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MITCHELL SHIRE - SWORN TO SECRECY - NO COMMUNITY CONSULTATION NOW IT’S JOHN HOLLAND CONSTRUCTIONS “WE WILL NOT BE CHANGING ANYTHING”

Following a meeting in February of members of the Wandong Heathcote Junction Community Group and the Wandong History Group with officers from Inland Rail, John Holland Constructions and the Mitchell Shire Council it was agreed that a John Holland engineer would be requested to attend a follow up meeting to explain the rationale regarding a footpath around the Rail Street roundabout rather than the logical path under the new bridge. The meeting was held on Wednesday 26th March and another disgraceful performance followed. This engineer opened with the “we will not be changing anything” statement before providing a load of waffle endeavouring to justify its decision., which we might add was also promoted by Mitchell Shire officers in direct conflict with the community wishes.

It was pointed out that residents from the north of the bridge will walk up the Wandong Broadford Road, cross the bridge and join Pickett Walk rather than the John Holland / Mitchell Shire option of taking two pedestrian crossings and walk around the roundabout.

Common sense - forget it when you have officers making decisions such as this.



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Wandong - Heathcote Junction - why would you live anywhere else. Until May 2025, Allen Hall (editor)
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Norm Hulett is turning 100 on the 7th May this year.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



NORM

As a local resident and whilst caring for his wife, Norm has been a long time contributor to this publication, one of the early members of neighbourhood watch, church volunteer, tree planting day and has played Santa at the primary school.

His family would like to invite people to send a card to Norm to celebrate his birthday. Any cards can be dropped in the letterbox at 21 Eucalypt Grove, Heathcote Junction 3758.



Vale

The Wandong History group offer their deepest sympathy to Kerry, Lisa and Greg Scanlon on the passing of their mother Marg. Marg's contribution to Wandong has been ongoing for many years and she will be missed by all those who were lucky enough to know her. Mondays will never quite be the same without Marg's cheery stories with the craft girls, a big loss to our community.

WANDONG-HEATHCOTE JUNCTION COMMUNITY GROUP

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WEBSITE: In March the <www.wandong.vic.au> website received 1,011 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

After years of campaigning Mitchell Shire for the revamp of the Wandong bushfire park car park, two months ago we were advised that the plan will be produced within six weeks. Hopefully we will get a say in the design and it will be displayed to the community for comment. A discussion with a Mitchell Shire Officer some weeks ago presented some concerns when some important aspects of the plan seemed to be overlooked. We are still waiting on the plan.

The grate for the drain in Rail Street around the corner from Affleck Street remains a problem. It is regularly blocked with mud, leaves, etc causing water to cross Rail Street at road level. For the first time it appears Mitchell Shire has cleared the debris from the grate and removed the pile of accumulated debris. Hopefully it takes on this task more regularly releasing our members from the task.



We wrote to Mitchell Shire asking for the trees overhanging the mesh fence on Rail Street be cut before they fall on and further damage the fence and block traffic on Rail Street. The expected handball response from Mitchell Shire gave responsibility to VicTrack because the trees are on the Victrack side of the fence. However as the fence belongs to Mitchell Shire and the tree branches extend over the fence you would think Mitchell Shire would at least cut these branches to the fence line before they become a problem. Mitchell Shire has removed a large gum tree in the parking area on Rail Street opposite Affleck Street but left the stump which poses a risk for drivers. We have asked Mitchell Shire to reduce this stump to ground level.



The WHJCG would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Easter egg basket raffle - the proceeds certainly help us to fund projects. The raffle was drawn on Saturday 12th April and the winners were: Jodie of Epping Kilmore Road, Heathcote Junction, Amira of Lakeview Ave Broadford and Carol of Govett St, Broadford.

The Wandong Heathcote Junction Community Group also offers its deepest sympathy to the family of Marg Scanlon. Another great personality and long time resident in our town - Marg you will be greatly missed.

What's Happening

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ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS

25 Apr David & Sandra Bartolo W
3 May John & Noelene Pyle K
4 May Mandy & Goran Coter W
9 May Phillip & Maureen Buggy HJ
16 May Brian & Rose Dove W
17 May Neil & Chris Douthwaite HJ
17 May Norman & Anne Rose K

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Mitchell Bushwalking Group

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

for more information

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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

We wish the following people a very happy birthday

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

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Centre

Contact Sarah
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for more information.

Maybe we have thrown out the Bible with the bathwater! Part 2

Last month I mused over the fact that in my humble opinion the Bible has been overlooked as a helpful guidance to handling the problems of our present local and world situation. (Of which greed seems to be playing an ever-increasing roll.) I'm sure there's a commandment that says don't look longingly at your neighbour's toys.

History is littered with examples of dramatic changes for good in individuals by the influence of this semi rejected collection of books! Probably the best loved hymn of our times was written by a former slave trader, a man that hardened seamen shunned because of his profanity and cruel behaviour! During a fierce storm at sea one night when all on board were sure that their small ship was doomed, John Newton who had been wrestling with the wheel for hours on end called to mind some of the teachings that his Godly mother had tried to instil into him many years ago. He was terrified and decided from then on, he would change his ways. He became a Christian and in very drama filled circumstances went on with others to help abolish slavery and became a celebrated preacher. In preparation for a church service one day he recalled that terrifying night on the high seas and wrote 'Amazing Grace How Sweet the Sound that Saved a Wretch Like Me' this hymn has probably had more influence for good on human behaviour than any other in the last 100 years!

Talking of hymns how's this for some comforting thoughts in the midst of a dark time in our lives?

(Written by a Quaker John Whittier)

O sabbath rest by Galilee

O calm of hills above

Where Jesus knelt to share with thee

The silence of eternity

Drop thy still dews of quietness

Till all our strivings cease

Take from our souls the strain and stress

Until our ordered lives confess

The beauty of thy peace

Breathe through the heats of our desire

Thy coolness and thy balm

Let sense be dumb

Let flesh retire

Speak through the earthquake wind and fire

O still voice of calm.

Something more modern, take a look at our 20 dollar note there's a picture story of a Christian minister who had a dream of medical support for those living in remote areas of our country, the Flying Doctor Service that he developed was, until recently, our third largest airline! In his spare time, he opened 14 hospitals, encouraged a radio (geek) to develop a pedal wireless system that changed the safety and communication of outback Australia and led to the establishment of The School of the Air!

Ask the Gideon society about the thousands of stories recorded of dramatic changes to the lives of travellers just by reading a verse or two from a Bible left in their motel room which incidentally is the only item actively encouraged to take with you from your rented room! In this age of fake news it may be refreshing to take in some age-old but remarkably up-to- date Good news! In some countries owning a Bible may carry the death sentence. Reading, studying and living the Good News of the Bible promises a life sentence!

A.G. Observer.

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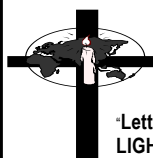
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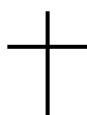
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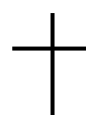
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**Membership enquiries:
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GARDEN SCENE WITH GAIL

This April is going to be a busy month with Anzac Day coming a few days after Easter Monday and it's a great time to be in the garden. Cooler weather, so good for pruning back plants that may have got away from us during Summer when it's too hot for us and for the plants as they can suffer from moisture loss when pruned in the hot weather. Water well and apply a Seasol solution before you start pruning and upon completion of pruning. Check if the plant you are wanting to prune has already flowered, the best time for pruning, such as Autumn/Winter flowering Camellias. It doesn't take long for weeds to grow in our garden beds and of course, anywhere we don't want them. Get them out before they take a good strong hold because pulling them out later is harder and soil comes out with their roots. I know the Easter Bunny will be coming this month and let's hope that's the only bunny visiting our garden. If they are digging around the roots of your plants, scrape away mulch and lay chicken wire around the trunk of the plant, anchoring it down, then replace the mulch. The active bunnies do a lot of damage by digging, they expose roots allowing them to dry out, they break new fibrous roots that the plants feed on and when they eat the roots, oh, that's nasty. And what about our bulbs, they're not far away from making an appearance. If your soil has dried out now is a great time to treat it with Seasol water saving liquid (before the foliage emerges) and apply well-rotted cow manure. Crush it up in water as a liquid application so it absorbs into the soil better. If possible, fence off the bulb area so the bunnies don't eat the new foliage as it pushes its way through the soil. In fact, all soil can be treated in this way to ensure all moisture is absorbed and doesn't run off. After such a dry Summer, water is liquid gold, and we shouldn't waste a drop. A lot of deciduous plants dropped their leaves early before showing their lovely colours, it may be a good idea to keep an eye on them, as the weather gets cooler, and ensure they are watered if Autumn is dry, and a few applications of Seasol to assist their root system. Deciduous plants can be tricky and if you are buying bare rooted roses, ornamental plants, grape vines, fruit trees etc, ensure you buy from a reputable seller. Quality nurseries will guide you through the planting process and they are available for after care of the plant. You may pay a little more however, come Spring leaves will appear. There are some stunning deciduous plants, Forest Pansy, Redbud, Cotinus, Maple varieties including Japanese Maples, Crepe Myrtles, ornamental Pistachio and heaps more. Don't forget annuals, they make a lovely display on dull days, along with bulbs there are Pansies, Viola, Alyssum, Snapdragons, Calendula and much more. This is a great month to plant up any potted plants that have outgrown their original pot. The weather is cooler, the root system will benefit from fresh potting mix and a bigger house or pop in the ground and let them spread their roots. Autumn is a fantastic time, getting out there and really enjoying it.



Have a fantastic April.

Gail Mains Kendrick (Your local Agent in Real Estate)



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 Craft 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

Happy Cat Yoga - Tuesday evenings 7 to 8 pm Ph Hannah 0468 397 426

CPR Training - 3rd Wednesday of the month Ph Louise 0409512526 contact @ehssol.com

We are always in need of new members from the community who would like to assist in the care of the hall - ENQUIRIES to Christine 0448 604 770.

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As we head into the upcoming Federal election, I would like to thank you all for the support that allows me to continue to work and advocate for the future of our community. This term has been shaped by hard work, progress and achievement.

As the Member for McEwen, it always has and always will be an honour to represent our community and work on behalf of local families, businesses and organisations.

McEwen is my home. I have lived here for most of my adult-life and I have raised my family here. The issues that matter to you, matter to me because it is our community.

It is this connection that underscores all the work we have done since May 2022, grounded with a belief in fairness, opportunity and a commitment to a better future for all Australians.

Significant local infrastructure investment has been one of the outcomes from the election of an Albanese Labor Government.

We have seen over \$1 billion in road infrastructure investment in McEwen, including \$900 million for the Camerons Lane Interchange and Intermodal precinct, \$90 million for the Watson Street ramps and \$45 million for the sealing of Old Sydney Road in Beveridge.

In addition, local roads funding of \$5.5 million have seen upgrades for Wellington St and Darraweit Guim Roads in Wallan.

The Albanese Labor Government has also invested \$500,000 in local sporting infrastructure with upgrades to Wallan's lower Greenhill Reserve.

Despite the Coalition having nine years to commit to any form of community infrastructure while in government, it took a Labor government to invest in what McEwen deserves.

I am proud to be part of a Labor Government committed to developing robust and active communities through collaboration and investment.

Local community groups such as the Wandong -Heathcote Junction Sports and Community Centre have been able to improve their facilities with grants from the Stronger Communities program and Wandong Historical Society has also been able to better support their volunteers with funds from our Volunteer Grants.

With your support, I will continue to advocate for the investment our community deserves.

Together, we have achieved so much, but there is still so much more to do, from improving local infrastructure and services to providing all Australians with access to affordable health care and education and easing cost of living pressures.

To achieve this, I need your voice and involvement in shaping the future of our community. With your support, we can make sure our community continues to prosper and remains a place we are all proud to call home.

Once again, thank you for your continued support.

Rob Mitchell

Federal Member for McEwen

ROB MITCHELL MP
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Good Friday Appeal

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Our members will be out on force on Friday 18th April, rattling tins and knocking on doors. For those of you that will not be around on the day, don't worry, as we have set up a virtual tin.

Please support our virtual tin rattle by donating via the link below. Link can also be found on our Facebook Page/Clonbinane CFA

<https://fundraise.goodfridayappeal.com.au/fund.../clonbinane>



In Home Fire Safety

Fires within the home can be devastating and sometimes fatal. If a fire were to start in your home while you were sleeping, you would not smell the smoke. The best chance of survival is having working smoke alarms in all sleeping areas. Smoke alarms should be.

- Tested monthly
- Dusted around the outside cover at least once a year
- If your alarm uses 9-volt battery it should also be replaced every year

To test your alarm, press the test button on the smoke alarm and wait for the 'beep, beep, beep'

If it does beep this means your alarm is working.

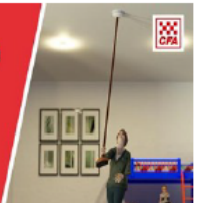
Remember, only working smoke alarms save lives.

If a fire were to start within your home, you need to have an escape plan. Things you will need to consider when creating your plan.

- Keeping your exits clear
- Leaving keys in locked doors and security doors when you are inside so you can escape if a fire occurs
- Knowing how to get out of your room if a fire was outside the door
- Get out and stay out
- Having a safe meeting place outside of the home eg letterbox, footpath
- Call Triple Zero (000) and ask for FIRE

Check your smoke alarm

Only a working smoke alarm will alert you and your loved ones in the event of a fire



Wandong Playgroup

New members are welcome at playgroup.

You can start anytime of the year.

Come along and check it out.

The first session is free and then it's \$5 per family plus payment of Playgroup Victoria membership to cover insurance.

Playgroup is for parents, guardians, grandparents and carers and their 0-5 year old children.

Come and look!

Anytime is a good time to start.

Every Tuesday (during school terms)

9.30am till 11.30am

At Wandong Community Centre,

LB Davern Reserve

Dry Creek Cres, WANDONG

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
ABOUT PLAYGROUP CONTACT:

Briony Schaeffer 0413 828 175

Kilmore/Wallan RSL Sub Branch

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

Contact: Graeme McSolvin

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We have Compensation & Well-Being Officers, please call for an appointment.

FRIENDS OF DISAPPOINTMENT

Are you interested in the history, conservation and community of the Mount Disappointment State Forest and surrounding areas.

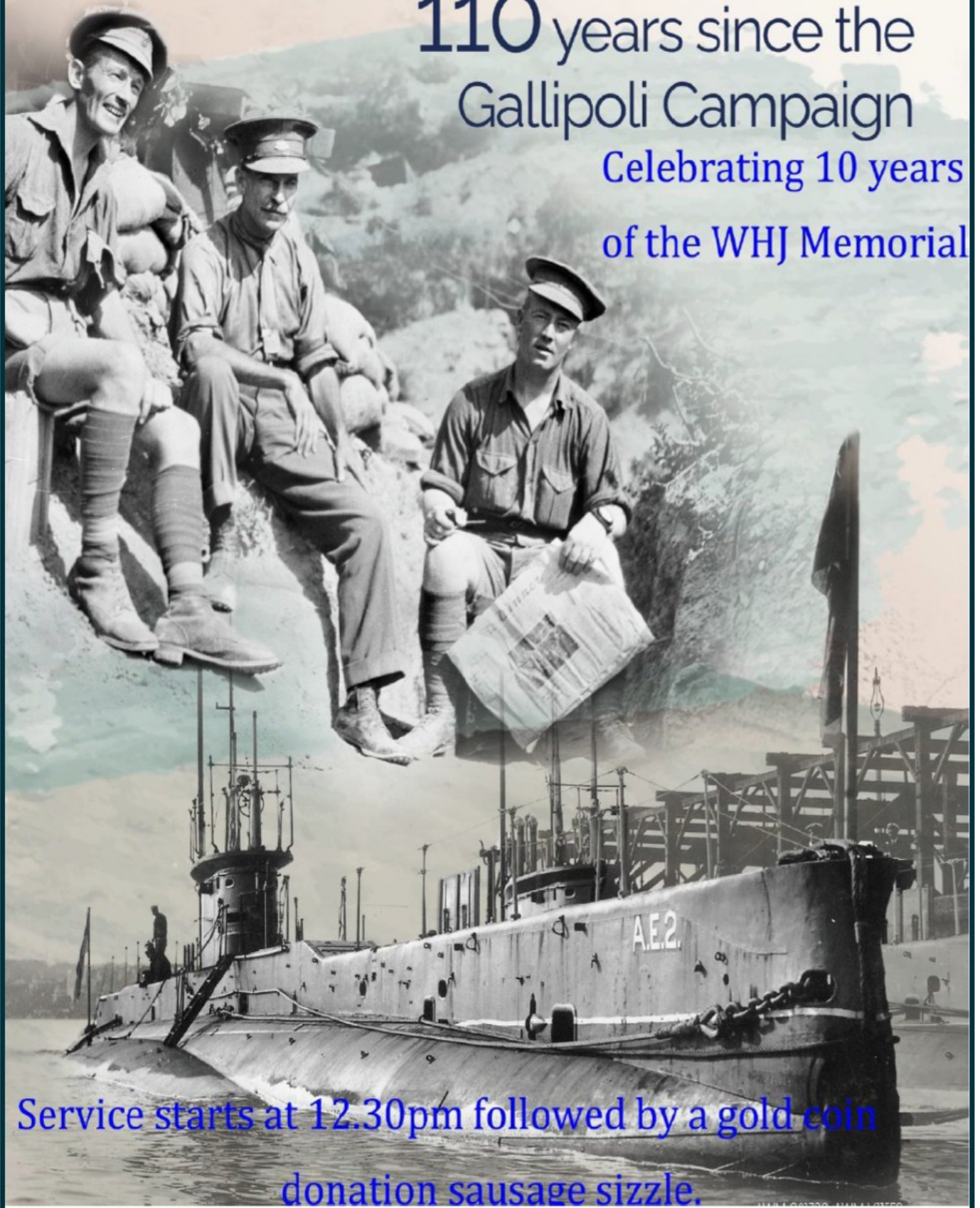
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<https://www.facebook.com/mountdisappointmentclonbnane/>

ANZAC DAY

110 years since the
Gallipoli Campaign

Celebrating 10 years
of the WHJ Memorial



Service starts at 12.30pm followed by a gold coin
donation sausage sizzle.

WANDONG RIMARY SCHOOL



March has been a busy month (as always) at Wandong PS! Listed below are just a few of the highlights from the past few weeks of school.

School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) – Gold Award

We are so thrilled and grateful to announce that Wandong PS has been awarded the Gold Award for School-Wide Positive Behaviour by the Department of Education. This prestigious award recognises 5 years of dedicated work in fostering a positive, respectful and supportive learning environment where every student is empowered to succeed. It reflects the ongoing commitment of our students, staff, and school community in making positive behaviour an integral part of our school culture. Here's to the next chapter of building a positive and inclusive school community!



Harmony Day / Cultural Diversity Week

On Friday 21st March, we celebrated Harmony Day in conjunction with our Cultural Diversity Week. Students were encouraged to come dressed in orange to celebrate Harmony Day, or in traditional clothing or colours that represent their cultural identity. We completed Social and Emotional Wellbeing lessons that centred around diversity and belonging, and even had a special assembly which included videos made by members of our school community sharing their unique cultural backgrounds and traditions.



National Young Leaders Conference

Our 2025 School Leaders attended the National Young Leaders Conference in Melbourne, heading into the city bright and early on the train accompanied by our Principal, Kelly Morrow, and Assistant Principal, Jessica Woods. This is always an exciting opportunity for our new School Leaders to gain inspiration and to begin developing their own leadership skills.

WANDONG RIMARY SCHOOL

G.A.T.EWays

Wandong PS has formed a new partnership with Plenty Valley Christian College, which has allowed us to offer invitations to several students to access the G.A.T.EWays extension program. This is a challenging and innovative program for high ability and gifted students which is designed to offer different ways outside of the mainstream classroom for children to explore passion areas, expand their horizons and network with likeminded peers from across different educational settings. Our nominated students have now participated in their first session of this program with great success and big smiles! We are thrilled to be able to coordinate this opportunity on top of the LEAP extension program which already runs internally at our school.

NAPLAN

This month, our Grade 3 and 5 students participated in NAPLAN testing. Over two weeks, they completed four different assessments – Reading, Numeracy, Writing, and Language Conventions. We are so proud of our students for the focus and positive mindsets they showed when faced with these challenging assessments.

Foundation Update

Our littlest learners are now attending school five days a week and are making incredible progress already! Even though our Foundation students have only been at school for a few weeks, we are proud to report that they are already blending sounds to read their own decodable books. Watch out – these superstars will blow you away by the end of the year with all their amazing learning!

This month, our Foundation students had a special visitor as part of their Inquiry topic for this term – “Pets and Farm”. Thank you to the MacDonald family for creating a wonderful experience for our students to learn how to take care of a pony.



Golf Clinics

Our Grade 5/6 students were lucky enough to be able to participate in some golf clinics in the sunshine at LB Davern. For many students, this was their first experience with golf, and it was great to see so many people showing our school value of Curiosity by being willing to have a go and try new things!





THE COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF WHITTLESEA INC.
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Written by Michael Halley
- Publicity Officer

Something Old Something New

There are some returning [old] members of the Combined Probus Club of Whittlesea Inc. Management Committee, but the new President Greg Eddy is leading a group of dedicated volunteers to deliver customer service.

The first new member that Greg had the pleasure to induct was Kingsley Durdin who has been a regular visitor to meetings and attended the Probus day trip to Blue Lotus Gardens.

Kingsley has an interesting hobby of collecting a variety of antique bottles. This has been his passion for about 50 years. He travels around Australia and overseas to add to his collection.

He is an avid AFL supporter, and his beloved team is Port Adelaide. He can also tell fishing tales!

Mention above about an organised day trip. The next is scheduled for Thursday 15 May 2025 when the Moorabbin Air Museum is hosting our group.

Not only but also

Whilst the main activity of the club is the monthly members' meeting held at the Whittlesea Bowls Club on the first Monday of the months February to December at 9.30am, there are also four special interest sub-groups.

On the first Wednesday of the month the green thumb members join with other Whittlesea township community for a morning's session which may be a site visit or just a general chat. Those who survive the garden group can join with others at 1.00pm at the Bowls Club to participate in the card game called Five Hundred which some search engines declares to be Australia's national card game.

The active and less inclined are also catered for! The walking group assembles every Tuesday at 9.00am for their weekly get together. For a sit down and a chat and a later start the Coffee Club meet at 10.00 am on the fourth Monday of the month.

A members' Dine Out is organised once a month at a local or close-by restaurant, the next is on 11 April at the Royal mail Hotel in Whittlesea and after that a few weeks wait until Viet Chopsticks at South Morang on 16 May.

Initial inquiries for any of the above can be made to 0427 021 592

PHOTO: President Greg with new Member Kingsley Durdin



LIONS CLUB OF WANDONG - WALLAN INC.

President; Sam Bedi

PO Box 225, Wandong Vic 3758



I have to say that I was disappointed with the response to my birthday. Not one present was left at the post office. My readers will have to lift their game.

Now to the less serious stuff. We had a very successful Bunnings at Craigeburn, going through heaps of snags and drinks. Bunnings bbqs are a good moneymaker and enable us to do a lot more in the community. Sam and his family were there cooking up a storm although the heap of burnt sausages was quite impressive.

Marilyn is starting up her knitting group again. We obtained this wool sometime ago and Marilyn and her friends have knitted piles of beanies and booties and other things which have been distributed to various organisations. She does a great job.

We have a lunch coming up this month with induction of some new members. Some of the members have been participating in our activities but are yet to be formally recognised. This will happen next Saturday at the Magpie and Stump. They will not have to ride a goat backwards. That activity was stopped some years ago.

Also, Anzac day is coming up. We always lay a wreath both at Wandong and Wallan for this ceremony.

Our treasurer, with the new house, set up the invoices for the members renewals but forgot to send them out. I think that this was because he was too busy chasing ducks off his newly planted grass.

Steve and Tania are back from their tour of WA. Apart from having trouble finding accommodation, Tania refused to sleep in the car, it was fairly uneventful. Except that Steve stole and ate the biscuits. After that Tania confiscated the biscuits and keep them in her handbag. He wouldn't dare go in there, it was probably booby trapped.

Bill Forbes, our resident bikie doesn't own a car, but his wife Marie owns two, which she allows Bill to drive. The SAAB broke down on the way back from Wallan and Bill had great trouble getting it to a service centre. A new part cost a fortune which upset Bill no end. He usually buys parts on-line from China for about \$2.50. Apparently they don't have parts for SAABs.

Now Cliff decided to paint his trailer which he did quite nicely and then had to push it down the hill to the car port. It is conjecture as to whether Cliff pushed the trailer or the trailer pulled him, but they both went faster and faster until they bumped into the edge of the car port. It was like something you would see in an old silent comedy. The same fellow also put his toaster in the fridge, presumably he wanted to make cold toast.

This brings me back to me. As a special treat I took my wife fishing for her birthday, she is so lucky. I of course caught more fish than her, although she claims that she caught the biggest flathead. I dispute this claim. I think that will do until next month. See you.
Clyde Riley

Photo of
the new lions:

Manpreet Bedi
Harpreet Panjraht
Sunanda Cooray
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>>> PRESEASON TRAINING

Thank you to our Vice President, Jodie Carland, for running a fun, challenging and creative 4 week preseason program.

We had 47 players turn up each week, braving the extreme heat and putting in 100% effort no matter the task.

It was great to see so many returning players as well as some new faces. We are looking forward to watching our teams play in the season ahead.

>>> WINTER TEAMS ANNOUNCED

This season we have entered 7 teams in the KBNA Winter comp.

Our 2 Under 9s teams will be training as a Squad under the guidance of Coach Michelle Zugaro until a second coach is announced. Michelle and the 9s Squad will train Tuesdays 4-5pm. Our U11 White team will be led by Annette Gibson and Kate Stritthof and will train on Thursdays 4-5pm.

Our U11 Green team will be training on Wednesdays 4-5pm with Coaches Mia Welch, Abby Carland with Amy Hall as Team Manager.

The U13 White team will once again be Coached by Jo Pascoe with Kate King as Team Manager. The 13s will be training on Wednesdays 4:30-5:30pm

The U15 teams, like the U9s will train together as a Squad on Wednesdays 5-6pm.

U15 White will be Coached by Jodie Carland with Hayley Watson as Team Manager, while the Green team will have Sheree Sawyer as Coach and Carly Ward as Team Manager.



>>> CRAIGIEBURN INDOOR COMP

The Craigieburn indoor competition is well underway. Our teams are enjoying great success across all age groups and have solidified themselves as contenders early on in the season. The teams will now break for 3 weeks over Easter and will come back rested and ready to continue the season in the new term.

LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE

With 7 teams entered into the Winter Comp we have limited places available in some teams.

9 & Under have room for a max of 2 more players. DOB Range 2016, 2017 & 2018

The 11 & Under's have 1 place left.

DOB range 2014 & 2015

Our 13 & Under is at capacity.

The 15 & Under team have 3 places left.

DOB 2010 & 2011.

If you have a child interested in playing please register now.



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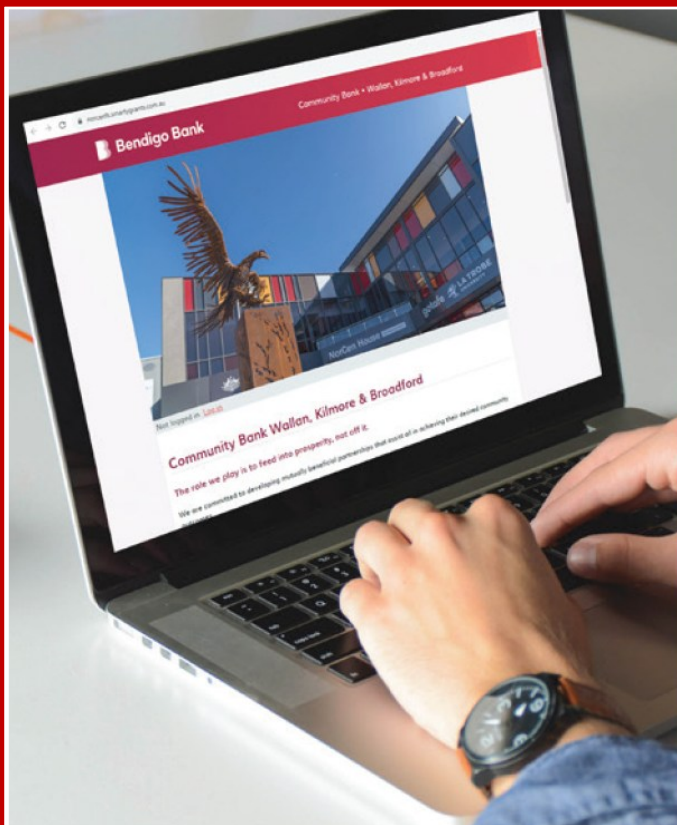
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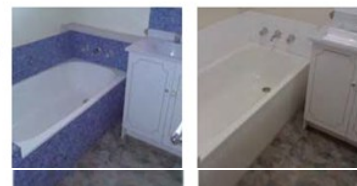
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Congratulations to our Saturday senior team who won the grand final in the MDTA summer season.

Well done
Tyson Burmeister, Aaron Crawford, Lisa Kelly, Dylan Hall, Jared Plumbe, absent Andrew Brooks

Congratulations to our two junior teams who were runner up in the BDJTA junior grand finals



LEFT:
Section 3
Seb Delovski
Kane Seipolt
Blake Seipolt
Henry Mayr



RIGHT:
Section 2
Riley McKendry
Max Newcombe



Also congratulations to our 2 players who received the best player awards for the association

LEFT: Seb Delovski - winner section 3
RIGHT: Riley Mckendry - winner section 2



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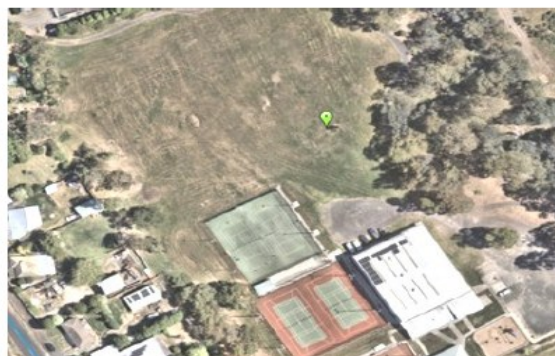
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A different perspective from above:

Allan Ryan Paddock 2025



HAPPY EASTER
from the L.B.Davern Reserve Committee



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Our Town's Football Club

With the season fast approaching, the club is in full swing. Preseason training is underway and the club is preparing for its biggest season yet. For the first time since 2018 under 16's are back! We have hosted our first full club practice match with East Sunbury across all age groups and the day was a great success. Fantastic to see all our Warriors back on the field.

Weekly Training Times

Tuesdays and Thursdays

U9,10,12 4.30pm

U14 5.00pm

U16 5.30pm

Sessions 1hour in duration



A much-needed seating upgrade has taken place over the last week at the reserve. A massive thanks to our sponsors for making this happen. Thanks to Steve and James Shepherd from Urban Design Group, GMH Paving, Northern Concrete Group and Snap Civil. To all the volunteers for installing just in the nick of time for our practice match. They were well used on the day.

Always fantastic to see our youngest Warriors take the field and have some fun. Lots of smiles and plenty of laughter was the order of the day. GO WARRIORS!



 Wandong Junior Football Club

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

Lauren Kathage MP

Labor Member for Yan Yean

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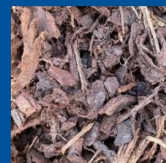
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WANDONG FIRE BRIGADE



It has been a busy start of the year for the brigade with new firefighters, training courses, several high-resource incidents, and the juniors starting back. We have four new firefighters who completed their general firefighting training and have joined us on the truck! Other firefighters have completed competencies in advanced 4-wheel driving, and other training including visits to the Pretty Sally Fire Tower, and training with Wallan Fire Brigade and the SES.

Wandong Fire Brigade has attended several large fires including those at Beveridge, Willowmavin, Donnybrook and Heathcote Junction, and the Broadford Paper Mill. We have been called to a number of motor vehicle accidents and rescues on the Hume Freeway and up Mt Dissa, in addition to wash-ways and diesel spills on the Hume Freeway.

The Wandong Fire Brigade juniors have started back strong: training in hose bowling, tanker tactics, 5-person fog attack, and burn-over drills. The juniors had their elections recently with Jessica being voted in Junior Captain, and Harry as Junior Lieutenant.

Good Friday Appeal. 18th April 2025.

The Brigade is preparing for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. This will be our 49th year of collecting for this worthy cause! We will be in the main street opposite the Wandong train station. Please drop by with your coins and say hi.

Change your Clock. Check your Smoke Alarms.

Daylight Savings ended on Sunday 6th April, and it is the perfect reminder each year to check your smoke alarms. Smoke alarms should be tested monthly, dusted/vacuumed annually, and replaced every 10 years. 10-year lithium battery smoke alarms are now available. If you have a 9-volt smoke alarm, this is the time to replace the battery. After 10 years every smoke alarm should be replaced, regardless of the type. Remember, Only Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives.

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



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Dogs to Drones

When Captain Scott died in 1912 on his way back from the South Pole, his story became a myth embedded in the national imagination.

Scott's team suffered inadequate food supplies, severe weather conditions and failing health so Captain Oates sacrificed his life in the hope of saving his comrades, leaving the tent in a terrible blizzard with the famous last words "I am just going outside and may be some time." His body has never been found.

A more recent connection to the South Pole and Antarctic exploration was delivered to members of the Combined Probus Club of Whittlesea when Captain Jorgen Berg was the guest presenter for their April meeting.

Originally from Denmark, he undertook his first voyage as a deck apprentice for 10 months on board the *Kista Dan* in 1962/63. He later saw active service in the Royal Danish Navy, serving in mini-corvettes from 1967-69.

Then with his appetite for the South Atlantic and Antarctic whetted, he undertook three separate full seasons from 1971 ending in 1977 in the Antarctic consisting of at least six separate voyages. He spent a total of 500 days on board undertaking various re-supply tasks in different locations. He rose from officer/mate to Chief Officer!

The Lauritzen Ships, *Thala Dan*, *Kista Dan*, *Magga Dan* and the last and probably most well-known, *Nella Dan* (1962-1987), were almost synonymous with shipping in the early years of Australia's Antarctic program. They sailed regularly from ports of Port Melbourne and Hobart. Their vivid red paint made them quite conspicuous.

Captain Jorgen now lives in Australia, after many years of seagoing experience and senior port management roles in the US, Dominican Republic, France, Denmark and here in Australia. His presentation was a slideshow interspersed with commentary; he said he had enough slides for one every 25 seconds in the time allowed but we had an edited version.

We learned that 43% of Antarctica is Australia's claim and that there is no ownership or right to deny. Countries have bases strategic to their needs, and some are certainly for self-interest. France has claimed part of Australia's original allocation as it is logistically advantageous.

After WW2, Dr Phillip Law was instructed by the Menzies Government to set up a base. The establishment of the first station on Antarctica was in 1953, and is Mawson Station. Like many early explorers lots of difficulties ensued when the first two ships were unable to break through the ice.

Fortuitously the expedition was during the northern summer and ice breaker ships at the top of the world were laid up. Arrangements were made for the *Kista Dan* to come south and force herself through the pack ice into required stations in the Antarctic mainland.

Jorgen told of being stranded for 31 days until the ice could be broken. His slides showed ships iced up and the crew having to dig the ice away. One slide showing the ship in heavy seas had the effect of an audience member feeling seasick. Not to mention the hidden crevices! Jorgen advised that the gale force winds lasted six full days.

Schedules to Antarctica commenced in the month of December. Ships had to leave Antarctica no later than beginning of March. After the beginning of March, there is a high risk of being frozen in by the increasing amount of pack ice with winter coming.

The method of release is to thrust forward and then reverse until enough clear water allows the front of the ship to mount the ice. The weight of the ship then breaks the ice and it stabilises for further repeats. We learned how the crew is instructed to carefully manage the rudder and how the eggshell shape of the hull allows the ship to be completely out of the water. Clear water lasts only a few minutes as the pack-ice "returns home".

All equipment is shipped in except these days fresh food that is air freighted to give the staff basic creature comforts. Antarctica is an island like any other and as you move away from the coast the frozen land is solid and planes of all sorts can land and take-off. In the time when Jorgen was there they transported everything by ship from Hobart.

When the bases were being established dog sleds were the method of transport, but today the most updated equipment including drones are used for all manner of distribution.

Captain Berg could have emulated Captain Oates and "be some time" but he got finished with 27 seconds to spare.

The audience applause was significant whilst Michael Halley thanked him and gave a small token of appreciation.

The Club welcomes visitors and membership inquiries. Initial contact to Glenda our Membership Officer Mobile phone 0431 517 008



Michael Halley & Jorgen Berg, Ship in storm, Snow cat over crevice

WHAT TRAINING METHOD IS BEST ?

By Anne Zelvys IACP-CDT

Are you having trouble with your dog?

Just going for a walk is not the pleasant event you had imagined ,instead it is more a battle of wills with you and the dog struggling to decide where to go. Perhaps there are other times when your dog just seems to go 'mental'. He jumps all over your guests or rounds up the kids when they play in the back yard.

You tried to do all the right things, you took your new puppy to Puppy School, you Googled for advice, you might have even been to a private trainer but it didn't seem to help.

There is something you should consider:

When we look to our human world we see perhaps 9 types of intelligence and people use different skills at varied degrees. Many school programs cater to perhaps 4 of these intelligent types kids who actually learn outside these methods are then left scratching their heads.

9 Types of Intelligence



From my experience the same principle applies when it comes to teaching dogs. If you lock yourself in to using any specific "training method" it will suit some of our dogs, but NOT others ... instead we need to be open and think about how our dog learns AND it is important to also remember the handler who is on the other end of the leash... as both dog and handler learn best in their own way.

Formal studies are now starting to delve into how dogs learn but for the the most part the science is just playing catch up with what many dog people already know.

Consider how the traditional 'Obedience' style of training is more about SIT, DROP, HEEL, but this doesn't work to solve your lifestyle problem and it is difficult for both the human and the dog to relate this into your everyday life.

This explains why there are often dogs who might do great when they are practicing their training at home but then

become excited during group classes. Food training or clicker training is terrific when the dog is food motivated but when your dog is highly distracted say walking in the street and spies a new dog - then he doesn't have any interest in the food you are offering.

It is important to understand both the dog and the human are individuals so the object is to find what style works for both. So don't give up, you might need to seek help from different clubs or trainers before you find the one that works for you and your dog.

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THIS MONTHS QUIZ

Answer appears on Page 31 but no cheating!

1. How many test matches did Don Bradman play?
2. How many grand slams did Lleyton Hewitt win?
3. Where was the Australian Open played before Melbourne Park?
4. Who was the last Australian to win the F1 championship?
5. Who has taken the most test wickets for Australia?
6. How many times did Peter Brock win Bathurst?
7. How did Steve Irwin die?
8. Which Australian male swimmer has won the most gold medals?
9. Who holds the world record for the 100 metres?
10. Which golfer has won the most majors?
11. Which Australian golfer was last winner of a major?
12. Which Australian yacht won the America's cup?
13. Which Australian cyclist won the Tour de France?
14. Which AFL team won the premiership in 1966?

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Hello Readers,

The last few weeks have absolutely flown by, and Easter is fast approaching, a time for reflection of our past and also our future. May this Easter bring us all peace and hope for a future that is filled with love and joy.

For our valued Wallan U3A members it has been a busy number of weeks.

Our first adventure was the trip on Puffing Billy in February. Our journey began on a hired mini bus which took us to the picturesque Dandenongs. We were incredibly lucky with the weather on the day, a clear blue sky and a comfortable temperature.

Our 1 hour journey on Puffing Billy began at Belgrave, where once seated in the open carriage we enjoyed the sights, sounds and delicious scents of the forest as we chugged our way to our destination at Lakeside. We enjoyed the verdant forest as "Billy" transported us through a wonderland of towering mountain ash and lush ferns and over heritage trestle bridges.

Feeling quite peckish after our journey we settled into the Lakeside Cafe for lunch after which it was homeward bound.

Our second memorable outing was a visit to the Immigration Museum in Flinders Street where we had a most informative exhibition on the construction and re-construction of the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. In 2019 a terrible fire destroyed the roof beams which supported the lead roof of the cathedral.

Frances' leader, President Macron made a promise to Parisians and indeed the world that Notre Dame would be restored to its former glory within 5 years. Craftsmen from all around the world were employed for the restoration of this magnificent and iconic building and in November of 2024 the Cathedral once again opened its doors to worshippers and visitors alike.

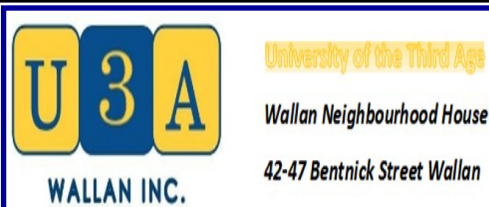
Both of the above activities were very informative and provided a lot of enjoyment for our members.

Our Wallan U3A committee always welcome ideas for new classes and or activities. We already have plans for another Social in May, but more about that in the future. Please contact John Lamphier on 0413 083 089 for further information about U3A Wallan Inc.

That's all for now, till next time.

Bye and happy Easter to you all.

John Lamphier



Probus Club of Kilmore District Inc

Are you retired, semi retired or simply looking for new friendships and activities? Kilmore Probus are looking for new members and you would be most welcome.

Our meetings include guest speakers and inhouse fun. Activities include weekly morning teas supporting local businesses and fortnightly/monthly lunches.

Our monthly meetings are held on the third Monday of each month (except December) at Trackside, East Street Kilmore at 10.15am. Come and join us.

Enquiries to: Margaret Jakymczuk

Mobile: 0412 335 657

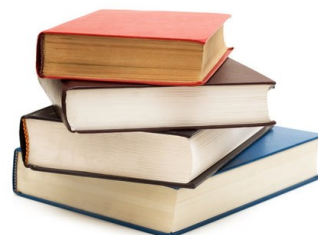
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BOOK SALE AT ST JOHNS, WANDONG



St John's Church will be having a second hand book sale, at the church, at Wandong Avenue Wandong on Saturday 3rd May between 9am and 12 midday.

After voting at Wandong Primary School drop in to the church for a bargain.



How to stamp out Parcel Theft

We all appreciate the convenience of online shopping, especially during busy periods, and living in an regional area. But an increase in purchases also leads to an increase in package theft.

In Mitchell Shire, we have had reports of parcel theft crimes and we have reflected on how to stamp out this crime across our shire. These are our suggestions:

- **Delivery Instructions** - Ensure your delivery instructions are clear, specifying a secure location for packages. Opt for delivery to a neighbour or workplace if you won't be home.
- **Schedule & Sign** - Plan deliveries for times when you or a trusted individual will be at home and can sign for your parcel. Many delivery services offer flexible scheduling options, accommodating your availability and minimising the risk of theft.
- **Parcel lockers** - Explore the option of a parcel locker. These secure lockers provide a designated and protected space for your deliveries, significantly reducing the risk of theft.
- **Click & Collect** - Services like ParcelPoint offer convenient local delivery and pickup locations, making it easy to manage your parcels on your schedule. Merrifield and Kilmore News & Lotto Stores have ParcelPoints. Many retailers also provide Click & Collect services for online purchases.
- **Method of Payment** - When engaging in online shopping, opt for a debit card with enough funds to cover the cost of the goods and a small buffer. Credit cards can offer extra protections against fraudulent charges,



ensuring a safer transaction, however they may risk unauthorised transactions.

- **Doorbell cameras** - Enhance your security measures by investing in smart home devices, such as doorbell cameras or security cameras. These devices not only monitor your property but also serve as a deterrent to potential thieves, contributing to community safety.
- **Insurance** - Parcel insurance can be taken out to cover the lost, damaged or stolen goods
- **Report the crime** - We recommend all crime is reported to Victoria Police so that action can be taken against these crooks.

Upcoming Events

Kilmore Volunteer Expo, Hudson Park, 10 to 2pm

South Mitchell NHW is attending the Volunteer Expo in Hudson Park on 12 April, 2025, between 10 and 2pm. We will be running an information stand, selling anti-theft devices and running a sausage sizzle.

South Mitchell NHW General Meeting

We will welcome back our volunteer members on 8 April, 2025, 7pm at the Wandong Community Centre, LB Davern Reserve, Wandong. Everyone welcome.

Hotlines:

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131 444
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Crime Stoppers

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<https://www.police.vic.gov.au/palolr>

For more information, visit:

<https://sites.google.com/view/south-mitchell-nhw/home>



www.facebook.com/southmitchell.nhw.inc

email: newsletters.smnhw@gmail.com

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Weather Report - Heathcote Junction/Wandong MARCH 2025

**It appears that summer has at last abated
and the cooler weather has been more
evident in the later part of the month.
The lack of rainfall has forced some live-
stock holders to start bringing in feed.**

**The total rainfall of 59 mls, 58.5 mls fell
in the second half of the month which
comprised of 19 mls on 17th, 26.5 mls on
20th and 13 mls on the 28th. This rainfall
undoubtedly helped household tanks which
some may have been running low.**

**Our supply dam, Sunday Creek dam was
recorded at 59% on the 14th March.**

Stats

March 2025. - 59 mls
Previous year - 5 mls
Average prev 10 years - 49 mls
Total this year - 116.5 mls
Total prev year - 198.5 mls
All the best for the month
Norm Hulett

**St John's Church,
Wandong
Easter Services
Good Friday 18th April
2PM**

**Stations of the Cross service.
Followed by a cuppa and
hot cross buns.**

**Easter Sunday 20th April
9AM Communion service
Followed by morning tea
and an Easter egg hunt.**

Everyone welcome

QUIZ ANSWERS (from page 28)

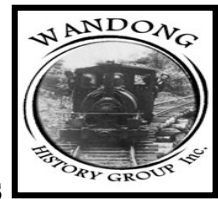
1. 52
2. Two (Wimbledon and US Open)
3. Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club
4. Alan Jones (1980)
5. Shane Warne (708 wickets)
6. Nine
7. Stingray barb pierced heart
8. Ian Thorpe (5 gold)
9. Usain Bolt (9.58 seconds)
10. Jack Nicklaus (18 majors)
11. Cameron Smith (British Open 2022)
12. Australia !! (1983)
13. Cadel Evans (2011)
14. St Kilda

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ANZAC Day 2025:

Wandong History Group



As this edition is printed, we are busy preparing for ANZAC Day. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Wandong Heathcote Junction Memorial. The service will commence at 12:30 pm, followed by a gold coin donation sausage sizzle. We invite members of the community to join us on this important day. Anyone wishing to lay a wreath and be included in the program, please advise as soon as possible, as the program will be printed soon.

In other news, the History Group is still meeting with ARTC regarding the new bridge. However, the displayed plan seems to be set in concrete. Despite our protests concerning the placement of the footpath on Rail Street, no changes are being considered.

Enjoy the beautiful Pinoaks this year as they change into their Autumn glory. Unfortunately, the bridge signifies the end of their life. ARTC will not consider removing and replanting the trees, so we will be getting saplings to replace the last twenty or so years of hard work keeping these trees alive. It's a sad day for Wandong.

Hope to see you all on ANZAC Day.

Karen. Email: wandonghistorygroup4@gmail.com PH: 0432 120 736



*Kilmore
&
District*

PO Box 550, Kilmore 3764
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The AGM was held on Friday March 21st and the president offered thanks to those Members who attended and noted that it was pleasing to have more than double last year's number. We were able to present the Agenda, Minutes and Financial Report on the large Screen, making them easy to follow thanks to the great facilities at the JJ Clancy community Hub. Our increase in membership and the numbers at Classes was highlighted with thanks to Convenors for their contribution. The incoming Committee will be a mix of six people continuing previous roles and two new members who expressed an interest during the morning tea after the meeting.

Rhys Long, Senior Recreation Development Officer for Mitchell Shire displayed a plan of the proposed upgrade to the car parking around the Facility and received useful questions and suggestions. We will receive updates on this and at present works look like commencing in October.

An upcoming event which is not to be missed is a morning tea for all members on Friday 11th April from 10.00am. Bendigo Bank will be presenting their on line Banking Safety Session followed by a cuppa. You are invited to bring a plate.

The first luncheon for the year was held on Tuesday 25th February at the Bridge Inn Hotel. It was well attended with 34 members dining. This group is extremely popular and it pays to book early. The second was a great value for money offering at the Craigieburn Sportsman's Club with Roast Pork and Veggies for a mere \$17.00. The convenors of this group do a terrific job of sourcing good quality, well priced meals at various local venues.

The Community Garden in Union St Kilmore is again opening its gates to the public from 10am, Saturday the 10th May 2025. Both the ukulele Group and the recorder ensemble have been asked to provide live music on the day. Included will be hot potatoes for \$2.00, plants, seeds and bulbs from \$1.00, a tool mending demonstration, Children's activities and a raffle. KCG Inc. is a small local group which aims to promote community connection and mental health in the context of the garden and we are very happy to support it.

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! Welcome to Autumn! With cooler days afoot it's time to try something new!

Visy Recycling

It might be getting cooler but April is full of holidays so it's still BBQ season so SAVE THOSE CANS AND BOTTLES! Over the counter recycling is available Monday, Wednesday and Thursday each week 10am – 3pm and Saturdays from 8am – 4pm. Please note that the program will operate even while the House is closed during the school holidays, however, **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 are back at the Whittlesea Community Activity Centre on Tuesdays! Join the blokes for brunch each week (even during School Holidays): Tuesdays 11.00am – Noon \$2.00 per person

Women's Lunch

Thursday 24th April "Gut Health" 11.30am – 1.00pm Gold Coin Donation

Machining for Beginners

This is the perfect course for the handyperson, hobbyist or tradie!
Tuesdays for 7 weeks from 29th April 6.00pm – 9.00pm \$290 per person

Beginners Ukulele

Got a Ukulele the kids have abandoned.....want to spend every Monday with a smile on your face (and possible an Hawaiian shirt on your back). Join us and learn Ukulele! Mondays from April 28th 10.00am – 11.00am \$50 per Term (\$45 concession)

Op Shop Tours are BACK!

The Op Shop Bus will be leaving from the House at 9am on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Saturdays of each month during Semester 2! Loads of new locations only \$20 per person. Call the House for details, routes and bookings or head online to book www.wchi.com.au

No Fix It Friday in April

Fix it Friday will return in on 23rd May and will include Law Week celebrations!

School Holiday Closure

The House will be closed during the second week of the upcoming School Holidays from Friday 11th April until we re-open on Tuesday 22nd April.

Pop in during open hours for a cuppa Mon – Thurs 10am – 3pm. Food relief pantry packs are available during office hours or visit our community pantry 7 days a week open all hours (out the front of the House – 92A Church St). Pet food relief is also available for dog and cat food during office hours.

Kilmore Golf Club Inc.

The March Monthly Medal was won by Mario Maddalena who also won the January Monthly Medal in a play off from 4 others. A good start for the year for Mario. As mentioned previously Jill Banon won the February Monthly Medal and the Pat Johnstone Memorial Trophy.



Due to the unprecedented damage on a number of greens by corellas our Par 3 day has been rescheduled until Sunday Sept 21st 2025 and likewise the Men's Kilmore Cup. All Pennant matches rostered at Kilmore will be held at other venues for this year.

The committee thank all golf players for being patient and understanding about the corella problem. There have been huge flocks descending on the green's morning and night and non-lethal devices are being used in an effort to move them on.

There will be two pennant teams playing Sundays and two Midweek. Both competitions are due to start in a couple of weeks. Competitions within the DDGA district has commenced with a team heading to Alexandra, two teams to Hidden Valley and a team will be heading to Kyneton for the Irish Stableford event.

New fixtures

Friday Twilight Stableford 9 holes Mixed 4pm. No handicap required. All welcome.

Sunday: Social Golf.

All events are listed on our Website.



Carer Gateway – Counselling

The Carer Gateway Counselling Service is a free service for carers.

As a carer you often have a lot going on in your life. There are appointments to make and then remember, medications to be given, the physical strain of providing care and sometimes there can be a financial burden as well. All this with little time to rest and recharge your batteries.

Caring can be tiring, overwhelming, isolating & stressful and at some point you may need to ask for some help.

Counselling helps you to find ways to manage what seems challenging and helps to find ways to cope with stress.

So what is counselling?

Counselling allows carers to tell their story and voice their thoughts and feelings in a safe and supportive environment.

Counselling is a conversation between yourself and a trained counsellor to help you resolve specific problems. After a brief introduction and getting to know you period, you and your counsellor will discuss the issues you may need help with. Your counsellor will encourage you to set some goals and together you will work to find the best way forward.

Counselling aims to help you gain insight to your thought processes and behaviours and give you tools and resources to resolve problems on your own.

Everything you discuss is private and confidential. The only exception is if something threatens your wellbeing or the wellbeing of others. Your counsellor will discuss this duty of care with you at your first session.

The Carer Gateway can provide up to six counselling sessions to carers and can be accessed either in-person or via phone.

For more information please visit: <https://counselling.carergateway.gov.au/s/>

To talk to a counsellor, contact the Carer Gateway Counselling Service on 1800 422 737 8am to 6pm weekdays. For 24 hour support call Lifeline on 13 11 14.

Darraweit Guim Primary School News



On March 21st D.G.P.S celebrated Harmony Day. Harmony Week is a celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. The theme of Harmony Day is 'Everyone Belongs' and students wore a splash of orange or their cultural clothes. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. During the activities the whole school made a lovely decoration for the front of the school.



It's almost the end of Term 1 with school ending on Friday April 4th. We would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holidays and Easter.

WANDONG HEATHCOTE JUNCTION HAS A NEW BOOK

THE BOOK IS TITLED : "WANDONG HEATHCOTE JUNCTION - A RAILWAY HISTORY"

THIS LIMITED EDITION BOOK HAS BEEN WRITTEN TO PROVIDE READERS WITH DETAIL OF RAILWAY SERVICES THAT PASSED THROUGH WANDONG FOR OVER 100 YEARS. IT IS HARD COVER AND ILLUSTRATED WITH MANY HISTORIC AND MODERN DAY PHOTOS. THE BOOK IS THE RESULT OF MANY YEARS OF RESEARCH AND CONTENT COMPILATION BY THE AUTHOR, DAVID MORAN.

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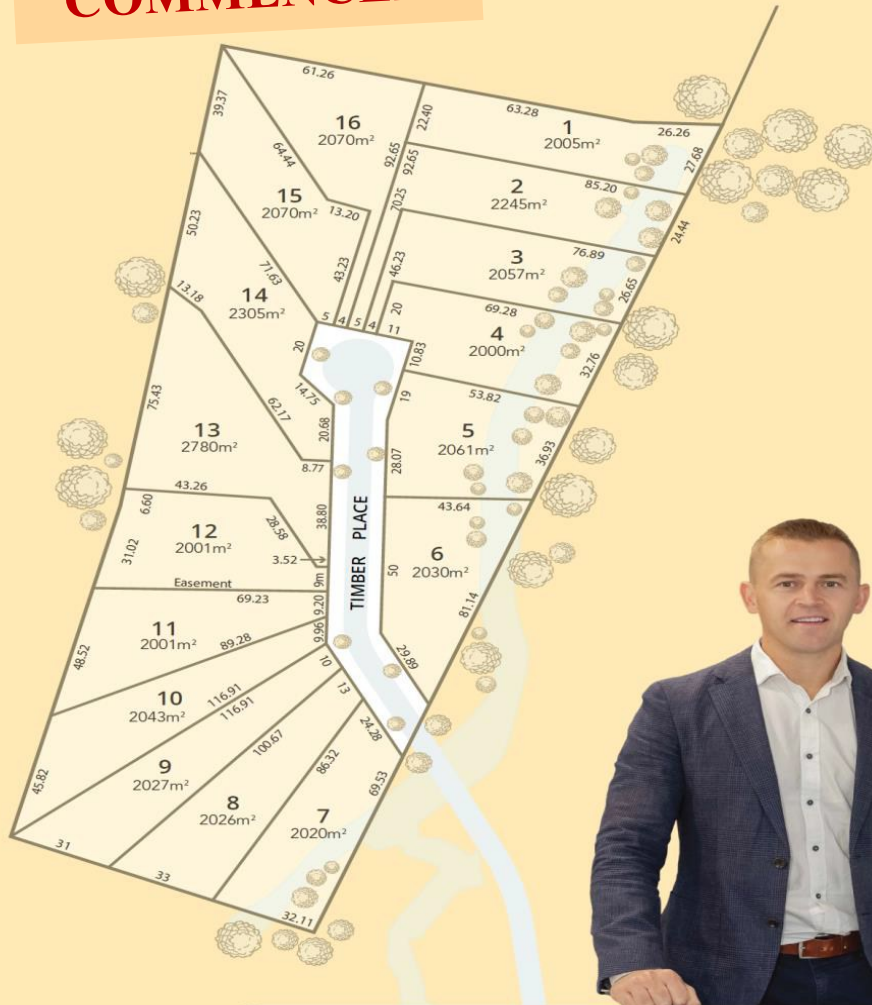


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