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VicRoads allows 100 KPH speed limit through a town

IGNORING REQUESTS TO LOWER THE SPEED LIMIT ON THE EPPING KILMORE ROAD THROUGH HEATHCOTE JUNCTION

For a long time, the Wandong Heathcote Junction Community Group, supported by Mitchell Shire Council, has asked VicRoads to fix the anomaly that exists with speed limits on the Epping Kilmore Road at Wandong Heathcote Junction. The Epping Kilmore Road through Wandong is 60 KPH but the road is 100 KPH through Heathcote Junction. While the main residential Heathcote Junction is on the east side of the railway line there are fifty plus residents on the west side of the Epping Kilmore Road, with a further 16 blocks in a new estate opening soon.

There is a railway crossing (Escretes Road) at Heathcote Junction which requires a turning lane on the Epping Kilmore Road heading south because vehicles regularly and dangerously queue back on to the Epping Kilmore Road when boom gates are activated. Requests to Vicroads for a turning lane have failed, probably waiting for a casualty to occur.

The Epping Kilmore Road is an extremely busy road which school children have to cross in the morning to reach the school bus stop or railway station in Rail Street, Heathcote Junction and again in the afternoon to return to their home.

In addition to this, Inland Rail will commence an 18 month project in 2025 to replace the existing road over rail bridge on the Wandong Broadford Road at Wandong. It is expected that the majority of local traffic and traffic to and from Wallan and Kilmore to the 500 pupil Wandong Primary School, will be diverted via the Heathcote Junction crossing.

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The Epping Kilmore Road is a very busy road with the multitude of trucks, commercial and private vehicles that travel between the Melbourne northern suburbs and the Hume Freeway at Wandong. The speed limit of 60 KPH through Wandong is often exceeded and reducing the speed limit to 80 KPH through Heathcote Junction would also enforce the requirement to slow down through Wandong.

VicRoads has had years to fix this situation. For all the common sense reasons and before the new subdivision is open, it would be great if VicRoads enforced 80 KPH through Heathcote Junction as soon as possible.



WANDONG-HEATHCOTE JUNCTION COMMUNITY GROUP

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



WEBSITE: In May the <www.wandong.vic.au> website received 954 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

On 5th June, we met officers of Mitchell Shire to swap information and to discuss our concerns including:

- BUSHFIRE MEMORIAL PARK CAR PARK (BITUMEN, BOLLARDS, DRAIN)
- 80 kph THROUGH HEATHCOTE JUNCTION ON EPPING KILMORE ROAD
- TOWN MAP FOR WANDONG HEATHCOTE JUNCTION
- PLAYGROUND UPGRADE AT MEMORIAL PARK
- THE MESH FENCE ALONG RAIL STREET / RAIL RESERVE
- FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE
- REMOVAL OF GRAFFITI

Mitchell Shire has taken note of our issues and will advise in due course any action taken. It was agreed that regular meetings, possibly three monthly be organized with Mitchell Shire and the Wandong History Group.

INVITATION FROM MITCHELL SHIRE COUNCIL

Hello community of Wandong and Heathcote Junction

All Aboard for an Extraordinary Celebration!

You're warmly invited to the unveiling of Train of Life — a stunning new public sculpture by renowned artist Tai Snaith.

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Community members, school leaders, and representatives from local groups will come together for this special moment — don't miss the chance to be part of history in the making!

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people a very happy
birthday

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

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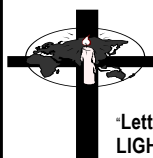
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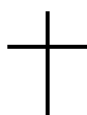
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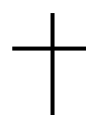
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Why is half my workshop driveway white and the other half garage grey?

I'll tell you why if you've got the time. Operating a car repair workshop is an interesting pastime, some say we only stay in business just to see what happens next. I'm sitting in the office one day when a loud crash outside in the driveway jolted me back to reality, a driverless car had knocked over a stand of batteries coming to rest very close to our new hoist. Battery acid was pouring out of the damaged batteries and running down into St Georges Rd, fizzing and fuming against anything in its path.

With the rule in my head of don't let accidents get any worse I rushed over to make sure that the offending vehicle did not then disappear out into the busy street only to be met by a little lady struggling to get out of the driver's seat! My goodness the 'little lady' was no other than Aunt Edith a character in her own right to say the least! The car was a Standard Vanguard, a bulbous style with a hump-back body around the 1952s, with Aunt being height challenged to be politically correct, (let's face it she is very short,) there was no way she could possibly see over the bonnet without a sizable cushion.

An apprentice was dispatched to get a bag of carb-soda to neutralise the battery acid. Aunt Edith was in no way distressed by the kerfuffle and proceeded to admonish me for having the batteries on display, half of the driveway by now had been bleached a nice shade of white. You've been very patient about my explanation of the driveway condition please stick with me while I introduce you to 'AUNT' she recently moved down from the country after a change in circumstances and without telling anybody sold her farm Ute and got a more comfortable means of transport.

You've probably guessed by now that she is not my real Aunt. I cannot remember just when I first came in contact with her, having serviced her cars over the years but I have always admired her manner and attitude to life during her personal difficulties, so much so, that I look forward to the discussions I have with her and the advice that I have sought over many years.

Aunt is old fashioned in her standards, in her advice, in her approach to life's problems, yet talking with her one has a sense of contentment, calmness and a feeling that all her worries are out the window! She is always telling me that that I shouldn't waste my effort on trivialities, that I should look at the bigger picture and that her inner strength was supported by a strong belief in a higher power, that her God was all that she needed to face up to all the setbacks that she has had to deal with through her life. (She has a Bible reference for just about every problem I mention!)

Aunt's life has had a marked effect on many who cross her path, and I will share some of her beliefs with you in the future as I find it helpful to find a person who has a calming influence, a sensible approach to 'modern' problems and a refreshing attitude to life generally.

Aunt has a habit of just dropping in to get a service without an appointment, that's not so bad as we can generally fit her in somehow.

The problem now is that she insists on having her cut lunch in the mess-room with the workers! Now as any mechanic will tell you a room filled with a bunch of hot head rough-nuts may not be an ideal place for a little old lady with strict ideas on a Christian way of living, however, a strange thing has happened over the time since Aunt has been sharing time with the boys, (and one girl,) they appear to look forward to their meeting with Reverend as they affectionately have dubbed Aunt! I do not seem to be as welcome in the room as I used to, it's as though that has become a special place that they can talk openly to somebody who listens without judgment to their modern-day anxieties! I know when I am not wanted, anyway, I have to finish cleaning up the battery mess before I go home. I'll share more of Aunts philosophies when I've calmed down later.

(No, I didn't charge her for the batteries) (Yet.)

A.G.

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GARDEN SCENE WITH GAIL

Well, here we are again, middle of the year, our shortest day, and the beginning of Winter Brrr, but at least we can rug up and get out there into our gardens. Many jobs can be done in this month, and one of course is weeding, get out those pesky weeds, treat the soil with well-rotted cow manure and follow up with some fine white sand and Gypsum. Incorporate into the soil gently so as not to damage any plant roots that may be close to the surface and then water well and follow up with a Seasol solution to the surrounding plants after watering to settle everything, reducing possible stress to any root systems and a good layer of mulch. Lawns can do with an overall as well, in the same way however, the well-rotted cow manure would be better if it was soaked in water to make it a liquid prior to applying and before doing anything with your lawn, get yourself some aerating shoes, sounds funny, but you can buy them to strap onto your shoes, or make them out of a thin plank of wood for each foot with long nails hammered in so the pointy bit of the nail will penetrate the ground as you walk over it. Aeration is great to allow for moisture and air to get into the soil improving its health and then any fertiliser, (nutrients) that are applied can be absorbed easier. This month our bulbs, Daphne, Azalea and the Autumn / Winter flowering Camellias (keep a lookout for the many different colours available, seeing them in real life is better than relying on the labels), will be up and running so it's important to ensure they too get enough moisture because it's been a very dry Summer and Autumn, the ground has become quite water repellent, and the soil quality is suffering as a direct result of this. Ensure adequate moisture is given in addition to a weekly/fortnightly application of liquid fertiliser which is taken up by the plant very quickly and don't forget to take bunches of the flowers inside to brighten up indoors, kind of like a miny prune every time you do so. Apparently if you take off all foliage below the water line before putting cut flowers into water they last longer. 'Bare rooted' plants may be available now but only buy them from reputable nurseries and most of these suppliers will have potted them up so there is far less chance of the root system drying out. If roots have dried out a little you can prune them lightly and pop the pruned area into a Seasol solution directly after pruning. Leave in the solution for about an hour, plant in a good quality potting mix if potting up or into well prepared soil, incorporating well-rotted cow manure, a small handful of fertiliser, fine white sand and leaf litter from deciduous trees. These leaves break down really well unlike our Eucalypts that have tough leaves and take many years to break down. Any organic matter is great for our soil including shredded paper, fantastic roughage! After watering in well, follow up with the Seasol solution to settle the plant in and reduce any stress involved with the planting



and the good thing is that Seasol is great for all plants and it's an Australian product, along with Seasol Soil Wetter and Powerfeed. You can start pruning fruit trees now. Cut out unhealthy branches, branches that cross over others and try to open the growth of the plant for more light to get into the centre. Cut to an outward facing node and if you can maintain a shorter plant, it certainly helps when you pick the fruit. Another useful job this month is sharpening, spades, shovels, secateurs, hedge shears and loppers, clean and spray with WD-40. Check filters and spark plugs on lawn mowers and other gardening machinery to keep us going through the growing season. Time spent on these jobs will be so beneficial. What a busy month.

Have a wonderful June.

Bye for now!

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.

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

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LIONS CLUB OF WANDONG - WALLAN INC.

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Not much happening at the moment. Sharyn caught up with a lady that we helped with groceries. She and her son are both ill with cancer. Marilyn is still looking for knitters and we are still collecting specs to send to 3rd world countries.



A fair bit of scandal to report. Cliff and Dianne and Steve and Tania all went to Canberra for the ANZAC dawn service as reported previously. However what was unknown at the time both Cliff and Tania attempted to get into the wrong room on the wrong floor. I cannot ascertain whether it was at the same time. I do know that it was the same night. The trail has gone cold.

Have you noticed the statues of the three echidnas at the front of the Lions park in Wandong. They were put in by the council. Their names are Brian, Bill and Clyde. These are three prickly old men, although Clyde is nowhere near as old and prickly as the other two. We have a grant from council to get a Lions seat put in. We will have to raise a bit for ourselves but it will look great. Steve is also getting a new sign which he will probably make himself. You will probably notice that nobody asks me to do these things. I would probably put the nails in back to front. We have done a lot of things around the place. The bridge on the Say G'day trail for instance was designed and built by us.

Now for Steve. He set off to go to the drags in NSW but didn't make it. I don't know what went wrong. Perhaps he broke a heel or got a ladder in his stockings.

He was recently in Tasmania where he caught a serious disease called man flu. He and Tania had to cancel their flight and book out the next day. This plane was cancelled because of mechanical problems and they had to wait for another plane that would not fall out of the sky. Steve leads a very adventurous life.

Bill the biker recently purchased a wonderful new bike, all black and shiny with lots of power. It suits his image. He dropped this wonder machine on his drive. He blamed the drive for this and immediately had it resurfaced. He can't outrun the police if he keeps dropping his bike. He has just had new crash bars fitted, Chinese of course. So that he can be more reckless than ever.

Our Sharyn has been collecting golf balls from Kilmore golf club. She claims that she finds them under trees and bushes but I suspect that she has trained her dog to rush out and grab them on the greens while the players are not looking. She does however clean the golf balls and put them in the box at the course for others to use.

It is difficult to dig any dirt on our president although I did notice that he had two of his staff out sweeping leaves in front of the shop while he leaned on the counter looking quite relaxed.

I think this will do for now. I have been my usual perfect self digging up the truth about my fellow Lions.

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Written by Michael Halley - Publicity Officer

A day Landside

Situated in the South Eastern suburbs of Melbourne, the *Moorabbin Air Museum* in the airport grounds has one of the most significant collections of aircraft and engines in Australia.

So in mid-May Alessandra Testa the short tours convenor at the Combined Probus Club of Whittlesea collected a coach load of members to travel the 60 odd kilometres for a day's entertainment. [By air it is 44 kilometres]

Founded in 1962 and run by a dedicated group of volunteers and members, the Museum has expanded to have a collection of not just aircraft and engines, but models, uniforms and many other artefacts associated with Australia's amazing aviation history.

The Museum's mission is to collect, preserve and display aircraft and artefacts associated with Australian Aviation Heritage, and to educate and inspire future generations of the pathways in aviation. This was reinforced by the hour long tour and commentary conducted by Volunteer David Taylor.

Folks learnt the difference between passenger and freight transport and also the reasons and significance of military aircraft. Fixed wings, foldable wings, or no wings still decrees the machine as an aircraft. David remarked "if an aircraft looks different it is something special". The earliest plane on display is a Gypsy Moth which would have a top speed of 100 MPH. It is accompanied by a supersonic Sabre that attained twice the speed of sound 1500 plus MPH.

Museums are basically a personal voyage of discovery or reflection. After David's address each unto its own was the order of the day, and visitors made their own way around the collection of rare and unique examples of Australian made aircraft.

Significant of the visit was the untold stories of Australian ingenuity and dedication, not always supported by the government, but well ahead of the game. David Warren's Black Box Recorder is a fine example!

The Black Box that is orange!

As noon arrived the visitors made their way to the Sky Deck Bar and Grill to select from a comprehensive a la carte offering and many popular beverages.

Empty plates and glasses together with dwindling conversations indicated time to take the coach back to Whittlesea.



What's next?

Alessandra takes time for her own private travels, both home and overseas, and is away for several months but has already organised our next member's excursion. Leaving Whittlesea on 24 July participants will travel to Daylesford to visit *The Convent*.

Built as a private residence during the Gold Rush Era it was the home to the Presentation Sisters for almost 90 years. After the Sisters moved to smaller in 1986 the building became derelict but was purchased and renovated as a gallery & museum.

A visit to the Geelong Mill Market in November is in early stages of planning.

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Not Long enough?

The short trips accommodate the needs of folks who prefer to not pack luggage and medicine bags, but for the more adventurous trips around seven to ten days duration are organised.

In early April the long journey to Kangaroo Island commenced. Apart from three days on the Island the travellers visited Victor Harbour and Robe. They arrived home tired but excited about the things they had seen and done in South Australia.

Almost all of the returning members have put their name on the list for the next long trip. On 7 October 2025 a week away at Canberra and environs will commence.

Written by Michael Halley



Photos:

- **David Taylor addresses audience**
- **Ejection capsule for F111 fighter**
- **Probus members at Kangaroo Island**



CLONBINANE C.F.A.



Road Safety

With winter finally upon us we now face more dangerous road conditions. Less light throughout the day, rain, fog and of course wildlife. We take this time to remind our community to make sure that you have tyres with plenty of tread on them, to take your time when driving and of course to drive to the road/weather conditions.

House Fires

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

- The risk of dying from fire is greatest at night when you are asleep. When we sleep, we lose our sense of smell. Without a working smoke alarm, you may not wake up in time to escape.
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WANDONG FIRE BRIGADE



Wandong Fire Brigade has four firefighters taking on the Melbourne Firefighter Stair Climb (MFSC) on Saturday the 6th of September. They will climb 28 floors of the Crown Metropol wearing up to 25kg of turnout gear and breathing apparatus! The MFSC aims to raise \$1 million for Lifeline, the Peter MacCallum Cancer Foundation, and the 000 Foundation to improve support services, fund research, remove stigmas, and raise awareness of cancer and mental health issues, especially among those within the Emergency Service and Defence communities. Our firefighters, Tom Alderson, Robert Boletti, Jacob Styles, and Kasey Styles, are training hard and would appreciate your support for these worthwhile causes.

Burning Off

CFA Fire restrictions have been lifted, however, conditions are still dry, and wind conditions can pose a risk. If you choose to burn off, please assess the weather conditions and ensure that you have water available to extinguish the fire if weather conditions are not safe.

Mitchell Shire Council allows burning off in town areas on Wednesdays and Saturdays between 10am and 3pm. You must register your burn-off by calling the CFA Burn Off Line on 1800 668 511 or via the website <https://firepermits.vic.gov.au>

Training

Seniors Training continues on Wednesday evenings. You may see us around town. Recently, we have had 2 members complete their BA (breathing apparatus) accreditation, and another member is currently completing further study towards their structural firefighting qualification.

Juniors

The juniors have been working on their Radio communication skills, where one team has the instructions to build lego, and the other team in another room has to build the lego item following their verbal instructions over the radio. They were fortunate to have a visit from Commander Brislin, and they discussed the different motivations for joining CFA juniors, and the many pathways available within CFA.

Wandong - CFA Melbourne Firefighter Stair Climb



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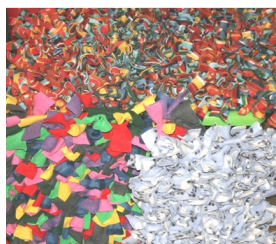


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WANDONG HISTORY GROUP

As winter approaches, we wind down our activities, the church is very cold in winter and it's difficult to heat due to the large open space, however members are still working on projects from the warmth of their own homes.

The new bridge is fast becoming a reality, the large construction site is confronting so we can only hope it all goes ahead rapidly so the ugly scar can be regenerated, and we get our town back. We are in constant contact with ARTC, John Holland and the council regarding the heritage issues of the construction site, unfortunately heritage doesn't seem to be high on any of those organisations lists, once it's gone there's no going back.

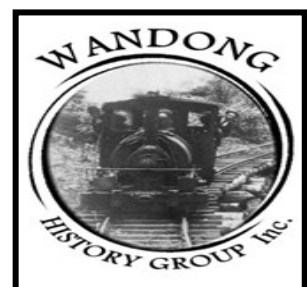
I note that another gold prospecting company has taken an interest in the Reedy Creek area, given the work that is being undertaken at Clonbinane with Southern Cross Gold Consolidated I see interesting and changing times ahead. It would be great for those communities to arm themselves with as much information as they can as when and if these fields are developed there will be an impact on them.

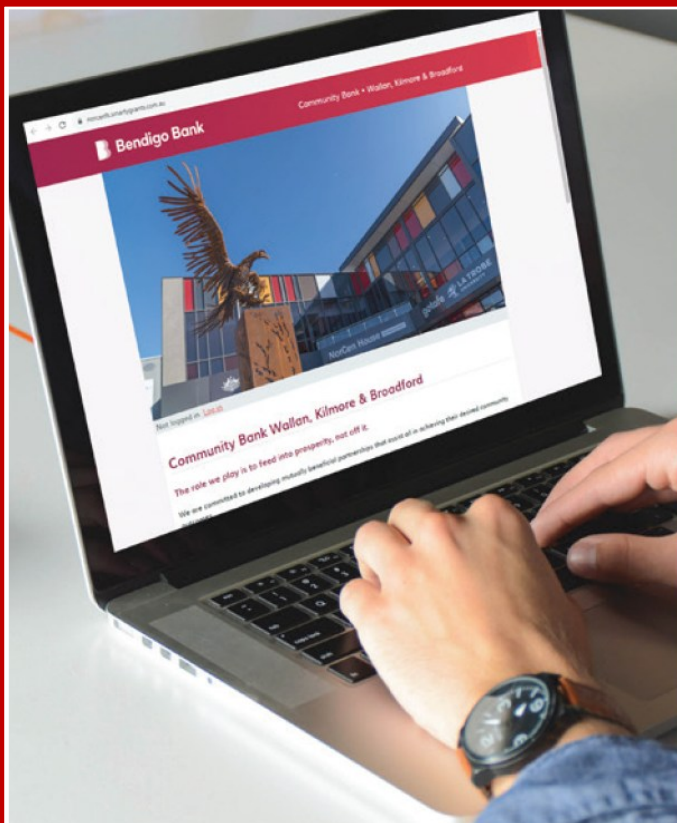
We are still looking for active members to help out at Bunnings Sausage Sizzles, these are a great way to ensure our financial stability, but we really need some people who can give us hand, it's not hard work and can be quite a fun day. Anyone volunteering to help will be covered under our insurance.

Don't forget to check out our website wandongheathcotejunctionhsitory.com.au

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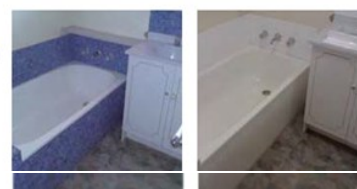
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Education Week 2025

We celebrated Education Week with Open Classrooms on Monday 19th May. It was lovely to see so many families joining in with classroom activities and celebrating the learning of our students. Thank you for your ongoing support!

Grade 5/6 Excursion to Healesville

This month, our Grade 5/6 students enjoyed an excursion to Healesville Sanctuary as part of their Inquiry unit for this term – ‘Second Chance’. This unit guides students to investigate human impact on Australian native animals and use their design skills to come up with solutions to give a ‘second chance’ to injured animals. The excursion provided students with hands-on learning opportunities about wildlife conservation, particularly focusing on endangered species. Our Grade 5/6 students participated in a program with the Healesville Sanctuary scientists to help design new nest box prototypes for endangered possums and parrots.



Cross Country

We held our annual Cross Country event on Friday 16th May, with all students from Grades 3-6 running or walking around the course at LB Davern. We even had some speedy Grade 2 students competing for the first time, trained by Miss Yarni and ready to give the Grade 3/4s a run for their money! It was amazing to see all the students showing the school value of Pride by giving the event their best go and ‘running their own race’, as well as showing Kindness by looking out for others on the track and showing loud support to their fellow runners! A big thank you goes out to Mr Fearn and Miss Yarni for all their work to coordinate this event. The top-placing students in each age category will now compete at the Mitchell District Cross Country Championships.



Education Support Staff Day

On May 16th, we celebrated Education Support Staff Day. We have a huge team of ES staff at Wandong – 36 people and counting! We are so grateful every day for all the hard work that these legends do – working alongside our teachers in all classrooms, creating differentiated learning opportunities, providing wellbeing support, and running literacy and numeracy intervention programs are just some of the ways that our ES staff assist our students every day. Thank you for everything that you do to make our school such an amazing place to be!

May 2025 Community Update



Welcome to our May 2025 update, where we share details of our recent exploration and community engagement activities. We welcome hearing from you at any time with questions or feedback, or if you would like clarification around any aspect of our operations. Please reach out to us on the details on the next page.

Exploration tunnel update

Southern Cross Gold Consolidated (SXGC) is working on reports that will be submitted as part of our application to construct an exploration tunnel including noise, fauna, flora, water and vibration. The reports are an important step in ensuring we manage impacts on our neighbours and meet and exceed strict environmental and social conditions.

The tunnel will allow us to drill with lesser impact from underground to define the mineral resource more quickly than surface drilling alone and allow us to confirm geological models. To date these models have been built from our drilling and the few detailed records the old time miners left us with more than 130 years ago.

We recently held drop ins around the Mitchell Shire and were pleased to speak to over 500 people about the tunnel. Sharing our plans at the earliest possible stage ensures we keep our communities informed and are available to answer any questions that may arise.

If you would like more information about the tunnel, reach out on the contact details on the next page or visit www.southerncrossgoldcommunity.com.au.

Managing blackberries in Clonbinane

SXGC has been extensively spraying blackberries since September 2024. We have already covered 40ha with 30ha more planned this season. With over 200 acres of blackberry growth identified within 2,600 acres of our recently acquired freehold land we have some work ahead of us!

Managing blackberries is crucial as they're classified as a Weed of National Significance and deemed one of the most problematic plant species in Australia by the federal government.

Introduced in the 1840s, blackberries have become highly invasive and smother native vegetation. They reduce biodiversity, impact agricultural productivity, hinder access to waterways and can increase fire risks due to their dense, dry foliage.

SXGC's efforts to control blackberries help protect our environment and maintain the health of natural landscapes. Check out these before and after shots of some of the progress we've made!



Before



After

A woman with brown hair tied back, wearing a maroon long-sleeved shirt and blue jeans, stands in a kitchen. She is holding a black mobile phone to her ear with her right hand and has her left arm crossed over her chest. The kitchen has white cabinets, a wooden countertop, and a window in the background showing greenery outside. A QR code is visible in the top right corner of the image.

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

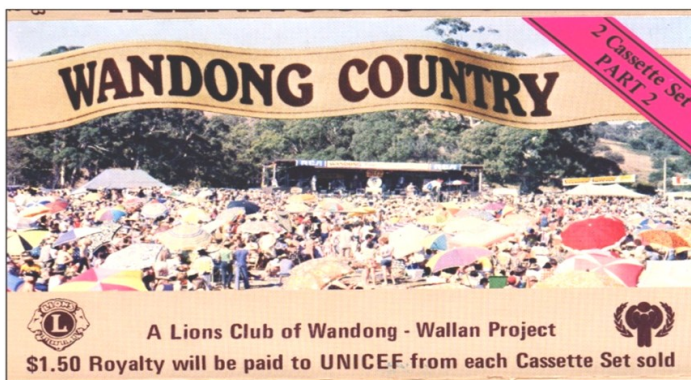
Winter has certainly arrived and with the cold and windy conditions, we have been lucky with the unseasonal weather being dry but be cautious of the trails throughout the reserve as trees can fall due to the winds and be aware the creek can flood at any time. Dry Creek may mean our creek is dry but it can change. Don't let the cold and up and coming wet weather stop you from coming down to the Reserve to enjoy on what there is to offer.

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-, 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.

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



LEFT:
Remember When!!
Country Music Festival at L.B.Davern Reserve -1970's
The stage was on the east side of the Reserve, currently where the roadway leads to the Stadium.

BELOW: The Lions Club preparing for Country Music Festival 1980!

Re Wandong Oval (Now L.B. Davern Reserve).

Improvements to site by members, particularly eastern side of creek - demolishing old house, removal of rubbish - levelling area and sowing seed. Supply of seed and superphosphate etc.

Machine hire estimated at
Sowing down of seed - supply seed etc.

Planting of trees and shrubs estimated.

Labour supplied by members for building of stage, toilet blocks, erection of fence around tennis/netball courts. Installing new water supply to all outlets on ground - all supplied at NO COST.

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For Sale:

We have 80 plastic chairs for sale: \$5.00 per chair
If interested contact Rob - 0408 393 250



Just think years gone by you could take the train to Kilmore from Wandong /Heathcote Junction - could we ever see a walking/bike/ horse track to Kilmore/Bendigo!



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



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Our Town's Football Club

With the season in full swing and grading matches completed, the Warriors are busy doing what they love, playing football. Our recent annual MND fundraiser was a success with the club raising \$585.00 for the cause that is close to many of our members hearts. The clubs' sponsors were also welcomed on the day and were treated to some great games of footy.

Go Warriors!

Weekly Training Times

Tuesdays and Thursdays

U9,10,12 4.30pm

U14 5.00pm

U16 5.30pm



Congratulations Griff on 50 games. Keep playing hard and enjoying your football.

The Kings Birthday weekend brings with it the Goulburn Murray Inter League competition. The Warriors have had several players selected to compete. Interleague brings together the best players from our league to compete against other leagues teams within the state. Congratulations to Jackson Fraser, Ethan Butterworth, Case Thomas and Fionn Whelan on being named in the squads. Amazing that our little club always punches above its weight at this level. Good luck boys, we know you will do us proud.

The competition will take place in Rochester and will be the scene of some high-quality junior football.





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While the Billy Boils

In 1896 the renowned Australian Poet and author Henry Lawson published a book entitled *While the Billy Boils*. The sentiment has become a part of Australian vernacular often without regard for the origin of the phrase. It signifies a wait in procedures which reflects waiting for hot water whilst the billy is on the fire.

Part of the procedures at the meetings of the Combined Probus Club of Whittlesea is the morning tea. For the June meeting representatives of The Henry Lawson Memorial and Literary Association were to make a presentation. When they were due to commence the morning tea had not been served, due to a faulty switch on the electric urn.

It was not possible to serve morning tea so we did not wait until the billy boiled and the presentation took place. Before the guests take the stage, club business is conducted. This month there was much to address.

The President elected in March, for personal reasons had resigned after one month's service making executive changes to comply with the Constitution necessary.

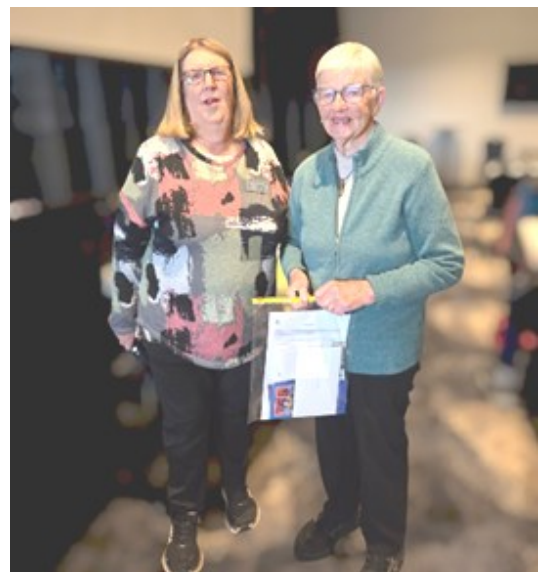
This took place with the Vice-President Marje being inducted as President by Sue Sims. Her first task was to induct Michael Halley to the Vice-Presidential role and Kirsten to take over the Newsletter production. They now have to guide the club and ensure the billy boils each month!

Other club business that was conducted was both reflective and joyous. The immediate Past-President Cheryl had recently married her long term partner! Cheryl had been acting as President until Marje's elevation and delivered the sad news that Jean Edwards a long time member and president had died.

After a minutes silence of remembrance a new member Val Toman was inducted with the usual pomp and ceremony. Val is a long term Whittlesea resident and a neighbour of two members who encouraged her to join! Several other visitors have applied for membership which will be considered by the executive.

The tenants of Probus are Fun and Friendship in Retirement. Make new friends, listen to interesting guest speakers, learn a new skill, and explore new interests and hobbies. Contact whittleseaprobus@hotmail.com or phone 0427 021 592

Photos: LEFT: The new President et al L-R Michael, Marje and Kirsten
RIGHT: Cheryl and Val Toman





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Born to write

Henry Lawson's famous quote, "I was born to write," encapsulates his profound commitment to writing and his enduring impact on Australian literature. Henry Lawson died in 1922 certainly leaving his mark on Australia and over 100 years since his demise is still doing so.

The Henry Lawson Memorial and Literary Society which was founded in Footscray in 1923, the year after Lawson died is still a vibrant group that provided presenters for the June meeting of the Combined Probus Club of Whittlesea. Leigh Hay and Mick Coventry gave of their time and delivered what some attendees declared to be "our best meeting".

Leigh is a writer with several books published and Mick is a talented writer, although he won't say that, and has been writing poetry for "as long as I can remember". The latter travelled the more than 600 km round trip from Kyabram to support Leigh, who was the narrator of the Lawson story. When appropriate Mick came to the podium and recited poems that Lawson had written and Mick had committed to memory.

Henry Lawson was born on the goldfields at Grenfell NSW, on 17th June 1867 and died on 2 September 1922 at Abbotsford (Sydney). His father, Niels Hertzberg Larsen, was a Norwegian sailor who had a property at Pipeclay, near Mudgee, NSW. Larsen arrived in Melbourne in 1855 to join the gold rush. He married Louisa in 1866 and Henry (the surname changed to Lawson when the parents registered the birth) was the eldest of their five children.

Lawson suffered partial hearing loss, which gradually deteriorated and by the age of 14, he had incurable hearing loss. Henry left school at age 14 to take up an apprenticeship as a coach painter with Hudson Bros Ltd. Frustrated and depressed by his deafness, Henry went to the Eye and Ear hospital in Melbourne in 1887, but a cure could not be found for his deafness.

Henry's parents separated and in 1883, he moved to Sydney, to live with his mother, brother Peter and sister Gertrude, where the *Bulletin Newspaper* published his first stories and verses. From these beginnings he became one of Australia's most prolific writers both at home and overseas.

Like many highly talented people Lawson did not enjoy smooth sailing and was frequently overcome by drink. He had been a contributor to the *Bulletin* and the editor arranged for him to go bush and avoid the city temptations. The new environment suited him and his first major short story *While the Billy Boils* was published.

The temptations of bohemian lifestyle returned and whilst he was still publishing the culture took its toll both on his personal and literary life. He attempted suicide and his marriage ended. His behaviour saw him as a patient in mental institutions and goal for non-payment of maintenance.

He died of a cerebral haemorrhage at Abbotsford NSW on 2 September 1922. Lawson was awarded a State Funeral and is buried in Waverley cemetery in Sydney. Not many people have the Prime Minister of Australia deliver their eulogy but Henry Hertzberg Lawson did when W. M. "Billy" Hughes did and said he was "the poet of Australia and the minstrel of the people".

Those who attended the meeting and recall their primary school poetry classes or can find some Henry Lawson in modern country music can only agree. Many would have memories that coincided with Mick's rendition of the poem "*Wait here Second Class*". [In Victoria second class travel on suburban trains existed from 1870 to 1958.]

Time caught up and the presentation came to an end. The presenters were thanked openly by Teresa Carlin the Speaker Co-ordinator and privately by members who approached Leigh and Mick.

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Photo:
Leigh Hay and Mick Coventry



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Good Luck to Wandong section 2 green who are playing their grand final on Tuesday 10 June at Kilmore.

Spring night tennis competition will start in August for doubles and singles competitions.

Our Saturday winter competitions for both seniors and juniors has now started. Hope you all have a great season.

Fees are now overdue. If you haven't paid please pay ASAP

Coaching is available at the club

Please contact Karl on 0423 611 317 or kv.tennis@hotmail.com





Bad Dog... Bad Dog... Watch..ya..gonna..do ?

Common Dog Complaints...

Problem behaviours can appear at any stage in your dogs life. We often see families seek help with dogs that might be 2 years or even older.

Perhaps the initial Puppy School or obedience training seemed to work but then when the pup got to 7-9 months old, issues start to surface. Owners become frustrated but hope things will get better in time. However the reality is, that there is little chance of improvement. In fact, if you don't address issues as they appear, then the problems will just become much worse and the longer this goes on the harder it is to address.

Number 1 Complaint... BARKING ...

What might have started out as the pup's excitement, has now become a nuisance. Your dog barks when people arrive, they rush the fences when the neighbours go out to their yards. They even start to jump and bark at the window when people walk past the house.

Every noise starts to set your dog off into a chorus, especially at night. You might even find that your neighbours complain or leave anonymous notes even report to the authorities. Next the Ranger will visit to notify you and possibly Council may end up issuing you with a notice to stop the problem. However they generally have nothing constructive to help and you have more stress. So now you attempt to deal with your dog by varied tactics.

- Once again you might try obedience training but this seems futile and often you feel judged and trainers just say your dog is bored and you need to do more with your dog???
- Perhaps it is recommended you buy an anti-bark collar. These are expensive and may be useless if you don't understand how to train the dog to understand the collar.
- Often people avoid the problem and resort to keeping the dog indoors - ALL the time !!!
- Last resort, re-home the dog and this means arguments between family and a feeling of failure.



Number 2 Complaint... JUMPING ...



With this issue we must learn to teach our dogs to keep their "Feet On The Ground".

This is really a bad habit that is brought forward by our family's early interaction with our puppy. Consider when we first bring pup home, they rush to us and put their feet up on our legs and our human response is then pat and praise them. Often picking them up and giving them a big cuddle... Next we sit on the couch and pup comes up and puts his feet up on our lap and we pick them up and cuddle them. They are so cute and we can't help but acknowledge them.

These actions from the humans mean that we are now training dogs to jump on humans. In no time at all our dogs are so excited and just rush in and jumping on the couch and force us to pay attention to them. Our human response to these bad manners is to get angry and hope the dog will settle down, or perhaps kick them outside.

As the dog gets to perhaps 8-12 months we start to see even more problems such as humping humans legs... peeing on their human.... Jumping up on the couch.... Invading your bed..... Over-excited with visitors.... Now the dog is no longer a cute pup we start to wonder why we even wanted a dog in the first place...

What can you do now....? SORRY THERE ARE NO QUICK FIXES ...

The best bet is to try and avoid these problems in the first place. Sorry but most Puppy Schools do NOT provide you with the understanding or the skills to deal with the future problems your dog will develop. They will deal with some basic obedience of Sit, Drop, Stay and if you are lucky perhaps some basics about play. Instead explore what options are available for different classes. Question the content of classes.

With older dogs you need to find help from very experienced trainers who can help you break down issues and discuss real life solutions to change these problems. Don't just fork out money for board and train programs nor are Online courses of any benefit as these will NOT help you learn how to make the changes. Expect to commit to a 3 month period to effect change.



SUDOKU

Answers
on page 32

Place the numbers 1-9 only once in each
row, column & 3x3 block

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THIS MONTHS QUIZ

Answer appears on Page 32 but no cheating!

- How many dots appear on a pair of dice?
- What is acrophobia a fear of?
- What is the world's largest retailer?
- How many stars on the Chinese flag?
- What year was the United Nations established?
- In what decade was internet created?
- Where did sushi originate?
- What company was originally called "Cadabra"?
- What is the national sport of Japan?
- What animal has the longest tongue?
- What colour are Mickey Mouse's shoes?
- What is the maximum score in a game of snooker?
- What are the 2 main ingredients in a meringue?
- Which animal is known as the king of the jungle?
- Lemons and oranges are rich in which vitamin?
- Which fruit contains over 90% water?

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Hello Readers,

Our first Social for 2025 on Friday the 16th of May was a great success with over 40 members and guests attending. We all enjoyed the music and vocals of Noel Pearson who entertained us with a great mix of tunes suiting the rock'n rollers, line and ballroom dancers. Pizza slices went down well and the desserts brought along to share were colourful and delicious.



Thanks to Susie Tawaf for collecting the majority of raffle prizes from our generous Wallan small business donors, Chemist Discount Centre, Wallan Fish & Chips, CJ's Fish & Chippery, Ferguson Plarre's, Wallan Post Office, Wallan Multi Services, Auto Gear, B.C.F. and Casual Cuts and selling tickets in her familiar, bubbly style.

All up we had 7 bottles of wine for door prizes and over 30 raffle prizes. There were a lot of happy people going home with one or multiple goodies.

Thanks to John our President for his wonderful MC job and the team of members who contributed their time before and after the night.

I also have a question for you. Is dancing good for you at your age? Well, it is a resounding YES!!!!

Dancing is a positive way to stay fit and healthy as we age. Dancing is beneficial for our heart health, our strength and flexibility. Dancing helps our mood, exercises our brain and develops our long term memory as we remember the various steps of each dance.

Additionally, dancing is a wonderful way to socialise and stay connected with other like-minded people.

At U3A Wallan we are lucky to have a very experienced dance teacher who has taken us all from people with 2 left feet to dancers who can confidently foxtrot, waltz, rhumba, cha cha cha or samba in any social dance situation.

Please don't be shy, give dancing a chance, you will not be disappointed. We offer the first lesson free, at no charge and thereafter after joining U3A, it's \$5 per class.

Our dancing classes are held at the Wallan Community Centre on a Tuesday afternoon between 1-3pm. Couples and or singles are equally welcome.

Do you like to sing?

Recently we have started a singing group which meet on Tuesdays at our Community Centre in Wallan at 3.15pm, directly after our dancing class.

But I can't sing I hear you say!

I'll let you into a little secret, neither can we!! Does it matter? No, no, no!!!

Singing causes our bodies to release endorphins which relieves stress and anxiety. Singing improves our lung function and singing helps us stay connected and gives us a sense of belonging.

Why not come along and join us for a session, I will guarantee you'll enjoy yourself.

Contact John Lanphier, President Wallan U3A Inc. for further information on our classes and activities, on 0413 083 089.

Till next time, bye for now.

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

Phishing scams

Phishing is a way cyber criminals trick you into giving them personal information. They send you fraudulent emails or text messages often pretending to be from large organisations you know and trust. They may try to steal your online banking logins, credit card details or passwords.

Scammers target online shoppers during sales, like the end of financial year sales (EOFYS) which are currently taking place this month, and regularly pretend to be from the ATO, your bank or telecommunications company, or may even take advantage of a latest disaster, like the floods in NSW.

Scammers use fake websites to mimic real websites to offer sales which are 'too good to be true'. Don't rush to buy limited offers or countdown sales, do your research and check the situation out before using their payment methods for purchasing with sales online. Criminals impersonate charities and offer fake financial assistance schemes to target people experiencing financial hardship. Trusted charities like Good Shepherd and the Salvation Army offer no interest loans. Scammers pretend to offer these loans from these charities to obtain someone's identity so that they can access myGov accounts, lock people out and take their government benefits.

One of the latest scams having been reported this May by 9 News, is that of phone porting. The victim reported that she received a text message requesting an e-Sim. It said if *not* required, reply STOP. By replying she had the scammers gain access to all of her phone contents, loans were taken out in her name and her accounts were drained.

If you receive a similar message or one about 'porting', contact your bank to freeze your accounts and alert your telecommunications operator immediately.

Another way you can prevent this crime is to use a 'two step verification' to make it harder for scammers to steal your money.

Hotlines: **000** **Emergency**
131 444 Police Assistance Line
1800 333 000 Crime Stoppers

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



If you think you've received a phishing email or text message but haven't clicked on it:

- If the phishing was via email, block future phishing emails
- If the phishing was via text message, report the attempt to your telecommunications provider.
- If the phishing attempt was via social media, report the attempt to the platform

If you think you've installed malicious software:

- Run an anti-virus security scan
- Consider saving important files on an external storage device & perform a factory reset on your device.

If you think you've lost money through phishing:

- Immediately report it to your bank / financial institution
- Change your online banking passwords, cancel debit or credit cards and arrange new cards, and close any bank accounts they may have fraudulently accessed
- Change the access passwords to any device, emails, applications and report the incident.

Visit the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) 'Phone Scams' page for more information.

Report the scam via National Anti-Scam Centre - Scamwatch

Visit Australian Signals Directorate (ASD) Emails and texts, Malware, ReportCyber information pages to report phishing attempts.

<https://www.scamwatch.gov.au>

<https://www.asd.gov.au>

<https://www.acma.gov.au>

For more information, visit:

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Weather Report - Heathcote Junction/Wandong MAY 2025

The month of May passed without any event of consequence in our area. The days have been lacking warmth without sunshine and the nights have been cold.

Rainfall was scarce and the total of 16 mls was the lowest since 2005 in which 10.5 mls was recorded. Unless there is a significant change in weather patterns, we can expect restrictions regarding water usage.

Our supply dam, Sunday Creek, was registered at 42% on the 27th May. This shows a depletion of holdings from the beginning of the year in which 86% was recorded on the 15th January.

Stats

May 2025. - 16 mls
Previous year - 57 mls
Average prev 10 years - 75 mls
Total this year - 165 mls
Total prev year - 382.5 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.

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history, photos and ideas.

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QUIZ ANSWERS (from page 29)

1. 42
2. Heights
3. Walmart
4. Five
5. 1945
6. 1960s
7. Japan
8. Amazon
9. Sumo wrestling
10. Giraffe
11. Yellow
12. 147
13. Egg whites & sugar
14. Lion
15. Vitamin C
16. Watermelon

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*Kilmore
&
District*

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Secretary: Mark Perrott
Contact: info@u3akilmoreanddistrict.com.au

The U3A history of Kilmore Group had a wonderful tour of the Kilmore District, thanks to Convenor Liz and bus driver Mark. They organised the community bus and Liz provided an outstanding commentary which kept the passengers entertained and interested. Thanks to Liz's expert knowledge, they saw parts of Kilmore and the outer communities of the district that most people don't visit. The history of this town is so interesting with many old buildings still standing and the families of the original settlers have certainly left their mark on the landscape. The History of Kilmore Group has again shown how this town has grown. They meet at 1.30 pm on the first Monday of the month.

Bianca from Bendigo Bank gave a very helpful Online Banking Safety Presentation at last month's morning tea. The committee source some extremely interesting speakers for these events and they are certainly worth attending. The spread is always good too!

The Kilmore bowls social group went out to dinner for the first time last month. They had a very nice meal at the Royal Oak Restaurant. Thanks go to Van for the service and everyone enjoyed it. There will be many more to follow but they will have them at lunch time over winter. The bowls group meet every Wednesday afternoon at JJ Clancy and they are a very welcoming group who always seem to have lots of laughs.

In April the garden group went to a lovely garden in Kilmore. Considering we are in a drought, the garden was a credit to the owner, with plenty of roses in flower and some beautiful autumn trees and wonderful places to sit and enjoy this large garden. They also had a day out in May to St Erth in Blackwood, a large garden and nursery plus a gift shop. It was a lovely day featuring wonderful autumn colours and a very productive vegetable plot.

Both the ukulele group and the recorder group performed at the community Garden open day held on May 10th. The weather was kind to us and we enjoyed hot baked potatoes after the session. Keep an eye out for this event next year as there are plants and books for sale and some interesting and knowledgeable garden gurus to speak to.

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.

KGC ladies played in the Lancefield Tournament on Thursday May 1st. Sophie Banon was 1 shot behind the Open Scratch winner with 89 but won A Grade Scratch. 5 points were awarded to Sophie Banon, 2 to Sandy Wicking & 1 to Helen Dennett.

Cheryle Andersen had a hole in one on the 3rd during the last pennant match held at Lancefield. This was her second hole-in-one - the 1st being at Metropolitan in 2009

The Ladies Foursomes Event Scratch & Handicap was won by Darlene Baker and Sophie Banon with 87 net 71.

On Monday May 19th the mid-week pennant teams played in the Finals. The Ladies team won 3/2 but unfortunately the Mixed team lost 2/3. It is quite exciting to have a 2nd final win for the ladies and to have both teams in finals.

Mixed Foursomes Championship winners: Scratch winners: Andrea & Mark Boland
Handicap winners: Bea Lay & Barry Archbold

May Monthly medal winners: Nick Wogan and Sandy Wicking.

The Club hosted the Vets DDGA on Thursday 29th May – a two -person Ambrose – 66 players. Although a cold start the day turned out to be quite pleasant for golf with little or no wind.

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 late June for all viewing and bidding. Items so far range from a Car service, Day Spa Pass and horse riding classes to name a few.



Whittlesea Community Network

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Hello! Now that the temperature has dropped and the urge to hibernate is strong don't take to your cave just yet how about trying 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

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

Thursdays 12th and 16th June 11.30am – 1.00pm Gold Coin Donation

Special Event Workshop – Building for a Greener Future

Whether you are building a new home, renting or trying to make your older home more sustainable – this session will introduce you to a whole new world of possibilities. Meet the experts and find out how to make your home cheaper to run and better for the planet!

Tuesday 1st OR 22nd July 11am – 12.30pm FREE

The session will be held at the Whittlesea Community Activity Centre and you must register to attend 9716 3361 or head onto our website www.wchi.com.au

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.

Saturday 7th June Country Route 9am – 4pm \$20 pp

Saturday 14th June Footscray/West 9am – 4pm \$20 pp

Saturday 21st June Mill Market Tour 9am – 4pm \$20 pp

Call the House for details, more 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 9th August 9.00am – 1.00pm \$150 per person

Fix it Friday

Fix it Friday will return in on 27th June! Get real help from a real person and sleep better at night. Talk to us about problems that relate to legal matters, housing, finance, NDIS, My Aged Care, Centrelink, Fines, Mental Health as well as No Interest Loans and Police matters. We have free Barista made coffee to keep you fuelled up. Worried about something? Talk to us today on 9716 3361.

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.

Darraweit Guim Primary School News



Eight of our amazing students competed in the Macedon Ranges region cross country recently. The event was held at Hanging Rock. Each student did their very best to complete the two-kilometre race and certainly did our little school proud. We commend Sam, Cameron, Bette, Adam, Sebastian, Jhett, Bianca and Alexis on their brilliant efforts with all finishing the race in respectable times.



The students were accompanied by Mr Simon Boxall, who ran along side a student encouraging him every step of the way. CONGRATULATIONS to all of our runners.



This week all of our students came together to enjoy the storybook 'The Truck Cat' as part of National Simultaneous Storytime 2025. "The Truck Cat" was written by Deborah Frenkel, illustrated by Danny Snell, and published by Hardie Grant Children's Publishing. Deborah is an Australian author.

The Truck Cat was read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-school, family day cares, childcare centres, bookshops and family home all around the country.



2026 ENROLMENTS

We are conducting tours for prospective students for 2026.

Please contact me, Carol Booker - Principal, on 5789 1234 to arrange a personal tour

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