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ANOTHER GREAT ART SHOW BY THREE BRUSHES STUDIO AT WANDONG



On Sunday the 30th of August, Sharon Delaney of Three Brushes Studio hosted her 5th annual Art awards day and community art display. On display were 133 student art works giving these students an excellent opportunity to show off their skills to family, friends and the community, and to celebrate their growth as an artist. Not only is this day about the art but it's about people's connections and celebrating each students unique set of skills and talent, with art they are engaged in and to show self expression in art. Over 250 people attended the art show which has become a real annual community get together enjoying the sun and talking about the art works. This year the studio has been so proud of the 33 students who participated in painting a life size fibreglass cow on display and represented the clear diversity of the students that attend Three Brushes studio. Awards were presented to 28 winning artists and 40 more to artists as encouragement awards (see pages 16 and 17 for details).



IF ONLY WANDONG WAS AT SEYMOUR

Mitchell Shire continues to ignore maintenance issues in Wandong Heathcote Junction, issues that you would think needed no request but would be part of normal Shire maintenance, problems that Mitchell Shire staff drove past every day. It really is a struggle to get the Shire to realise that Wandong is a major entrance to the Shire and Wandong, particularly the toilet / bushfire park, should be a show piece that visitors will praise Mitchell Shire. See some issues on page 15.

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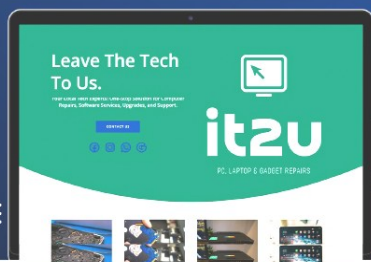
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29 Oct Peter & Rochelle Gough HJ
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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

We wish the following people a very happy birthday

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17 Sep	Nicole Burns	HJ
18 Sep	Robyn Beer	K
19 Sep	Caleb Walsh	HJ
21 Sep	Lisa Dennehy	HJ
21 Sep	Joel Lotherington	K
21 Sep	Joanne Brown	HJ
22 Sep	Lucy King	Wallan
23 Sep	Adrian King	K
23 Sep	Ray Candy	W
24 Sep	Aaron Thomas	B
25 Sep	Ann Marie Hogan	W
25 Sep	Emily Page	WP
25 Sep	Corey Stone	HJ
27 Sep	Marj Knight	W
28 Sep	Joelie Coter	W
30 Sep	Tye Duncan	HJ
1 Oct	James Dodds	W
2 Oct	Frank Amoroso	HJ
3 Oct	Bette Sartore	W
3 Oct	Joshua Stone	HJ
6 Oct	Francesco Amoroso	HJ
6 Oct	Emelia Amoroso	HJ
8 Oct	John Simpson	HJ
8 Oct	Draga Kovacic	W
9 Oct	Geoff Symons	HJ
9 Oct	Kerry Bellomo	HJ
9 Oct	Kate George	W
9 Oct	Steven Belfiore	HJ
10 Oct	Daniel Bellomo	HJ
11 Oct	Owen Philp	OG
11 Oct	Karen Telfer	W
11 Oct	Luke Smith	HJ
11 Nov	Anne Humphtrud	W
12 Oct	Emily McCarthy	HJ
12 Oct	Taylor Austin	HJ
12 Oct	Brandon Austin	HJ
12 Oct	Dylan Stone	HJ
13 Oct	Liz Symons	HJ
13 Oct	Thomas Gough	HJ
13 Oct	Dylan Cole	B
14 Oct	Abigail Delaney	W
14 Oct	Jenny Philp	OG
18 Oct	Jim Robson	W

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MORE FOR AUSTRALIA

These prayers that were used in an ANZAC service in Mitchell Shire speaks from most Australians hearts. Generations gone before, been on their knees for this prosperous country that many were willing to die for, protecting other countries, leaving loved ones, farm life behind including our indigenous brave soldiers leaving cattle stations as their employment to fight side by side, united as "one". What would they think about how their nation has deteriorated? Their precious homeland!

Hebrews 12 verse 1

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us....

That's us now left here in Australia, as their time has ceased. So, please care about the state our nation is in and pray.*

FOR OUR NATION

Almighty God, we pray for our nation. May we always walk in the paths of truth and honour, may we be a beacon light to all nations, who struggle for self-government and freedom. Strengthen our leaders that they may govern us soberly and sincerely and so fulfill their heavy responsibilities.

Make us a just people, wanting other nations to have the same privileges we claim for ourselves. Help us to honour our native soil with sound manners at home and abroad. Grant this for Jesus Christs sake. Amen.

FOR PEACE

God of peace and love, you have made of one blood all nations to dwell upon the earth, and by your Son Jesus Christ, have broken down the walls of partition between race and race. Break down afresh all that divides us from one another.

Temper our pride, shame our jealousies, do away all prejudice, tat the bonds of fellowship and mutual service may unite the east and west, the north to the south, that we may live together in perpetual peace to the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thank you for our present serving soldiers here and abroad. We are all so very, very grateful for you all and may God bless and protect you all. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest and on earth, PEACE among men with whom He is well please. MC.

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GARDEN SCENE WITH GAIL

The ninth month already, September, our first month of Spring and a beautiful time of the year. We may get more rain to top up dams, water reserves, tanks and of course our gardens complete with the mature plants, they love a good soaking and if you haven't started fertilising, get going with it. Apply a pelletised fertiliser every couple of months, liquid for veggies, annuals, bulbs, and plants that are flowering for an instant feed. If you are pruning, water well prior to the prune and then follow up with a Seasol solution to reduce stress on the plant and help it recover quicker, any pruning is better done on cooler days. Grass will start to grow more in Spring as the soil warms up to encourage activity so don't forget to fertilise your lawn as well. Grass requires a fertiliser higher in Nitrogen to promote the lush greenness that we all love and there are a few fertilisers specifically for lawns, weeds in your lawn can be targeted with a 'weed n feed'. You'll notice after rain how everything greens up beautifully, because rain brings with it Nitrogen and don't our gardens look fresh and lovely after a good downpour and it works two-fold if you have fertilised prior to it raining, Mother Nature is just lending a helping hand. If areas of your garden are not holding moisture well or maybe holding too much moisture, now is the time to get it all working properly before the heat hits us, one is as bad as the other. Not many plants will tolerate what we call 'wet feet', that is their roots are always sitting in water and the drainage is poor and then in Summer the soil is so hard it cracks. Excess water means there is no air for a healthy root system and the soil goes sour, similar to when using black plastic was the go, the soil can't breathe. Then if you have soil that drains too quickly, made up of a gravelly, sandy mix, the water drains so fast that the roots don't have time to access the moisture to keep them going and the stress of a hot day can really take its toll. In either case apply well-rotted cow manure and lightly incorporate it into the soil around the base of the plant and through garden beds without disturbing any surface roots such as in Azaleas, Rhododendrons and Camellias. Fork it in gently and apply Seasol, after to assist in reducing stress to the plant. Well-rotted cow manure will improve the soil structure, creating a



healthier growing medium which in turn aids the retention of much needed moisture during our hot months. Seasol wetting agent, (in the brown bottle) is fantastic for water retention but take extra care not to get any on the foliage. Daphnes have been flowering beautifully and if they've finished their flush of flowers, give them a haircut and a fertilise and/or a drink of Seasol, they will love you for it. Any bulbs that have finished flowering and are looking a bit tired can have a liquid drink of fertiliser and Seasol, this will be taken back into the bulb and stored for next year's flowers. September is a great time to check out the varying shades of blossom if you are in the market for a pretty deciduous plant, whether it be a fruit tree or an ornamental and roses are starting to push new growth so if you haven't pruned them yet, get cracking.

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Roads Rates and Rubbish

There exists an organisation called Council Watch. It is a team of volunteers with a keen interest and history in Local Government. Its focus is to advocate on behalf of all residents and ratepayers in Victoria. Local Government has very little oversight and makes its own rules. This leads to consumers' rights being further removed or restricted. The State Government assists as it imposes ideology and supports reduction in public understanding.

Mr Dean Hurlston President of Council Watch [CW] was the guest presenter at the September meeting of the Combined Probus Club of Whittlesea. He explained that CW exists to help people know their rights and to challenge council where they have acted inappropriately.

Good and bad arose from the Covid restrictions as most councils have continued to conduct meetings online. The upside is that CW can monitor meetings more closely and other meetings happening at the same time. The downside is that residents have also adopted viewing on line and have lost the personal touch.

Somewhat reminiscent of a well-known international President the Chief Executive Officer [CEO] of local councils, except for Queensland, has absolute authority. Elected councillors have to accept decisions made by the CEO based on staff's recommendations. In Victoria there are 79 unelected CEO positions which has a payroll bordering on \$24MILLION. Many are only part time involvement as there is often no defined position description, so a second job and salary is possible.

Learning from the Victorian Labor Government, councils can make absolute decisions on new buildings or other infrastructure without a business case. [One may decide to build a ballroom on the Council office]. All funding comes from collected rates and other imposts upon residents which are aggravated by the Government reducing funding and imposing levies.

The oft banded "rates, roads and rubbish" came forth in discussion particularly in the topical issue of pot-holes. Mr Hurlston advised that although 85% of Victorian roads are vested in local councils less than 5% of revenue is allocated to road maintenance. Councillors enter the profession often bright eyed and bushy tailed but soon find that bureaucrats hold the whip-hand.

There is very little control over local government as the Government keeps at arm-length and even authorities like the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission (IBAC) have no intervention powers. Only the Victorian Ombudsman will take on issues of wrong doing.

Customer satisfaction with local council was addressed! Of a large sample of ratepayers these were some findings:-

- 51% said "no value for money"
- 53% could not afford rates.
- 40% of revenue came from ancillary charges
- 44% said spending on staff too great
- 70% do not trust councillors
- 94% said councillors do not reflect community wishes.

Considerations on the above statistics are advanced. A neighbouring council to Whittlesea has \$45million in unpaid rates. Waste collection used to be in general rates but has recently become a special impost to overcome the rate cap. No concessions are afforded to pensioners or other welfare recipients. Council Facebook sites generally do not cover ratepayer's need but are "look at me".

As if taking on local government is not difficult enough, CW has a continual bombardment by groups that object to its existence. So much so that it has removed the names of the committee except for Dean and one other from its web site. Opposing organisations have targeted and harassed the committee (especially women) online Mr Hurlston and his associates have an unenviable task when taking on City Hall but they seem to have more runs on the board than the opposition which has unbelievable powers with little oversight, and more players from which to select.

Dean's allocated time was insufficient to cover other issues, but the glossary gave members many things to consider. His presentation was acknowledged with applause and a small token of appreciation.

Photo of Dean Hurlston



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I'm back. Sorry about last month but there wasn't much going on.

We have had two meetings this month, a business meeting and a dinner meeting at the Red Lion. We have a Bunnings coming up and a bbq for a council event. Bill has been elected vice president. I am not sure he knows how it happened. Any way if the club is involved in any vice Bill is the man.

Now what is happening. Two of our ladies have broken their wrists. I wonder if it is a virus. Dianne and Sharyn are both on the injured list. Dianne has gone away with Cliff and Sharyn is due to go on a cruise. Their timing is impeccable.

I have to report on our President. I was in his store looking for my disappearing wife. Sam said she wasn't there. One of the staff said she was in one of the isles. "Who would believe your President or a shop assistant. Next he is on the PA. "Clyde she is not in the shop." I went looking for her elsewhere. She was deliberately hiding from me.

Since Dianne has been out of action Cliff has been called on to carry out tasks well above his pay scale. Being a good husband he placed a wheat bag in the microwave to heat up for his darling wife. However he keyed in 30 minutes instead of 3. Kitchen full of smoke and foul burning smell. Open up the microwave, grab the flaming wheat bag, run to the backdoor and toss it out. Dianne is talking about hiring him out.

Have you heard of the Tasmanian fluff spider? A very rare species. On a recent visit to Tassie Tania came running out of the bathroom yelling about a white tailed spider. Steve armed with a cricket bat and other implements rushed in to save the day and encountered a piece of white fluff. They are very rare Tasmanian white tailed fluff spiders.

Our Dutch friend Johannes has become an Australian. In keeping with this I am teaching him proper Australian. He can say "goodday mate". He knows that his wife is a sheila and that I am a drongo. He is coming along nicely.

I can't think of anyone else to insult so I might give this away. I am compiling this on the last day of winter so that when you read it we will be right into spring.

Catch you next time.

Clyde Riley

The teller of truth.

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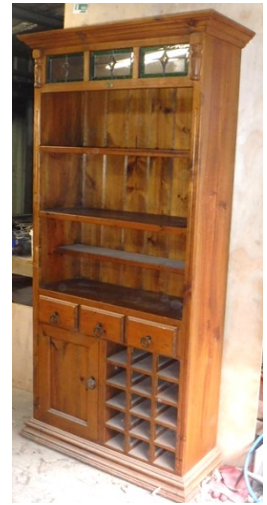
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- 4. Cheer & acknowledge**
good plays by *all players* 
- 5. Accept decisions by officials**
they are human & *can make mistakes* 
- 6. Let coaches do the coaching** 
- 7. Always remember, volunteers run kids sport** 
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Due 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



The documentary we talked about last month is coming together very well. The postproduction stage is where all the magic happens. Bringing many hours of footage, images and narration together is a huge task and will take some time. While that is being done, we are preparing for the launch of the documentary. This will be on the 11th December for an invitation only VIP launch followed on the 12th by a public showing. The public showing will be a ticketed event and limited in numbers due to the size of the venue. The documentary will be available for purchase

in several formats at each event. More on that closer to the date. And again, a massive thanks to all the sponsors that have made this possible.

The Wandong History groups AGM will be held on the 14th October at St Michaels Church, at 1.00pm all welcome to attend.

Karen Christensen
President, Wandong History Group
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<https://wandongheathcotejunctionhistory.com.au>



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WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL



Wakakirri 2026

After months of preparation and rehearsal, our two Wakakirri teams got to travel to Melbourne for their big performance night!

We were also so proud to receive the 'Spirit of Wakakirri' Award from the judges, which recognises a school that embodies the true values of Wakakirri through their teamwork, encouragement, sportsmanship, respect, confidence and the way they support not only one another, but also every school involved. It celebrates the spirit shown behind the scenes and on the stage, reflecting the Wakakirri belief that great stories inspire change. A huge congratulations goes out to all our participating students for this achievement!

We are so grateful for the immeasurable amount of time, effort and care that has been contributed by Mrs Castle and Mrs Crawford in planning, choreographing, rehearsing, encouraging, costuming, prop-making and coordination of this event. This is such a wonderful opportunity for our students, and it is only made possible by the generosity and passion of these two teachers. We are also grateful to all families involved who made this another successful event! Well done, Team Wandong!



Gnarly Neighbours

Our Grade 3/4 students have just wrapped up four weeks of skateboarding lessons with the Gnarly Neighbours program. Students were able to try new skills – stepping out of their comfort zone for some – developing their resilience and building their confidence as the weeks went on. The students also had a chance to work on their creative expression, designing their own canvas art using spray paint and stencils. We are so grateful to the Gnarly Neighbours team for coming out to our school and inspiring our students, as well as to Mr Fearn for making this opportunity possible.



WANDONG PRIMARY SCHOOL continued

Grade 3/4 and Grade 5/6 excursions

Our Senior School cohorts have been out on excursions this term, building on their classroom learning about sustainability. The Grade 5/6 students enjoyed a visit to Foodbank Victoria, where they enjoyed a behind-the-scenes warehouse tour, got hands-on with a hamper packing activity, and learned more about how food reaches families and communities across Victoria. They also got to enjoy some downtime at the beach!

The Grade 3/4 students went on a trip to Edendale Farm, where they learned about water conservation, the plant life cycle, and took a tour of the farm and met some animals. An extra highlight was getting to play on the nearby adventure playground before getting back on the bus to return to school.



Book Week 2026 – Symphony of Stories

We were wowed by the incredible costumes on display at our Book Week Parade! We also celebrated our love of reading with a door decorating competition, with classrooms all across the school being transformed into some of our favourite stories. Thanks to all the families who supported our Book Fair and bought some fantastic new stories to read at home. This has also helped to fundraise money to provide more wonderful books for our students to read at school!



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Over four 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 as the fence responsibility was handed to Mitchell Shire years ago so we have asked Mitchell Shire to repair it.

We are still waiting a response.

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 and should be a showpiece at a major entrance to the Shire but the car park remains the worst in Mitchell Shire. Recently it took four weeks to fill the big pot holes at the entrance to the car park.



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.



The grate at the corner of Rail and Affleck Streets is blocked regularly causing water to flow down Rail Street. Clearing the blockage largely falls on the Community Group as the Shire ignores the problem and has no solution.



Above:
The drain is
blocked until the
WHJCG clears it
(see photo on the
right)



Many other requests to Mitchell Shire get ignored.

Some include 35 broken cement sections of the footpath on Rail Street.

Weeds overtaking the footpath on North Mountain Road. The footpath is a section of the Say G'Day trail and urgently needs to be resealed.

WE ARE SORRY FOR THE DIRTY STATE OF WANDONG PLAZA. 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.



List of winners for the 2026 arts awards day

Winner 6 years and under	Brightest Matilda Hanrahan
Winner 6 years and under	Most Fun- Charlotte Rainbow Pitts
Winner 7-8 years	Best Cartoon-Shean Tee
Winner 7-8 years	Best Animal – Charlie Kilroy
Winner 7-8 years	Best Scene – Kiah Hunter
Winner 7-8 years	Most colourful -Blake Sanders
Winner 7-8 years	Most creative- Jackson Bennett Ross
Winner 9-10 years	Best wildlife/animal -Saydie Wood
Winner 9-10 years	Most Imaginative/ original –Evelyn Bowers
Winner 9-10 Years	Boldest use of colour- Parker Marks
Winner 9-10 years	Most like Character or figure – Emerson old
Winner 9-10 years	Best Landscape/ scene -Abigail Blake
Winner 11-12 year	Most original- Isabelle King
Winner 11-12 years	Best technique/skills shown- Ryker Sanders
Winner 11-12 years	Best Botanical/fauna/scene- Mikala Nally
Winner 11-12 Years	Most Detailed- Charlotte Ivory
Winner 13-18 years	Best visual impact-Shyla Coombs
Winner 13-18 years	Best nature or environment – Kira Taylor
Winner All Abilities	Best Scene- Tash Schiemann
Winner All Abilities	Most unique- John Davis
Winner All Abilities	Best Creativity-Tilly Peterson
Winner Adult-	Most creative concept- Kylie Standing
Winner Adult-	original environment – Tamara Rhodes
Winner model, mosaic Etc	Best in show- Grace Delovski

Thank you
Without the help from our community
this event wouldn't be possible.

Natalie Brown
Rebecca Fletcher
Kay Shepherd
Lauri Rowe
Bec Norton
Sonia O'Gorman
Abbie King
Caroline Smith
Jackie Jackson
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Tash Schiemann
Rebecca Luscombe
Caroline Angel
Ingrid Henry
Cindy Connolly
Alana Griffin
Shirley Wheeler and Ian
Kat McDonald
Logan Williams
Dakota Turner
And my family and friends.

Kilmore art society Youth development award Christian Cody, Alexandra Connolly, Hayley Horin, Amelia Quinn

All Rounder Teacher's Choice trophy
Most Improved trophy
Most Persistent trophy

Grace Delovski
Matthew Whitson, Charlie Kilroy
Logan Williams, Bonnie Cachia

Medal of merit

Tyler Kenshole, Japneer Sandhu, Lochlan Harrison, Violettee Cann, Ryker Sanders,
Alexis Hart, Violet Cutajar, Jackson Bennett Ross

Encouragements 6 years and under

Elkie McLaughlin

Encouragements 7-8 years

Zoe Renald, Piper Hanrahan x 2, Charlotte Rhodes x 2, Olivia Rabdone x 2, Evie
Lazarer, Kiah Hunter, Mikaela Chandler, Jorga Cody, Charlie Kilroy

Encouragements 9-10 years

River Brown x 2, Charlotte Ivory, Caitlyn Pertucelli, Matthw Whitson, Lara Francis,
Billy Stavrou, Eden Murphy,

Encouragements 11-12 years

Sierra Tennessy x 2, Daniel Ampstrad, Charlotte Ivory, Leeya Tee,

Encouragement 13-18 years

Violet Cutajar, Charlotte ivory

Encouragements model mosaic etc

Eden Murphy

Encouragements Adult

Lauri Rowe x 2, Sharon McCarthy

Encouragements All Abilities

Tash Schiemann x 3, Violet Cutajar, Jasmine Harrison, Lochlan Harrison, Violettee
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Sharon Delaney is the Wandong treasure who operates the Three Brushes Studio in Wandong for the benefit of over 160 art students with ages from 6 to 72 years.

On Sunday the 30th of August, Sharon, her family and members of Three Brushes Studio hosted its 5th annual Art awards day and community art display. On display were 133 student art works, 97 by children, 10 by all abilities (special needs)

students, eleven clay models and mosaics, and 15 by adults. This art display gives these students an excellent opportunity to show off their skills to family, friends and the community, and to celebrate their growth as an artist. Not only is this day about the art but it's about people's connections and celebrating each students unique set of skills and talent, with art they are engaged in and to show self expression in art.

Over 250 people attended the art show which became a real community get together enjoying the sun and talking about the art works. This year the studio has been so proud of the 33 students who participated in painting a life size fibreglass cow on display and represented the clear diversity of the students that attend Three Brushes studio.

Awards were presented to 28 winning artists and 40 more to artists as encouragement awards (see page 16 opposite). This event is so well run and appreciated by all who attend. Well done Sharon and Three Brushes Studio.



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Neighbourhood Watch

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SOUTH MITCHELL

September 2026



Anti-hoon laws and Victoria Police

Victoria Police actively target illegal hooning through strict anti-hoon laws, vehicle impoundments, and roadworthy inspections. But you can also help make roads safer.

Anti-hoon laws are about making roads safer and reducing road trauma. They were introduced in July, 2006, and they give police the power to impound, immobilise or permanently confiscate vehicles driven in a dangerous manner.

The anti-hoon laws provide that if police have reasonable grounds for believing a driver has committed a hoon-related offence, they have the power to seize that vehicle and impound or immobilise it for 30 days (increased from 48 hours in 2011), regardless of who owns it and whether the driver is the registered operator.

From 1 August 2015, if a person is found driving with a Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) of 0.10 or higher, their vehicle can be seized. This is even if it is their first BAC offence.

If a person is found guilty of three hoon-related offences inside three years, their vehicle can be permanently forfeited by the court. Upon such a court order being granted, these vehicles can then be disposed of in a manner determined by the Chief Commissioner of Police: forfeited vehicle is sold (proceeds from the sale retained by the State of Victoria); crushed or otherwise disposed of by police. In addition to the seizure or forfeiture of the vehicle, if found guilty of a hoon driving offence, the courts can impose a fine, demerit points, or a period of imprisonment for up to two years.

Reports of hoon driving help Victoria Police target repeat offenders and focus on specific locations. So, if hoon driving is a problem in your neighbourhood, report it to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 when it occurs and get your neighbours to report it as well.

When you report hooning, provide the following information if you can:

- Type of hooning you observed – speeding, doing burnouts or doughnuts.
- Date and time it happened (or days and times if reporting multiple incidents).
- Street and suburb/town where it occurred.
- Description of vehicles involved – make, model, colour, rego number and any noticeable features such as bumper stickers or damage.
- Info about the driver – physical description and their name and address, if known.
- You can report the incident to the police, who have the authority to investigate and take appropriate action. In Victoria, you can contact the Police Assistance Line at 131 444 to report non-emergency incidents.

Avoid confronting or engaging with the drivers directly, as this can escalate the situation and put you at risk. Instead, focus on providing accurate information to police and Crime Stoppers. Only take photos or videos of the hooning if you can do so safely. This evidence can be useful for police when investigating the matter.

If you witness an immediate and serious threat to public safety, such as an accident or a situation that requires urgent intervention, call Triple Zero (000) immediately.

Upcoming Events

South Mitchell NHW General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting on 8 October, 2026, 7pm at the Wandong Community Centre, LB Davern Reserve, Dry Creek Road, Wandong. All positions will be declared vacant.

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>>> WINTER SEASON FINALS

The 2026 KBNA Winter season has officially come to an end, and what a season it has been for Wandong! We were incredibly proud to see our players finish the year with the same determination, teamwork and club spirit they have shown all season.

ROUND ROBIN

Our 9&U White and 9&U Green teams finished their KBNA season with a fantastic day at the annual Round Robin, playing six matches each and producing some incredible netball along the way. A definite highlight was the Wandong v Wandong match — the smiles were infectious, the energy was high and, most importantly, both teams made us incredibly proud with their wonderful sportsmanship, attitude and love of the game.

Thank you to our 9& Under Coaches, Team Managers and Umpires for helping make the Round Robin day a huge success.

9U White - Coach Abby Miller, Team Manager Kat Regan and Umpire Justine Nasteovski

9U Green - Coach Michelle Zugaro, Team Manager Annette Gibson and Umpire Val Price.

Our **11&U White** team faced Pyalong Maroon in a fast-paced and hard-fought game, eventually going down 18–12. The score didn't reflect just how close the contest felt, with the girls fighting for every ball, producing some brilliant passages of play and showing the determination, teamwork and sportsmanship that has defined their season.

Our **16&U Green** team took on Kilmore Navy and put together a fantastic performance, narrowly going down 26–21. For a predominantly bottom-age team, reaching a Preliminary Final was an incredible achievement and a wonderful way to finish a season that has seen this group grow enormously in confidence, skill and connection. We are incredibly proud of both teams and the way they represented Wandong throughout the finals series. What a season, and what an exciting future ahead for these players!

Thank you to 11&U White Coach Kate Stritthof and Team Manager Alice Irons and 16&U Green Coach Jo Pascoe and Team Manager Kate King, we couldn't have made it this far without you!

Shout out to St Pats Netball Club for hosting the Round Robin and Finals series this year!

WANDONG NETBALL CLUB



9&U White & Green



11&U White Finals Team



16&U Green Finals Team

>>> CRAIGIEBURN COMP

The Craigieburn Saturday Junior Competition is well underway, with our four Wandong teams —

9&U Raiders, 11&U Renegades, 13&U Rebels and 15/17&U Stars — taking to the court each Saturday.

There has been plenty to celebrate!

Our Raiders continue to grow in confidence and are putting together some fantastic netball, while the Renegades have found their groove with back-to-back wins after working incredibly hard throughout the opening rounds.

Our Rebels have been having an outstanding season, earning promotion into Division 1 and proving they absolutely belong there with a brilliant win in their first game after moving up.

The Stars have also been producing some dominant performances and showing the strength and experience of our older Wandong players.

More than anything, it has been fantastic to see our players enjoying the opportunity to play together in a different competition, make new connections and continue developing their netball. With plenty more games still to come, we can't wait to see what the rest of the Craigieburn season brings!

>>> AGM AND WINTER PRESENTATION

The countdown is on to our 2026 AGM & Presentation Day, happening **Sunday 13 September** at the Wandong Community Hall! Our AGM kicks off at 3:30pm, followed by our special Legacy Presentation at 4:00pm and then our 9&U–16&U Team Awards as we celebrate another incredible year at Wandong.

Once the formalities are done, it's time to saddle up and celebrate!

👉 Throw on your boots and join us for our Country Party with Bushwazee, dinner on us and plenty of fun as we finish the 2026 season together. ❤️❤️

>>> KBNA LEAGUE BEST AND FAIREST



What an incredible result for Wandong at the 2026 KBNA League Best & Fairest Awards, with **three** of our players recognised amongst the very best in the competition!

A huge congratulations to **Jude**, who was recognised in the 13&U League Best & Fairest awards, and to our two 16&U stars, **Lacey Hazelton**, who was named 16&U Best & Fairest Runner-Up, and **Abby Welch**, who took out the incredible honour of being crowned the 2026 KBNA 16&U League Best & Fairest Winner!

These awards are particularly special because they recognise the performances our players have consistently produced throughout the entire season. To have three Wandong players recognised at League level is an achievement we are enormously proud of and a wonderful reflection of their talent, commitment and sportsmanship.

Congratulations Jude, Lacey and Abby — Wandong is incredibly proud of you!

WANDONG NETBALL CLUB





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.

Our Winter User Groups are now approaching end of their season's programs and heading into Finals or are in finals. Congratulations to those teams that have reached Finals or entering Final 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



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Darlene Gunter on 0418 312 762

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Fully Involved

In the fire service, “fully involved” describes a maximum-intensity scene where everything is engaged; and that's exactly what the trio of CFA members

were when they addressed Combined Probus Club of Whittlesea members at their August meeting. The Country Fire Authority [CFA] is a vital part of the Whittlesea community. All over the country when help of any sort is needed the CFA or interstate equivalents spring into action. Captain Richard Gardiner, Justin Meli, FireFighter and Land Use Planning Coordinator and Rachelle Bishop, the Secretary and Reporting Officer responded to the request to address the Probus Club members

A firefighting team was established as the **Whittlesea Fire Brigade** by local volunteers on December 17, 1926, following severe bushfires that swept from the Mt Disappointment Ranges. Future generations kept the brigade alive and vibrant.

CFA was formed in 1943. It is still a volunteer fire service that has a presence in 1200 locations across Victoria beyond the metropolis of Melbourne. Like any good Captain Richard led the presentation with a particular emphasis on the Golden anniversary festivities currently being formalised.

A brief overview of the various tasks that members undertake was usurped when we learnt that in 2008 Whittlesea CFA was one of the first brigades to take on increased skills to assist Ambulance Victoria as part of the Emergency Medical Response (EMR) project, now referred to as Fire Medical Response. Select volunteer brigades respond to life-threatening medical calls such as cardiac arrest, respiratory arrest, stroke, and anaphylaxis.

The focus of Richard’s messaging was about home safety and actions that the public should consider. For the farm and forest areas of Whittlesea Shire a Bush Fire plan is vital. In the urban areas home safety is important. Smoke detectors are the corner-stone of home safety and need regular monitoring. Depending on the age of the home different alarm systems exist but all need the homeowner to have them as part of a fire plan. We were encouraged to fit an alarm in all bedrooms and as added safety to close the door at night if not occupied.

Justin Meli explained how the CFA is part of Victorian Planning Provisions, which regulate land use and development to manage bushfire hazards and risks. The framework ensures that planning decisions and building permits consider bushfire protection, integrating state-level policies with site-specific requirements to avoid duplication and enhance safety outcomes. The primary objective is to strengthen the resilience of communities and settlements, prioritising the protection of human life over all other policy objectives.

The local council draws information from all agencies when making a decision about a Planning Application before making the decision. But Justin’s message was that fire does not consider planning permits, again reinforcing the need for a dedicated Bush Fire Plan.

In the event that the CFA responds to a fire the Crew Leader makes the decision for safety of the crew and whether to stay and fight or abort.

He explained about fire hydrants locations and how the road markings indicate their presence. All properties need to have large highly visible numbers so delays are not encountered. The entrance, driveways and an eight meter turning circle at rural properties are all vital and detailed so that fire vehicles can safely enter.

A Bushfire Attack Level [BAL] rating is a measure of how much risk a building site faces from bushfire exposure. It considers the three main ways a fire can impact a property: ember attack, radiant heat, and direct flame contact. These risks are assessed using a national standard AS 3959 that determines how to classify and manage bushfire threat levels for buildings. An issue applicable to citizens irrespective of living location was a major part of question time. The answer to all related discussion is “be careful with rechargeable batteries”. Little time was left for Rachelle Bishop to address her topic but for a glossary of past and present members of Whittlesea Country Fire Brigade. But she did get in a plug for the upcoming Torchlight Parade to celebrate 100 years of service on 29 August 2026.
<https://www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au/Things-to-see-and-do/Events/Events-calendar/Whittlesea-CFA-Torchlight>

The time allocated for the meeting came to an end with members wishing for more. They gave the presenters a round of applause and they departed with a small token of appreciation.



Lets Talk About ... **WORMS** & dogs ... ! (Practical Health Chat)

Gut worms - a normal aspect of owning a pet and nothing to be scared about ...

The main ones are: Roundworms, Tapeworms, Whipworm, Hookworm.

Roundworms: These roundworms can live in your dogs small intestines and can sometimes be seen in the dogs poop. Dogs can pick up the microscopic eggs from the environment or by eating infected animals like birds or rodents. Roundworms don't generally cause issues in healthy adults, however pregnant bitches can pass them on to their puppies which may cause malnutrition and growth problems. These worms look a lot like thin spaghetti and can be 2-5cm long. Your dog may look pot-bellied and seem lethargic. Sometimes roundworms can cause diarrhoea, vomiting, stomach pain and weight loss.

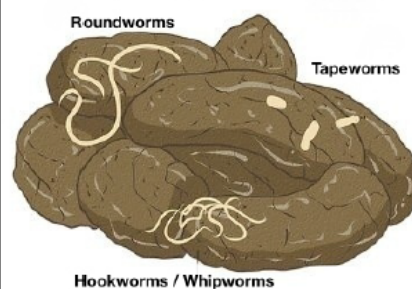


Tapeworms: Tapeworms live in the intestines. Your dog can get them by licking fleas off his body and also occasionally from eating meat from animals like rabbits, cattle, pigs or deer that might have tapeworms. Whole tapeworms are flat and can get 15cm long. Usually, you'll see the broken-off segments of white worms in your dog's poop ... they look like grains of rice. DO NOT be concerned about Raw feeding because of this... healthy dogs can certainly cope and some regular gut worming will help... Also if you are concerned about feeding raw meat, then freeze the meat for 10-14 days to kill any tapeworms.

Whipworms: Whipworms are about 5cm long and tapered at one end, like a whip. They attach to the mucous membranes in the cecum and colon and feed on your dog's blood. You won't be able to see them unless your dog passes them in a clump in his stool. Signs of whipworms include diarrhoea, vomiting and weight loss. Your dog can pick up whipworms by swallowing the eggs in soil, water or other places that may contain dog faeces.

Hookworms: Hookworms are about 1-2cm long and have a hook that attaches to the intestinal lining. They suck blood and can cause anaemia in your dog, so they're especially dangerous for small puppies. Your dog can pick up hookworm through his mouth or through the skin on his pads from larvae in the soil. Diarrhoea and vomiting are the usual signs of hookworms. Like roundworms, pregnant bitches can pass hookworms on to pups, in this case, it's through the milk during nursing. This can lead to anaemia (not enough healthy blood cells), weakness, lethargy and pale gums.

Guide to help identify type of worms in dog's poop



DON'T PANIC.. Once again - if your dog has a strong healthy immune system they should be able to expel worms on their own, without you ever knowing he had them. The first step to promoting a healthy immune system is to feed your dog natural food as much as possible. You also want to avoid unnecessary drugs/vaccines that suppress your dogs digestive and immune health. So what to do..?

Check Your Dogs Poo.. - Ohhhh Yuk I hear you say.... ! However if you see a fresh poo on the ground have a quick check - if you see white/cream bits of weird stuff then you need to have a better look. Poke the poo with a stick to break it up. It may be time to give your dog 'Gut' worm tablets...

Intestinal Parasites That Aren't Worms: There are two other intestinal parasites that aren't actually worms ... *giardia* and *coccidia*. Both of these parasites can live in your dog's intestine. Adult dogs don't always show symptoms but these parasites can cause diarrhoea. If these two parasites are left untreated they can lead to malnutrition, dehydration, and unfortunately often death in very young puppies.

It is simple to Treat Gut Worms - Personally, I don't use or recommend the multi-purpose monthly products. It is really easy to buy All Wormer tables online or from a pet store. This is the brand that I often use, perhaps 2-3 times a year ... Other brands are also available but I always check to ensure they are just for the gut wormers.



Alfoxton Dog Centre
Wandong, VIC
Author: Anne Zelvys IACP-CDT - 0402 118929

Alfoxton Tip:

REMEMBER : Heart worm is NOT a Gut Worm....
I will publish more about this in the Oct What's News.

SUDOKU

Answers
on page 27

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THIS MONTHS QUIZ

Answer appears on Page 27 but no cheating!

1. What is the process by which a liquid changes into a gas?
2. Where is the strongest human muscle located?
3. Which country is credited with inventing ice cream?
4. What is the only mammal capable of true flight?
5. What is a group of pandas known as?
6. What color are Mickey Mouse's shoes?
7. Which film features the song "My Heart Will Go On"?
8. Which animated series stars a yellow family living in Springfield?
9. Which band is famous for the song "Bohemian Rhapsody"?
10. Which novel features the island of Neverland?
11. What's the only even prime number?
12. What is the only gemstone produced by a living creature?
13. What's the longest mountain range in the world?
14. How much is the black centre in a dart board worth?

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Hello Readers,

Where has the time gone I ask you? Here we are again, it's already September and we're racing towards Christmas faster than the speed of light. I'm sure I can hear Santa's sleigh bells already .

Our Wallan U3A members, have enjoyed a fabulous year so far with participation in our many varied activities, we've welcomed a number of new members throughout the year who have embraced our classes with a great deal of gusto.

Our Monday Line Dancing class, with Grace our leader, has proved to be a winner, as we are seeing new faces return week in week out to enjoy not only the dancing, but also the music and the opportunity for new friendships. I urge any of you reading this article for the first time, come down to the Wallan Neighbourhood House on a Monday at 1.30pm and give it a try, you won't be disappointed, it's an hour of fun while exercising mind and body and it's absolutely FREE of charge. What a bargain!!

Also gaining popularity, is our Tai Chi class at the Neighbourhood House at 9.30 on a Wednesday morning, headed by Sue, our marvellous leader. A fine example of the benefits gained, by doing this ancient Chinese form of slow motion exercises and controlled breathing. Tai Chi has been proven to help improve strength and balance, and is a recommended form of exercise as we age.

Our singing group had a most rewarding experience recently, when they performed for the residents at the Caladenia Aged Care in Kilmore. It was heartwarming to see the residents enjoy the repertoire of songs the group currently perform. I'm happy to report the troupe have been invited back closer to Christmas to perform again, with another selection of songs and some cheery Christmas Carols.

Our end of month lunch in July, was held locally at Open House in Wallan, where those who attended enjoyed a delicious meal in comfortable surroundings, at an affordable price. The venue chosen for August, is the Soltan Pepper Cafe in Romsey, a report next month .

If your interest lies in the culinary arts, why not come to a cooking session which is run by our very experienced Sharon, who will cook up a storm and where you'll learn some tips and tricks in the kitchen, followed by feasting on the fruits of your labours. Cooking is held in our Neighbourhood House Kitchen, on the third Friday of every month.

For further information on any of our classes please contact John on 0413 083 089

Till next time

Bye for now, John Lanphier



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Weather Report

Heathcote Junction/Wandong

August 2026

The last month of winter has been wet
and cold. Bring on spring, we are
ready for a change.

Rainfall has been recorded on nine days
of the month with three days of very
heavy rainfall.

Our supply dam Sunday Creek was
recorded at 78% on the 24th August
which is up from the same time last
year of 60% capacity.

Rainfall stats

August - 105.5 mls

Previous year - 66 mls

Average prev 10 years - 64 mls

Total this year - 621.5 mls

Total prev year - 430 mls

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 25)

1. Evaporation
2. Jaw
3. China
4. Bat
5. An embarrassment
6. Yellow
7. Titanic
8. The Simpsons
9. Queen
10. Peter Pan
11. 2
12. The pearl
13. The Andes
14. 25

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2	9	5	7	6	8	4	1	3



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Spring is in the air and aren't we all the better for welcoming the sunshine with open arms. As the days grow longer, it is a wonderful time to reconnect with friends, explore new interests and make the most of the many opportunities available through our community. While some plans have changed, there is still plenty happening across our groups, with activities to suit a wide range of interests and interests.

Our Cinema Group has unfortunately decided to cancel all outings for the rest of the year due to safety concerns following the recent events in Craigieburn. The safety of our members is our highest priority. Although this is disappointing news for film enthusiasts, members can still enjoy a range of other social activities and opportunities to connect with one another.

Memoir Writers is a small group that has experienced lower attendance during the winter months. If you are considering writing about your own life or the experiences of a family member, there is room for several additional participants. A memoir may describe a memorable trip, an event you attended, or another meaningful experience. It is, fundamentally, a true account. Your memoir does not need to be lengthy; it may take the form of a short story or a collection of related stories.

Kilmore History Group will be addressing the topic of Indigenous Australians in early Kilmore at their meeting at the JJ Clancy Community Hub scheduled for 1:30pm Monday, 7th September. All welcome.

The Luncheon Group have been having a great time lunching at the Lancefield Hotel, Hogans Hotel, the Lost Watering Hole (in fact 36 members joined us there!) and the 1860 Wine Bar in Romsey. With the price of fuel still on the rise again they are still staying close to home, and our next outing is to the Lancefield Lodge on 8th September. We hope to see you there, if you haven't joined us yet it's not too late to come and have some fun.

KILMORE COMMUNITY GARDEN - HANGING GARDEN COMPETITION

A reminder that entries are open for the Kilmore Community Garden Hanging Garden Competition which is being held as a prelude to their Spring Festival on 18th September. Whilst the weather has not been ideal at the moment for highlighting your beautiful hanging plants with the onset of spring there should be beautiful displays to enter into the competition. You can submit your photos or make further enquiries at info@u3akilmoreanddistrict.com.au

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.

Don't Forget!

The Victorian Seniors Festival is just around the corner! Held throughout October, it offers seniors across the state a variety of free and low-cost events. Victorian Seniors Card holders can also enjoy nine days of free public transport across Victoria, from 3 to 11 October 2026. Don't forget to take advantage of all that is on offer.

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 30th October until 6th December. 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

Our Annual General Meeting was held on 2nd September with the following committee elected:

Christine Gordon (President), Allen Hall (Vice President), Linda Martin-Chew (Secretary) and David Moran (Treasurer).

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.

Whittlesea Community Network

92a Church Street Whittlesea 3757
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Email wchi@whittleseach.com.au



Spring is in the air! Time to come out of your cave and try something new! Call the office to book or you can head to the website and book online www.wchi.com.au

SAVE THE DATE

We have exciting FREE events coming up in October so now is a great time to pop them on your calendar:

Whittlesea Community House AGM – Thursday 15th October 11.30am

Meet the Ombudsman Event – Friday 16th October 11.30am at the Community Activity Centre. Come along and meet the various Ombudsmen and find out what they do and how you can get assistance when companies or government departments don't do the right thing.

Mobility Scooter Information Session – Friday 16th October 1.30pm at the Community Activity Centre. Thinking about getting a mobility scooter? Don't do anything until you speak to the experts!

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 and will close for the Grand Final Weekend.**

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 Boxes are \$20 each 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

September 10th and 24th 11.30am – 1.00pm Gold Coin Donation

FREE TAX HELP appointments are still 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.

Paint and Sip was a huge success in May so we are doing it all again \$30 per person Saturday 3rd October

Boat Licence

Get on the water safely! Students from 12 years are eligible (you must be 16+ for PWC endorsement) 17th October 9.00am – 1.00pm \$150 per person

Fix it Friday – Friday 18th September

Fix it Friday will be early this month due to the Grand Final Public Holiday. 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.

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.

Kilmore Golf Club Inc.



Certainly, the cold wet weather has upset events being held at the course. In fact, the course has been closed for carts for the last 3 days. This was a great disappointment to many of our members who do rely on carts to enjoy their game of golf. Hopefully, the course will dry out enough to hold a few events this month.

Monthly Medal. This months Ladies winner was Helen Dennett with a score of 73

The Annual Toyota Par 3 day will be held on Sunday September 20th. This event is in its 10th year and places are filling fast. As usual every NTP will win \$200 and a hole in one on the 12th – a new car and on the 7th \$1000. No handicaps required .Entry \$50

Bookings <https://www.trybooking.com/DLMYK>

The Gordon Howell Bowl will be held on Thursday Sept 24th after rescheduling from July due to poor weather and course conditions

Country Teams Ballarat. Darlene Baker, Sophie Banon and Jodie Perkins have been chosen for this squad who will play on 13th- 15th September. Congratulations and good luck to all.

A Junior event will be held at Kilmore on Sunday 27th

Australian Sports Foundation.

Kilmore Golf Club has registered with this fundraising platform. It is a not for profit organisation helping sporting clubs achieve their goals. Our goal is to upgrade our irrigation system, boost water efficiency and secure long-term sustainability as well as create optimal playing conditions, improve course quality and create community green spaces. Individuals, businesses are welcome to donate and any donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Information available: asf.org/campaigns and follow the prompts.

Paying for your round of golf. There are now 4 ways to pay for your round of golf. Now that the weather is getting warmer and the days longer there may be some incentive to get out and play a round of golf.

The usual one is to pay cash using the Honesty box situated at the front of the golf

The second way is to pay using direct debit (instructions on the window of the golf shop)

QR code -also with instructions on the golf shop window

GolfNow.com Book tee times using this booking platform to ensure you can secure a time to play your game of golf. There are a range of times available except Wed & Sat when times open at 2.00pm after competitions

Green fees are: \$25 weekdays & \$30 weekend for 9/18 holes

Kilmore Golf Club now has a visiting PGA professional Bryan Wearne who visits the club on Fridays and Sundays. His contact number to arrange lessons is 0407844500. He will also be holding "Come & Try days" as well as Free clinics for Ladies. Keep an eye on Facebook for further information.

WANDONG TENNIS CLUB

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



Information is posted on our Facebook page.

www.facebook.com/wandongtennis



Our spring night seasons have commenced with a very wet start. We have 2 teams on Tuesday nights and five teams on Thursday nights.

Our section 1 junior team is playing in the winter grand final next Saturday at wallan. Good luck to Riley and Seb.

Junior tennis will commence in October for the summer season. Please let Lisa or Karl know if you are interested.

Coaching is available at the club. Please contact Karl on 0423611317 or kv.tennis@hotmail.com

Wandong History Group Inc



**Annual General Meeting
Wednesday
14th October at 1pm
at St Michaels Church
All Welcome**



Our Town's Football Club

Just like that the 2026 season has drawn to a close.

Our under 14s made the Grand final and were up against the Shepparton Demons. The game was hard fought with the Shep Demons just getting over the line. Plenty of gritty performances from our players who did not give up until the final siren. Extremely proud of the season you all put in. We will dust ourselves off and be back next year to give it another crack.

Congratulations to Fionn our U14s Captain, who took out the GVFL best and fairest. Also, to one of our past players Ethan Calleja who came second in the U16 GVFL best and fairest. Great job guys!

We now turn our attention to Coaching and Team volunteer appointments for 2027. If you would like to make a real difference, then this is your chance.

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