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Parliament House Australian flag donated to the Wandong Public Hall.

Federal Member for McEwen, Rob Mitchell MP recognised the flag flown in the Wandong Public Hall was in need of replacing so he arranged to donate the Australian flag that was once flown in the House of Representative Chamber in Parliament House Canberra.

Pictured at the handover are Wandong Public Hall committee members Allen Hall (Vice President), Treasurer David Moran, and Christine Gordon (President) with Mr Rob Mitchell MP.



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Wandong - Heathcote Junction - why would you live anywhere else. Until September 2025, Allen Hall (editor)
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LIONS CLUB OF WANDONG - WALLAN INC.

President; Sam Bedi

PO Box 225, Wandong Vic 3758



It's my turn again. Steve never seems to get it right.

The club is about to come out of hibernation. There is a meeting in August and Bunnings have asked for some dates. We will soon be up and about again.

Lion Ray and his wife have recently had a new baby girl. We presented her with a pink lion complete with Lions shirt. We will sign her up as soon as she can write her name.

Our oldest member Brian has just had a birthday. He is even older than me. I thought that at his age he would try and forget birthdays. Anyway he is a good friend and we will try not to tease him about being ancient.

Sharyn eventually got around to presenting Kemps in Kilmore a certificate of appreciation for supplying bread for our barbecues. On the subject of Sharyn she has taken over the distribution of mints and donation containers. She is doing a great job and intimidates all the customers.

Bill the biker and Steve are into show and shine meetings with their respective black machines and trying to look macho although Steve's pink stilettos spoil the image a bit. I am still trying to get Marie to ride pillion with Bill but she refuses. I think that is very wise.

Hugh and Mary McGowan are in Ireland. Apparently it is warm at this time of year. I hope that they can understand his accent. I believe that they will be back when the weather improves.

Some of our members have been ill. The ladies have had various ailments but not as bad as the blokes who have man flu. This is a serious condition and I am not sure that they received the attention that was deserved. We may have to have an enquiry into this.

I need to get back to Bill. He does the cooking in his household. He was planning fish fingers and rice when there was a vocal protest. Under extreme threat he had to buy them dinner at the Magpie and Stump. There was talk of booking into the Northern in the hope of getting a decent feed. While on the subject of food, Steve was asked yesterday evening what he wanted with his chicken schnitzel and the answer was chicken. He is a great help.

Now to my holiday. We decided on a week in Vanuatu at a place called Irriiki island just off Port Villa. It was a great adventure. Firstly our connection at Brisbane was changed to the next day and we had to stay at the Ibis budget. A great experience if you want to rough it in an industrial area. Next we were not on the transport list at Port Villa because we were a day late. To top it all off we tried to leave a day early because we got the date wrong. This caused great confusion.

Irriiki island is an interesting place. It is all up hill. There is no down hill. Poor Liz was in pain after a while. Me being stronger and fitter didn't mind. She tried to book me into the kids club but it was closed for lunch. We had our 59th wedding anniversary at Iririki. Boy is she lucky to have me for that long. We spent a lot of time by the pool, Elizabeth drinking cocktails and me admiring the view.

Steve will have to write the next report. Liz is forcing me to go on holiday again. Boy I have a hard life. Clyde.



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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

We wish the following
people a very happy
birthday

14 Aug	Helen Stewart	W
14 Aug	Kate King	Wallan
15 Aug	Ken Bausch	HJ
15 Aug	Eileen Gray	HJ
16 Aug	Andrew Lawrence	K
18 Aug	Ray Farrugia	Wallan
19 Aug	Glenn Bethell	HJ
19 Aug	Tayana Marstaeller Wallin	K
19 Aug	Glenn Smith	HJ
21 Aug	Pat Leddin	W
22 Aug	Shane Waldie	W
22 Aug	Vanessa Bartlett	HJ
22 Aug	Ray Walsh	C
25 Aug	Doreen Coall	KE
25 Aug	Donna Baker	HJ
26 Aug	Nicole Walsh	W
26 Aug	Katelyn Hanson	WE
26 Aug	Kerry De Gabrielle	K
26 Aug	Annie Renouf	HJ
26 Aug	Toby Duncan	K
27 Aug	Bruce Champion	K
27 Aug	Bruce Lotherington	WP
28 Aug	Troy Lehmann-Kay	WE
29 Aug	Rosemary McDonald	W
31 Aug	Tamara Stewart	HJ
1 Sep	Gloria McLean	B
1 Sep	Kerrie Hall	HJ
2 Sep	Bob Fletcher	HJ
2 Sep	Ruth Barnes	K
5 Sep	Derryn King	HJ
6 Sep	Kristen Stone	HJ
7 Sep	Heather Chisholm	W
10 Sep	Bailee Candy	HJ
10 Sep	Lisa Hobson	HJ
11 Sep	Rob Hobson	W
12 Sep	Anne Dale	W
13 Sep	Paul Kurzman	HJ
13 Sep	Greg Barnes	HJ
14 Sep	Greg Ampfer	HJ
14 Sep	Jenn Leddin	C
15 Sep	Mark Page	W
15 Sep	Ingrid McHenry	W
16 Sep	Ray Bradshaw	K
17 Sep	Kristian Weller	HJ
17 Sep	Nicole Burns	

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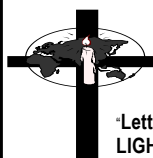
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ALL WELCOME

See our facebook page:
Upper Plenty Merri Catchments Landcare
Group

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

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PRAYER REALLY DOES WORK

Readers, we all feel it, so many circumstances, challenges in our lives having to prioritise our monies even in our spending on our food and essentials with the skyrocketing prices on some items. The juggling of life! Remembering our wonderful Aussie farmers and how they too have to hang on in all their dire situations.

Herbrews 13 verses 5 & 6 : Keep your lives free from the love of money and be satisfied with what you have. For God has said : I will never leave you, I will never abandon you. Let us be bold, and say, the Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid.

On to another subject, absolutely having to rely on God and not being abandoned.

Over the years I have shared with you some of the health issues I have had to face. For four years I was classified as my body being clear. Then came more treatments, operations, procedures, thus making it a long journey once again. With medical help and old fashioned remedies, on I go in the latest leg of my race.

Which is totally what happened in my life recently when going for a test I have had quite a few times, after fainting, I was hospitalised, nearly dehydrated. My kidneys were shutting down, blood not wanting to be extracted, fluids pouring out of my body, cannulas being rejected, my veins not responding properly. There was in fact absolutely nothing left of me to fight for my life. This is where I thought finally my race could be over. Falling asleep after writing a few last requests and ringing my husband, he gathered people to pray realizing how drastic my condition had become. Falling asleep, I awoke finding I was still alive so that was something! Then a nurse walked in and informed me that my bloods were fine, not needing any cannulas for glucose, detaching me and being able to walk around. The following day I was heading for home. A complete miracle in answered prayer!

Olympic swimmer Ian Thorpe said: "Enjoy the journey, not just the destination."

I encourage you to build your faith in God, to be used to help people along their way in their trials and griefs in the experiences of life you go through. Nothing gets wasted in the events we endure throughout our lives. And so this is why I am sharing this with you today.

God Bless, Merle Croskell.

Kilmore/Wallan RSL Sub Branch

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Contact: Graeme McSolvín - 0413 701 040

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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



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GARDEN SCENE WITH GAIL

Wow, it's August already, where has that time gone? I can't stress enough that before we get into the drier seasons, we need to ensure our weeds are pretty much under control, our soil has been improved for added moisture absorption, mulch has been applied and any water runoff from plants has been addressed. That is, instead of the water running off our plants, it needs to run into and around the roots of our plants. That is critical during the warm months, and it saves our water if it is being used efficiently. If your plants are on a hill and gravity is fighting you, make a well around your plants, (out of soil), much like a wall of a dam, this will hold the water in place long enough for it to absorb into the soil. If soil stays dry for a long period, it nearly repels the water and then it's an uphill battle to get water to the plant to even keep it alive, much less thrive. Seasol wetting liquid (in the brown bottle), is great but avoid using it on foliage. Some things that we may need to complete this month is the final application of Potash on our Gardenias, Roses, fruit trees, Hydrangeas, in fact any Spring/Summer flowering plant. If your Camellias are in bud, it may be a little late to gain the most impact for them but remember these plants for next year prior to budding. August is a good time to start fertilising our gardens, lawns, pot plants, hanging pots, I've been applying worm juice to my Fuchsias because they've provided me with flowers right through Winter, they are just amazing, and liquid fertiliser is great as well, being active immediately. Dynamic Lifter is good as it assists in building up the soil and you can if you use it on natives, at a lesser rate, but if in doubt, use fertiliser specifically made for natives, citrus, roses and camellias, the range is vast. Pelletised fertilisers and Blood and Bone may take a couple of weeks to become active for our plants to take up the nutrients, slow-release fertilisers rely on the soil temperature rising to about 18 degrees to release their nutrients, these slow-release fertilisers can be active for quite a few months, alleviating the need to fertilise every couple of months. (Blood and Bone has an added advantage of deterring bunnies away from our garden). The type of plant you are fertilising will determine the fertiliser you use, that is, veggie plants / seedlings, annuals, plants in flower at the time and any plant that needs an instant hit will benefit from a liquid fertiliser, (flowering plants require a higher phosphorus & potassium level than predominately foliage plants). Plants with longevity such as shrubs and trees will do well with pelletised fertilisers. Be aware that any plants that are not looking good, as in smaller plants, potted and/or hanging plants, don't fertilise them, instead, water as usual and then apply a Seasol solution, (not the brown bottle), it's a tonic and can be applied every few days or weekly. If the sick plant doesn't come good and/or if it has suffered a prolonged dry period, you may need to dig it up gently and check the root system. This may not always be possible with more mature plants. Depending on the soil and where the plant is growing, it may not be receiving the water that the rest of your garden is getting. If it's planted under a mature tree, on an Easterly aspect (which doesn't always get the weather), or under eaves it may be drying out quite quickly. Prior to digging up the plant, water it well & apply a Seasol solution, let it soak through, and you may need to do this a couple of times depending on the dryness. Dig it up allowing a generous distance from the trunk or base of the plant to the dig line, rule of thumb is dig at the drip line, the edges of the plant and imagine straight down to the ground. Dig



around the plant gradually and this will depend on the size of the plant, and you may need to take it over a few days, Seasol each section of spade cut, if it's a smaller plant you can get it done in one go. Prune the roots lightly and replant using good quality fresh potting mix or if it's been in the ground, dig over well-rotted cow manure, some Gypsum and mix through a wetting agent and plant into the hole it came out of, up to the original soil level and follow up with a solution of Seasol. Another good job for August if desired, is to change or deepen the colour of our Hydrangeas and you can buy bluing/pinking powder to do this. White hydrangeas tend not to change colour even with varying soil types. Hydrangeas look great in a vase, particularly at Christmas, when teamed with red Callistemon, (Bottlebrush).

Have a fantastic month.

Gail Mains Kendrick (Your Local Real Estate Agent)



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



WANDONG TENNIS CLUB

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Information is posted on our
Facebook page.
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Our Spring Tuesday and Thursday night competitions started last week. Good luck to all teams.

Our winter season for both juniors and seniors has just a few weeks to go. All teams have battled through some extremely cold and wet Saturdays.

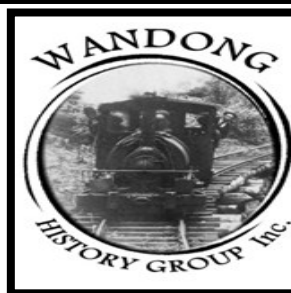
Coaching is available at the club

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WANDONG HISTORY GROUP

The history group has been lucky to win a couple of grants since we last wrote. Inland Rail has provided funding for some much-needed equipment which will go towards our display at the school fete in November. We will be showcasing the area that has been changed in the town due to the new bridge works, a bit of a then and now. We have been able to fund some beautiful photography of the area as well which will be great to have in years to come as we see our town change.



We have also been in receipt of a grant from SXGC which has funded a new screen for our AV equipment, our old screen had a major failure, so we are back in business with the new one purchased through the grant. We are very grateful to the organisations that provide grants as without them we wouldn't be able to keep going.

In the meantime, until the sun shines again and warms the church we are working on projects at home, hopefully we will have some more news soon on another grant that we are really excited about.

Still nothing from Mitchell Council on the issues around ANZAC Day services and the permitting process so until we hear from them, we will not be planning any services. They committed to coming together with affected groups after this year's problems but so far nothing!

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

Karen Christensen

President

E :wandonghistorygroup4@gmail.com.

Wandong upcoming works and traffic changes

Inland Rail's construction partner John Holland is undertaking works in Wandong ahead of construction of the new Broadford-Wandong Road bridge. These works require short and long-term traffic management from August.

What to expect?

- Implementation of temporary traffic management including single lane shuttle flow, at various times around the Broadford-Wandong Road bridge
- Road realignment works
- Service investigation, surveys and utility relocation
- Approved vegetation removal.

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- 7am to 1pm, Saturdays.

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PUBLICITY OFFICER

Neither King nor Lake

The first thing you might notice about Kinglake is the lack of a lake. It is in a watershed toward downstream storages with Masons Falls at 600meters above sea level as the powerhouse. The town was named after British historian Alexander William Kinglake. No Royal visit has included Kinglake! Perhaps King Charles on his way to Timbertop School may have passed by!

Enough proffering! At the August meeting of the Combined Probus Club of Whittlesea, Deidre Hawkins of the Kinglake Historical Society had volunteered to give members an overview of Kinglake and its history.

But on the morning of the meeting, Deidre was taken ill. A local saviour in the form of Jeanette Caffyn, a friend of Deidre and Probus Member, made the round trip from Whittlesea to collect the prepared presentation. On arrival, Jeanette hopped right into the task at hand and gave a professional resume of the prepared document and slide show.

Gold was discovered in 1861 on Mount Slide to the east of the locality at an area which became known as Mountain Rush. A Mountain Rush Post Office opened on 7 May 1862, but closed in January 1863 as the miners moved to other locations. Kinglake Township was established in 1879 and the Post Office opened on 14 May 1883. There were actually several other post offices in the district.

The Kinglake district now stretches for about sixteen kilometres along the ridge from west to east which necessitates three schools, churches and post offices having being established since the early settlers took up residence. We heard about the history of these establishments and the often pitiful conditions the early settlers endured.

One councillor rode his horse to Eltham Council meetings at Kangaroo Ground [Later Yea Council assumed responsibility]. Many photographs of early settlers home and properties were shown reinforcing the "pioneering spirit" of the Gold Miners, Raspberry Growers, Timber Cutters and later Potato Farmers.

Timber was hauled on privately built timber railroad down the mountain to Whittlesea railhead. These timber railroads were common and necessary to allow transport of heavy loads throughout the state as populations increased and building increased. The motive power was a horse [or bullock] team

It was not until 1929 that the location had a sealed main road, which coincided with the establishment of Kinglake National Park which was started at 14,000 acres but today is 57,000 [23,210-hectare]. The aforementioned Masons Falls is a favourite picnic area with falls and natural flora. Layered sediment forms the valley, containing fossils from when the area was once covered by the sea.

Natural fauna includes wallaby, kangaroo, wombat, possum and echidna. It also includes varieties of birds including cockatoos (sulphur-crested, black and red-headed), king parrots, the rosella and the lyrebird.

Historical societies often have "skeletons in the cupboard" and Kinglake has one real and one imagined. In 1931 the mail plane Southern Cloud failed to arrive at Essendon. A search along the route including the Kinglake ranges, failed to locate the wreck. But its wreck was finally found in the Southern Alps some 27 years later by a worker on the Snowy Mountains Hydro scheme. The real one was in 1937 when an abandoned truck was located and the body of the driver found buried nearby. [An unsolved cold case!].

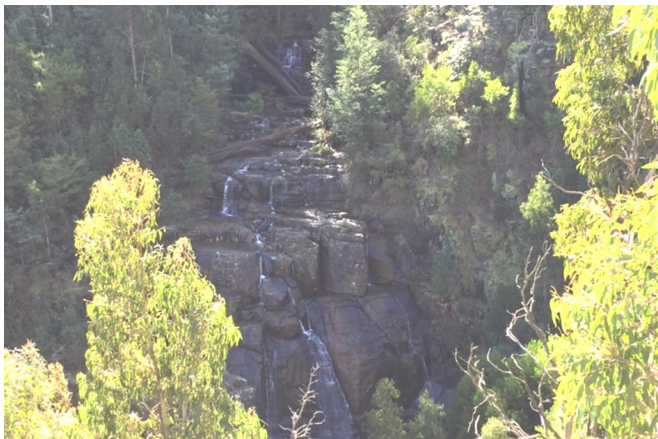
A developing new industry is rewriting history. Fires have been a major part of Kinglake History but the recent history is still a sensitive subject and will not be elaborated upon except to mention! Kinglake's history about fires is true and unembellished.

Nine pages of close typed script were provided and a summary can only be provided here! But the Kinglake Historical Society welcomes inquiries and visitors to the Heritage Centre – contact kinglakehistoricalsociety@gmail.com

The members applauded Jeanette Caffyn for her excellent substitution at short notice.

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: Masons falls & Lyrebird Circuit





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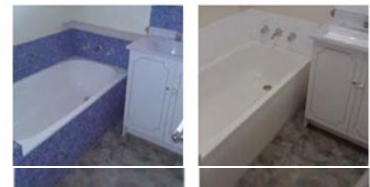
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Our Town's Football Club

As the wet weather continues the Warriors set their sights on the Finals. U12s, U14s and U16s all have a chance at playing finals football this year. U12s have a spot booked while the 14s and 16s need a couple more games to fall their way. A Scratch match last week gave the 16s and 14s an opportunity to hone their skills. The weather was terrible although the standard of the game was high. The players did not let the weather dampen their Spirits.

Go Warriors!

Weekly Training Times

Tuesdays and Thursdays

U9,10,12 4.30pm

U14 5.00pm

U16 5.30pm



16s and 14s playing hard on their day off. Lots of battles between brothers, sisters and even Cousins. Thanks to the parent umpires who braved the cold.

Player Milestones are coming in thick and fast with plenty coming up over the next few games. We would like to congratulate Kevin Zugaro on reaching his 50th Game. Kev loves his footy, never misses a game and gives his all every week. A proud Warrior who loves being part of the team and playing his role on game day. A highlight of his football career thus far was being part of the 2024 U12s Premiership team. We hope there is plenty more to come. Go Warriors!



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Each year, CFA responds to hundreds of preventable house fires during the cooler months. Most are caused by unsafe heating practices or electrical faults.

Here's how you can keep your household safe this winter:

Chimneys & Wood Heaters

- Have your chimney and flue cleaned at least once a year.
- Always use a fireplace screen to stop embers and sparks.
- Let fires completely cool before cleaning out ashes.
- Store ashes in a metal container – never plastic – and away from the house.

Power & Devices

- Don't overload power boards.
- Avoid using double adapters.
- Switch off and unplug appliances when not in use.
- Never leave phones, laptops or e-bikes charging overnight or unattended

For more safety info, visit:

www.cfa.vic.gov.au/winter

Let's keep Wandong safe this winter.



We're Looking for Local Legends – Join Wandong Fire Brigade

Have you ever thought about stepping up for your community? Now's your chance. Wandong CFA is calling for new volunteers to join our brigade and no, you don't need to be a superhero or fire expert. We'll teach you everything you need to know.....

Who Can Join?

- Adults 16+ from all walks of life
- People with a team mindset and community spirit
- Those interested in frontline firefighting or behind-the-scenes support roles
- Anyone – we've got a place for you!!!

Roles Available

- Operational Firefighters – Attend emergencies, fires, accidents and more
- Junior Members – Aged 11-15, learn skills and build confidence
- Non-Operational Support – Admin, fundraising, events, logistics

Contact us

Captain Heath McSolvin: 0419 359 374

Secretary Kasey Styles: 0403 450 524

Or message us on Facebook: Wandong Fire Brigade
(<https://www.facebook.com/WandongFireBrigade>)

Melbourne Firefighter Stair Climb 2025

With just under a month to go, our team is deep into training and continuing their fundraising efforts for this year's Melbourne Firefighter Stair Climb.

We want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who's supported us so far, whether you've donated money, dropped off batteries, or simply stopped for a chat. Every conversation helps spread awareness and every dollar helps change lives.

You'll be seeing a lot more content from us over the coming weeks as we count down to the big day!

Still Want to Help?

We're still collecting:

- Donations (cash or online)
- Used batteries for recycling

All proceeds go toward mental health, PTSD and suicide prevention through Lifeline, Fortem Australia, and the 000 Foundation.

Thanks for backing the team!!!!

Donate online: firefighterclimb.org.au/station/cfa/wandong

Wandong - CFA Melbourne Firefighter Stair Climb



Scan here to donate to our climbing crew.
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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 along the Say G-Day trail, take the kids down to play on the play equipment or just play and exercise on the oval.

Winter has certainly arrived and with the cold, frosty, foggy conditions be cautious of the wet trails throughout the reserve. We are now in the last month of winter with the cold wet conditions still to continue so be cautious of the wet trails throughout the reserve and be aware the creek can flood at any time. Don't let the cold weather stop you from coming down to the Reserve to enjoy on what there is to offer.

Our Winter User Groups are approaching end of their season's programs and heading towards final series. Good luck to those teams that look like reaching finals programs and good luck to all the Wandong Juniors.

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.



**Community Centre
photos 2025**



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
Booking Officer for the
Community Centre and Sports Pavilion

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

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

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

We are continuing to source extra funding to cover the short fall funding to complete the project. Watch this space:

VANDALISM - Unfortunately we have been targeted a third time for copper theft, this time it's been the oval light towers on the east side of the oval. This has created half the oval only to be lit up for Auskick and Junior Football training activities. A serious unwarranted act that effects our Junior Sport at Wandong.

The Reserve with council are looking into remote control security



We need to catch any persons vandalizing our Reserve!!!!

If Residents notice anything out of the ordinary please contact the police on **000**
It is in our community interest that we all keep our Reserve safe for all to use!!

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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WANDONG PUBLIC HALL

During this years Federal election the stairs to the Wandong Public Hall from Rail Street became unusable when several pavement pavers became loose. The stairs were built many years ago and there had not been any problem until this year.

The Committee of Management made the urgent and expensive decision to remove the front lip of all thirteen steps so persons standing on the front of the steps did not tip the pavers forward.



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THE HUME AND HOVELL REVELATION FOR WANDONG

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

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

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



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

Common Dog Complaints... Part III

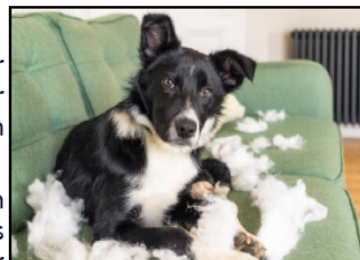
My previous two months of articles have discussed dog behavioural problems:

1. Barking
2. Jumping
3. Recall
4. Lead Pulling

So now I will add a couple more. Again there is no quick fix so often you must consider having management in place to prevent these issues making you become frustrated with the dog. Good strategies and guidance can make changes to these behaviours but new habits can take about three months to become your dogs new normal. *Alfoxton Tip:* Human Emotions are confusing for your dog.

Number 5 Complaint - DESTRUCTIVE BEHAVIOUR

Imagine: you have gone to work or just gone out in the car to get take away for dinner, when you get home you discover your pet has chewed the side of your expensive leather couch or has jumped up on the counter and empties a rubbish bin. There are usually two ways people think of this behaviour...



- (i) *My dog is mad at me leaving* - Humans think that their dog is annoyed even vengeful at being left behind however this concept is really just a Humans Interpretation - dogs do not have the concept of making you pay for your actions. They are likely just bored and have excess energy then when alone they have the opportunity to be 'Bad Dog' and there is no human to supervise and prevent this action.
- (ii) *My dog has Separation Anxiety* - This is another common phrase quoted by owners when dogs cause damage. This is actually just indicating that their dog is NEVER really left alone and likely the human is constantly monitoring and reinforcing the dog's 'anxiety' - Often the humans start petting and worrying about every little thing that their dog reacts to. This can be referred to as 'Helicopter Parenting' - seen with dogs (also with kids) who never learn to be resilient to changes they encounter in their lives.

It is COMMON now to see dog owners guilty of this Helicopter stye of 'parenting'. These dogs are never expected to cope with variation to lifestyles or stress hence they never have to grow up because *Mommy and Daddy* will deal with any new situations. However the way humans behave is that they appear scared/worried by the situation and so from the dogs point of view, *if the human is scared then the dog really should be scared too.*



Number 6 Complaint - RESOURCE GUARDING

This is actually a really big issue. Often people believe Resource Guarding is just dogs guarding their bone/food but Dogs will take ownership of many different items. It is common for many dogs to guard toys / their spot on the couch / even their humans.

Guarding can be seen at many levels and should never be tolerated.

Mild response - You reach down to your dogs food bowl as they are eating, the dog starts to gobble down food to avoid you taking the bowl away. Alternatively dog seems surprised, even worried when you pick up the toy, dog might pace back and forward or even start spinning in circles. Dog might then wander off and find another toy or just go and lie on their bed and sulk for a bit.

Medium response - You walk towards your dog to take their favourite toy/object. Dog quickly grabs the toy and moves to another spot, if you walk towards the dog again, then dog darts off to another spot. Perhaps each time you go towards the reaction is more hurried. Your dog might even take the object under a table or behind the couch to avoid you taking it away.

High response - Should you walk past or stand too close to your dog's bowl/object the dog might growl or even rush forward giving you a muzzle punch or even a nip. You might also attempt to take a bone or toy from the dog and he lashes out to bite. This level of resource guarding might see the dog lying in the back yard and then rush and push/nip at a person just because you walk near the bushes where the dog has hidden the object.

Warning: *Resource Guarding can become a huge problem if left unchecked.*



Dogs make mistakes we don't hold this against them, but it is important that dogs understand that they must never put their mouth onto a human. For the average person this can be difficult to negotiate. There are easy techniques I've learnt over the years that have helped successfully re-teach dogs good manners with regard to sharing their food and toys. But for most people they need experienced guidance to effect change.

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Answers
on page 23

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THIS MONTHS QUIZ

Answer appears on Page 23 but no cheating!

1. What is the deadliest animal in the world?
2. What was the first country to give women the right to vote?
3. What was the birth name of boxing legend Muhammad Ali?
4. What river runs through Paris?
5. How many colors will you find in a regular bag of M&Ms?
6. Are eggplants fruit or vegetable?
7. Which animal can be seen on the Porsche logo?
8. What is the largest island in the Mediterranean Sea?
9. What was the first toy to be advertised on television?
10. How many eyes does a bee have?
11. Who was the first Disney Princess?
12. Which American state is the largest by area?
13. Where did the band ABBA form?
14. What is the only planet that rotates on its side?
15. What is the official animal of Scotland?
16. What is Princess Diana's maiden name?

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Hello Readers,

Firstly, I'd like to give a big thank you to the Seymour Resource and Recycling Centre, who welcomed us to experience a very informative tour of the facility. We were met by two of their very experienced staff members, who guided us through the centre and spoke passionately about the importance of correct recycling. Our tour concluded with a short trivia quiz on recycling and a much appreciated cuppa.

Our monthly lunch, was a delicious meal at the Craigieburn Sportsmans Club, where our members tucked into a variety of tasty and beautifully presented meals.

In this edition, I'd like to focus on two of our popular activities. The first is our Mahjong group, which play on Tuesday morning's from 9.15am onwards, till completion at 12 noon at the Wallan Neighbourhood House.

For those of you unfamiliar with this game, Mahjong is a game which originated in China, played by using a set of tiles, with the idea of forming hands by drawing and discarding tiles. This is a game of strategy, recognising different patterns and a dose of good luck.

If this description has a familiar ring, it's because Mahjong shares some similarities with the card game Rummy, as both games revolve around collecting valid groupings of cards or tiles to win.

Pilates is another of our many activities enjoyed by our members. Pilates is a low impact form of exercise, which focuses on developing core strength and flexibility by using resistance bands and light hand weights. Further, pilates can be done on a chair for those with reduced mobility.

Pilates classes are available on Monday mornings at 9.30am and Thursday afternoons at 1.30pm in the Wallan Neighbourhood House. The cost is \$10 per session.

If either of these activities or any of our other classes pique your interest, please call our President, John on 0413 083 089 for further details.

Hope to see you soon.

Bye till next time. John Lanphier



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WANDONG-HEATHCOTE JUNCTION COMMUNITY GROUP

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Wandong Heathcote Junction Community Group AGM will be held at the Wandong Public Hall at 4pm on Wednesday 10th September 2025.

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Weather Report - Heathcote Junction/Wandong JULY 2025

July, the middle month of winter proved to be a very cold and damp month with very little sunshine but few frosts.

In the first half of the month 37.5 mls of rainfall was recorded. The second half recorded 75.5mls consisting of large downfalls of 25.5 MLS on the 22nd and 23.5 mls on the 26th causing slight road flooding. Hopefully this rainfall will continue to ease the current drought conditions.

We are well below the total rainfall recorded year to date for the same time last year.

Our supply dam, Sunday Creek, was recorded at 48% on the 21st July compared to 99% same time last year.

Stats

July 2025. - 113 mls
Previous year - 94 mls
Average prev 10 years - 67 mls
Total this year - 362 mls
Total prev year - 515 mls

All the best for the month
Norm Hulett

Wandong Playgroup

New members are welcome at playgroup.

You can start anytime of the year.

Come along and check it out.

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

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

Come and look!

Anytime is a good time to start.

Every Tuesday (during school terms)
9.30am till 11.30am

At Wandong Community Centre,
LB Davern Reserve

Dry Creek Cres, WANDONG

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
ABOUT PLAYGROUP CONTACT:**

Briony Schaeffer 0413 828 175

QUIZ ANSWERS (from page 21)

1. Mosquito
2. New Zealand (1893)
3. Cassius Clay
4. The Seine
5. Six
6. Fruit
7. Horse
8. Sicily
9. Mr Potato Head
10. Five
11. Snow White (1937)
12. Alaska
13. Sweden
14. Uranus
15. Unicorn
16. Spencer

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Many U3A members share responsibility for looking after Grandchildren during the school Holidays but many classes don't stop during this time and attendance rates in general remain good. The yoga class ran through the holiday period for the first time and numbers were encouraging. Despite the cold and wet weather we have been having, participation across all groups remains solid. We certainly needed the rain and let's hope things warm up a bit and we can all get out to enjoy the activities on offer.

The garden group as usual have been out and about enjoying themselves, their last outing being to the Magic Touch Nursery in Broadford. People came away with lots of plants and ideas for spring planting and they can't wait to get busy in the garden. Spring bulbs are starting to pop up all over the place and it is lovely to see the colours appearing.

The darts and Bowls groups have started a little social group and enjoyed an outing to Trackside last month. The Long Lunch club are also busy as usual and their last outing to The Wine Bar in Romsey was well attended and enjoyed by all. The food and service was reportedly outstanding and there was a roaring fire burning to keep everyone warm.

The recorder group together with the ukulele group is planning a joint concert for Friday 7th November 2025 at JJ Clancy from 1pm. More details to follow closer to the date but one to put on your calendar. Convener Alex Priestley has finalized the playlist and there are some classical and dance pieces that will be performed followed by a singalong hosted by the ukulele group.

Last year during senior's week, the organisers put on a "Uke Muster" at Fed square, where a massed ukulele group performed Russell Morris's "The real thing". It was so successful that they are doing it again this year and expanding the repertoire. Registrations are open now and we hope to see some of our group in the lineup. It will be held on Sunday 5 October from 1.00pm at Federation Square, Cnr Swanston and Flinders Streets.

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.

Our online auction finished on Monday 28th July and raised \$12,500. The Club wish to thank all donors and bidders who have supported KGC in their project to repair the damage on the greens caused by corellas last summer. Work will commence once the warmer weather arrives.



Our Toyota Par 3 day which was to have been held in March will be held on Sunday 21st September this year. Keep this date free as bookings will be opening soon. Bookings can be made using Try Booking, email: info@kilmoregolfclub.com.au or phone 03 5782 1123.

Website: kilmoregolfclub.com.au

Reminder: NTP win \$200 OR Hole in One (7th) \$1000 OR Hole in one (12th) win a brand new car from our sponsor Kilmore Toyota.

Entry \$50 pp, juniors \$25. Free BBQ, afternoon tea, drinks cart. No handicap required. Limited places.

Competitions start again for Board events with Carew Cup, Saturday Aggregate, Ladies Tournament with a visit from the Dalhousie Vets.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE - BECOME A VOLUNTEER

If you are young, elderly, retired or working, please consider joining a community group and enjoy the rewards of volunteering. Join one of the community groups operating in Wandong Heathcote Junction.

Wandong Heathcote Junction Community Group Inc: Call 0413 832 411

Wandong Wallan Lions Club: Call 0418 142 172

Wandong History Group: Call 0432 120 736

Whittlesea Community Network

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Email wchi@whittleseach.com.au



Hello! Can you believe we are half way through the year? Fear not – there's still time to learn something new, join a group or take up volunteering! Head to www.wchi.com.au to download the Semester 2 program!

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 14th & 28th August 11.30am – 1.00pm Gold Coin Donation

Special Event Cooking Classes with Sophie Gray the “Destitute Gourmet”

Join us in August for FREE workshops with fabulous food writer Sophie Gray as she shows us how to get more from our food budget!

Saturday 16th August – Cooking for 1 or 2 10am – 12.30pm

Saturday 16th August – Cooking Kickstarter 2.00pm – 4.30pm

Sunday 17th August – Families on a Budget 2.00pm – 4.30pm

Bookings essential, we will be sampling each session's menu so get ready to have your taste buds tickled!

Introduction to Geocaching

Geocaching is a real life treasure hunt that is suitable for all ages and abilities! This FREE workshop includes classroom time as well as an outing to try your new skills!

Sunday 19th October 10.30am – 1.30pm FREE

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 16th August Vic and Sth Melbourne Market 9am – 4pm \$20 pp

Saturday 6th September Balwyn/Camberwell 9am – 4pm \$20 pp

Saturday 13th September Mornington Peninsula 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 20th September 9.00am – 1.00pm \$150 per person

White Card

Friday 5th September 9.00am – 4.00pm \$150 per person

Fix it Friday

Fix it Friday will return in on 22nd August! 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. The Victorian Ombudsman is also in attendance for all complaint matters related to government entities (eg councils, state government, Fines Victoria, VicRoads, Worksafe). 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 dogs and cats during office hours.

WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL



Welcome back for Term Three!

We hope that all our families had a wonderful break and stayed nice and warm over the winter holidays! We are excited to be back for another term of learning.

Wakakirri Performance

After many months of preparation and countless rehearsals, our 2025 Wakakirri team performed at Clocktower Theatre in Moonee Ponds. Wakakirri is a nationwide festival that allows students in Australian schools to share the art of storytelling and dance. This year, our students embodied fire, trees, water, firefighters and native animals in their dance, telling a story which was inspired by our local area. We had a large performance team, including students all the way from Foundation up to Grade 6. Some of our youngest performers showed huge bravery by performing on stage for the very first time! Wandong PS was thrilled to be recognised with a number of awards on the night, including 'Best Costumes'. A massive thank you goes to Mrs Castle and Mrs Crawford for all their hard work to organise, coordinate, costume, and choreograph this opportunity for our students, as well as to all the other staff members and parents who have supported the students to be able to participate.



Snuffle mats for sale

The Snuffle Mat, is great mental stimulation for your pet. It can be used to reduce anxiety, slow down a fast eater or simply as a fun reward for your fur baby. Not only good for dogs, but cats and guinea pigs all love a snuffle mat. My mats come in three sizes and are double knotted and thick, every mat hand made here in Wandong.

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2025 Student Art Display and Student Awards day

**Featuring amazing student art works created in our very own
Wandong studio, by kids from 6 years, up to adults.**

*Four wonderful independent judges will award our students artworks as the best in their category.
This is a great opportunity for these artists to show the world their unique talents.*

When : Sunday 14th September - 10am-3pm

Where: Wandong Hall - Rail Street Wandong

For more info contact Sharon - 0409 131 663



**Community event, all welcome, come along and vote
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