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Another great ANZAC DAY ceremony at Wandong

The weather was not great but an estimated crowd of 280 attended the 2025 ANZAC day service at Wandong. The Wandong History Group conducts the ceremony each year and



enlists support from many individual volunteers and groups including the Wandong Heathcote Junction Community Group, Wandong Primary School, Clonbinane Fire Brigade and Wandong The History Group even arranged a flyover by the Roulettes to honour the airmen lost on Mt Disappointment and to commemorate the ten year anniversary of the Wandong War Memorial.

HOW GOOD ARE THE VOLUNTEERS OF THE WANDONG FIRE BRIGADE.

On Good Friday they collected almost \$20,000 for the Children's Hospital Appeal.





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Wandong - Heathcote Junction - why would you live anywhere else. Until June 2025, Allen Hall (editor)
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Norm Hulett has turned 100 on the 7th May

On Saturday 10th May, family and friends gathered in Lalor to celebrate the 100th birthday of Norm Hulett. Norm received many cards including from the King and Queen, the Governor General, and Prime Minister.

Pictured below with Norm are some of the locals who attended celebrations.









ABOVE:

Norm with Rob Ferris

FAR LEFT: Norm with Rhonda and Wes Cole

LEFT: Norn with Allen and Norina Hall

WANDONG-HEATHCOTE JUNCTION COMMUNITY GROUP

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



WEBSITE: In April the <www.wandong.vic.au> website received 1,097 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

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 months ago presented some concerns when some important aspects of the plan seemed to be overlooked. We are still waiting on the plan.

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. 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 asked Mitchell Shire to reduce this stump to ground level and this has now been done.



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ANNIVERSARYCONGRATULATIONS

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

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

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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

We wish the following people a very happy

birthday 15 May Erin Gough W UP 17 May Jacqui Candy 7 May Aiden Bartolo Maý **Dniel Kirwan** sea 8 May lan Flannery May Lewis Coter 9 May Mathias Kelly May Oscar Spadafora May Carol Jarvie [ΚE Dromana 20 May Julie Milton May 23 May Dylan Woods Gerry Vallence Mitchell Seeley 23 May 24 Maý ĤĴ 25 May W Luke MacDonald 26 May Claire Rayner Wallan 26 May Graeme McSolvin W 27 May Alex MacDonald 29 May Kym Champion 29 May Debbie Hastie HKHBWW 29 May Ken Jackson 30 May Amira Hall **Pauline Candy** Jun Jun Pat Awad Nadia Amoroso Jun 3 Jun Maureen Buggy Jun Tyler Dennehy 6 Jun Roger Flannery Karen Hobson Jun Missy Sannweld Casey Seeley Jun 8 Jun ΗĴ Matthew Day Billy James Flannery UP W HJ 8 Jun Jun Jun John McCarthy 9 Jun Sandra Bartoló UP Η̈́J 12 Jun Scott Sannweld 13 Jun **Heather Waldie** 13 Jun Terri Burns 13 Jun Kate Smith 14 Jun Murray Carter 4 Jun Christian Bellomo 14 Jun Fletcher Thomas

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Broadford Community Centre

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HIS NEEDS ALWAYS MET

Hello readers.

Today we are here to share with you about Gavon Bourne, a Mitchell Shire resident who has a travelling ministry with the Gideons.

Who are these Gideon people and why does he happily do this? Originally, 2 Christian men began this ministry spreading the Gospel, placing Bibles in many different places. Many who may be older would remember when in hospital, hotels, motels where a free Gideon's Bible having been placed in a drawer nearby. Other places where these are freely given are -the Armed Forces, all medical places, accommodation, police stations, prisons, schools and other educational facilities. So, now Gavon through a mobile ministry named Christ Witnessing Ministry visits 3 times a year for a month at a time to Uganda, Africa. Then playing fruitful parts in conventions, meetings in various parts of America and raising funds for the continuation of this ministry 3 weeks at a time every year.

Now a little of his history of how he arrived at this destination.

As a 10 year old attending an Anglican church he wondered where were these miracles he had heard preached about?

From family farming, followed by many greenkeeping positions as he praised the Lord these jobs kept him financial for his own family needs. He had no passion for his calling until he was 30 plus years knowing now he needed to be obedient to God enrolling in Bible College, now needing \$1,250.

Philippians 4 verse 19: And my God will liberally supply (fill until full) your every need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

God in His gracious provision supplied his fees here as He did in a healing a couple of months ago when Gavon had a 70% blocked artery; not a young age to be operated on. He is still here to prove that age doesn't matter to our God and just gets on with the job at hand.

Sometimes we feel that we just can't make it through the challenges or the workloads we need to do. Here is a promise for all of us if we take heed. Thank you for sharing with us Gavon.

John 3 verse 2: Beloved, I pray that in every way that you may succeed and prosper and be in good health (physically), just as I know your soul prospers (spiritually).

So, let's think about this: is our soul healthy or do we hold on to the world's expectations wanting to succeed?

Merle Croskell.

Whittlesea Anglican Church

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Christ Church: 9 Wallan Road, Whittlesea.
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ALL WELCOME

See our facebook page: Upper Plenty Merri Catchments Landcare Group

Membership enquiries:

membership.upmclg@gmail.com

or Chris Cobern 0413855490

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GARDEN SCENE WITH GAIL

Hello, for the merry month of May and what a wonderful month. The weather is beautiful for planting and pruning and it's a great time to work the soil. Incorporate well-rotted cow manure and/or any organic material such as Autumn leaves, shredded paper, matter from your worm farm, and perhaps any old vegetables or vegetable peelings but these need to be dug into the soil quite deep and covered with Lime to hopefully avoid disturbance by foxes/dogs etc. Keep in mind that Lime may alter the ph of the soil, Gypsum doesn't but it doesn't seem to deter pests as readily. If you have big buckets with lids that you can spare, cut the bottom off and sink them as deep as you can into the ground leaving about 10 cms above ground level. This makes a great 'well' to dispose of vegetable peelings and/or old tired veggies and pop the lid on and let nature do the rest. Worms will make their way to feed on these scrapes; they'll work the soil and you'll be left with such rich soil that you can either distribute around the garden or let it sit and move the bottomless bucket to another area. The more worms that you can get into your garden the better, they eat decaying plant matter and the smaller particles they excrete are more easily absorbed by plants, they're full of nutrients and not only that, as the worms move through our soil they create channels. Channels improve drainage and aeration thus allowing oxygen and water to reach the plants more efficiently creating a very healthy soil. Some years ago, black plastic was popular to use to prevent weeds emerging, not only does this not work because nothing stops weeds, but it also sours the soil and makes it smell. Plastic suffocates the soil preventing air and moisture getting in and it creates a very unhealthy soil. Mesh weed matting is another to avoid. The roots of established plants tend to want to stay nearer the surface to make the most of any moisture and new plants get into the habit of doing the same. Surface rooting plants are more susceptible to drying out, having their roots disturbed by animals digging around their base and are prone to wind throw (being blown over). Some plants such as Camellia, Azaleas and Rhododendron are by nature, surface rooting so that being the case they may need extra attention during hot, windy days (seasons). May is a great time to repot and replenish and always use a good quality potting mix that is free flowing but a good consistency to hold moisture. It should include such things such as organic material & nutrients with good moisture retention ability but not too much that the mix remains soggy after watering. There aren't many plants that will tolerate what we call 'wet feet', except for the good old Calla Lilies, sometimes they are referred to as 'Death Lilies' but don't



underestimate these plants. They are amazing for holding soil, especially around dams, near inflows and overflows, once established. They also collect debris and small twigs etc which can be ready beneficial. If you are pruning Fuchsias because they have become leggy, use the hardwood pruning's as cuttings. Cut the stems on an angle to increase the surface area giving the cutting every opportunity for more fibrous roots to establish. You can dip the ends of the cuttings into honey or root hormone powder or liquid prior to planting to assist in promoting the roots to develop. Hanging baskets and pots will respond well to rejuvenating them with some good quality potting mix as well. Even though growth will slow as Winter gets closer, repotting them now allows them to settle before the warmer months resulting in less stress to the plant and don't forget Daphne, liquid fertilise every one or two weeks to promote fantastic flowers. Enjoy the month & a Happy Mother's Day to all the Mum's out

Gail Mains Kendrick (your local real estate agent)

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.

During the six weeks of the Federal election, the hall was not available to our regular and new patrons. We thank the Wandong District Church for accommodating our regulars and we apologise to any new patrons who had to change their dates.

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
Wandong Country Knitters meet monthly- contact is Coralee Souter
Wandong Heathcote Junction Community Group meet monthly
Happy Cat Yoga - Tuesday evenings 7 to 8 pm
Ph Hannah 0468 397 426
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LIONS CLUB OF WANDONG - WALLAN INC.

President; Sam Bedi

PO Box 225, Wandong Vic 3758

Two major events this month. ANZAC Day and and a bbq at Bunnings Craigieburn.

Marilyn, with the help of her grandson Ben, presented a wreath on behalf of the club at Wallan and Brian Dove presented the wreath at Wandong. There was a big crowd at Wandong and although it was a bit wet at times it went on without a hitch.



Our president Sam and his cohorts did the Bunnings bbq. A typical busy day with lots of funds raised. Bunnings is always a good value activity.

The Lions memorial park at Wandong is getting an upgrade. Council is installing some artwork and have offered us a grant to develop and upgrade the signage to reflect 50 years of lions in Wandong. Steve is checking options for a seat and new signs.

Now our members. Biker Bill took off at breakneck speed to buy beer at Wallan only to find when he got there he had no wallet. Instead of holding up the shop and intimidating the shop keeper he turned around and went home. Is that the action of a real bikie? He is buying a bigger, more powerful and untamed machine. He finds that his present bike doesn't strike fear into the hearts of pursuing policemen. Marie still refuses to ride with him. A very sensible lady.

This same Bill has been in hospital. He tells me that when he gets fed up with his own cooking he books into the Northern for a decent feed. What does that say about Bills cooking. Marie is happy with this arrangement. Her daughters look after her.

I have been trying hard to get some dirt on the president, now I have some. His son was helping out in the shop during the school holidays. After working his fingers to the bone the boy claimed that his father owed him \$10. Not only employing child labour but he pays below the going rate. Also when I asked Sam whether he was pulling his weight in the shop, his staff replied with a resounding NO.

Sharyn, the ex-postie, went out for dinner and drove up the wrong driveway. She of course argued with the people and told them that they were at the wrong address. She is getting a reputation for being the egg lady. Every Friday she brings carefully wrapped eggs and distributes them the around our group.

Steve and Tania, Cliff and Dianne have been to Canberra to join the dawn service at the war memorial. I don't know how the girls got the two lazy sods up before dawn. They found the whole process very moving and well worth the journey.

I have to report that Elizabeth and I have a great grandson. This makes me a great granddad. I was already great so I suppose this makes me a great granddad.

Catch you next time.

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Site establishment and surveys Wandong 1 to 31 May 2025



John Holland will establish project worksites and undertake surveys and investigations in Wandong during May.

Work being done

Site establishment at 31-33 Broadford-Wandong Road and 765 Wandong Road

Sections of vacant land close to the works area are being used for storage of plant, materials and worker facilities. Works will include:

- Constructing a hardstand to provide a firm and solid surface
- · Installing portable site sheds for worker facilities
- · Utility connection
- · Installing delineation fencing
- Piling pads will be constructed by compacting the ground where the new bridge will be built, to provide a stable works area
- Approved tree and vegetation removal at locations close to the rail corridor and along the road reserve near the Wandong works area.

Surveying and investigations

- Surveys and investigations will be undertaken to understand local ground conditions and to locate and map underground services at various locations, including along Broadford-Wandong Road, Wandong Road, Rail Street and within the rail corridor
- These investigation works are expected to continue throughout the year.

Turn over for map showing approximate work locations.

What can I expect?

 Works 7am-6pm Monday to Friday and 7am-1pm Saturdays

- Extended work hours Monday 26 May 4.30am-7.30pm. Impacted residents will be contacted prior
- Traffic management in some locations where works are occurring close to roads
- Reduced speed limits of 40km/h near works
- Medium levels of noise with some high levels of noise at times. Nearby residents may notice some vibration.

Machinery used

Non-destructive digging truck, small truck mounted drill rig, excavators, tipper trucks, cranes, compaction rollers, support vehicles, loaders, graders, concrete trucks, workers using hand tools and survey equipment, traffic management equipment and signage.

How we're managing impacts

- · Traffic management and reduced road speeds
- Environmental controls in place for noise, dust and vibration
- An arborist will assess all trees before removal
- All vegetation will be inspected by a qualified wildlife handler before tree removal works commence. If fauna is encountered, works will cease until a wildlife handler has safely relocated the animal

Cancellation of works

Works can sometimes be cancelled at short notice depending on weather and other factors. Should this occur, works will be rescheduled.

For any concerns or enquiries phone 1800 732 761 or email inlandrailvic@inlandrail.com.au

Thank you for your patience and cooperation while we carry out these work.

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WANDONG HISTORY GROUP

Well, we got there, ANZAC Day done and dusted. This year was particularly difficult, we had many hurdles to get over that we normally don't. More will be said about it in time to come I'm sure but for now we just want to move on. I'm hoping Mitchell Shire will be proactive in contacting us to sort out this year's issues.



Despite the rain the day went off well. We had a flyover by the Roulettes, this occurred prior to the service as unfortunately the timing just wasn't right for them to do it while our service was in progress. This honoured our airmen lost on Mt Disappointment and to commemorate our ten year anniversary.

So many people to thank, MC Peter Dore, the School Captains and staff, what a fantastic job the children did reading out the service and generally helping on the day. The Community group for manning the barby, the Sikh community who brought along delicious pasta and were part of the service, explaining the service of the Sikh community during World War Two. Sgt Tobi Griffiths, from Pucka-

punyal, The Wandong Warriors who helped set up and pack up after the service, the Clonbinane Fire Brigade for forming the catafalque party, and Southern Cross Gold Consolidated who donated to ensure our service could go ahead, but most of all to our lovely crowd who came despite the weather and made the day really special for everyone. Our memorial attracts so much respect and love in this town and over the last ten years it has been a pleasure to be part of. Hopefully the service will be able to continue, we really need more people who can physically help though, we don't want to have to scale down the service but with few volunteers and ageing ones at that we need some young fit helpers to come on board.



THE COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF WHITTLESEA INC.

REGISTERED # A0041714F Established 2001

Written by Michael Halley - Publicity Officer

That Genesis and ours

Monday 7 May 2001 is historically the day that the inaugural meeting of the Combined Probus Club of Whittlesea was held at the same venue where members celebrated their twenty-fourth [24th] birthday.

The Whittlesea Bowls Club meeting room was abuzz with excitement when the immediate Past President Cheryl Manicolo together with five previous mantle holders formed up to celebrate the passing of 24 years. The Club commenced just two days before the centenary of the opening of the first Parliament of Australia which took place in Melbourne.

Life Member Mary Wood gave a summary of the Club's formation and the first meeting and acknowledged Past Presidents that have died since their term. The table cloth that was autographed by members who attended the first meeting is always displayed at meetings. This month it was adorned by a large birthday cake baked and decorated by Mary. Later on the cake was consumed by members at morning tea break!

Often debated is the reason for Birthday Cakes! It is acknowledged in many places that the Ancient Greeks commenced the trend which is consolidated in the Bible at Genesis chapter 40 verse 20. "And it came to pass the third day, which was Pharaoh's birthday that he made a feast unto all his servants: and he lifted up the head of the chief butler and the head of the chief baker among his servants."

Our chief baker Mary can lift her head up for she made a feast unto all her fellow members. After the respite the normal meeting took place and the journey toward our quarter of a century commenced.

Probus provides an exciting opportunity to meet retirees in your local community. If you are retired or semi – retired, you can join and hear interesting speakers, attend monthly meetings where a specialist presenter is provided, and enjoy a wide range of activities such as walking, theatre, coffee groups, lunches and day outings.

For more information Contact:

Glenda (Membership and Welfare) 0431 517 008 Emailà whittleseaprobus@hotmail.com





Left to right: Rita Miller, Cheryl Manicolo, Mary Wood, Keith Mason, Sue Sims and Rosalie Johnson

WANDONG TENNIS CLUB

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

Information is posted on our Facebook page. www.facebook.com/wandongtennis

Our autumn night seasons are almost finished with only 3 rounds to go. Most of our teams will be competing in the finals. Good luck to them all.

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

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WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are excited to be back for Term Two after a much-needed break. We hope that all our families had an enjoyable and relaxing school holidays. Term Two is always a very busy term, with lots of exciting events and learning taking place.

In our short first week back at school, we took the time to stop and commemorate ANZAC Day. We held our annual ANZAC Day ceremony on Thursday 24th April, which was attended by all students and staff, as well as families and dignified guests from the local community. Our Student Wellbeing Support Officer, Mr. Roland Gardiner, was the MC for our ceremony, with our student leaders giving speeches explaining the significance of the day. The Auslan Club, led by Mrs. Crawford, performed the Australian National Anthem, and our SRC Representatives each laid a poppy on behalf of their class.









The following day, our student leaders once again made us very proud with their contributions to running the local Wandong community ANZAC Day ceremony. We were overjoyed to receive so much positive feedback from the local community around the maturity and respect shown by our student

















Clonbinane CFA welcomes \$17,000 donation from Southern Cross Gold

Clonbinane CFA has welcomed a \$17,000 donation from Southern Cross Gold to finalise the purchase of a new Field Command Vehicle.

Clonbinane CFA Captain Tom Snaith said the vehicle will be used to control incidents, manage strike teams, guide multiple fire appliances and for volunteer transport to courses and meetings.

While based at Clonbinane, the vehicle will also be used to protect and service nearby communities including Broadford, Wandong, Kilmore, Glenaroua, Strath Creek-Reedy Creek, Tallarook and other areas.

"The donation from Southern Cross Gold along with a state government Volunteer Emergency Services Equipment Program grant means we have taken delivery and own the vehicle," Captain Snaith said.

"This is a huge, huge thing for Clonbinane CFA. Being a 100 per cent volunteer organisation, Clonbinane CFA members spend countless hours fund-raising to better our community. A sum of this size is something that would take us tens of years to raise and we and the neighbouring communities are very grateful."

In announcing the donation, sixth-generation Clonbinane local and Southern Cross Gold Managing Director Michael Hudson noted the donation creates a safe environment for SXGC staff and neighbours.

"We understand and takes seriously the risk of bushfire in Clonbinane and have heavily invested in our own fire preparedness and response plan and equipment.

"We work closely with the Clonbinane CFA each year to ensure our operations and teams are fully prepared for the fire season. It is important for Southern Cross Gold that we're a part of and give back to the community."

Many of Southern Cross Gold's 45 staff and contractors live locally and are passionate about supporting and improving their local community.

SXG is proud to offer local employment, support local businesses and strengthen the incredible work groups and organisations do including through a biannual community grants program.

Community grants program

Southern Cross Gold's community grants program funding is now accepting applications. It provides five \$500 grants twice a year to groups that improve the lives of those living in the Mitchell Shire and contribute to the region's vibrancy.

Applications are welcome by 31 May from local groups or organisations that are seeking funding for their project or program. Visit our website to apply.

southerncrossgoldcommunity.com.au/community/grants -program







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

Junior Football and Netball Clubs are now in full swing with their respective 2025 season, watch out for them and please support our Junior Clubs.

Auskick on a Wednesday night at 4:30pm under lights, Tennis continues with their ever increasing membership with Tuesday and Thursday nights. There will be a short break before recommencing the winter season of tennis competition in juniors and afternoons.

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

The Kilmore Adult Riders Group and Standard Bred Riding group are well into their programs down at the Reserves horse arena area. When their programs are on please be aware that horses are in the area of the Reserves entrance to the Stadium, Oval and Tennis club. Please observe the cautions and speed limits in that area.

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

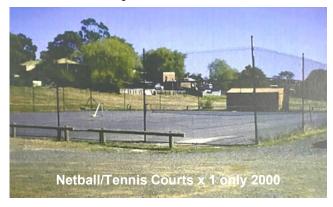
Walking the dogs, kids in the playground, individuals/groups doing their fitness workouts, mums with the kids in the pram, riding bikes, playing football-Kick to kick and Goal shooting practice passing shots in netball, shooting hoops at the basketball ring, riding the horses, training dogs to behave, Wandong primary doing 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 - We have come a long way to have a facility that we all can be proud of.

The Community Centre is open for bookings enquire now

Our Community building

Is also a great asset to hold kids parties, family type events and private functions of all sorts, please consider when planning a function. You can contact our booking officer.

Darlene Gunter on 0418 312 762

For all L.B.Davern Reserve Bookings to either:

- Oval Bookings, Stadium bookings and enquiries Mitchell Shire Council Recreation and Open Space unit ph. 5734 6200.
- Community Centre and Sports Pavilion contact:

 Darlene Gunter, Booking Officer for the WHJSCC on 0418 312 762





A different perspective from above-2023



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



Wandong Junior football Club original Scoreboard 2009 Survived Black Saturday Fires, but in 2010 was destroyed by a severe storm that came through Wandong and was scattered across the oval. What are these Under 10 and 12 Juniors doing now!



Roadway to the Allan Ryan Paddock 2003 and Pre Sports Pavilion



The Wandong/Wallan Lions Club built the above public toilets for the community.



Rob Telfer President L.B.Davern Reserve Committee 12 Dry Creek Cres P.O.Box 303, Wandong 3758

Wandong Warriors 2025 SPONSORS

































































Wandong Junior Football Club

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



Our Town's Football Club

The long-awaited season has begun, having almost 100 Warriors registered and enjoying their football. Our Under 16s are back on the field after a seven-year hiatus. And our youngest Warriors, the Under 9s have played their first game of football for the club. We have welcomed a raft of new sponsors. Enabling us to supply new playing jumpers, Training tops, medical packs and the much-needed seating upgrade.

Weekly Training Times

Tuesdays and Thursdays
U9,10,12 4.30pm
U14 5.00pm
U16 5.30pm

Sessions 1hour in duration



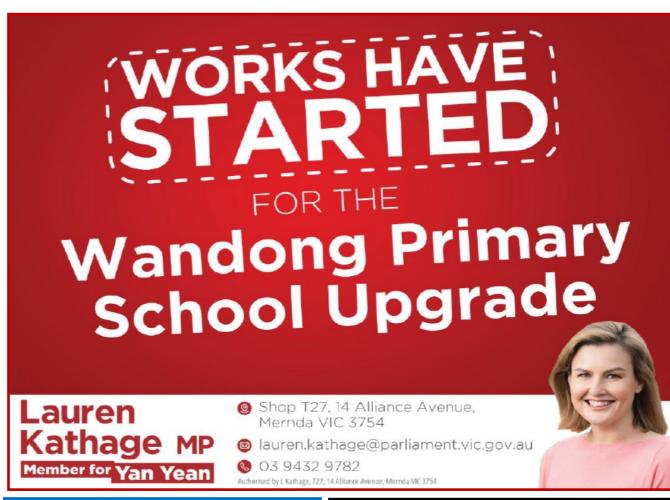
Ross directing the troops in the first game for the Under16s for 2025.

Our annual Fight MND round will take place on Round 4, 18th of May. We are extremely proud of the contribution our members have made to help fight MND. In the last 4 years the Wandong Warriors have raised just over \$8500.00 and donated to the cause. With plenty of coaches getting dunked along the way.

In conjunction with this great event, we will be running our Sponsors Day. A day where our sponsors get the opportunity to see the club in full swing. Getting a firsthand look at what their generous support does for the community and kids in sport.













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THE COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF WHITTLESEA INC. REGISTERED # A0041714F Established 2001

Written by Michael Halley
- Publicity Officer

Moreland railed above

The proactive speaker coordinator for the Combined Probus Club of Whittlesea Inc. Teresa Carlin on a visit to the Melbourne suburb of Moreland noticed that the railway level crossing had been removed. But the original station building and signal box had been retained. Having heard some negative sentiment about the level crossing removal program, Teresa decided that there must be a story of interest to members and invited representatives from the Level Crossing Removal Project's (LXRP) Stakeholder Relations and Communications team to speak at our Monday 5 May meeting. The LXRP has responsibility to remove 110 dangerous and congested level crossings across Melbourne and build more than 50 new stations. The aforementioned Moreland removal was part of the almost total restructuring of the Upfield Line. Between Moreland Road, Brunswick and Bell Street, Coburg four crossings were removed, which provides easier travel to the 68,000 vehicles that travelled on the roads each day.

At, Moreland Station the original heritage station building that opened in 1884 was restored and turned into additional station facilities. Heritage restorations are common across the removals, with other examples including the signals box at Gardiner railway station turning into bike parking, and the station building at North Williamstown railway station being restored into community and station facilities.

We learnt that the rail bridges can be manufactured off site and brought to the area in 30 metre lengths that fit together like LEGO® and that up to eight sections can be installed in one night shift. The supporting concrete piers have anti-graffiti treatment and it has been found that incorporating artwork onto the piers can also assist.

One upcoming project is the Brunswick level crossing removal. This will see eight level crossings removed from the Upfield Line, in Brunswick and Parkville. The elevation of rail tracks will provide over 2km worth of new community open space, which will feature an upgrade of the Upfield Bike Path. This path sees over 2500 journeys every day, and it will be made safer by separating pedestrians and bike riders. Community consultation will continue as the project progresses.

The Caulfield to Dandenong level crossing removals created a large new section of open parkland. This included 22.5 hectares (56 acres) of new open space, sports courts, playgrounds, new walking and cycling trails, and expanded station forecourts.

Closer to Whittlesea, the new Keon Park Station opened to passengers last year and the Keon Parade level crossing was removed. Before its removal, 18,000 vehicles a day battled with the level crossing boom barriers. In the 2-hour peak periods 41 minutes were given over to waiting for the trains to pass. When a community 'thank you' event was held at Keon Park, 2500 people attended and participated in the many free activities.

An interesting fact was delivered about the ongoing maintenance of the under track land and infrastructure. For the first two years LXRP has responsibility, and after extensive discussions with the relevant local council, responsibility for the area is handed over. The precincts around the station remain the responsibility of the rail operator.

The LXRP has received numerous awards for their different projects in the categories of <u>sustainability</u>, <u>architecture</u>, and <u>urban design</u>. The <u>Reservoir station</u> project was presented the 'Special Prize Exterior' award in the Passenger Stations category at the World Architecture and Design Award at the 2021 Prix Versailles. The elevated rail project from <u>Moreland</u> to <u>Coburg</u> stations saw landscape architects Tract win the Infrastructure Award of Excellence for their landscape and urban design work on the project, with the judging panel "particularly impressed with the urban renewal of the area". The Bell to Moreland project was also awarded a score of 98 points from the Infrastructure Sustainability Council, the highest rating ever awarded in Australia.

We were shown how design features are used for creature comfort <u>and also</u> for crime prevention. Some audience concern was raised about the location of lifts at stations and their proximity to the entrance/ exit. It was explained that Metro Trains determine the layout of stations, but several major changes have been addressed.

The take home message was "The legacy of a project does not end with completion of the project". [While traditional projects focus on meeting predefined objectives and delivering outputs on time, legacy projects take a broader view. They consider the sustainability of outcomes, the value added to the community or organization, and how the project influences future endeavours. The legacy of a project reflects not only its success but the broader implications of its execution.]

The "tag team" (pictured) presentation was quite professional and finished within the allocated time, and the presenters were thanked for their informative presentation.







Puppy Chewing Everything.....?

Author: Anne Zelvys IACP-CDT

Puppies, just like very young children, seem inclined to pick up just about ANYTHING and put it in their mouth... Stones, slugs, leggo blocks, coins, mulch etc... it all goes in, chewed, then either dropped out or eaten. If swallowed we then have to hope that this will pass thru the pups digestive system without any ill effects to the animal. Natural items such as bugs, bark, sticks will generally be processed by your pup's system, but plastic, foam, toys, balls can be problematic and then a risk of a blockage that causes everyone distress.



So why do they seem to need to chew?

Basically, pups (and human toddlers), are exploring their environment and will seek out to see what is edible and what isn't... With human babies we control this behaviour closely, so by the time they are perhaps a year or two old most children have dropped this behaviour..... This can be more difficult with our pups. From the time the pups are about 4-5 weeks old they should have access to a natural environment and so we start to see them taste or chew different materials... Pups are now becoming independent of their mum and are trying new food sources. Then when pups are about 9 weeks old they move to their new family's environments and have the opportunity to explore and find more things to chew and taste. For pups this is great fun and a way to amuse themselves.

Around 4 months of age pups also are teething, when their adult teeth are coming thru. This always seems to make a dog more inclined to chew on anything at their disposal. Remember too that 'Nature' is clever, If the diet is deficient in nutrients, dogs seek out vitamins and minerals from their environment... Consider how horses eat grass (which only holds nutrients from the top 20cm of soil). Therefore if horses are kept in limited grazing they often start to seek different nutrients that their body is lacking and will eat the bark off trees, because this bark is gaining nutrients via the root system deep within the earth. Dogs on limited diets will do the same... eating dirt, chewing on bricks, licking rocks... this is natures way for the animal to help balance their dietary needs.

Once a pup is aged around 6-7 months the dog generally learns what is good and what is not - so then they are less inclined to chew **everything** and start to discriminate what they like to chew, especially if they have a good diet that provides variety to help their bodies find that balance.

Remember the action of putting things in the mouth is a "Behaviour" - WE CAN CHANGE BEHAVIOUR.

So how do we stop this behaviour? Most dogs grow out of this, but some dogs just love to chew... Remember "mouth going the brain not" so we have to remember that a dog is really unaware they are chewing on the chair leg. Some breeds like Labradors, Goldies, Danes will often be a problem with this behaviour and even swallow a large selection of items.... Here are some tips.

Step one: Ensure your dog has a varied diet - I prefer to use a raw diet, a wide range of meat, veggies and fruit this provides the dog with a mix of nutrients that can increase the stomachs ability to produce a strong immune system. Having bones is also a chance to use their teeth and jaws. Providing supplements from natural sources rather than relying on processed or synthetic vitamins or minerals.

Step two: Preventing dog getting bored - Providing natural materials like dirt, ensure that you have sticks that are sourced from different trees as these provide different flavours and minerals. Also fresh herbs & veggies to chew. Contrary to 'dr google', most plants are NOT going to kill your dog.

Step three: Stop the habit developing :

When your pup picks up something in his mouth get him to drop the item (don't just take it out of his mouth)... leave the item where you can keep an eye on the pup and should he try to pick it up again then block this behaviour Keep repeating until he chooses just to walk away from the item.

Remember with pups, when you are not around ideally remove the temptation to avoid the dog developing bad habits....



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Answers on page 28

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THIS MONTHS QUIZ

Answer appears on Page 28 but no cheating!

- 1. Graceland is in what USA city?
- 2. Mario's adventures mainly take place in which fictional kingdom?
- 3. Machu Picchu was built by which civilisation in the Americas?
- 4. Which State is Cadbury's Australian chocolate factory?
- 5. Which was Australia's first low-cost airline?
- 6. Which language is most commonly spoken in Switzerland?
- 7. What was the original name given to Tasmania by Abel Tasman in 1642?
- 8. What year did Phar Lap win the Melbourne Cup?
- 9. Which prime minister disappeared while swimming at Cheviot Beach?
- 10. What is the national animal of Australia?
- 11. What is the name of the largest sand island in the world?
- 12. What is Australia's oldest chocolate bar?
- 13. What year did Australia last host the Commonwealth Games?
- 14. Kiwi fruit are indigenous to what country?
- 15. What is a group of crows called?

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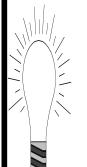
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Phone 5782 1746 Mobile 0418 323 838 Hello Readers,

Perhaps like myself, as the weather cools down and we approach the cold winter months, we look for more ways to enjoy pastimes and activities indoors.

University of the Third Age
Wallan Neighbourhood House
42-47 Bentnick Street Wallan

At Wallan U3A we have many indoor activities to pass the time, may

be by learning something new and or taking part in some gentle exercise while at the same time making new friends.

For example, we offer our Tai Chi classes, every Wednesday morning at 9.30am, for those looking for something slow and gentle which will help maintain strength, balance and flexibility.

We also offer Pilates classes every Monday and Thursday, a low impact form of exercise which strengthens muscles and improves flexibility and can be done on a mat on the floor or seated if necessary.

If you've never played Mahjong, why not give it a try. Mahjong is a tile based game of skill, strategy and luck very similar to Rummy in cards and has become a very popular weekly session, on Tuesday mornings, for many of our members.

Another favourite class is our ballroom dancing class, where we learn how to Rhumba, Foxtrot, Waltz, Jive and other popular dance steps. Dancing is an excellent way of staying fit and healthy both in mind and body. We are always looking for new attendees, couples or singles are all very welcome.

For those who are looking for a fantastic night out, our biannual social is coming up on Friday the 16th May, where we will dance the night away, entertained by our extremely talented DJ Noel, who'll have our feet tapping in no time.

As always, we have many raffle prizes, delicious food, free tea and coffee, the cost is \$10 per head, the location, the Wallan Neighbourhood House, Bentinck Street entrance. Please note this function is an alcohol free event.

Enquiries about any of our classes can be made by phoning or texting John Lanphier, U3A Wallan President on 0413 083 089 or by referring to our website.

That's all for now, till next time, bye. John Lanphier

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 Email: margaretjakymczuk1@gmail.com

PLEASE TAKE YOUR RUBBISH HOME

The Wandong Heathcote Junction Community Group continues to remove rubbish from Wandong streets, the Epping Kilmore Road, the Wandong Hume Freeway ramps, and Wandong Broadford Road.

Much of the rubbish is thrown from vehicles passing through Wandong but there is also rubbish that can only be from our residents. To those people we can only appeal to them to look after our beautiful town and take your rubbish home.



Deter tech savvy crooks



Today we are issuing an urgent warning to vehicle owners, as intelligence reveals tech savvy thieves are behind a surge in car thefts.

Increasing numbers of cars are being stolen — more than 70% from residential streets, driveways, and other community locations — with no associated burglary, robbery or carjacking. This trend has coincided with third party electronic devices, which are capable of programming or mimicking keys, becoming increasingly available for purchase. Once inside a vehicle, this device can be plugged into the cars on board diagnostic port to override the security system and start the engine.

Police intelligence suggests certain makes and models with electronic push start technology are being targeted, given no ignition key is required. We're urging owners of these vehicles to look at a range of preventative measures to help deter thieves, including an on-board diagnostic port lock which prevents an offender connecting a reprogramming device to your vehicle. These locks are highly affordable and self-installable. As always, police urge the community to take simple steps to stop opportunistic thieves in their tracks. Never leave your car running when unattended.

Hotlines:

Online Reporting:

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

- · Lock your vehicle, even when parked at home.
- · Close all windows, including the sunroof.
- · Park your vehicle off the street if possible.
- Remove items all your valuables and items such as keys and garage fobs.
- Keep other valuables out of sight or out of the vehicle entirely and preferably secured.

On-board Diagnostic Ports

Many modern cars have an OBD (on-board diagnostics) port, sometimes called an OBD-II or OBD2 port. This standardised socket, a 16-pin connector, allows access to the car's computer to monitor and diagnose vehicle health and performance. Mechanics and technicians use diagnostic tools through the OBD port to read and clear error codes, which helps them troubleshoot vehicle issues. Numerous sites such as Amazon and eBay offer the devices for sale, since they are legal to own for mechanics and other related professions. Deter thieves from stealing your car by installing anti-theft devices such as:

- on-board diagnostic (OBD) port locks or tracker
- car alarms, digital anti-theft systems, engine immobilisers or remote battery disconnect switches: or
- RFID (radio frequency identification) blocker,
 Faraday box/bag for your key fob or keyess
 digital blockers

There are different versions for different makes & models. They don't interfer with the normal use of the motor vehicle and do not need to be removed before servicing your vehicle. For more advice on how to best secure your vehicle, talk to staff at auto shops that stock anti-theft products. Read more information about addition vehicle security measures here: https://www.police.vic.gov.au/preventing-motor-vehicle-theft.

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Weather Report Heathcote Junction/Wandong APRIL 2025

We are in the final month of autumn and temperature conditions have continued, as per previous months, to decline but without any major events.

Rainfall was light for the first half of the month. 16mls was recorded on the 25th April, mainly late in the day, which hopefully many A.N.Z.A.C services may have missed.

Overall conditions can be described as dry to very dry. There has been no update to our supply dam recording since 14/3/25

Stats

April 2025. - 32.5 mls Previous year - 127 mls Average prev 10 years - 78 mls Total this year - 149 mls Total prev year - 325.5 mls

All the best for the month Norm Hulett

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 0413 701 040

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.

Join "Friends of Disappointment" to share history, photos and ideas.

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

QUIZ ANSWERS (from page 25)

- . Memphis
- 2. Mushroom Kingdom
- 3. Incan
- 4. Tasmania
- 5. Compass Airlines
- 6. German
- 7. Van Diemen's Land
- 8. 1930
- 9. Harold Holt
- 10. Red kangaroo
- 11. Fraser Island, QLD
- 12. Cherry Ripe (1920)
- 13. 2018 (Gold Coast)
- 14. China
- 15. A murder

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PO Box 550, Kilmore 3764 President: Elaine De Gabrielle Secretary: Mark Perrott

Contact: info@u3akilmoreanddistrict.com.au

The University of the Third Age refers to the age of 'active retirement' following the first two ages of youth and work or homemaking. It was established in France in 1972 and now has members throughout the world. U3A was established in Melbourne in 1984 and spread quickly throughout Victoria. Over 60,000 members Australia wide now enjoy the educational, social, physical and creative activities offered.

U3A is an organisation for people who wish to stay active in retirement and it is organised and run by volunteers who feel they have something to give to the older community. They offer opportunities for seniors to learn, teach, share and to give mutual support to each other in a friendly and supportive environment, regardless or ethnicity, religion, ability or disability.

U3A Kilmore was established in June 1999 as part of the Kilmore Mechanics Institute and Free Library Inc. and in 2006 became an incorporated association. Our courses cover a wide range of interest areas, from academic to physical and artistic activities. Our members enjoy both the intellectual engagement and the social aspects of our courses. Memberships are great value, and entitle you to enrol in as many courses as you like. We offer memberships for singles or couples, as well as options allowing members to take courses at other U3As.

Kilmore and District U3A are also proud to support the wider community. Both music groups play for the residents of the various rest homes in Kilmore and at numerous other community events in the area. We are regulars at the community house events and once again will be providing entertainment at the Community Garden open day from 10.00am on Saturday the 10th May 2025. We hope you will be able to make the event and enjoy all the activities on offer. There will once again be hot baked potatoes on offer which come highly recommended!

So if you fancy joining a book club, learning to play music, exercising, dog walking, learning about local history, writing a book, playing games, attending trivia mornings, joining the lunch club or joining in any of the other creative and learning opportunities offered then why not come along?

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

Kilmore Golf Club Inc.

The two Men's Pennant teams unfortunately have not qualified for the finals this year despite playing well at the start of the season. Midweek pennant has commenced with a win for the Mixed team but a loss for the Ladies Team. With a short schedule (3 weeks) being successful every week is most important.



The Reeves McNamara Trophy has been finalised. Bea Lay & Rod Williams were the eventual winners after two rounds

The colder weather has encouraged some corellas to seek a warmer climate with the result there are fewer numbers to create the wide scale damage we have endured for the past five months.

The greens need to be renovated or totally renovated with new drainage installed and replanted with suitable turf. The estimated cost is considerable and beyond the Club's annual maintenance budget. The Club is therefore running an online auction to raise funds for the planned renovation program. Local businesses and individuals are being approached to donate goods and services of any value, from twenty dollars to several hundred or even a thousand dollars. Auctions 32 will promote the auction and the public can bid and buy items. Businesses donating goods or services will be promoted with the goods, services or logos shown on the 32auctions site. It is estimated that the auction will open mid -June for all viewing and bidding. Items so far range from a Rodent Package, Car service, Day Spa Pass to name a few.

Whittlesea Community Network

92a Church Street Whittlesea 3757 Ph: 03 9716 3361 Fax: 03 9716 3816 Email wchi@whittleseach.com.au



Hello! Where did April go! Now that you've recovered from what felt like an entire month of holidays it's time to ease into something new!

Visy Recycling

It might be getting colder but our hardy team of volunteers is still counting CANS AND BOTTLES! Over the counter recycling is available Monday, Wednesday and Thursday each week 10am-3pm and Saturdays from 8am-4pm.

Please note 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

<u>Big Blokes Brunch</u> 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 22nd May 11.30am – 1.00pm Gold Coin Donation Thursday 12th June 11.30am – 1.00pm Gold Coin Donation

Op Shop Tours

The Op Shop Bus will be leaving from the House at 9am on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Saturdays of each month! Loads of new locations only \$20 per person. SPECIAL NURSERY AND OPEN GARDEN TOUR 17TH May. Bookings Essential

Call the House for details, routes and bookings or head online to book www.wchi.com.au

Boat Licence

Get on the water safely! Students from 12 years are eligible (you must be 16+ for PWC endorsement)

Saturday 24th May 9.00am – 1.00pm \$150 per person

Fix it Friday – Celebrates Law Week

Fix it Friday will return in on 23rd May and will include Law Week celebrations! Come along and find out about fines – When to Pay, When to Fight and When to Complain! All the usual services will be available with our "fixers" session starts 10am and the Law Week presentation starts at Noon.

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.

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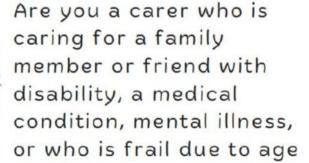
Peer Support

Carer's Group

Connecting with other Carers

FOCUS IS ON:

- ✓ Connection
- ✓ Hope
- ✓ Identity
- Meaning
- ✓ Empowerment



and looking to connect with other carers who are in a similar situation?

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

- 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.

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