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WHAT A RELIEF - RAIL STREET WANDONG REOPENS.

The Wandong Heathcote Junction community and parents attending Wandong Primary School have welcomed the reopening of Rail Street to connect with the new Inland Rail bridge and the Epping Kilmore Road. The only downside was the removal of the turning lane from the Epping Kilmore Road when turning left to cross the Heathcote Junction railway crossing. The local community has been advocating for this turning lane for many years.



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Wandong - Heathcote Junction - why would you live anywhere else. Until September 2026, Allen Hall (editor)

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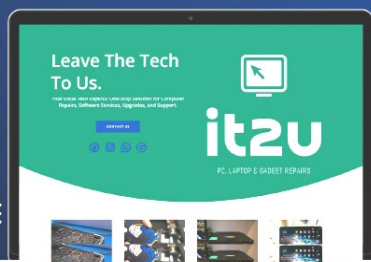
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After School Care 3:30pm – 6:30pm

Pupil Free Day 6:30am – 6:30pm

Holiday Program 6:30am – 6:30pm

ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS

28 Aug Heather & Rob Chisholm HJ
1 Sep David & Denise Limbrick B
2 Sep Daniel & Robyn Hannemann W

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COMMUNITY WEBSITES

www.wandong.vic.au
www.upperplenty.com

Mitchell Bushwalking Group

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

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

for more information

HIRE THE WANDONG PUBLIC HALL

To hire the hall contact Christine for bookings or other information on 0448 604 770.



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

We wish the following people a very happy birthday

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

"THE SHACK"

The Upper Plenty Community Hall is open for hire.

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

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Come in how can I help you?

The first thing we notice when entering an old-fashioned shop is the wooden counter with a cash register at one end and a variety of ledgers, paper-work and writing materials scattered along its length, a barrier dividing customers from the staff with a bit of no-mans-land at the ends. We dare not venture behind this flimsy construction under any circumstances, because of an unwritten law of separation between owner and customer. We are not likely to get arrested if we trespassed but none of us feel comfortable behind the 'Jump' as it is sometimes referred to. I began to wonder, (Risky at my age) about no-go zones we might have erected in our life, important at the time, but out of date now or perhaps even insulting. Could it be that we have missed out on much in life due to the misplaced barriers we have allowed to remain, or a long-forgotten attitude we have developed. Maybe our thoughtlessness to others who have fallen on hard times. An attitude adopted from another time when a different situation existed. It's nice and comfortable behind our no-go counter! It is so easy to pat oneself on the back and become insulated from the real world.

I wonder if it may be time to venture out from the old counter, shelves and all, buy a new welcome mat out the front and relook at our attitude to others and our direction in life. What could bring about this sudden change? Maybe an illness, a change in our financial circumstances, a shock event that caused us to have a new look at our whole attitude, or is life passing us at an unheard-of speed.

Often in times of disaster, we see instances of cooperation, support and neighborliness that are not normally evident in our day-to-day life. We may still be in touch with those who were of great help during the terrible bushfires in our area, complete strangers who, without invitation or regard for their own safety when the chips were down they were right by our side at critical moments in our need.

To relook at our situation, we may need a personal spring-clean! Aha! here comes the preachy part (You didn't think I wrote all this just to fill in my afternoon.) My reference book when all the world seems upside down says maybe I need to take a good look at myself, in Romans 12/2 I read do not be conformed to this rat-race but be transformed by the renewing of your mind so that you will see more clearly what is the will of God and further on, to load all your cares on Him for He cares for you, He says that He has you in His hand and His Father's hand is wrapped around as well! That's not bad in the middle of the night when doubts seem to loom larger than reality!

I might need a hand this arvo to dismantle my rickety old counter. Since I have revised my no-go attitude, I'm feeling quite comfortable knowing that I have nothing to fear in the knowledge that I have the promise of the peace of God that passes all my expectations. (Have a read of Philippians Ch4 v7 you could read v8 while you're at it!) (If you're game!)

A.G. (Old shop-counter firewood for sale)

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Upper Plenty Merri Catchments Landcare Group
And website:

<http://www.upmclg.org.au>

Membership enquiries:

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GARDEN SCENE WITH GAIL

Hi for August and it seems that our wetter weather is slowing moving on. If it's true that we are going to experience a super El Nino we really need to prepare our gardens, lawns now before the heat arrives. It's hard to remember what Summer can be like, and those hot drying winds do so much damage to foliage, the plants dry out from the roots as well as from their leaves and it's a real battle keeping enough moisture in the plants/grass for them even to survive. Start by making sure the weeds are away from the base of our plants and if your soil is a bit average, improve it now. Top dress with well-rotted cow manure and apply Seasol wetting agent, in the brown bottle around the roots (to facilitate the absorption of any moisture, watering, rain), but not on any foliage. Top it off with Seasol the tonic, and we can apply this around the roots and over foliage, this tonic strengthens the plants roots assisting with nutrients and moisture to be taken up by the plant thus, maintaining a healthy plant. The ability of a plant being able to absorb all the moisture and nutrients it requires is super critical, especially during the warm months, and it saves our water if it is being absorbed by the plants and 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. There are lot's of things to do this month in the garden: final application of Potash on our Gardenias, Roses, fruit trees, Hydrangeas, in fact any Spring/Summer flowering plant. Liquid fertilise your Camellias that are in bud, to promote flowering and apply a pelletised fertiliser to keep them well feed. Actually, August is a great time to start fertilising in general, gardens, lawns, pot plants, hanging pots, plants in flower now will certainly benefit from a liquid feed, an instant hit, hand in hand with Dynamic Lifter (great for improving soil), or a fertiliser that you prefer. The pelletised form may take a couple of weeks to begin to do its job which is why it can accompany a liquid feed now, worm juice is great as well. Slow-release fertiliser is fantastic because it's a bit like apply and forget for a few months (however, it relies on the soil reaching a temperature of approximately 18 degrees for it to become active) and always take care with natives and if in doubt use fertiliser specifically made



for natives. Veggies such as beetroot, onions, carrots, leeks, broad beans, brussel sprouts, peas and beans can be planted now and even if you don't eat all the brussels and or broad beans, dig the greens back into the soil for nitrogen. Liquid fertiliser is great for veggie plants. Plants that are not looking good, 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. Sometimes plants don't respond, particularly if their root system has dried. Smaller plants, potted plants can be dug up, roots lightly pruned and repot into fresh potting mix and then cross your fingers and toes. Dry soil can also be a result of being under mature trees, on an Easterly aspect (which doesn't always get the weather), under eaves or the soil may be draining quicker than it should be. Soil can differ over a couple of metres. Whatever your job in the garden this month, enjoy it.

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Sunday service is at 10.30am
All are welcome to stay back for a cup of
coffee, tea, scones and biscuits.

Services to the Community:

Whittlesea Opportunity Shop
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During the 2009 fires, Freedom Church
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Email wchi@whittleseach.com.au



Brrrrrr! Can you believe we are half way through the year? Our Semester 2 Brochure is out and full of new things to keep the winter blues at bay. Come into the office and grab a copy or download it from the website www.wchi.com.au

Visy Recycling

Our merry band of volunteers is still counting CANS AND BOTTLES! Over the counter recycling is available Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week 10am – 3pm and Saturdays from 8am – 4pm. Please note we are not open on Public Holidays. Unfortunately, we must also close when we reach our bin capacity – it's a good idea to visit us as early in the day as you can.

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>

Whittlesea Fresh Food Co-Op

We are pleased to announce that we embarking on an expansion program for the Food Co-Op! Stay tuned for more information on locations across the region! Meanwhile, prices are going through the roof and our boxes are GREAT value. Locally sourced, straight from the farm produce with minimal freight cost means savings for you! Membership is just \$10 and you can find out more on the website www.wchi.com.au

Community Meals

Big Blokes Brunch can be found 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 – Please RSVP

August 13th and 27th 11.30am – 1.00pm Gold Coin Donation

NEW NEW NEW

FREE TAX HELP returns from July 24th appointments will be available on selected Fridays through to October. Call the office for a suitable time. To be eligible you must earn less than \$75K per year, no ABNs or trusts.

Uke Muster – Save the date!

The Uke Muster will roll back into town on Saturday 29th August at 9.30am. Join us for a full day of all things Ukulele! Register now and receive updates as they happen check the website

<https://www.socialplanet.com.au/request/guest/activity?id=48333> It's fun, it's FREE and everyone is welcome.

OP SHOP TOURS ARE BACK

Jump on the bus with us and snap up a bargain. These tours sell FAST! \$25 per person bus leaves from the House at 9am sharp and returns around 4pm

19th September City Fringe

17th October Victoria and South Melbourne Markets

Fix it Friday – Friday 28th August

Fix it Friday is BACK. 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). NEW Fixers from Mortgage Stress and Tenancy Assistance Advocacy have recently joined us. We also have free Barista made coffee to keep you fuelled up. Call us to register for assistance 9716 3361.

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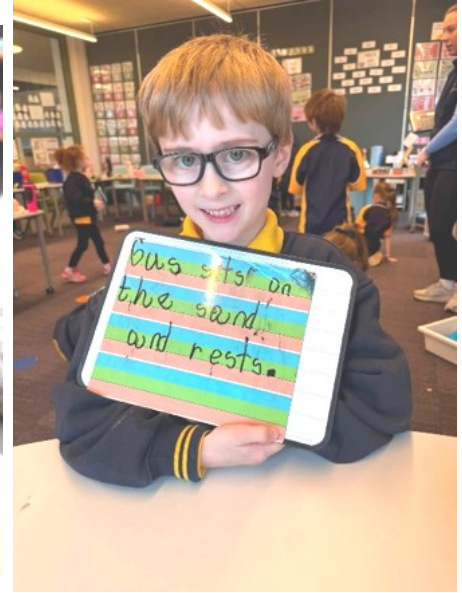
WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL



Welcome back to Term Three!

Look at all the amazing learning that we have done in the first few weeks of Term! From writing dictated sentences and learning about place value, to creating recycled creations to develop our understanding of our new Inquiry topics for this term, we have been a very busy bunch!

We are looking forward to lots of exciting events over the next few weeks, including Jeans for Genes day, skateboarding lessons for the Grade 3/4s with Gnarly Neighbours, our Maths & Science night, Book Week, the Foundation cohort's 100 Days of School celebration, the Wakakkiri performance, and a variety of different incursions and excursions.



PROBUS CLUB of WALLAN

Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month except January, at 10.30 am at Hogans Hotel in the backroom near the back door.

For semi to retired people. We have bus trips, mystery tours, guest speakers, lunches and morning tea every Friday between 10am to 12pm in the same room.

For information ring Leigh on 0409 199 654 or email: leigh.gascoigne@bigpond.com



Access road and pavements works Wandong 1 to 31 August 2026

**JOHN
HOLLAND**

John Holland will continue works on the Broadford-Wandong Road bridge and surrounding roads and areas during August.

Work being done

- Construction of access roads and footpaths
- Installation of handrailing and fencing
- Installation of drainage and public lighting
- Landscaping.

What can I expect?

- Works 7am-6pm Monday to Friday and 7am-1pm Saturdays
- Temporary short-term single lane shuttle flow, as required
- Please refer to electronic signage for up-to-date traffic changes
- No pedestrian access in works area
- Nearby residents may experience some noise and vibration.

Machinery used

Cranes, trucks, concrete pumps, excavators, pumps, and rollers. Workers using hand tools and traffic management equipment.

How we're managing impacts

- Traffic management and reduced road speeds
- Residential property access maintained
- Environmental controls in place.

Cancellation or extension of works

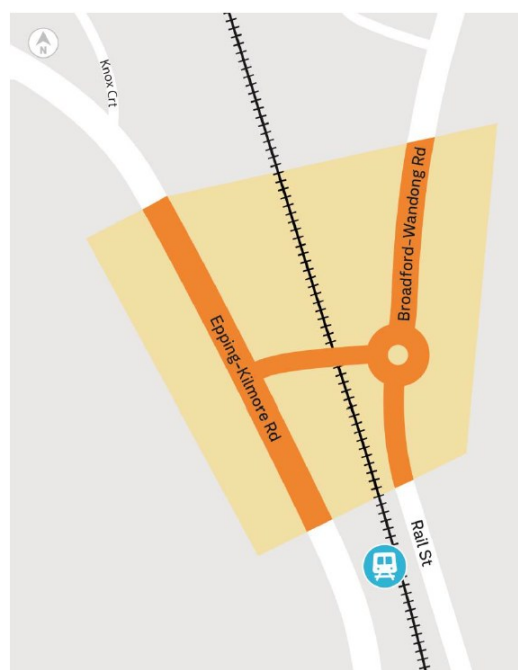
Works can sometimes take longer than anticipated or be cancelled at short notice and rescheduled. Should this occur, impacted residents will be updated.

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WANDONG-HEATHCOTE JUNCTION COMMUNITY GROUP

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Over three months ago the Wandong Heathcote Junction Community Group asked Mitchell Shire Council to investigate the cause and repair the damage to the mesh fence between Rail Street and the railway reserve at Heathcote Junction. This mesh fence has several other holes and Mitchell Shire will probably refer them to VicTrack but the fence responsibility was handed to Mitchell Shire years ago so we have asked Mitchell Shire to repair it.



For many years the Wandong Heathcote Junction Community Group has asked Mitchell Shire to renovate the car park at the Wandong Bushfire / War Memorial Park but at this time the budget is not listed until 2027/2028. This public park and toilet stop is the busiest in Mitchell Shire but the car park remains the worst in Mitchell Shire.

Much damage to the mesh fencing on Rail Street is caused by falling trees. Recently one tree was cut

at the fence line but despite continual requests from the Wandong Heathcote Junction Community Group there are several more trees leaning at 45 degrees that will fall on the fence and even on Rail Street itself.

For 22 years the Community Group has had a great relationship with the management of Wandong Plaza always through consultation and always with both our best interests for the Plaza, but also the Wandong Heathcote Junction community which the Community Group represents in so many ways and to so many departments and organisations. Our members regularly visited the Plaza after 8pm at night when the car park is empty and spend hours to shovel and sweep up all the dirt and rubbish between the concourse and the car tyre barriers. We sprayed weeds that accumulate at the edge of the concourse and clean rubbish around the Plaza including the four rubbish bins inside and out. The WHJCG recently raised a issue with Alpine Petroleum which lead to Alpine terminating our 22 year relationship. It is very disappointing watching the cleanliness of the Plaza disappearing before our very eyes.



WANDONG TENNIS CLUB

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Elijah and Emerson Bowles enjoying their first season of Green Ball tennis. They both received medals at our association Green Ball Gala Day. Welcome to the club boys.

Tuesday and Thursday night spring competition starts next week. Good luck to all teams.

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WINTER SEASON NEARING AN EXCITING FINISH

It's hard to believe we're already heading into the final

few rounds of the KBNA Winter Competition! With just three home and away games remaining, the excitement is building as teams begin their final push towards the end of the season and, for our Under 11s, Under 13s and Under 16s, a place in the finals at the end of August.

Our Winter season has been an incredible one so far. Every Saturday has been filled with fun, friendships, laughter and plenty of fantastic netball. It's been wonderful to watch our players grow in confidence, develop new skills and support one another both on and off the court. The progress every team has made throughout the season is something our club can be incredibly proud of.

Our Under 9 players also have something special to look forward to, with the opportunity to take part in the annual Round Robin Carnival hosted by St Pat's Netball Club on Saturday 22 August. The day is all about participation, enjoyment and giving our youngest players even more opportunities to put their skills into practice in a fun and supportive environment.

As we head into the final weeks of the season, we'd like to thank all of our coaches, team managers, umpires, volunteers, families and supporters who continue to make every Saturday possible. We can't wait to see what the rest of the season has in store—good luck to all of our teams! 🏐❤️

CRAIGIEBURN SPRING COMPETITION IS UNDERWAY

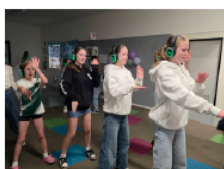
While our Winter season is heading towards an exciting finish, we're thrilled to have four Wandong teams back out on court in the Craigieburn Junior Mixed Spring Competition, which kicked off on 18 July.

A huge welcome and congratulations to our newest Spring Competition teams:

- 🏠 9&Under Raiders
- 🏠 11&Under Renegades
- 🏠 13&Under Rebels
- 🏠 15/17&Under Stars

The Craigieburn competition provides a fantastic opportunity for our players to continue developing their skills, gain valuable match experience and enjoy more time on the court in a fun and supportive environment. It's also a great chance for players to build new friendships, play alongside teammates from different Winter teams and continue growing their confidence throughout the year.

WINTER WONDERLAND - NOT SO SILENT DISCO



Our Winter Wonderland Silent Disco was another fantastic success, bringing together players from across the club for an evening filled with music, dancing and plenty of laughter.

Held at the Wandong Community Hall, the event gave our junior players the chance to celebrate the season away from the netball courts, make new friends across different age groups and simply enjoy being part of the Wandong Netball Club family.

From the moment the headphones went on, the dance floor was packed, with players singing along, showing off their best dance moves and creating memories that will last well beyond the season. The night was made even more special thanks to the many committee members and volunteers who gave up their time to supervise, organise food and ensure everyone had a safe and enjoyable evening.

WANDONG NETBALL CLUB



>>> WANDONG GOES BLUE FOR DOLLY'S DREAM

One of the highlights of our season was hosting our Do It For Dolly Day during Round 8 of the KBNA Winter Competition.

The day brought our entire club and community together to raise awareness about bullying and support the incredible work of Dolly's Dream, a charity dedicated to creating a kinder, safer world for young people.

Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of our players, families, volunteers, local businesses and wider community, we didn't just reach our fundraising goal—we surpassed it, **raising an incredible \$3,976.46** for Dolly's Dream.

The day was filled with blue, smiles and community spirit, with a huge raffle, bake sale, games, face painting, canteen treats and plenty of opportunities for everyone to get involved. We were also incredibly grateful to the many local businesses and families who generously donated prizes, baked goods and their time to help make the event such a success.

While the fundraising result was something to celebrate, the most meaningful outcome was the conversations the day inspired. Following the event, one of our junior players found the courage to speak with a coach about their own experience with bullying. Knowing that our club provided a safe and supportive environment where a young person felt comfortable enough to reach out for help is something we'll always be proud of.

At Wandong Netball Club, we're about much more than wins and losses. We're committed to creating a community where every player feels safe, valued and supported, and our Dolly's Dream Day was a wonderful reminder of the positive impact sport can have both on and off the court.

To everyone who donated, volunteered, baked, purchased raffle tickets, attended on the day or simply helped spread the message—thank you. Together, we made a real difference.



WANDONG NETBALL CLUB



>>> BUILDING BETTER SPORTS

This season, Wandong Netball Club proudly delivered our Game Changers Workshop, bringing together players to learn that being a great teammate is about so much more than what happens on the scoreboard. The interactive workshop focused on respect, resilience, teamwork, communication and good sportsmanship, while encouraging players to think about the positive impact they can have on their teammates, opponents, coaches, umpires and supporters. As a club, we're committed to developing not only better netballers, but also confident, respectful and resilient young people. The Game Changers program aligns perfectly with our club values and reinforces the culture we're striving to build both on and off the court.



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Due to unexpected circumstances the editor may no longer be able to continue in the role and as it would be a pity to let Whats News lapse he seeks a community minded person to take on the publication. Please register your interest on 0413 832 411



WANDONG HISTORY GROUP

We are now able to reveal the details of the huge project we are working on. The History Group is producing a two-part documentary series on the history of Wandong. Titled Moments that Matter we are capturing the history of Wandong, from the beginnings of a small village to the vibrant town it is today. To compliment the history, we are delving into the lives of the Dau family, the story of early Victorian settlement, immigration, and making their way with a large family, and how early settlers made this area their home. Many local residents are helping with the process, and we can't wait to see it come together. We plan to launch the documentaries in early December.

This massive project is being produced by MOG Media, a company we have worked with in the past and have proven to be dedicated professional community spirited people.

This is a massive project, the biggest we have done yet, and we thank all those who have come on board to assist us to bring this to fruition. We especially thank those who have sponsored this project, as without them this would not be possible. The Victorian Government, through a tiny towns grant, FRRR, Southern Cross Gold Consolidated and the expertise and many hours of in-kind support from MOG Media.

The Dau family have freely shared the stories and images of their family to enable us to bring their story to life, we thank them so much for their help and support, without it we would not be able to tell the story of The Children of Heather farm.

Karen Christensen

President, Wandong History Group

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<https://wandongheathcotejunctionhistory.com.au>



We have set up a Go fund me to help us fund this project, if you would like to be part of this project you can donate here. <https://gofund.me/f151ea4df>

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As we roll into August our season ends. Finals are upon us and we are super proud of the year all our teams have had.

Our under 9s have been at the ground week in week out having plenty of fun and improving each game. The under 10s have also come forward in leaps and bounds. Some have even played up to help their club mates in the 12s. The 10s also have the chance to bring home the Lightning premiership in a few weeks' time.

Our under 12s have been up against it all year. They have hung tough and put in some strong performances. Narrowly missing finals but holding their heads high against some formidable teams in true Warrior fashion.

The under 14s have had a fantastic season. Going through the season unbeaten they go into the finals hungry for that elusive premiership. We wish them all the best and cannot be prouder of the season they have had. GO WARRIORS!



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2026 FINALS SERIES



WEEK 1



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TEAMS	TIMES
Under 14 Div 2 3v4	10:00am
Under 14 Div 2 1v2	11:30am



WEEK 2



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BELLARINE

TEAMS	TIMES
Under 14 Div 2 Prelim	1:30pm
Under 10	10:00am 10:30am 11:00am
	Broadford vs Ngarbie Broadford vs Wandong Wandong vs Ngarbie



WEEK 3



KINGS PARK
SEYMOUR

Lightning Prem Of (Full Game)	11:00am
Under 12 GF	12:30pm
Under 14 Div 2 GF	2:30pm



MORE THAN A GAME
A COMMUNITY



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, 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.



Winter User Groups are approaching end of their season's programs and heading towards Final series. Good luck to those teams that have made or hopeful in entering Finals programs

It's good to see the Reserve full of life with our community back in 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 their sporting activities on the Oval, Wallan basketball in the Stadium

Continued developments at the Reserve will complement our sport groups and community. We are very lucky to have a Reserve that has character and bush ambiance atmosphere that complements our communities

Security at the Reserve:

L.B.Davern Reserve now has 24 hour Security surveillance across the Reserve. The Mitchell Shire has installed Security cameras throughout the Reserve to cover all activities.

All buildings and entrances to the Reserve now have 24 hour security surveillance. It is a sad to see our Community Reserve come to this, but after several copper thefts on our facilities and other activities the council has installed security cameras across the Reserve to protect our facilities and our community who use this great recreation space.



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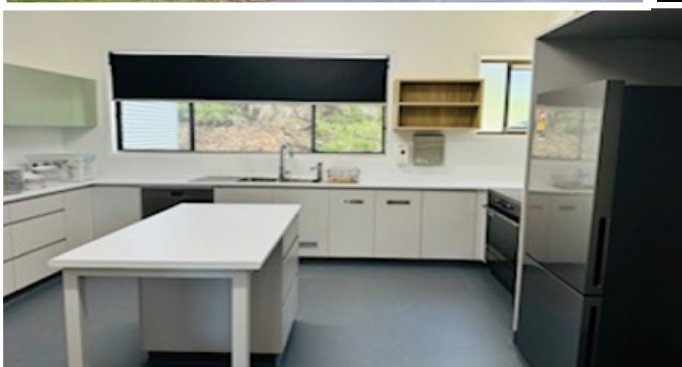


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-Community Centre and Sports Pavilion contact:

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“ My Dog is Perfect ” But “

This comment is often heard when enquires are made about dog training... People are very quick to tell me how wonderful their dog is and generally they don't really have any trouble and they love the dog to bits.... He is just perfect....Perhaps even how their dog just looooves the kids and he is so enthusiastic to meet visitors. However there is always a“But” ... he pulls like a train ...aggressive towards other dogs when out jumps on visitors.....barks when we go out.... Do these comments ring true for yours or a friends dog ?



Same even for us humans. Perhaps we try to loose weight ... but this is difficult. We have kids, they grow up and we dream for them to become say an AFL player but, they are not well co-ordinated and never really like sport. Some might go to university or enter a trade and then find their dream job... but find they have to deal with annoying bureaucracy. Even when you save up and find your perfect house.... within days of moving in there is a problem with the hot water service or the garage door doesn't work.



We strive for Perfect..... but does Perfect even exist

This is the trap that humans fall into. This is particularly obvious in all animal sports.

Over many years competing at horse events, I watched riders start out so enthusiastic with a new horse, but over the next year that horse fails to meet their expectations. So they start horse shopping again thinking they need to just find the right one.

The same does seem to happen with dogs, particularly in the show ring. The dog isn't winning the ribbons so the humans bring out a new dog, and then another, then another. This pattern appears in many dog sports as well as dogs used for various jobs in our society... Shows like Muster Dogs are entertaining and educational, but how many dogs do these trainers go thru to find that 'perfect' sheep dog. The same goes for police dogs, assistance dogs, guide dogs. None of these dogs are perfect nor within their field, are they even expected to be .

So if there is no Perfect... then what do we aim for ...

Competing and judging allowed me to learn a great deal about assessing teamwork between horse/rider. Judges and Trainers need to understand the standards required for different levels of competition. Over time judges gain more experience which builds confidence, then it became easier to award a 10 for the individual movements in the competition. Humans criticise a judge for giving a score of 10 stating *“but the movement isn't perfect !”* However in truth we must remember 10 points stand for Excellent.... If the movement scores 9 = Very Good... then 8 = Good... so on down to a score of 1 = Very Poor. Just because someone earns a 10 for a movement does not mean this was Perfect... it was to show that this was Excellent work at their current level.



Working thru the Levels...

The same applies to your own dog in your home. Understanding the grading of between 1-10 provides a base to mentally assess many aspect of training with either my own dogs or clients. Dogs have also come into our homes perhaps as a puppy or as a re-home as well as having many different personalities that can create confusion. This is why there are plenty of levels your dog will go thru working out how to fit in ...



Both humans and dogs have to build confidence and experience to adjust to changes . Important in keep a realistic expectation and a positive approach to whatever level the human is with their dog.

Alfoxton Tip:

... accept your dog is never going to be perfect and that is just fine.

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Answers
on page 25

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THIS MONTHS QUIZ

Answer appears on Page 25 but no cheating!

1. What is the largest company in Australia?
2. What is the oldest golf course in the world?
3. What is the oldest suburb in Melbourne?
4. What is the oldest university in Australia?
5. Where is Pearl Harbour?
6. What is Vietnams largest river?
7. Who built the Death Star?
8. Who killed Albus Dumbledore?
9. When did Adelaide join the A.F.L.?
10. How many books in the Harry Potter series?
11. Where will the 2028 Olympics be held?
12. How many ribs do humans have?
13. How do almonds grow?
14. Which cars are made in Australia in 2026?

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Hello Readers,

While winter has been so challenging, with its blustery cold winds and depressingly grey skies, I say, let's focus on the things that make us feel warm and cosy.

For example, many venues now offer a Xmas in July celebration, which began in the 1980s and has now become so popular in Australia, as a way of enjoying a get together with family and friends, during the coldest month of the year. Many of our Wallan U3A members took advantage of this now annual occasion, where they feasted on a traditional Xmas fare of roast turkey and Xmas pudding.

Another way to keep warm during this cold miserable winter, is to take part in a Tai Chi class. Our very experienced tutor Sue, guides us from posture to posture in a slow and controlled way, all of which helps retain our flexibility, improves our balance and lessens our risk of falls as we age.

I'm also very pleased to advise our weekly line dancing class is proving to be hugely successful, with more community members joining in this fun form of exercise. It is held in the Seniors Hall of the Wallan Neighbourhood House. I know I've mentioned it before, but dancing has been proven to be so beneficial for both our physical and mental well being in a friendly social environment.

Our U3A singing group recently performed for residents of the Kilmore Grove Nursing Home. We soon had smiles on faces, lots of hand clapping and toe tapping; I'm happy to say we've been invited to perform again at Christmas time, when we'll include some joyful Xmas songs.

Many local businesses have been impacted by the months of roadworks in Wallan and as a way of support, this month's lunch is at "Open House Cafe" in High St., Wallan. The Cafe is quite spacious with an extensive, well priced and may I say, delicious menu.

Timetables of all our activities are available at the Wallan Neighbourhood House or alternatively call John, our President, on 0413 083 089 for further information.

Till next time, John Lanphier,



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QUIZ ANSWERS (from page 23)

1. B.H.P.
2. The Old Course, St Andrews, Scotland (1552)
3. Fitzroy (1839)
4. University of Sydney (1850)
5. Hawaii
6. Mekong River
7. The Galactic Empire
8. Severus Snape
9. 1991
10. Seven
11. Los Angeles
12. 24 ribs
13. On deciduous trees
14. None

Weather Report

Heathcote Junction/Wandong

July 2026

It has been wet, cold and dark but
it is the middle of winter.

Rainfall has been recorded on over
half of the days in July with some
decent frosts.

Our supply dam Sunday Creek
was recorded at 68% on the
23rd July which is 20% more than
this time last year.

Rainfall stats

July - 100 mls

Previous year - 113 mls

Average prev 10 years - 68 mls

Total this year - 516 mls

Total prev year - 364 mls

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It's amazing how quickly the year has passed—it's hard to believe we're already in August! The good news is that winter is almost behind us, and spring is just around the corner. Attendance at our Classes has been excellent lately, with several days featuring three Classes running simultaneously in various parts of the Pavilion.

Our Cinema Group is really starting to come together, and they are building genuine friendships as we all enjoy a shared passion. So far, they've watched three films spanning a wide range of genres, which have received mixed reactions from our members. After each screening, animated conversations take place as everyone shares their perspectives. These monthly movies days are on the first Friday in the month at United Cinemas in Craigieburn.

The Luncheon Group have consistently organised exceptional venues with recent gatherings held at locations such as the Red Lion and Mac's Irish Pub. Due to ongoing challenges related to fuel pricing and similar concerns, they have adjusted the schedule to select venues closer to home for the foreseeable future. If you are interested in attending an upcoming lunch or would like further information, please contact us for more information,

Our Recorder Group has welcomed a new convenor this year, who shares with us that playing woodwind instruments brings many proven health benefits, especially for brain function and mental health. Practicing just a few minutes every day can increase lung capacity, sharpen thinking and coordination, boost memory, help with problem-solving, and reduce stress.

The group covers a wide variety of music, giving members the chance to enjoy everything from the recorder's medieval beginnings in the 14th century, through Renaissance and Baroque classics, up to modern 20th-century works. They also play Celtic and folk tunes, and later in the year will include Christmas carols to highlight the recorder's distinctive sound. Group meetings take place at 1pm on Fridays. If you're new to music or would like a relaxed review session, there is an optional one-hour class at 12pm. Anyone interested in learning about the recorder is encouraged to join.

The Lifestyle Group has stayed active and involved all winter. Attendance has been strong, with more than 15 members showing up each week. This steady participation reflects both commitment and enthusiasm among our members. Anyone who is interested is encouraged to join us on Mondays at 5 pm. Everyone is welcome to become part of our activities and the sense of community that defines the group.

Kilmore Community Garden is hosting a Hanging Garden Competition ahead of their Spring Festival on 18th September. Local residents, Garden Group members, and the U3A community are invited to submit photos of their hanging gardens. Contact us for details.

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. If you would like more information on these or our other classes, please contact us at: info@u3akilmoreanddistrict.com.au or mobile 0436 331 395.

Christina

WANDONG PUBLIC HALL

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



The Victorian State Election pre polling will occupy the hall full time from late October until late November.

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

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

CPR Training - 3rd Wednesday of the month Ph Louise 0409512526 contact [@ehssol.com](mailto:ehssol.com)

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Saturday 5 September
9.00am—3.00pm

**Wallan Multi-purpose
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42 Bentinck St, Wallan

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Neighbourhood Watch

August 2026

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SOUTH MITCHELL

Driving at Night

Our focus this month is on responsible driving. Driving at night for some drivers is not as easy, and for others it is quite easy but they are blinded by some headlights. As we all share the road, it is good to understand some limitations for driving at night.

Driving safely at night depends on clear vision, effective headlights and reducing glare. These elements can help improve visibility when driving at night.

Despite there being less traffic on the road, driving at night has always been more dangerous than driving during the daytime. Data from the *National Road Safety Partnership Program* reveals that 40 per cent of all crashes occur at night, even though only 25 per cent of all driving occurs at night.

Fatigue and increased wildlife can contribute to a higher risk of crashing at night, however the dangers of reduced visibility at night cannot be overstated. According to the *National Road Safety Partnership Program*, 90 per cent of a motorist's ability to react depends on their vision, which can be greatly impacted at night as well as other low-light environments.

There is a legal requirement for all motorists to meet certain standards when it comes to vision, and failing to do so can prevent you from holding a licence. There are medical standards for vision and eye disorders. These standards concern a person's visual acuity and field of vision, as well as other condition's - see the full list of vision standards on the Austroads website.

Motorists must tell *Transport Victoria* if they have a medical condition that affects their vision. This can be done by talking to your GP and will trigger a medical review to assess whether it's safe for you to continue driving.

Simple steps like cleaning your windscreen can help improve visibility at night. Dirty windscreens or mirrors can impede driving visibility at any time of the day, and this is even more important at night.

For more information: visit racv.com.au and austroads.gov.au



VICTORIA POLICE



FREE EVENT

Young Driver Program: Cool Heads Initiative

A thought provoking, confronting and informative road safety program with advice on a wide range of topics for young drivers. Presented by Victoria Police and local agencies

WEDNESDAY 12 August, 2026

Wallan Secondary College, 100 Duke Street Wallan, Victoria 3756

Arrive by 6.40pm for a 7pm Start (concludes approx 9pm)

FREE ENTRY - Bookings essential.

Tickets available now

Enquiries:
Leading Senior Constable Brooke Alexander
03 5620 5777

If an Attendance Certificate is required, please register at the Coolheads Desk prior to taking your seat.



Safe driving for life - It's all about ATTITUDE!



Upcoming Events

Coolheads Young Driver Program - Wallan

Not just for young people, this session can educate all age groups about driving responsibly. To be held on Wednesday, 12 August, 2026, at 6.40 - 9.00pm at Wallan Secondary College Auditorium, 100 Duke St, Wallan. We'll be there!

South Mitchell NHW General Meeting

Thur. 13 August, 2026, at 7pm at the meeting room in Wandong Community Centre, Dry Creek Road, Wandong.

Hotlines:

Emergency: 000

Crime Stoppers

Online Reporting:

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

Police Assistance Line: 131 444

1800 333 000



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