 9's and 10's are improving week on week. Braving the cold weather and having fun along the way.

The new equipment in the canteen is now in full swing and is allowing the canteen to get more food out the door to our hungry supporters. Once again, a big thankyou to the Bendigo Bank for your ongoing support of the club.

We have a big round coming up on the 23rd of June. The Warriors will be raising funds to help fight MND. The day will also incorporate our sponsors day. A day where we take time to thank all our generous sponsors. Without their support, the club would not exist.

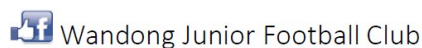


UPCOMING GAMES

<p>Round 8 Sunday 16 June Yea v Wandong Yea Recreation Reserve</p>
<p>Round 9 Sunday 23 June Wandong v Tabilk LB Davern Reserve Wandong</p>
<p>Round 10 Sunday 30 June Seymour v Wandong Kings Park Seymour</p>



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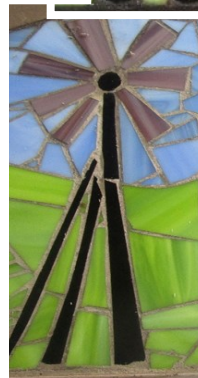
Dancing is gentle exercise
- Singles & Couples are welcome



Live, Learn & Enjoy

ANOTHER WANDONG TREASURE

The glass mosaic featuring Wandong history on the picnic table at the gazebo near the Wandong railway station car park was created by Kilmore artist Marina Villani and another project by the Wandong Heathcote Junction Community Group.



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

Winter has certainly arrived and with the cold wet conditions be cautious of the wet trails throughout the reserve and be aware the creek can flood at any time. But don't let the cold and wet weather stop you from coming down to the Reserve to enjoy on all there is to offer.

It is good to see the Reserve 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:

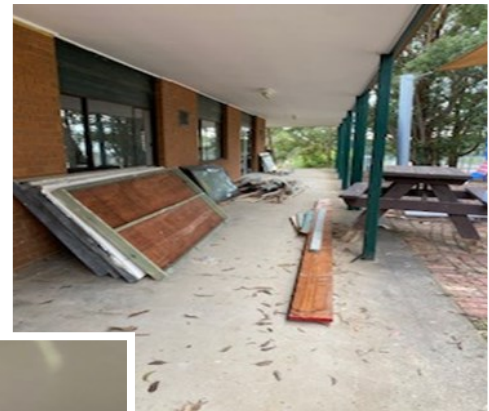
Project 1: Redevelopment of the Community centre.

Wandong Community Centre Revitalisation: In progress

No updates at this point

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.



The project is still on track to be finished mid-June!

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

PHOTOS—JUNE 2024

Project 2: Horse Ménage Project Part 1.

This redevelopment project was a Community joint project combined funding from the following Groups: L.B Davern Committee, Standardbred Riding Club, Kilmore Adult Riding Club, Bendigo Bank.

The Project was awarded to Twin Gums Constructions Beveridge and has been completed.

Acknowledgement to Joanne Empey of the Kilmore Adult Riding Club for the Coordination of the project.



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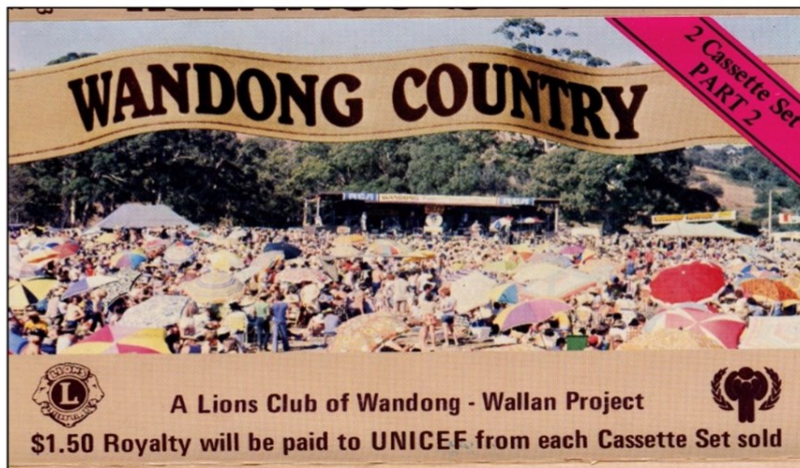


If anybody in our community would like to share any photos of History of L.B Davern Reserve for us to share on what's News please send to kooraw@bigpond.com

**Remember When!!
Country Music Festival at
L.B.Davern Reserve -1970's
The Stage is on the east
side of the Reserve –the
road way to the Stadium.**

Our Community building

is 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



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

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It is in our community interest that we all keep our Reserve safe for all to use!!



**Rob Telfer, President, Davern Reserve Committee
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Whittlesea Township Unique and Green

The Whittlesea Township Plan 2021 produced by the City of Whittlesea states:-

Whittlesea Township is the largest rural township within the City of Whittlesea. It has its own unique character, heritage and sense of place.

The rural character of the Township is highly valued by the local community and plays a strong role in local identity.

Planning needs to provide for the protection of the rural character of the Township!

It was with those statements for reflection that members of the Combined Probus Club of Whittlesea attended the June meeting which was addressed by two of Council's Senior Strategic Planners Fiona Ryan and Julie Paget.

Julie Andrews waxed lyrically that "The hills are alive with the sound of music" "With songs they have sung for a thousand years". The hills around Whittlesea Township are protected in the plan which states "hills, landscape and environmental values and risks contribute to the character and will continue to define the boundary". One objective is to ensure that the trees on yonder hills are not obscured by buildings and the music drowned out!

The plan was developed in response to community engagement which gave eight key messages. The most important messages were the retention of the rural character of the township, and establishing a defined boundary around the township to protect farming/agricultural activities. The other six are in line with general community concerns such as housing diversity, public transport and tourism accommodation.

It was found that as the township does not have a defined Urban Growth Boundary which has caused uncertainty within the community regarding long term investments, and potentially threatens investment decisions in agricultural activities. It was stated that the current state Government remains committed to maintaining the current extent of the Urban Growth Boundary which gives some comfort.

Fiona Ryan related the key actions being taken by Council to keep the Township as residents' desire. But a few questions made it clear that the sounds of music are sometimes not in tune. Plane trees in the main street, the pedestrian crossings, rubbish in Yea Road and the development of the Bruces Creek surrounds that are under Melbourne Water control were matters that Ms Ryan undertook to investigate.

Council has produced its Green Wedge Management Plan valid until 2033. A fifty-five page document covers the Vision "a place for all". It was Julie Paget's task to precis the document and enlighten the assembly.

Victoria's Green Wedge policies commenced in 1971 and are now enshrined in law. The Planning and Environment (Metropolitan Green Wedge Protection) Act 2003 is the overarching legislation and Whittlesea Council is obligated to comply.

The green wedges surrounding the City of Melbourne contain a mix of agriculture and low-density activities such as major infrastructure (airports, water facilities), major quarries, cultural heritage sites, biodiversity areas and water catchments.

Whilst agriculture is the predominant economic activity in the Whittlesea Green Wedge, a small number of other uses also operate in the proclaimed area. These include Boral and Hanson extractive industries and Funfields Theme Park. These non-agricultural uses also contribute to the successful vibrancy of Whittlesea's Green Wedge areas

Council is required to have a current Green Wedge Action Plan to set the direction in ten year gulps. The current 2023-2033 plan is in accordance, but has to be reviewed after five years [2028]

Whittlesea Township is outside the Urban Growth Boundary. Whilst the suburbia surrounds of "Town Hall" continue to experience exponential housing and industrial development the Green Wedge protected area is sixty percent of the Council land area.

The matters addressed could have taken much more than the allocated time. It is commendable that our guest presenters were able to impart the most important aspects.

Teresa Carlin the Speaker coordinator thanked the ladies and gave a small token of appreciation.

Written by Michael Halley





Neighbourhood Watch

Let's watch out for each other

South Mitchell

Are you safe at home?

The impacts of a financial or economic hardship can be wide-ranging. People experiencing situational stressors can be associated with increased severity or frequency of violence.

We can all keep an eye out for the signs of family violence, speak up, and offer support. With the right approach, your support can make a real difference.

Family violence is when someone hurts:

1. Another person in their family; or
2. Their partner or ex-partner.

Everyone should feel safe and protected at home. Family violence is *NEVER* okay. The violence is *NOT* your fault.

Family violence can be:

- **Physical** – when someone hurts you, for example, hitting, choking or burning, is rough with you or makes you have sex with them when you do NOT want to.
- **Verbal** – when someone threatens you, or says things that make you feel bad about yourself or afraid.
- **Financial** – when someone spends your money and does NOT ask you, or does NOT let you use your own money.
- **Social** – when someone stops you from going out, seeing your family and friends, or getting the healthcare you need.
- **Stalking** – when someone follows you, or contacts you all the time.



Ways to stay safe at home

There are ways you can get help and keep you safe. REMEMBER that you can always leave your home to escape violence. These tips can help keep you safe:

- It is okay to leave home at any time;
- Create a signal so your neighbours, family or friends know you need help;
- Talk to someone you trust about what has happened to you;
- Talk to a support service – call 1800 737 732 or webchat 1800respect.org.au
- Men can get confidential support on 1300 766 491;
- ElderHELP is for people seeking help and advice on elder abuse – call 1800 353 374.
- Tell your children that if there is violence in your home they must make sure they stay safe;
- Keep a list of emergency and support contacts in a safe place; and
- Make a SAFETY PLAN about what you will do if you need (keys, wallet & important documents) to leave your home in a hurry.

This information has been prepared from areyousafeathome.org.au and <https://www.aihw.gov.au/family-domestic-and-sexual-violence/resources/fdsv-summary>.

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The Members Morning Tea held at the JJ Clancy Facility on Friday May 17th was extremely successful with good numbers in attendance and plenty of great food to share. The ukulele group hosted a rousing Singalong and the "Memories of Sport" Competition had some interesting photos, medals and memorabilia on display.

The walking group meet up on Tuesday mornings behind the Memorial Hall in Kilmore. They have so far had numerous varied walks around the golf course, monument Hill, the Willomavin Estate and Brewery Hill. They have also ventured into Broadford for a walk on the common. The walk invariably ends at one of the various cafes around the district, most of which cater for dogs with outside seating and water bowls available. It is a very sociable and enjoyable way to get some fresh air and exercise.

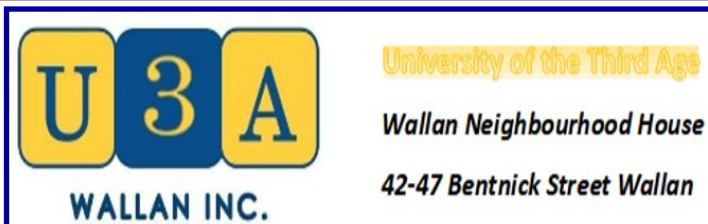
The History Group had an interesting talk from Jeanette Laffan (nee Stewart) about the history of Beveridge and the Stewart family involvement with the Kelly House. The talk took place in the conference room at JJ Clancy Reserve in May. The History of Kilmore class generally begins with a power point presentation and discussion of Kilmore and District history topics but the group will also sometimes visit various other locations.

One of our members, Peter Mitchell, has been working with various environmental and land care groups on a project to identify the best of the public nature reserves in the Mitchell Shire. They include many natural treasures including conservation reserves featuring trees, wildflowers, fungi, wetlands and wildlife. To download walking maps and learn more about the natural history of these places, please visit <https://www.beam.org.au/naturaltreasures>

The games group is proving very popular with a huge range of card games and board games being played. It is a great way for people to learn new games, providing a challenge and an opportunity to socialise and have fun at the same time. The group meet on the first and third Tuesday of the month from 9.30 am until 11.00am at the JJ Clancy Community hub.

The book group meet on the third Thursday of the month from 10.00am until 12.00. They have had some animated discussions about a variety of books to date this year and all agree it encourages them to stretch the boundaries beyond what they would normally read.

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



Hello Readers,

U3A Wallan have had a very socially active past 6 months. In March this year we visited the Melbourne Museum to admire the Titanic exhibition. We were amazed at just how many artifacts have been retrieved from the ocean floor.

Also in March, we enjoyed a fun filled car rally event organised by our wonderful volunteer Bob, who sent us off in all directions, but i am happy to say, no-one has been reported as missing!

For those of us who enjoy live theatre, members recently attended the stage show "The Odd Couple" and a local BATS production of "Are you being Served?"

Our monthly lunches at local venues have been well attended and give members a chance to try different cuisines in a relaxed and informal environment.

We topped off the six months with a most successful social dance organised by our very enthusiastic and energetic social secretaries. Members and guests danced the night away, showing off dancing styles from ballroom to line dancing and everything in between.

We enjoyed some delicious, locally made pizza, desserts and nibbles and many attendees left very happy, having won a great raffle prize.

Bye for now, till next time.

John Lanphier
President - U3A Wallan Inc.

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Answers on
page 30

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THIS MONTHS QUIZ

Answer appears on Page 30 but no cheating!

- Who was the first Disney princess?
- What was the first zoo in Australia?
- What was the first organ transplant?
- What was the first bank in Australia?
- When did Essendon last win a grand final?
- How old was Ned Kelly when he died?
- When did Victoria become a State?
- What is Victoria's State bird?
- What did the Romans call Scotland?
- What colour is the Australian Senate?
- Who wrote Treasure Island?
- Who said "I have a dream"?
- What ran up the clock?
- Which city "never sleeps"?
- A country famous for tulips.

Kilmore/Wallan RSL Sub Branch

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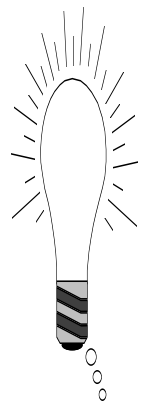
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How to avoid Caregiver burnout

One of the most important things you can do as a carer is taking the time to take care of yourself. We know being a carer can be rewarding, challenging and sometimes frustrating – and often all in the same day. Below are a few tips to help you look after your own health while caring for someone else.

Signs & Symptoms of Caregiver Burnout

Common signs & symptoms include:

- You have much less energy than you once had.
- It seems that you catch every cold or bout of flu that's going around.
- You're constantly exhausted, even after sleeping or taking a break.
- You neglect your own needs, either because you're too busy or you don't care anymore.
- Your life revolves around caregiving, but it gives you little satisfaction.
- You have trouble relaxing, even when help is available.
- You're increasingly impatient and irritable with the person you're caring for.
- You feel helpless and hopeless.

If you are feeling burnt out it can be difficult to accomplish things for yourself, let alone care for someone else.

Here are a few tips on self-care for carers to avoid caregiver burnout.

- 1) Don't be afraid of asking for help – don't try to do it all on your own or you will definitely be on the path to burnout. It's important to speak up about what's going on for you and the person you care for. Reach out to your friends, family & wider community. Consider respite care and try to spread the responsibility among family members.
- 2) Say yes when someone offers their help – accepting help is not an admission of failure. Prepare a list of small tasks that others could easily complete such as grocery shopping or transportation.
- 3) Spend time with friends – when our caring responsibilities take us away from family & friends we quickly can become isolated. If it is not too difficult organise a regular catch-up with friends – even a regular phone call can make a significant difference to your health and wellbeing.
- 4) Make time for your hobbies – being a carer can often be chaotic and busy making it difficult to find time to reflect on the impact it is having on their own life. It is important to prioritise your own health and finding time to pursue your own hobbies and interests to retain your sense of self and improve your wellbeing.

For more information on how we can support you, 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

THE HUME AND HOVELL REVELATION FOR WANDONG

Research published by the Royal Historical Society of Victoria has revealed the path of Hamilton Hume and William Hovell in 1824 in this region and revealed that they travelled straight through the middle of Wandong.

Reverting backwards a few miles in their journey, Hume and Hovell approached Mt Piper, Broadford, on the afternoon of the 12th December, 1824 on a compass bearing of nearly due West to the lay person. They camped that night at the junction of Sunday Creek and Dry Creek, Broadford. Next morning they went seven miles nearly due South, to Waterford Park to find the first passable crossing of Sunday Creek.

The party was short of food and were desperate to get clear of the mountain ranges. Hume led them through a series of natural low passes, briefly South-West, then generally South along what later became the Wandong-Broadford road. It took them straight through the middle of Wandong, across Arkells Lane and up to the watershed peak on the Great Dividing Range that is 1260 metres South of Arkells Lane.

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**Weather Report -
Heathcote Junction/Wandong
MAY 2024**

Consistent with the previous months of autumn, conditions remained much the same for May with temperatures of cool nights and warmer days.

We enjoyed several periods of warm, sunny days throughout the month which were consistent with the same period last year.

The total rainfall of 57 mls for the month, 23.5 mls was recorded in the first half and 33.5 mls in the second half, with 20 mls recorded on the 30th May.

The supply dam, Sunday Creek held 94% on the 20th May.

Stats - Rainfall

May 2024	-	57 mls
Previous year	-	73.5 mls
Average prev 10 years	-	77 mls
Total this year	-	382.5 mls
Total prev year	-	245.5 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. Snow White
2. Melbourne Zoo (1862)
3. Kidney (1954)
4. Bank of NSW now Westpac (1816)
5. 2000
6. 25 years
7. 1901
8. Helmeted honeyeater
9. Caledonia
10. Red
11. Robert Louis Stevenson
12. Martin Luther King Jr
13. The mouse
14. New York
15. Netherlands

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“ Sourcing Your Family Dog ”... Part 1

Once you decide to get a dog, you are taking on a 12-14 year commitment. This is longer than most people might have a TV, a car or even a marriage !!! So it makes sense to put serious thought into this choice... Ideally, you need to think about your lifestyle and living conditions; then what breed types might suit you best; whether you want a puppy or an adult and then the big question, where to source your pet..? So this month will focus on the Rescue System - next month I will talk about breeders.



“Adopt Don’t Shop” This ‘motto’ has been around since the early 2000’s, used by Welfare and then picked up by Government Groups. Initially targeted towards the public to prevent impulse buying pups from Pet Stores. Retail stores often sourced their “product” from the unregulated and often dubious puppy dealers. However, it is now illegal to sell or give away pups in retail stores or markets and strong regulations are in place to help limit breeding numbers thru Commercial Dealers. Even advertising pups or dogs for sale requires the litter/individual dog to have a source number thru Dept of Ag. and EVERY animal to be microchipped. The **Downside** - this motto has now become a catch phrase that is thrown around to demonise all breeders and also a way to guilt families that getting a ‘Rescue Dog’ as the **only** responsible choice....

The Rescue Jungle - Let me state here, there are many good people involved in pet rescue, who donate their time and money to help. People who open their hearts and homes to foster dogs that have had change of circumstances. However, not all Rescues are equal, you only have to google ‘Pet Rescue in Australia’ to find a plethora of rescue groups offering dogs/pups to the public. The higher the google rating it would seem the more organised form of Corporate Charities. All seem intent on encouraging you to CLICK for online donations.

For an example.... one group that dominated with my google search appears to actually operate a website to allow rescue groups to advertise dogs they have for re-home. So this registered charity is a kind of ‘middle man’ between the adopter and the adoptee. Their 2021 financial statements show 65% of their income goes into paying 10 full & 9 part-time employees, I also wonder where the \$500,000+ was spent on ‘other expenses’ as they don’t actually re-home dogs. (See link below). But perhaps I am just too cynical.

What is a Rescue dog..? I receive many enquiries from families that have sourced their dog thru rescues. But consider, If you get a pup under the age of about 4 or 5 months these do not generally fit into the category of ‘rescue’, likely just exhibit normal development behaviours that all youngsters go thru. However older dogs often have developed bad habits leaving their new humans confused about how to move forward with problems. The idea is to forget about the dog’s back story otherwise you will find yourself constantly making excuses for the dog’s behaviour and fail to show the dog the boundaries of how to live with humans.

Reasons for Rescue - There are many great dogs who need new homes and we should not judge why people might have to surrender their pets. Dogs end up in rescue for many different reasons.

- Owners living circumstances may have changed and so the dog is just surrendered.
- Owners may have died or had to move into aged care due to health and there is no family to care for dog.
- Perhaps Owners cannot afford the cost to look after very old or sick dogs.
- Dog keeps getting out and wandering off, eventually owners can’t find them or give up looking.

All dogs need to have some training and rescue dogs even more so. You may also find some older rescues have developed Aggression issues or Reactivity towards other dogs - These can be very difficult for you to work with and hence you should seek help from a trainers who is experienced with Aggression/Reactive dogs.

Should you choose to go down the ‘Rescue’ path, do not fall into the trap of becoming emotional about some dog’s *sad past*. Instead it is important to consider what you expect from your dog. Then look for the type of dog you feel will best suit your family, don’t rush into any decision because a rescue dog might only have one chance to find their forever home so you don’t want to let them down.

The good news (Like with all dogs)... Accept the dog for what they are, but... we can change unwanted behaviours.... as long as we keep emotions out of the issues.



Ref: It is worth knowing Charities you choose to support. All charities must be registered with the Australian Government on www.acnc.gov.au . A search for any Charity on this website will also show their financial statements.

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Whittlesea Community Network

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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. Keep your eyes peeled for the Semester 2 Brochure too – updates on new courses for the second half of the year are already up on the website www.wchi.com.au you can book there or call us on 9716 3361.

Save the Date

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.

Uke Muster returns

Get ready to strum along, perform and learn heaps. Saturday 12th October – register now ITS FREE <https://www.socialplanet.com.au/activity/view?id=23984>

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 13th and 27th June 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 Saturdays 1st June or 17th August \$85/\$150/\$195

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.

Metal Detecting

New date for Semester 2 just announced! Saturday 16th November \$10 per person.

Certificate IV in Mental Health + Certificate IV Alcohol and Other Drugs comes to Whittlesea!

Looking for a career change? How about a double certificate! An information session will be held at the House on Thursday 27th June from 10.30am. Come along and find what is involved and if you qualify for funding. Laptop loan available for students too! Call 9716 3361 to RSVP

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 28th June 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 Semester 2 brochure from the House or call to book any of the above on 9716 3361. See you soon!

Kilmore Golf Club Inc.



Kilmore golf club are in celebration mode as all our Pennant teams made the finals. The weekend pennant teams played at Strathbogie but unfortunately were not successful. However, our mid-week Ladies team won at Lancefield. It is 13 years since the ladies won a pennant final so there was quite a bit of excitement.

Our Junior Scholarship girls have almost completed their 2nd term of lessons. A former club member Jess Boyce now a professional golfer has been guiding the girls in the finer skills and etiquette of golf. Lessons are conducted each term for 6 weeks. If you are interested in enrolling your daughter (age 9 – 16 yrs.) for 2025 season contact the Club.

Ph: 57821123 and leave a message OR email: info@kilmoregolfclub.com.au

Our Club has received a Volunteer Grant from the Federal Government to purchase technology to enable players to register for competitions, score on mobile phones and enter results at the end of the days competition. It is envisioned that this process will free up volunteer time spent at the golf shop each competition day.

The golf shop is not always tended 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 a number of membership opportunities at KGC so check our website for a package which suits you. Further enquiries can be made to info@kilmoregolfclub.com.au or call 03 57831123 and leave a message.

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.



WANDONG-HEATHCOTE JUNCTION COMMUNITY GROUP

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WEBSITE: In May the <www.wandong.vic.au> website received 1332 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. At last this project has made the 2024/25 budget with \$100,000 for the design. Mitchell Shire has put the construction cost at \$400,000 and this money needs to be found in the 2025/26 budget. But at least we are grateful that something is finally happening.



The WHJCG tries very hard to keep Wandong Heathcote Junction rubbish free but feels as though we are losing the battle. A huge thanks to Rhonda and Liz on Scanlons Road for all their effort in keeping the Wandong Broadford Road and Scanlons Road free of rubbish. We can only appeal to our residents to take their rubbish home but it is hard to restrain those who pass through Wandong and use Wandong Primary School from Wallan and Kilmore.

We have asked VicRoads what is being done to remove the tyre dumps all over the Shire but no response to date. Hopefully Mitchell Shire Council is also pursuing Vicroads. Dumping is a huge problem for our environment and we need us all and the authorities to do more to curb it.



Like all volunteer groups, the WHJCG is always looking for new people to help around town and with the many projects it undertakes for the community. Wandong Heathcote Junction residents - this is your town and we are sure you have the same wishes as our members. **GIVE US A CALL.**

THE FOOTPATH IS ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THE ROAD

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



We also have asked for train spotting areas for the many gunzels who visit our town and also that the pin oaks on the Wandong Broadford Road be saved and relocated.

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

Darraweit Guim Primary School News



Socks for a sensational cause and a serious change!

Darraweit Primary School needs your help, we are currently fundraising in collaboration with Jolly Soles. Jolly Soles is a brand aimed to make a social impact in a loud & colourful way.

Since 2019, Jolly Soles have partnered with Orana enterprises who support people with special needs so by selling these funky socks we are supporting Orana and we hope to raise enough funds to re-establish our chicken coup and get 'Rita and Faith' back to school.

Remember a little goes a long way, community support is essential for our little school, and we thank you! To purchase a pair, of Jolly Soles socks, please come into the office at

2 Darraweit Valley Drive or call us on 5789 1234.

The cost of each pair is \$7.00, we can accept cash or direct deposit



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Before Maighan Cann from Whittlesea Physiotherapy gave her address at the May meeting of the Combined Probus Club of Whittlesea members had a special morning tea with cake to celebrate the Club's twenty-third birthday having being formed on 6 May 2001.

Life member Mary Wood is the resident cakeologist and did not disappoint with a large decorated cake.

Foundation Member Roma Harris was handed the knife and cut the cake (photo right) to signify another passing year.

Several new members have joined our ranks in the past year, but there was still some serves of cake left at closing time.

The club welcomes any inquiry and a first attendance as a visitor often opens the door to a long association.





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