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## ILLEGAL TYRE DUMPING IS OUT OF CONTROL

It is very difficult to drive anywhere in Mitchell Shire on a VicRoads road and not come across an illegal tyre dump. These photos were taken on the Epping Kilmore Road, the Hume freeway ramps at Wandong and the Hume Freeway, all managed by VicRoads. There are many more dumps and they all appear to be on VicRoads roads. The Wandong Heathcote Junction Community Group has asked VicRoads what action it is taking to identify the perpetrators and also to remove the tyres only to be informed the request has been referred to the Department of Transport and Planning. Months have gone by without a response. It is not clear if Mitchell Shire Council and the E.P.A. are pursuing the problem as well but one would hope so. Almost all the tyres are truck tyres and you would think not too difficult to trace their origin. Maybe tyre companies should be required to mark tyres to identify the company. The tyres are a blight on our environment and also a serious fire hazard as tyre fires burn hotter and more easily, and are harder to extinguish, than regular fires.



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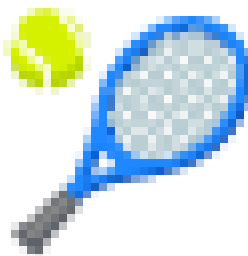
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or text Lisa on 0407 112 880.

Information is posted on our  
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Congratulations to our section 2 singles team who were runner up in the MDTA autumn competition . Well done Jared Plumbe and Dylan Hall..

Spring night tennis commences in August.  
Please let Lisa know if you are playing

All Saturday junior and senior winter teams are having great seasons. Hope to see them all in the finals.

Coaching is available at the club.  
Please contact Karl on  
0423 611 317 or [kv.tennis@hotmail.com](mailto:kv.tennis@hotmail.com)



## Darraweit Guim Primary School News



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[www.wandong.vic.au](http://www.wandong.vic.au)  
[www.upperplenty.com](http://www.upperplenty.com)

## Mitchell Bushwalking Group

The group walks once a fortnight, with some evening walks during the summer months.

Please contact:  
Mary 0428 479 469  
or Wayne 0451 519 734  
or email  
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for more information

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meets third Wednesday of  
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Broadford Community Centre

Contact Sarah 0438 847 577  
for more information.

## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

We wish the following  
people a very happy  
birthday

18 Jul	Michael Mason	W
18 Jul	Andrew Fletcher	HJ
19 Jul	Kayla Johnson	HJ
19 Jul	Nicholas Rhead	HJ
21 Jul	Dale Dwyer	Wallan
22 Jul	Steven Barnes	HJ
22 Jul	Brian Dove	W
23 Jul	Hayley Day	UP
24 Jul	Bianca Gardiner	B
25 Jul	Brok Wightman	W
26 Jul	Cathy Bellomo	HJ
27 Jul	Vicky Seeley	HJ
27 Jul	Jessica Barnes	HJ
27 Jul	Sarah Dwyer	Wallan
29 Jul	Amelia Kovacic	WP
29 Jul	Ben McMahon	B
30 Jul	Eilidh Murray	HJ
30 Jul	Steven McCarthy	HJ
30 Jul	Jake Duncan	HJ
31 Jul	Dawn McCormack	HJ
3 Aug	Jessica Kelly	HJ
3 Aug	Jenny Mifsud	W
4 Aug	Mick Lawrence	K
4 Aug	Ben Dodds	W
4 Aug	Terry Swanwick	HJ
5 Aug	Erin Hanson	W
5 Aug	Casey Johnstone	W
6 Aug	Casey Georgelin	HJ
7 Aug	Brett Smith	W
7 Aug	Nicole Marshall	HJ
7 Aug	Robyn Robinson	HJ
7 Aug	Holly Ellison	W
8 Aug	Karen MacDonald	W
8 Aug	Brian Smith	W
8 Aug	Craig Stewart	W
9 Aug	Sue Bausch	HJ
9 Aug	Graham Robinson	HJ
9 Aug	Joseph Bellomo	HJ
9 Aug	Helen Stewart	B
9 Aug	Jaymi McLennan	W
10 Aug	Robyn Likos	HJ
12 Aug	Gail Plumbe	C
13 Aug	Joanne Waldie	W
14 Aug	Helen Stewart	W
14 Aug	Kate King	Wallan
15 Aug	Ken Bausch	HJ
15 Aug	Eileen Gray	HJ
16 Aug	Andrew Lawrence	K

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Vicar: Rev Ruwan Palapathwala 9014 0696

• **Web Site:** [www.christchurchwhittlesea.org](http://www.christchurchwhittlesea.org)

• **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

• **Christ Church Craft Group**

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• **Jobs at Anglican Care** [www.careerjet.com.au](http://www.careerjet.com.au)



### *Wandong District Church* **29 Wandong Ave, Wandong**

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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



## **I don't know about your Bible but mine definitely says Thou shalt not throw people off piers.**

Thinking about my brief education at state and tech schools in the 50s and 60s we did not learn directly about our dealings with other people or their property.

We seemed to get into strife without much help from outsiders, but the trouble we caused was limited to things like stealing overhanging fruit up back lanes. (The apples seemed to taste better) It was accepted to throw a few stones at Catholic kids on our way home along Cooper St. (I think that my biased Father would have shut his eyes to that one.) Amongst all our mates I cannot remember that we stole items, bullied anybody, isolated those who may have been different or disadvantaged, or were deliberately cruel to other schoolkids. We seemed to take out any tendency to be antisocial or cruel maybe to animals or strangely to our best mates. We played some dangerous lunchtime games that would be frowned on these days.

We were a rough and tumble lot, returning home in real trouble with skin off, torn pants and sometimes mangled bikes! We learned (as well as how to make paper footballs) that there was a thing called the Ten Commandments. They did not seem to interfere with our normal day-to-day activities, but they cropped up in discussions at home a bit. One day when Dad was reading the Herald he commented that less and less people were taking notice of these rules for life, with that he got down the family Bible looked up Exodus in the Old Testament and read, Have no other Gods before Me! (That covers a lot of area) Don't worship idols. Don't take the Lord's name in vain. (that's pretty serious) Blasphemy is still a crime in many countries. Keep Sunday as a day of rest. Honour your Father and Mother. Thou shalt not murder. Do not commit adultery. Do not steal. Do not tell fibs. Do not covet (desire) your neighbours belongings. Didn't notice anything about pushing people off piers? Let's fast forward to the New Testament and listen to what Jesus had to say. Keep in mind that this was written by Matthew, a man who was a close friend of Jesus and wrote what he heard Jesus say. When asked which was the most important commandment Jesus said, Love your God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength and the second commandment is this, Love your neighbour as you love yourself!

I think Jesus nailed it in these two statements, He covered all eventualities (including throwing people off piers!)

A.G. (God's worry.)

## **WANDONG HISTORY GROUP**

Hi all, I'm David, vice president of the Wandong History Group. Our President Karen has stood down for a short while due to ill health, and I will be taking the reins until she is feeling a bit better.

We have decided that during the cooler weather we will not be opening the Catholic church during the week. But if anybody has enquiries or wishes to donate historic items to our collection please ring and we will open up for you.

Although we will not be so active at the church for winter we are still beavering away as we prepare for our history week open day on 26<sup>th</sup> October. This year we will be celebrating 150 years of the railways through Wandong.

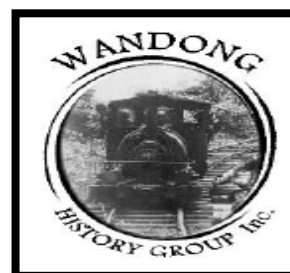
So if anybody out there has any railway paraphernalia of the older days of the railway station and goods yards that we could display, we would love to talk to you about them with the view of using them in our display.

You can phone me on 03.5787 1738.

Till next time  
DAVID MORAN

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# GARDEN SCENE WITH GAIL

Wow, we're in Winter for sure, cold, cold days and even colder nights, but... we are passed our shortest day; our days will soon begin to stretch out and give us more time in the garden. And why not, it keeps us warm! As cold as it is, July is an extremely busy month, preparing for what Spring and Summer will bring us. If you haven't pruned your fruit trees, vines, or need to reshape deciduous plants, get stuck into that, because before you know it, buds will begin. Where you prune a branch, the angle of the node you prune to, will determine which way the new growth will head, so pruning to a downward facing node on weeping plants will force the new growth down but if you want to extend the canopy of your weeper, prune to an upward facing node, gravity will pull the growth down a little so it won't stick up like a crazy plant. Fruit trees benefit from letting light into the central part of the plant, so keep that area open as much as you can and always prune off twisted or intertwined branches. The cuttings from the fruit trees can be used in areas that are prone to eroding. Insert a stick into the ground and push the cuttings down into the soil to cover a couple of nodes. It's a bonus if they grow to assist in holding the soil together and if they flower, they can provide more nectar for our bees. This is a great month to straighten any young plants that have grown on an angle. The moist soil makes it easier to pull the plants up straight and they also stress less, and their root system adapts better. Do this very gradually. July is a great month to get any potted plants that need to go into the ground, planted. Do it now so they can settle in before the warmer months come around. Dig the hole twice as wide and deep as the pot they are planted in, mix in well-rotted cow manure and dig it over well before you pop in the plant. Remember to have the potted plant sitting in a seasoil mix prior to planting and after planting, water in well and use the seasoil mix once the water has soaked in. Lots to do, get the first application of sulphate of potash around the base of fruit trees, roses, gardenias, any Spring, Summer flowering plants. This encourages more flowers (hence, more fruit) and follow this up again in about three weeks and a final application in the following three weeks. Admire our beautiful Daphne, they will be flowering this month so apply a liquid fertiliser every week ensuring the liquid fertiliser is a well-balanced solution encouraging both flowers and growth. If your roses had black spot last growing season you can apply Lime Sulphur now, before any growth begins. You may want to prune your roses this month prior to applying. Sometimes if we prune our roses too early the frost can nip back the new shoots. Now is good time to add to your rose collection, they are absolutely beautiful with stunning perfumes. Thornless roses tend to have less perfume. Camellias are flowering now and also deserve a weekly dose of liquid fertiliser, they are such hardy plants that lend themselves to hedging, pots, mass planting, specimen plants, espalier and lots more. Get moving and get warm. Clean up any debris around the garden and take time to weed your gardens now, the soil is damp and it's nearly a pleasure with how easy the weeds pull out. Apply a slow-release fertiliser which will start to activate once the soil temperature reaches about 18 degrees and follow up with a good mulching. Don't forget about your lawn, aerate and top dress and as the weather warms a little, follow up with a weed and feed.



Have a fantastic July.

Bye for now!  
*Gail Mains Kendrick*



## 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](mailto:membership.upmclg@gmail.com) or Chris Cobern 0413855490







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# LIONS CLUB OF WANDONG - WALLAN INC.

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



Winter has set in and our regular scribe Clyde has deserted us and headed north to Brisbane. He insists that he was "forced" by his lovely wife Elizabeth to go on a holiday, against his will. They have gone to visit his sister Kris, inappropriately referred to as "The Grumpy Old Matron", and her husband Brent. Kristine and Brent have a beautiful yacht that they built, and Clyde and Elizabeth will be guests on the vessel. In preparation for Clyde's arrival, the boat has been temporarily renamed the SS Minow, and Clyde has been issued a shirt embroidered with the name "Gilligan". Let's hope that their tour is longer than 3hrs! Clyde is to be leg roped to the mast on a tether which is short enough to stop him falling overboard, and to prevent him touching any of the controls. I can't imagine why that would be.....much.

Our Club recently reached a point in time where things are not all good. Without getting into too much detail, the financial demands from the Lions hierarchy are placing us under pressure to the point that we might become unsustainable as a Club.

Additionally, our President Daniel is looking to relocate to Queensland due to work commitments. Daniel (and Peter) has been a real asset to our Club, and we will miss his positive input, and we wish him and his family well in his vocational pursuits.

A couple of meetings both official and unofficial, have been held to look at our options for the future, and at this point we are still afloat and pursuing some available options. One of our problems was that there was nobody prepared to take on the President's position, but just recently a member has expressed interest in taking on the role, and some communication has apparently been exchanged with our hierarchy in an effort to regain sustainability. Hopefully by the next edition of What's News, we will have more details of where we sit as a Club.

One thing that would help us would be an increase in Membership, particularly younger people who may want to look at some long-term membership commitment. We will be looking at a number of options to attract new members, but maybe through readers of this column, and some "word of mouth" communication with friends etc, we might be able to get people interested. We will look at our options and see where we go from here.

We celebrated two birthdays recently with Steve attaining a "zero" year, and Marie having her special day. It was cakes and candles at our unofficial Friday evening get togethers.

I heard that recently Di claimed that Cliff is treated like the Queen by her, and with that, we can't wait to see Cliff in his gown and crown sitting on the throne. But hopefully only behind closed doors away from public scrutiny.

Shaz has fitted in well, and I'm sure she will be getting an award for the loudest laugh at social gatherings.

Some of the Women have regressed to teenage like behavior. Recently, the group of them were preoccupied looking at pictures on their phone while out in the group. You know, like the young ones they say are "always on their phones". To demonstrate their personal phone engrossment, Cliff faked a heart attack, falling to the floor in a groaning state looking for all the world like he was going to meet God. After we drew Di's attention to this disaster, she looked down at poor Cliff and told him to get up and stop showing off, or words to that effect. Care Factor, ZERO, and back to looking at the phone for Di.

Steve attended the final round of the Drag Racing Series in Queensland and hopes now that there will be no talk of "racing in Drag", stilettos, and tutus from Clyde now. Lioness Tania caught up with Steve in Queensland and accompanied him on the return to cold old Victoria. The trip entailed travelling on "The Lions Road" on the Queensland/NSW boarder, built through the efforts of Kyogle Lions Club members in back in 1970. A drive through beautiful country, and well worth visiting.

Back in Kilmore East, after returning from Queensland, Steve turned on the shower at 6.30am only to have to wait until 11.30am for the water pipes to finally thaw to permit the important morning activity. Why can't we all just stay up north for the entire winter?

Ok, that's it for this report, other than to hope everyone is healthy and staying warm. Hopefully, a more detailed account of our Club's status will be included in our next What's News report.

Steve Munro

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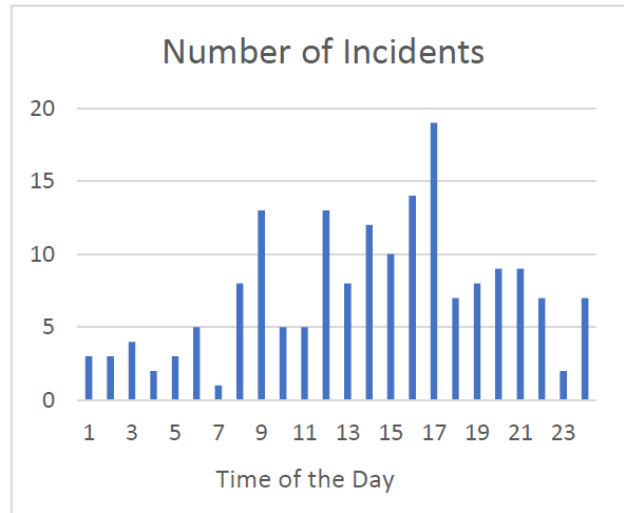
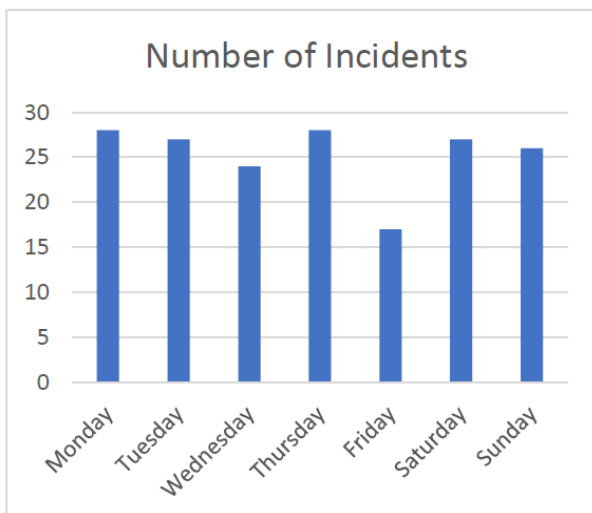
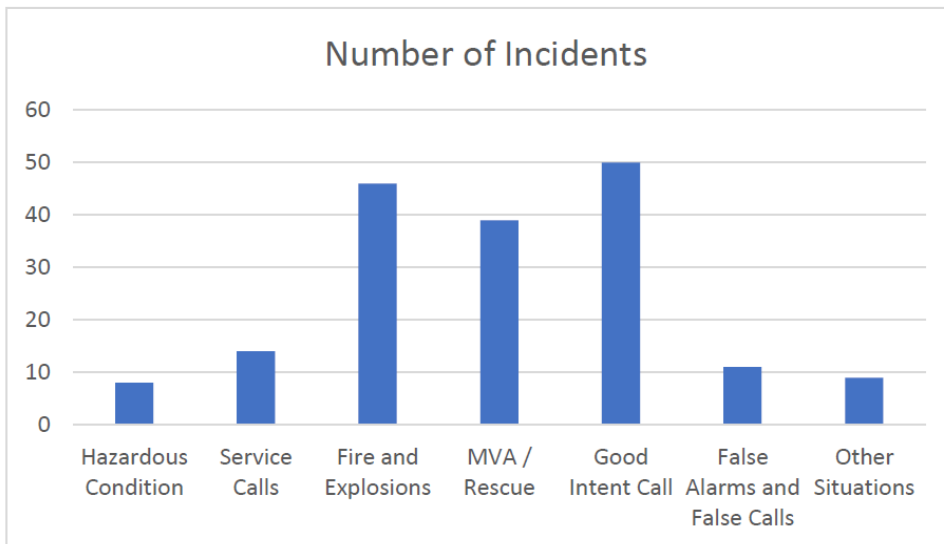


# Wandong Fire Brigade



In the 2023/2024 financial year, Wandong Fire Brigade responded to 177 incidents, 51 of these were in our primary area and 126 were supporting brigades in surrounding areas.

- We had 100% compliance to Service Delivery Standards (SDS), which refers to getting the truck out the door in our allocated time.
- 46 incidents (or 26% of all callouts) were to attend fire and/or explosions.
- There were a large number (39 or 22% of all call outs) of motor vehicle accidents (MVAs) and rescue incidents, highlighting the need for caution on our roads.
- 61 calls were false alarms or good intent calls, this is when CFA responds to an incident but there is no emergency and no need for CFA firefighting or other expertise.
- Peak times for call-outs were between 4 and 5pm, and at 12pm and 9am.
- Friday had the least amount of call-outs for our brigade in the financial year.
- Wandong Fire Brigade is a 100% Volunteer Fire Brigade.





THE COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF WHITTLESEA INC.

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## Reason for Pseudo Divorce

Casey Olori Business Development Partner of Australian Unity Home Health division was the guest presenter at the July meeting of the Combined Probus Club of Whittlesea.

It was advertised as an information session for members that maybe interested in getting registered with *My Aged Care* and the different support that is available now, and in the future.

My Aged Care is a federal government authority that oversees the delivery of care to eligible aged citizens. It relies on contracted providers like Australian Unity Home Health to deliver Australian Government-funded aged care services. We learnt that there are 900 providers in Australia.

Established in 1840, Australian Unity is a member-owned wellbeing company with more than 385,000 members and more than 700,000 customers. Their range of health, wealth and care products and services provides member, customer and community value that is supportive of personal and community wellbeing.

Australian Unity's Home Health division is an integrated healthcare business which delivers clinical, aged care, mental health and rehabilitation services through in-home, community and virtual settings.

The aged care system has been constantly under criticism by all manner of organisations which resulted in a Royal Commission. In July 2024 a new [Aged Care Regulatory Model](#) comes into effect. It sets out a new approach to regulating aged care.

The most important message that Casey provided was that My Aged Care is for you as an individual. So, a couple who have been married for a long time need to undergo a pseudo divorce and each apply for an assessment.

This is so that each person in a couple will undergo their own assessment to determine their individual care needs and eligibility for services, ensuring that the specific needs of each person are identified and met. Many partners have been severely disadvantaged because only one of the two had registered with My Aged Care. Should the regissee die the remaining member has no coverage.

Information about how to register and be assessed was explained clearly and without any ambiguities. Examples of couples supporting each other in the home but with only one registered were explained, and audience members were also enjoined in the explanations.

When one partner does most of the chores the other will consider that they don't need help, but the truth is exactly the opposite! Each unto his own fits as you need to be an individual when considering your needs. For instance if your wife dispenses your medication ask yourself if you can do it. If you were on your own what would not get done is a good benchmark!

Everyone was advised to spend the next couple of weeks accessing exactly what tasks you need assistance to do, and the draw up a list Once that is clear and understood apply to be registered. You can apply for an assessment via My Aged Care website: <https://www.myagedcare.gov.au/assessment> or call My Aged Care on 1800 200 422.

**Casey went into significant detail but this summary slide more or less explains:**

### The intent of a Home Care Package

Home Care Packages are flexible; there may be other care and services that are suited to your needs. Together with your provider, you need to work out if a care or service that you need:

- Is directly linked to your identified care needs and goals
- Will improve your health and wellbeing
- Is necessary for you to remain living safely and independently in your home
- Can be delivered within your Home Care Package budget, and
- Would be considered an acceptable use of government funds.

A Home Care Package should not be used for, and does not replace, care and services that can be accessed through other health programs that you might be eligible for. You should continue to access these if and when you need them, through your GP and hospitals.

There are four levels of home care packages and each has a ceiling limit on the amount of monetary assistance that can be obtained. But first you have to register and be assessed; which will determine your eligibility for a home care package.

More than once we were told if you are admitted to hospital and do not have home care services in place, request the Nurse Unit Manager [NUM] arrange an assessment for you prior to discharge. Hospitals have the mechanism to fast-track the assessment. Going home knowing you have help to support you at home, will give you peace of mind.

The three allowed questions were answered satisfactorily, and the audience participated in a rousing applause, after which Teresa Carlin our Programme Co-ordinator gave the official thank you and a token gift.

*Written by Michael Halley*





# Wandong Primary School



## Pink Day!

On the 21<sup>st</sup> of June we dressed in pink and donated a gold coin to raise awareness for Breast Cancer Network Australia. On this day, we also celebrated Gratitude Day! At Wandong Primary we often discuss what we are grateful for and how being grateful everyday helps us to keep a positive mindset.



## Milo's Birthday!

Our incredible foundation students celebrated Milo's Surprise Birthday Party! They dressed up as their favourite character. Each character was matched to the letter of the alphabet.



## FINAL ENROLMENTS FOR 2025

I'm pretty sure there have been plenty of reminders already, but just in case you missed it, if there are any families out there with siblings set to start school in 2025 and you still haven't completed and lodged an enrolment form, please do so at your earliest convenience. It is extremely helpful to us in planning for next year, as knowing our guaranteed enrolments can assist in possibly offering places to other families who have applied for a position. At this stage, we have far more enrolment applications than we can accept.

### JULY 2024

- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> - First Day Term 3
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> NAIDOC Week
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> - Grade 5/6 Interschool Sport - Summer Tournament
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Spare Change Challenge starts
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Whittlesea Division: BOYS AFL FINALS  
-Selected Students only
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> - Whittlesea Division: GIRLS AFL FINALS  
-Selected Students only
- Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> - PAFA meeting - 9:15am

## SPARE CHANGE CHALLENGE

JUL 22 - AUG 9

Bring your spare change to school

Pop it in the milk carton provided

Competition ends 9th August

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## Special PIZZA LUNCH DAY

5TH SEPT



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Labor Member for Yan Yean

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# WANDONG NETBALL CLUB



## SEASON 2024

With only a few games left of the season the Club is excited to announce that we are entering teams into the Craigieburn indoor competition. This will compliment the remainder of the season and ensure players can continue to play Netball in the off season.

## SPONSORS

Our Club would not be what it is today without our amazing sponsors.

This month we would like to recognise the generosity of 2 of our sponsors.

**DG Earthworks** – Dan Louis is a returning sponsor this year whose daughter Scarlett is a superstar in the U15 team. Dan owns and operated DG Earthworks – a local Wandong company with expertise in Hydro excavation, Service Locating & Installation of underground Power, water, gas, Telstra / NBN / Optus, Excavations, Drilling and Civil Construction.



Thank you once again Dan for your continued support of the Wandong Netball Club.

Call Dan on 0409 529 730

Another returning sponsor for the 2024 season is **Wandong Self Storage**, run by our very own U13 Green Coach, Bec along with her husband Jason.



Wandong Self Storage is located on Theodore Court in Wandong and offers a secure self-storage options for clients, both personal - needing somewhere to store home items and business, looking for short- or long-term space rental.

A shout out to the very versatile Isabelle, Bec and Jason's daughter, who plays in the U13s team and can be seen dominating the court on a Saturday morning. Thank you for your repeated support of this amazing Club.

Call Wandong Self Storage on 0412 774 895

## BUNNINGS BBQ

We are ready to cook up a storm at our local Craigieburn Bunnings by hosting a BBQ fundraiser.

Head down to Craigieburn on **Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> of July** to fill your tummy's, cruise the isles of Bunnings and support our Club.



## GOING PINK FOR BCNA

- Every year the Wandong Netball Clubs hosts a **PINK** round to raise funds for the Breast Cancer Network Australia (BCNA)
- This year we will be hosting our event on **Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> of August 9am til 2pm.**
- We are now looking for donations for our raffle prizes.
- If you would like to contribute, please email Graeme at [wandongnetball@gmail.com](mailto:wandongnetball@gmail.com)
- We would love to see you there to support this worthy cause.
- To donate please click on the QR code below.



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# Upper Plenty Merri Catchments Landcare Group



The team here at UPMCLG would like to give a huge shout out to the volunteers that showed up for our woody weeds removal along Dry Creek in May and June. This project has required a huge effort from our volunteers, as well as our friends at TREC who have helped with the spraying of weeds. Our volunteers have assisted in the manual removal of weeds and the lopping and dabbing of smaller bushes. The main focus has been to rid the area of invasive woody weeds such as gorse, hawthorn berry and blackberry.

The collective effort has this roadside on track to be restored to a healthy habitat for not only birds but frogs, insects and small mammals alike. To take this revegetation project to the next step, we will have a planting day on National tree planting day on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2024. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more information if you would like to give us a much needed hand on the day.

We would also like to say a big thank you to our volunteers, especially our corporate volunteers from Bupa, who helped plant indigenous plants at Walwa Park to help revegetate farmland. With 200 plants to get into the ground, we had no issues getting it all completed within just a few hours. A big thank you to the Fifteen Trees who funded the materials and plants and to David Laurie from Valley of a Thousand Hills Farm Tree Nursery, who supplied all indigenous native tube stock. Once established, these plants will help to create a safe area for smaller animals and birds to move between areas. This can help restore their numbers as it limits the amount of open air movement they must make in the way of predators.

## Upcoming events:

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024: UPMCLG Committee Meeting – The Shack (Upper Plenty Mechanics Institute Hall): 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2024: Planting Day at the Dry Creek Restoration Program – Mahadys Road, Upper Plenty, behind the bus stop – Register here: <https://treeday.planetark.org/site/10029364>

Our Landcare would not be able to do the work we do without our incredible volunteers and members that sacrifice their time. If you think you could lend a hand, or just want to learn more about what our Landcare does, follow us on Facebook (Upper Plenty Merri Catchments Landcare Group), or contact our Secretary Michael on 0412 408 048 or [secretary.upmclg@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.upmclg@gmail.com)





# Our Town's Football Club



Winter is now well and truly upon us. Is there a better time for an ice bath? The club hosted it's annual fight MND fundraiser round on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June. The day was a massive success. Coaches from all age groups were given the ice bath treatment and the club raised in excess of \$3500.00 for the Fight MND cause. The day was also a thank you to our invaluable sponsors who were welcomed for a day of good weather, good football and great spirits. It was a chance to put faces to the names of local people who give so generously to get the kids playing every week.



## UPCOMING GAMES

<p><b>Round 11</b> Sunday 14 July Wandong V Broadford LB Davern reserve Wandong</p>
<p><b>Round 12</b> BYE</p>
<p><b>Round 13</b> Sunday 28 July Wandong V Alexandra LB Davern Reserve Wandong</p>



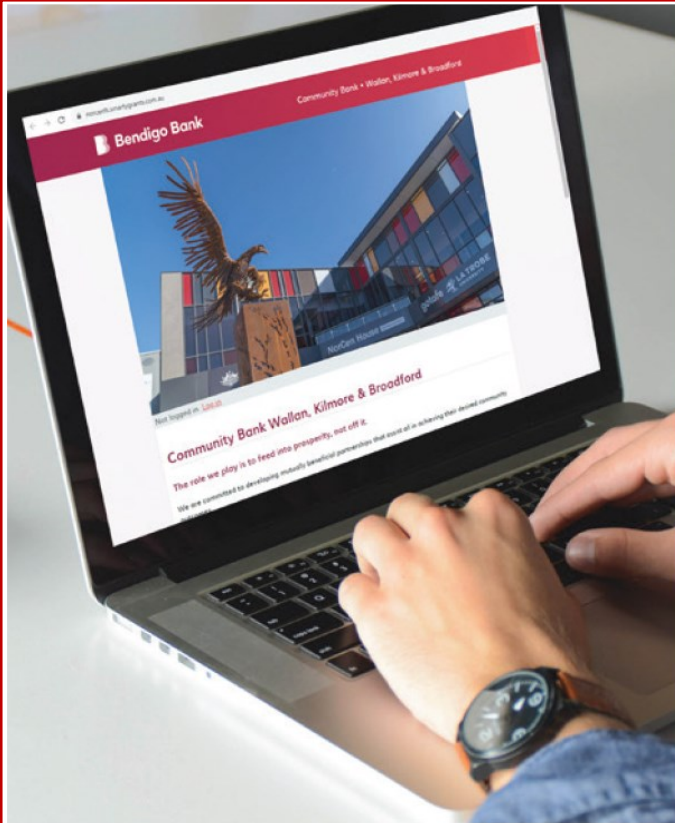
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 Wandong Junior Football Club

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







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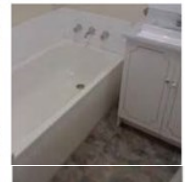
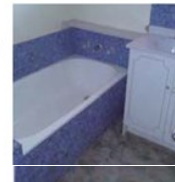
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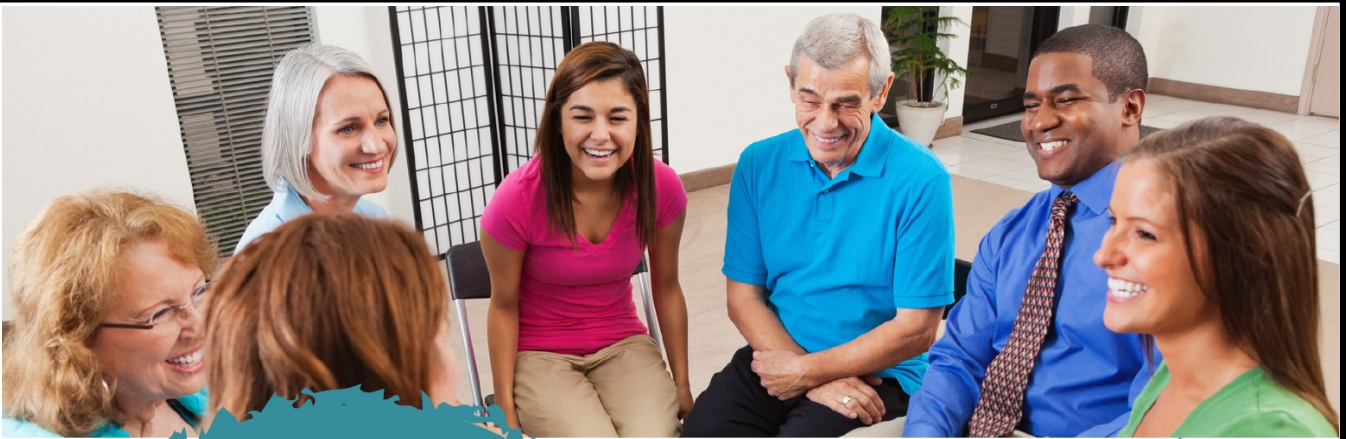
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# In Person Peer Support Carer's Group

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Are you a carer who is caring for a family member or friend with disability, a medical condition, mental illness, or who is frail due to age and looking to connect with other carers who are in a similar situation?

## Connecting with other Carers

If so, then have you considered joining one of our Carer's Groups?

### FOCUS IS ON:

- ✓ Connection
  - ✓ Hope
  - ✓ Identity
  - ✓ Meaning
  - ✓ Empowerment
- **Carer support groups enable carers to meet with other carers in their local community in a safe and supportive environment.**
  - **The groups are led by a facilitator who will work with the group to run a program with topics of interest.**
  - **Opportunity for carers to share ideas, strategies and experiences.**

CONTACT ANGIE FOR MORE INFORMATION



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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

#### Current 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-July!

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



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](mailto:kooraw@bigpond.com)

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**Project 2: Shade Structure @ Courts 5 & 6 and 3 & 4**

The L.B.Davern Reserve was successful in the Tidy Towns Fund Grant for the purpose of providing Shelter at Courts 5 & 6. This shelter is double sided and will also provide seating and shelter for courts 3 & 4.

This project was successful through the support of the combination of L.B.Davern Committee, Wandong Netball Club and Wandong Tennis Club.



**RIGHT: Sample design of Shelter**

**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  
12 Dry Creek Crescent, (P.O.Box 303) Wandong 3758  
Mobile 0408 393 250**





## Neighbourhood Watch

Let's watch out for each other

### South Mitchell

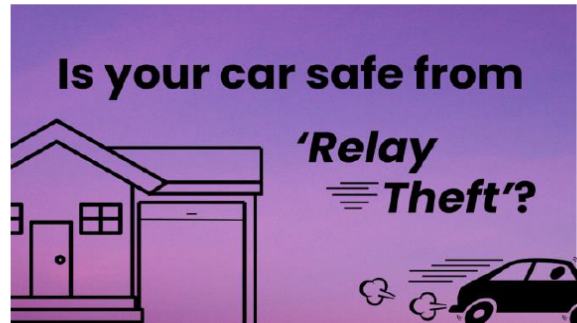
### What is Relay Theft?

Cars are increasingly being stolen by criminals using technology to exploit the keyless entry systems found in many modern vehicles.

This method, often referred to as a 'relay attack', involves using electronic devices to amplify and relay the signal from a car's key fob to unlock and start the vehicle.

Typically, two thieves work together. Here is how the process generally works:

1. One person stands near the car with a device that can capture the signal from the key fob. The other stands closer to the house with another device to relay the signal.
2. The device near the house picks up the key fob signal and amplifies it, sending it to the accomplice's device near the car.
3. The car receives the relayed signal and interprets it as if the key fob is nearby. This allows the thieves to unlock the car and start the engine, driving away without physically possessing the key.



This type of car theft has been reported in various regions in relatively low numbers within Australia. However, the risk is still present as the technology becomes more common in Australia.

### How to Avoid Being a Victim of Relay Theft

There are several things you can do to protect yourself from relay theft:

- Use a Faraday Pouch – these pouches are lined with metallic material that blocks the signal;
- Turn off the Keyless feature – check your owner's manual to see if this is an option to disable keyless entry or at least use the sleep mode if available to prevent them from emitting a signal when the car is not in use;
- Fit a steering wheel lock – this will make it more difficult to drive away with your vehicle even if they unlock it; and
- Ensure your car's software is up to date.

### How to Stop Theft from Vehicles

Most thieves break into cars because they see something they want inside. Thieves will break windows and damage locks in a matter of seconds to steal your valuables. Or, they may go from car-to-car until they find one that's unlocked. Follow our tips to protect your belongings:

- Park securely – in a locked garage, or a well-lit street;
- Remove all valuable items, such as mobile phones, laptops, tablets, wallet, sunglasses, coats, etc.
- ALWAYS take spare house keys and your door opener out of your vehicle when you leave it; and
- ALWAYS lock your car, even when parking at home, buying fuel or dashing into the shops.

More information is available at the Neighbourhood Watch website at <https://nhw.com.au/>.

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#### Emergency

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Winter has well and truly set in but the cold weather has not deterred those of our members who have decided not to escape to warmer climes and most classes are continuing to be well attended. The JJ Clancy Community hub keeps us nice and warm inside and the well-appointed kitchen ensures a nice cup of tea afterwards.

The creative writing class could do with a few more members so if you want to unleash your inner author, come and join this small, talented and supportive group and have a go at memoir writing, fiction or short story writing and join in the lively discussions had by this group. Members write their story at home each month and share with others in the group when they meet. If time allows, a short exercise on a set topic is undertaken on the day. The group is supportive of each other's endeavours, diverse in their styles of writing and there is much to be learned.

The Convener for this group is a published writer with more than thirty years of experience, is a member of Writers Victoria and has honed her writing skills over the years, encompassing memoir writing, children's books, dialogue, editing and creative writing. Why not come and join in? The Group meet at the JJ Clancy community centre on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 9.30 am till 11.30 am. Check out the website for further details.

The ukulele singalong group are going from strength to strength and the beginner group that started at the beginning of the year are joining in with the main class and making great progress. The last class of the month is held at the Caledonia nursing home at Kilmore Hospital where we play for the residents and host a singalong. Last month we took along a variety of percussion instruments and the residents had great fun keeping time and singing along. We all enjoyed the interaction and I don't know who had the most fun.

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. We are a friendly and approachable bunch and if you already belong to another U3A branch, you can join as an associate member for only \$5.00. Check out the website at :

<https://u3akilmoreanddistrict.com.au/> or contact us at [info@u3akilmoreanddistrict.com.au](mailto:info@u3akilmoreanddistrict.com.au)

Cheers, Amanda Oades



Hello Readers, In this article I'd like to introduce you to some of our wonderful tutors and session leaders.

Tatiana, our very experience Pilates tutor takes us on an exercise journey which improves our flexibility, our strength and our balancing ability. Our members are very fortunate that Tatiana knows how to tailor the sessions to suit all participants needs.

If Pilates sounds too daunting and strenuous we also have a devoted tutor in Diane, who teaches Tai Chi. This involves gentle movements and postures and controlled breathing. Once again, Tai Chi assists by improving balance and preventing falls in mature aged people like ourselves.

If you're into learning a new language, our very capable Josephine will have you speaking Italian in no time at all.

What's not to love about Trivia? Once a month we have our knowledge tested by our brainiac John. He challenges us with a series of general knowledge questions followed by a music quiz. The winning team members, each, are rewarded with a grand prize of a delicious chocolate bar, usually a Toblerone. However, it's the last jackpot question we all sweat on, hoping to win the cash prize.

We have many other activities which I'll try and sell you in a later edition of "What's News"

Some up and coming outings, as discussed at a recent committee meeting, are a proposed trip to Puffing Billy and a tour of the Royal Exhibition Building.

Our June luncheon outing was at the "Lucky Little Dumplings" restaurant at Pentridge Gaol in Coburg, we can't wait to eat there again and next time include a tour of the gaol itself.

If you would like to try out any of the above classes, your first session will be at no cost and you don't have to be a member of U3A Wallan. For further details, please contact me, John - U3A Wallan President on 0413 083 089

Bye for now. John Lanphier

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## THIS MONTHS QUIZ

Answer appears on Page 26 but no cheating!

1. What country has the oldest train system?
2. What is the oldest railway station in Australia?
3. What is the world's oldest surviving steam locomotive?
4. What is the busiest railway station in Australia?
5. What country has the biggest train system?
6. What country has the fastest train in the world?
7. Where was the first underground railway?
8. Name the train in the Harry Potter films.
9. What are Japans fast trains called?
10. Where is the Sea of Tranquility?
11. What ingredients are in Bundaberg Rum?
12. What river runs through Bundaberg, QLD?
13. Who won the French tennis open in 2024?
14. What is the national flower of Scotland?
15. Who was the author of "Treasure Island"?

## Kilmore/Wallan RSL Sub Branch

meets the last Thursday night of the  
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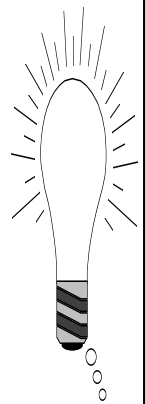
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## Whittlesea Probud New Members

At the July meeting of the Combined Probud Club of Whittlesea three new members were inducted by President Cheryl Manicolo. The protocol involved, was in keeping with the Constitution and the requirements of Probud South Pacific the governing body in Australia.

All Whittlesea residents, Kirsten and Stewart Dickinson were accompanied by Carolyn Thorn at the induction. Each was presented with documentation and a name badge. The latter being mandatory regalia at meetings, lest a fine be imposed!

It is somewhat daunting for new members to get to know their new friends, and likewise. At this time we know that Kirsten a former primary school teacher enjoys tennis, dancing and dogs. Stewart is an outdoorsy person! Interestingly Carolyn also plays tennis, but likes Old Movies. They each seemed to have "broken the ice" and were chatting with other members during morning tea.

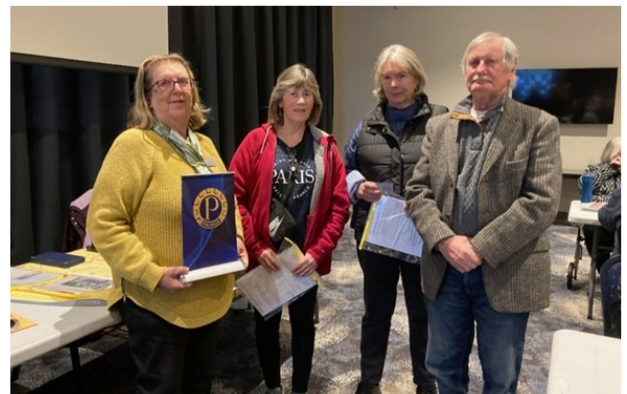
The new members have joined at a time when future meetings are confirmed and two day trips are also arranged. Next month we will be learning about helicopters and aerial firefighting. Beyond that the varied topics include, security, environmental weed control, and toy libraries all leading up to the local primary school children carolling to end a successful year.

Make new friends, listen to interesting guest speakers, learn a new skill, explore new interests and hobbies - there is so much to choose from when you become a member of Whittlesea Probud Club.

Glenda Vincent is Membership officer and is waiting for your call 0431 517 008.

Email [whittleseaprobus@hotmail.com](mailto:whittleseaprobus@hotmail.com)

*Written by Michael Halley  
Publicity Officer*



**Left to right:  
Cheryl Carolyn, Kirsten and Stewart**

## Envisioning a Worshipping Community in Wallan

The Reverend Prashant Bhonsle, A Parish Minister of the Hume Anglican Parish – Anglican Diocese of Melbourne, together with the Community in Wallan is envisioning a development of an Anglican Presence in Wallan. He hopes to begin a worship congregation in the community together with the Parish and the Diocese is reaching out to potential members through an interactive information session that was held the 16 th of July at Wallan Neighbourhood House.

Prashant grew up around the Church. He has a passion for the local Churches' engagement with the community, their history and possible positive impacts they can make in the overall wellbeing of the surrounding community.

Prashant has loved getting to know the town and the people of Wallan. The diversity of people, their inclusive culture, openness to change and yet retaining the past cultural heritage, is well reflected in their lifestyle, community markets, support for each other and in creating safe places for all to grow.

The community has its challenges, like most do. Drug abuse, gambling, family violence, gender justice, cost of living crisis, homelessness and above all, mental health. It is clear there are many people in the community of Wallan seeking to help and make a difference for others around them.

Prashant hopes to rebuild a community, rooted in faith, and drawing its mandate from its inclusive spirituality and worship, embracing one and all in Wallan. He is hopeful that such a presence will have a positive impact on this great community.

It is a desired that this church will work in greater partnership with Anglican and other service agencies, interfaith networks, city council and likeminded people to help the community flourish. So, they are offering an invitation for like-minded others to join them.

Rev. Prashant S Bhonsle (Parish Minister, Hume Anglican Parish)

The Anglican Diocese of Melbourne Email: [bhonsle@melbourneanglican.org.au](mailto:bhonsle@melbourneanglican.org.au)



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

June was generally a cold and dry month with only 17mls of rain recorded in the first half of the month. The second half of the month was completely different with heavy frosts on several occasions and there were a few reports of damaged equipment exposed to the outside conditions by frost and during this period, 21.5 mls of rain was recorded.

Our supply dam, Sunday Creek, was at capacity with the last update recorded on the 17<sup>th</sup> June.

**Stats - Rainfall**

June 2024	-	38.5 mls
Previous year	-	129.5 mls
Average prev 10 years	-	89 mls
Total this year	-	421 mls
Total prev year	-	375 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 24)**

1. England
2. Flinders Street station
3. Puffing Billy
4. Sydney Central railway station
5. U.S.A.
6. China (Shanghai Maglev - 460 kph)
7. London
8. Hogwarts Express
9. Bullet trains
10. The moon
11. Water, molasses and yeast
12. Burnett River
13. Carlos Alcaraz
14. Thistle
15. Robert Louis Stevenson

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

## ' Sourcing Your Family Dog '... Part 2

### The Dog Breeder.... Friend or Foe..?

Last month I wrote on getting a dog thru the Rescue System. So now to navigate the world of Dog Breeders. Just like in the Rescue world.... Not all breeders are equal so it is important to try and avoid any scams or pitfalls. Please consider:



1. *Be honest about WHY you really want a dog;* Don't get a dog just because you are lonely: or feel you need a protector: or that you feel you need an assistance dog. This is a 14-15 year commitment you need to make this work.
2. *Consider what breed best suits you.* You might like the look of certain breeds and this is a good start, but then chat to friends and family about how they find their dogs, even go to a dog park and watch dogs. Some breeds may be very difficult to fit in with the community you engage with.

#### **Checklist to avoid Scams etc.** (*Gvt regulations are set out for all advertising and sale of dogs/puppies*)

- Pup must be min 8 weeks, MUST BE microchipped and vaccinated
- In Victoria : ALL pups MUST also have a source number from State Government: <https://per.animalwelfare.vic.gov.au>
- Avoid any breeder who advertises "rare" for colour or breed.
- Avoid any breeder who will not let you visit to see where pups are raised. You should ideally meet the mum.
- Ignore Breeders who organise to transport a puppy OR particularly only meet you in a public place.
- Do not trust a Breeder wanting a deposit to go on a waiting list or pay a deposit before you meet the pup.
- Unless you know the breeder well ... Do not take any pup on "Breeder Terms", "Guardianship" or any other term that mean the breeder is entitle to use your dog for breeding.....
- Puppy should come with a written Health Certificate and a Contract / Agreement of Sale from the breeder of ANY source.
- ANY breeder (even Pedigree/Show breeders) that have a constant supply of puppies, is breeding more for commercial reasons and not as a hobby. This means breeders who have say 5/6 or more litters annually.
- Talk to breeders directly, it is common for scammers to steal photos online from legitimate breeders.

Remember : Question breeders about any conditions prior to purchase - rather than confusion later.

#### **Registered Pedigree Breeders** - <https://www.dogsvictoria.org.au/choosing-a-breed/finding-a-reputable-breeder/>

In Australia we have one Association that is internationally recognised for pedigree dogs (previously referred to as the ANKC). Dogs who are registered thru this association are eligible to compete in sport competitions, for showing and breeding. There is also a web page [www.dogsonline.com](http://www.dogsonline.com) which is a useful tool to source further information about breeds and official pedigree breeders.

**Master Dog Breeders Assoc** - This is a group that appeared about 15 years ago but difficult to find who is actually running the group as there is limited information online about their structure. They have a web page which advertises puppies but it is unknown whether breeders are being checked to see if they actually comply with govt regs. It can be common to see breeders who are breeding 'non-recommended' colours as well as the cross bred 'oodle' style of dogs. Proceed with caution as dogs registered from these do not qualify for the ANKC competitions/breeding.

**Commercial Breeders** - In Victoria, all Commercial breeders MUST have a DAB (Domestic Animal Business) a licence for breeding with the local council. This means council **should** conduct an annual audit to ensure they meet minimum standards. Commercial breeders can have up to 50 breeding bitches and they often have very slick websites to advertise their ongoing supply of puppies.

**Australian Association of Pet Dog Breeders Inc.** - This is a group that appears to have been set up mainly by some Commercial Breeders - There does not appear to be any real compliance system.

**Back-Yard Breeders** - Sometimes people let their dog/bitch have a litter of pups and there can be some great family pets produced this way. However often there is little thought or understanding that goes into the breeding... Sometimes with ignorance people start to feel it is a good way to pick up some extra cash. So often they are referred to as 'Back-yarders' which is a negative term to describe the lack of responsibility taken on litters. **Proceed with Care before getting any Pup/Dog.**



*Full disclosure: I breed dogs (Dogs VIC registered since 1983) and in the last 15 years have averaged **less than 3** litters per year - enough to qualify as an expert, but not enough that I lose the desire to create happy, healthy puppies.*

By Anne Zelvys IACP-CDT

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# Whittlesea Community Network

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Hello! Winter has really hit us! Check out what's coming up this month at Whittlesea Community House. Our Semester 2 Brochure has updates on new courses for the second half of the year and is on our website [www.wchi.com.au](http://www.wchi.com.au) you can book there or call us on 9716 3361.

## Save the Date

### Uke Muster returns

Get ready to strum along, perform and learn heaps.

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October - register now ITS FREE <https://www.socialplanet.com.au/activity/view?id=23984>

Paint and Sip is coming back to the House in September! Keep Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September (1pm - 4pm).

Get ready to produce a masterpiece, sip beverages and demolish a cheeseboard! \$30 per person.

Money raised will go to the Food Relief Program at the 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 25<sup>th</sup> July 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 17<sup>th</sup> August \$85/\$150/\$195

### Employable Me

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

Fridays from 9<sup>th</sup> August 9.15am - 3.15pm FREE

### Boat Licence

Our next Boast Licence. Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August 9.00am - 1.00pm \$140 per person

Students from 12 years are eligible, PWC issued to >16 years

### Op Shop Tours

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 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> 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

Our Semester 2 session. Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November \$10 per person

### 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 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> May 9.00am - 5.00pm \$220/\$120 concession

### Digital Literacy for Beginners

Tired of asking your kids and grand kids for help with technology? We can teach help!

Mondays for 10 weeks from 15<sup>th</sup> July 9.30am - 12.30pm \$20/concession FREE

### 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 26<sup>th</sup> July 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](http://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.



The weather has not been kind to players although a few have tried. Very cold winds and frosts are not pleasant conditions for golf. Competitions have generally been put on hold until the warmer months when competitions commence once more.

Four ladies travelled to Nagambie for the Shirley Dean Cup - a 4BBB event. Two members of KGC team -Helen Clancy & Di Dixon were the overall winners on the day. Both ladies do support our Club and travel to many events.

Wednesday was the July Monthly Medal won by Helen Clancy. Congratulations Helen.

School holidays have arrived and there have been many juniors using the course. The Club encourages players but ask that a sand bucket is carried to fill in the inevitable divots which occur when playing golf.

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](mailto: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](mailto:info@kilmoregolfclub.com.au) or call 03 57831123 and leave a message.

## THE SHACK IS BACK

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For more information and bookings call  
Susan or Wayne on 0499 907 017

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## FRIENDS OF DISAPPOINTMENT

Are you interested in the history, conservation and community of the Mount Disappointment State Forest and surrounding areas. Join “Friends of Disappointment” to share history, photos and ideas.

<https://www.facebook.com/mountdisappointmentclonbinane/>

## WANDONG PUBLIC HALL

The Wandong Public Hall built in 1902 is a very special place in our community. It has hosted many engagements weddings, receptions, Art Shows, Australia Day Celebrations, birthdays anniversary parties and many other events and even the occasional funeral service.

Our regular user groups are always keen to have more people joining them and they are listed below..

The Graft Group meet every Monday, it's an informal group, bring along some lunch and an activity. There is always someone to help with crafty questions.

The Lightwood Flats Book Club meet monthly - contact is Christine Cram Ph : 0458 238 270

Wandong Country Knitters meet monthly- contact is Coralee Souter Ph: 0479 163 548

Wandong Heathcote Junction Community Group meet monthly Ph: 0413 832 411

Rock N Roll Dance Sunday Arvo meet monthly Text 0408 548 524

Dance Workshop Belly Dancing -14 September Inquiries / bookings [misha@polepro.go](mailto:misha@polepro.go)

We are always in need of new members from the community who would like to assist in the care of the hall and it's upkeep or even running a group so that it will be there in our community into the future.

To hire the hall please contact Christine for bookings or other information on 0448 604 770. Please leave a message or text for Christine to follow up.



## THE DUNNY

They were funny looking buildings that were once a way of life;  
If you couldn't sprint the distance, then you really were in strife.  
They were nailed, they were wired, but were mostly falling down -  
There was one in every yard, in every house, in every town.  
They were given many names and some were even funny,  
But to most of us, we knew them as the outhouse or the dunny.  
I've seen some of them all gussied up, with painted doors and all,  
But it really made no difference, they were just a port of call.  
Now my old man would take a bet, he'd lay an even pound,  
That you wouldn't make the dunny with them turkeys hangin' round.  
They had so many uses, these buildings out the back!  
You could even hide from mother, so you wouldn't get the strap.  
That's why we had good cricketers, never mind the bumps,  
We used the pathway for the wicket and the dunny door for stumps.  
Now my old man would sit for hours - the smell would rot your socks;  
He read the daily back to front in that good old thunderbox.  
And if by chance that nature called sometime through the night,  
You always sent the dog in first, for there was no flamin' light.  
And the dunny seemed to be the place where crawlies liked to hide,  
But never ever showed themselves until you sat down inside.

There was no such thing as Sorbent, no tissues there at all,  
Just squares of well read newspaper, a-hangin' on the wall.  
If you had some friendly neighbours, as neighbours sometimes are,  
You could sit and chat to them - if you left the door ajar..

When suddenly you got the urge and down the track you fled,  
Then of course the magpies were there to peck you on your head.  
Then the time there was a wet, the rain it never stopped;  
If you had an urgent call, you ran between the drops.  
The dunny man came once a week to these buildings out the back,  
And he would leave an extra can if you left for him a zac.  
For those of you who've no idea what I mean by a zac,  
Then you're too young to have ever had a dunny out the back



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# WANDONG-HEATHCOTE JUNCTION COMMUNITY GROUP

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**WEBSITE:** In June the <[www.wandong.vic.au](http://www.wandong.vic.au)> website received 1166 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](mailto:whatsnewswhj@gmail.com.au)

The WHJCG has written to V/Line regarding the unsightly old wood yard (pictured) between the Wandong station car park and Wandong Plaza. Weeds including two metre high blackberries dominated the area and we asked that we be permitted to remove the weeds and plant natives to make it available as public space. It would join the current landscaped area pictured. The plan would allow for the area to be used for an extension to the car park or other use in future. We have not received a response but do note contractors were engaged to level all the growth which does help with the appearance of our main street.



Following requests from walkers along Rail Street, the WHJCG has placed a bench seat at the top of the hill, see photo below.



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 and the E.P.A. are 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. Two weeks ago we took another load of roadside rubbish to the Wallan transfer station but already rubbish is returning to the freeway ramps and the Epping Kilmore Road.. The photo is of a latest dump on the Broadford Wandong Road. Come on fellow ratepayers, this is your Shire, your towns and we need your help to keep our environment beautiful and healthy.



The WHJCG has for many years asked Mitchell Shire to fix the problem when the drain in Rail Street (around the corner from Affleck Street) continually blocks and the water runs over the street. It is still a problem and the only time it is not a problem is when the WHJCG clear the blockage

The WHJCG has also asked Mitchell Shire to renovate and replace missing interpretive signage on the Say G'Day trail.

Wandong Heathcote Junction residents - this is your town and we are sure you have the same wishes as our members. **GIVE US A CALL** and become a member.





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